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The Financial Situation.

The terms of the September financing of the United States Treasury were announced on Thursday evening and they contain some very interesting features. Secretary Mellon has decided not to avail of the authority conferred upon him by the Act of Congress approved June 17 to issue short-term Treasury bills on a discount basis and bearing no interest. And he is probably well advised in adopting this course, since in this country we are not yet familiar with the issue of Treasury bills on a discount basis, but which practice has been a feature of Government financing in Great Britain for many, many years. When the plan shall also be inaugurated in this country it will be well to begin under more favorable money market conditions than those at present prevailing. A period of great tension in the money market, such as the country is now suffering, attended by rampant stock speculation that has carried share values to dazzling heights and attended also by widespread inflation, is not a propitious time for new ventures in the financial world. It will be far better to wait until money market conditions get back to the normal.

The Treasury Department has decided to do its financing in the old way, and is accordingly making a new offering of Treasury certificates of indebtedness. The offering is to be for \$500,000,000 "or thereabouts," the certificates are to run for a period of nine months, and to bear date September 16 and the rate of interest is to be $4\frac{7}{8}\%$. It is this rate of interest which attracts most attention. In his June financing, the Secretary, when offering \$400,000,000 certificates of indebtedness, also running nine months, fixed the rate of interest at $5\frac{1}{8}\%$, which is $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% higher than the rate in the present offering. We pointed out at the time that this $5\frac{1}{8}\%$ was higher even than the Federal Reserve rediscount rate of 5% then in effect, and was in fact the highest

rate which the Treasury had been obliged to offer for eight years, or since 1921.

In March the Secretary had put out an offering of \$475,000,000 of certificates, likewise running for nine months, bearing only $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ interest, which itself was a very unusual figure. The higher rate in June did not come as a surprise—rather, the condition of the money market seemed to have made it necessary and inevitable. Washington advices at the time stated that the Treasury had felt impelled to raise the rate because of its experience with the \$475,000,000 offering of certificates in March bearing $4\frac{3}{4}\%$ and which brought subscriptions of no more than \$523,000,000, the over-subscription having been far below what had been expected, and for the further reason that these March certificates were selling on a price basis yielding in excess of 5%. The Secretary had no difficulty in getting adequate subscriptions to the June offering at $5\frac{1}{8}\%$. In fact, though the offering was only \$400,000,000, subscriptions aggregated no less than \$1,118,862,000, out of which the Secretary made allotments to a total of \$404,212,000.

Is the Treasury now, in reducing the rate to $4\frac{7}{8}\%$, running any risk of having the subscriptions fall short of the amount desired? Not a bit of it. Of course in any event $4\frac{7}{8}\%$ is not to be regarded as a low rate for a United States Government obligation. Only a little over a year and a half ago—that is, March 1928—the rate of interest was only $3\frac{1}{4}\%$ on a nine months' issue of certificates for \$200,000,000 and $3\frac{3}{8}\%$ on an issue running for a year for \$360,000,000. On the other hand, however, money market conditions to-day have not changed any for the better as compared with last June. On the contrary, the New York Federal Reserve rediscount rate is now 6%, whereas in June it was still being maintained at 5%.

What, then, does the lowering of the rate of interest in the present offering of certificates by $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% signify? To a person not cognizant of the real facts, it might seem that the lower Government rate implied great confidence in the immediate future of the money market, and that the Treasury Department saw signs of relaxation, if not positive ease. What a boon this would be to the hard-pressed speculators in the stock market.

Nothing could be further from the truth than all this. The fact of the matter is that this new offering of certificates is made under entirely different circumstances and conditions from previous offering. It is made under the new law enacted in June, already referred to, which authorizes the issue of short-term Treasury bills on a discount basis. Congress, in authorizing these Treasury bills on a discount basis, not only granted full tax exemption to these short-term Treasury bills, but also granted full

tax exemption to future issues of certificates of indebtedness. By full tax exemption we mean not only exemption from the normal income taxes of the Federal Government, but also exemption from the surtaxes, which run to a maximum of 20%, a degree of tax exemption at the present time enjoyed by no outstanding obligation of the United States except the First Liberty loan 3½s. We opposed the innovation, but Congress in its wisdom (or lack of wisdom?) saw fit to make tax exemption all-embracing, nevertheless.

The Act of June 17 1929 is an amendment of Section 5 of the Second Liberty Loan Act, and, as amended, the provision regarding tax exemption now reads as follows, and it should not escape notice how broad the provision concerning tax exemption now is: "All certificates of indebtedness and Treasury bills, issued hereunder (after the date upon which this sub-division becomes law), shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except estate and inheritance taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority; and the amount of discount at which Treasury bills are originally sold by the United States shall be considered to be interest within the meaning of this subdivision."

The present offering of certificates is being made under this new law. Previous offerings of certificates under the old law also enjoyed tax exemption, but only, as already stated, from the normal income taxes, never of the sur-taxes. There has always been a considerable inducement for the banks to subscribe to certificates of indebtedness on either their own account or for account of their depositors or patrons, and under the Act of June 1929 the inducement has been further increased. In the first place, the proceeds of these subscriptions are always left with the bank until the time when the Treasury has need for them and draws them out. On such Government deposits the banks are obliged to pay to the Government only 2% interest per annum, whereas in the present condition of the money market it is possible to loan such deposits out so as to yield from four to eight times the 2% paid the Government. This is one advantage.

A second advantage is that being Government deposits the banks are not obliged to maintain any cash reserves against the same. That certainly is another important item. Now comes a third advantage in the exemption from the surtaxes. These begin with 1% on the first \$4,000 above \$10,000 and run to a maximum of 20% on the amount of income exceeding \$100,000. Just think of the value of exemption from a tax that may take 20% of the entire income. The banks themselves of course are not able to avail of such exemption, being corporations, but the wealthy patrons of the banks are, and let it not be forgotten that the proceeds of these subscriptions remain with the bank acting for these wealthy individuals with large incomes. Ponder well what full tax exemption means to such patrons of the banks. In the present instance they will be getting 4⅞% interest, which itself is a fine return for a United States Government obligation, and in the second place they will escape exemption from all State and local taxation, and in the third place they will be exempt from all income taxes of the Federal Government, not only, as already stated, the normal or ordinary taxes, but also of the vastly more im-

portant and much larger surtaxes. When all these facts become known, subscriptions by the hundreds of millions ought to come pouring in. In these circumstances is it strange that the Treasury Department should have felt safe in lowering the rate of interest by ¼ of 1%? Exemption from the surtaxes ought certainly to be worth this ¼ of 1%, and a great deal more.

There is one other new feature in this latest offering. In addition to accepting maturing issues of certificates in payment for the new issue, the Treasury offers to take up to a total of \$100,000,000 of any of the three issues of outstanding Treasury notes bearing 3½% interest and maturing in 1932 at 98 and interest. These notes, it is pointed out, are being purchased for sinking fund purposes, but the step also means that the Treasury is already beginning to make provision for the retirement of these notes.

Brokers' loans are now certainly mounting in a way, week by week and month by month, that simply staggers the imagination. There have been the present week two separate statements of these brokers' loans; first, the very comprehensive monthly statement compiled by the New York Stock Exchange itself, and secondly, the less comprehensive, yet equally striking, weekly return of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Both tell the same story of ever-growing totals. The Stock Exchange statement shows a further addition for the month of August in amount of \$407,825,132, and this makes the third successive month in which the further increase has been in excess of \$400,000,000, the actual amount of increase in July having been \$402,573,019 and in June \$406,083,350. Thus the expansion for the three months combined has been no less than \$1,216,481,501. The Stock Exchange total is now fast approaching eight billions, the amount for Aug. 31 standing at \$7,881,619,426. On Aug. 31 1928 the amount was \$5,051,437,405, and on Aug. 31 1927 it was no more than \$3,673,891,333, showing that in two years the expansion has been over \$4,000,000,000, and the amount having more than doubled in this two-year period.

The Stock Exchange total comes to the end of the month of August. This week's return of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York brings results down a few days later, being for the week ending Wednesday night, September 4. It affords testimony to the fact that the expansion is still proceeding unchecked. This appears from the fact that the Federal Reserve statement shows a further increase for this latest week in amount of \$137,000,000. This week includes only two trading days for the month of August, but also includes no more than two trading days in September, the Exchange having been closed on Saturday, Aug. 31, and also on Monday, September 2. Yet in this brief period there has been a further expansion in the grand total of these loans on securities to brokers and dealers by the reporting member banks in New York City of \$137,000,000. It is well enough to add that this increase of \$137,000,000 follows \$132,000,000 increase the previous week and \$133,000,000 increase in the week before, making \$402,000,000 expansion for these three weeks combined, or almost as much for these three weeks as the Stock Exchange figures show for the whole month of August. The mind stands appalled in the presence of such figures, and there is, of course, nothing that

can be done except put them on record, where they ought to carry the weight to which their magnitude entitles them.

In this latest week the further increase is found mainly in the category of loans made by the reporting member banks on their own account. Under this heading the loans have increased from \$992,000,000 to \$1,103,000,000; loans for account of out-of-town banks have also increased, but in a much more moderate way, rising from \$1,756,000,000 to \$1,784,000,000. The biggest item of all, comprising the loans "for account of others," shows very little change, being reported at \$3,467,000,000 the present week and \$3,468,000,000 last week.

As it happens, member bank borrowing at the Reserve banks has also increased during the week, the discount holdings of the twelve Reserve institutions having risen from \$973,627,000 Aug. 28 to \$1,046,016,000 Sept. 4. The Reserve banks have likewise enlarged their holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market, this being in continuation of the changed policy inaugurated about the 10th of July. The total of these acceptances the present week is \$182,916,000 against \$156,514,000 last week. The Reserve Banks have also somewhat enlarged their holdings of United States Government securities during the week, the amount this week being reported at \$148,980,000 against \$145,321,000 last week. Altogether, \$102,450,000 more of Reserve credit is outstanding the present week than last week, the total of the bill and security holdings standing at \$1,394,012,000 Sept. 4 against \$1,291,562,000 Aug. 28. Federal Reserve note circulation increased during the week from \$1,829,372,000 to \$1,883,267,000, and gold reserves fell from \$2,962,099,000 to \$2,943,368,000. It should be added that the twelve Reserve Banks, besides having added \$26,402,000 to their own acceptance holdings during the week, also increased their holdings for foreign correspondents from \$447,977,000 to \$453,020,000.

One feature of the business insolvency record for the three Summer months this year, ending with August, has been the very marked uniformity in the number of defaults; also, the uniformity as to the amount of indebtedness. The number of business failures in the United States during this period has fluctuated within the very narrow limitations of 15, while the liabilities show a relatively small variation. There were in August this year 1,762 insolvencies among commercial concerns reported by R. G. Dun & Co., involving \$33,746,452 of indebtedness. In August of last year the number of defaults was 1,852 and the liabilities \$58,201,830. The decrease this year in number from a year ago was 4.8%, while for the indebtedness shown last month's figures were lower than those of August 1928 by 42%. In August of last year, however, there was a number of exceptionally large business defaults, especially in the class embracing agents and brokers, which in the main will account for the marked variation shown in the liabilities. For the eight months of this year commercial insolvencies in the United States have numbered 14,686, with liabilities of \$298,300,907, whereas in the corresponding period of 1928 the number of defaults was 16,403, owing a total of \$339,236,869. The decrease this year in the number has been 10.4%, while the reduction in the amount involved this year is equivalent to 12.1%.

A very satisfactory showing in the August report this year appears for both the manufacturing and trading defaults. Thus, 482 insolvencies last month in manufacturing lines compares with 493 in August a year ago, while the total involved this year of \$13,856,696 is considerably less than the amount reported for August 1928, which was \$16,877,179. Likewise as to trading failures, in August this year the number, 1,163, compares with 1,241 a year ago, while the indebtedness of \$16,001,656 was also smaller than the amount reported in the corresponding month last year, which was \$19,096,017. For the class embracing agents and brokers, 117 defaults last month compares with 112 a year ago, but the liabilities this year of \$3,888,100 are hardly to be considered in comparison with the \$22,228,634 shown last year. Only three of the fourteen leading manufacturing classes report more insolvencies in August this year than last, and these include the large lumber division, the chemical class and that of paints and oils, but the figures for the two last mentioned hardly call for consideration. A marked reduction appears this year for the clothing manufacturing class, milling and baking and several of the less important divisions. As to liabilities quite an amount is shown for the lumber manufacturing section and there is a heavy increase over a year ago owing to several large defaults. In the other manufacturing classes, the amounts are generally quite reduced.

In the large trading division, six of the fourteen leading classifications report more numerous failures this year, although in no instance is the increase large. These six classes include general stores, dealers in dry goods, in hardware, jewelry, stationery and books and beverages and tobacco. Several of the larger trading classes again show a decrease in the number of defaults in August, among them grocers, dealers in clothing, in shoes, in drugs, in furniture, and hotels and restaurants. The reduction in trading liabilities last month is quite scattered. Two of the larger divisions show quite an increase, groceries and dry goods, but otherwise the variation is mainly in the downward direction.

The larger failures last month, those for which the liabilities in each instance were \$100,000 or more, were not as numerous as they were a year ago. Furthermore, the liabilities were very much heavier for the larger defaults in August 1928 than they were for August the present year. Thus, 57 large failures in August this year account for a total of indebtedness of \$14,553,856, whereas in August 1928 there were 64 of the larger defaults owing a total of \$38,747,626. More than one-half of the large sum last mentioned was accounted for by a few very large insolvencies in the class embracing agents and brokers. There is also quite a reduction for August this year in the indebtedness shown for large defaults in both the manufacturing and trading divisions.

The history of the stock market this week is that it opened on Tuesday, after the holiday last Saturday and on Monday, in a most buoyant fashion in continuation of the bullish movement of last week, and the two weeks immediately preceding, and that prices bounded up in the same unrestrained fashion as before. Many new high records for the year were established all through the list. There had been a great accumulation of orders over the holidays, and

buying was conducted with great avidity. More or less profit taking was in evidence, but it did not appear to make much impression upon prices. The money situation was not apparently being given much concern. The call loan rate at the Stock Exchange remained unchanged from last week at 9%, and this also remained the rate for all the rest of the current week, except that on Friday there was a drop to 6%. The prevailing view regarding money found graphic expression in one of the market reviews for that day, which said "sentiment regarding the credit outlook was reassured by the activities of the Federal Reserve authorities in placing funds at the disposal of business through bill purchases in the open market."

On Wednesday there was a further display of great buoyancy, and prices were carried still higher, in the great majority of cases, but a reactionary tendency developed in the afternoon on heavy sales to realize profits. On Thursday the market again showed great strength, but the Stock Exchange statement of brokers' loans for the month of August, showing a further increase of \$407,825,132 during the month, on top of \$402,573,019 increase in July and \$406,083,350 in June, making a total expansion of \$1,216,481,501 for the last three months, appeared to be making much more of an impression than previous similar returns; operators for a decline noticing this began a severe drive against prices, precipitating violent declines in the afternoon all through the list. On Friday there was pronounced recovery, with some further new high prices for the year notwithstanding that the weekly return of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York showed a further increase in brokers' loans for the latest week of \$137,000,000. Stress was laid upon the fact that the United States Treasury in its offering of certificates of indebtedness as part of its program of September financing, made the rate of interest on the certificates only 4 $\frac{7}{8}$ %, against 5 $\frac{1}{8}$ % in the offering last June. The fact that this followed from the circumstance that the new issue of certificates enjoyed a far higher degree of tax exemption was entirely lost to sight. At the same time, the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange dropped to 6%. As a consequence, the market again took on a bullish hue and most of the losses of the previous day were recovered.

Trading has been on a greatly enlarged scale, the sales on the New York Stock Exchange on Thursday (the day of the break) running in excess of 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ million shares. The exchanges were closed last Saturday, preceding the Labor Day holiday on Monday, and of course on Labor Day itself. On Tuesday the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 4,438,910 shares; on Wednesday they were 4,691,980 shares; on Thursday, 5,565,280 shares, and on Friday, 5,122,610 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales on Tuesday were 2,120,300 shares; on Wednesday, 1,896,400 shares; on Thursday, 1,904,300 shares, and on Friday 1,639,500 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, owing to the severe setback on Thursday, prices are irregularly changed, with many losses. United Aircraft & Transport closed yesterday at 129 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 134 $\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday of last week; American Can at 176 against 178; United States Industrial Alcohol at 209 against 208 $\frac{1}{4}$; Commercial Solvents at 490 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 495 $\frac{1}{2}$; Corn Products at 111 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 110 $\frac{3}{8}$; Shattuck & Co. at 60 $\frac{3}{4}$ after payment of a 200% stock dividend

against 193; Columbia Graphophone at 66 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 64 $\frac{5}{8}$; Brooklyn Union Gas at 240 against 246; North American at 175 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 179; American Water Works at 185 against 170 $\frac{1}{8}$; Electric Power & Light at 77 against 74 $\frac{3}{8}$; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 90 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 90 $\frac{1}{2}$; Standard Gas & Elec. at 188 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 163 $\frac{1}{2}$; Consolidated Gas of New York at 177 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 180 $\frac{3}{4}$; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 93 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 91 $\frac{3}{4}$; Public Service of N. J. at 126 ex. div. against 122; International Harvester at 135 against 139; Sears Roebuck & Co. at 167 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 171; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 132 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 137; Woolworth at 98 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 99 $\frac{1}{4}$; Safeway Stores at 177 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 174; Western Union Telegraph at 232 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 233 $\frac{7}{8}$; Amer. Tel. & Tel. at 295 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 298 $\frac{5}{8}$, and Int. Tel. & Tel. at 142 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 146.

Allied Chem. & Dye closed at 338 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 350 on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 48 against 47 $\frac{1}{2}$; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 225 against 213; Radio Corporation at 113 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 100; General Elec. at 389 against 395 $\frac{1}{2}$; National Cash Register at 129 against 127 $\frac{3}{8}$; Wright Aeronautical at 133 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 133 $\frac{1}{2}$; International Nickel at 53 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 54 $\frac{1}{4}$; A. M. Byers at 140 against 146 $\frac{1}{2}$; Timken Roller Bearing at 107 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 108 $\frac{7}{8}$; Warner Bros. Pictures at 60 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 61 $\frac{3}{4}$; Mack Trucks at 100 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 97; Yellow Truck & Coach at 36 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 36; National Dairy Products at 79 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 85 $\frac{1}{4}$; Johns-Manville at 203 against 202 $\frac{1}{4}$; National Bellas Hess at 37 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 40 $\frac{1}{2}$; Associated Dry Goods at 48 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 49 $\frac{3}{4}$; Lambert Company at 139 against 142 $\frac{3}{4}$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 71 against 72 $\frac{3}{8}$, and Kolster Radio at 28 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 28 $\frac{3}{4}$. The list of stocks which have made new high records for the year is of course less extensive than in other recent weeks, and yet is by no means a short one. The following shows most of the new highs for the week:

STOCKS MAKING NEW HIGH FOR YEAR.

<i>Railroads—</i>	Consolidated Gas (N. Y.)
Chesapeake & Ohio	Continental Insurance
Chicago & North Western	Corn Products Refining
Chicago Rock Island & Pacific	Cuyamel Fruit
Erie	E. I. du Pont de Nemours
Minn. St. Paul & S. S. Marie	Fairbanks Morse
Norfolk & Western	Fidelity Phenix Fire Insurance, N. Y.
Reading	First National Stores
Southern Pacific	Fleischmann Co.
Southern Railway	General Amer. Tank Car
<i>Industrial and Miscellaneous—</i>	Granite City Steel
Air Reduction	Greene Cananea Copper
Alleghany Corp.	Int. Tel. & Tel.
American Bank Note	Kraft Cheese
American Bosch Magneto	Loose-Wiles Biscuit
American Chiclé	Macy Co.
American European Securities	North American
American & Foreign Power	Otis Elevator
American International	Philadelphia Co.
American Power & Light	Public Service Corp. of New Jersey
American Rolling Mill	Remington-Rand
American Smelting & Refining	Simmons Co.
American Tel. & Tel.	Standard Gas & Electric
American Type Founders	Timken Detroit Axle
American Water Works & Electric	Union Carbide & Carbon
Anaconda Wire & Cable	U. S. Industrial Alcohol
Anchor Cap	U. S. Steel
Atlas Powder	Van Raalte
Best & Co.	White Rock Mineral Springs
Brown Shoe	Woolworth
Childs	Worthington Pump & Mach'y
Commercial Investment Trust	Youngstown Sheet & Tube

The steel shares were strong on Tuesday with the rest of the market, but thereafter yielded readily to bear pressure, owing to some recession in the activity of the steel trade, though this is slight and comes later than usual. U. S. Steel reached a new high for the year on Tuesday at 261 $\frac{3}{4}$. The stock closed yesterday at 250 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 256 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 136 against 138 $\frac{1}{8}$; Republic Iron & Steel at 126 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 129; Ludlum Steel at 88 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 89 $\frac{1}{2}$; Youngstown Sheet & Tube at 170 against 170. The motors began to show

renewed strength. General Motors closed yesterday at 78 against 72 on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at $85\frac{3}{4}$ against $85\frac{1}{8}$; Chrysler at $73\frac{3}{8}$ against $71\frac{7}{8}$; Packard Motors at $150\frac{3}{4}$ against $149\frac{1}{2}$; Hudson Motor Car at $84\frac{7}{8}$ against $82\frac{3}{8}$; Hupp Motors at $40\frac{3}{4}$ against $40\frac{3}{8}$. In the rubber group Goodyear Tire & Rubber closed yesterday at 112 against $113\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at $71\frac{7}{8}$ against 73; United States Rubber at $47\frac{1}{8}$ against $46\frac{1}{2}$, and the preferred at $72\frac{1}{2}$ against bid $70\frac{1}{4}$.

Railroad stocks have again been prime favorites, but suffered severely in the collapse on Thursday, and are in most cases lower than a week ago. Pennsylvania closed yesterday at $106\frac{3}{4}$ against 109; Atchison at $286\frac{1}{2}$ against $295\frac{1}{2}$; New York Central at $247\frac{1}{8}$ against 256; Erie RR. at 91 against $88\frac{1}{2}$; Delaware & Hudson at 219 against 223; Baltimore & Ohio at 139 against $140\frac{5}{8}$; New Haven at $123\frac{3}{8}$ ex. div. against $124\frac{1}{2}$; Union Pacific at $288\frac{3}{4}$ against 295; Southern Pacific at $152\frac{1}{4}$ against $153\frac{3}{4}$; Missouri Pacific at $94\frac{1}{2}$ against 94; Kansas City Southern at $103\frac{1}{4}$ against $106\frac{1}{4}$; St. Louis Southwestern at $94\frac{1}{2}$ bid against $100\frac{3}{4}$; St. Louis-San Francisco at $130\frac{1}{4}$ ex. dividend against $132\frac{5}{8}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at $55\frac{1}{4}$ against $54\frac{1}{8}$; Rock Island at $141\frac{1}{2}$ ex. div. against 143; Great Northern at $124\frac{1}{2}$ against $124\frac{3}{4}$, and Northern Pacific at $109\frac{7}{8}$ against $111\frac{1}{4}$.

The copper group has shown renewed strength on the advance in the price of the metal. Anaconda closed yesterday at $132\frac{1}{4}$ against 129 on Friday of last week; Greene-Cananea at 197 against 192; Calumet & Hecla at 47 against $46\frac{1}{4}$; Andes Copper at $59\frac{1}{8}$ against $57\frac{7}{8}$; Inspiration Copper at $48\frac{3}{4}$ against $46\frac{1}{2}$; Calumet & Arizona at 131 ex. div. against 131; Granby Consolidated Copper at 85 against $83\frac{1}{2}$; American Smelting & Refining at $128\frac{1}{4}$ against 124, and U. S. Smelting & Ref. at $54\frac{3}{8}$ against $55\frac{3}{8}$.

The oil stocks have inclined to weakness on the unsatisfactory condition of the oil trade. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at $70\frac{3}{8}$ against $71\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Simms Petroleum at $35\frac{7}{8}$ against $36\frac{1}{4}$; Skelly Oil at $43\frac{7}{8}$ against $42\frac{1}{8}$; Atlantic Refining at $64\frac{7}{8}$ against $67\frac{1}{4}$; Pan American B at $64\frac{3}{4}$ against $67\frac{1}{4}$; Phillips Petroleum at $37\frac{1}{8}$ against 38; Texas Corporation at $67\frac{5}{8}$ ex. div. against $70\frac{1}{8}$; Richfield Oil at $42\frac{3}{8}$ against $42\frac{7}{8}$; Standard Oil of N. Y. at $42\frac{7}{8}$ against $44\frac{1}{2}$, and Pure Oil at $26\frac{1}{4}$ against $26\frac{1}{4}$.

Widely divergent courses were followed by the several important European securities markets this week, prices moving irregularly at London, while Paris was quite strong and Berlin rather weak. Opinion was divided all week at London between apprehensions of an increase in the discount rate of the Bank of England, and a favorable view of the accord finally reached at The Hague. In Paris, on the other hand, there were few clouds on the financial horizon, and stocks were bought in the expectation of favorable results from The Hague parley of governments. The viewpoints of traders in the British and French centers were influenced perhaps as much by the bank statements of last week as by anything else. The Bank of England reported the lowest gold reserve since a free gold market was re-established at London in April 1925, while the Bank of France reported the highest ratio since stabilization of the franc. The gold flow from London, however, was less pronounced this week

than formerly, and the Bank of England once again decided Thursday that the discount rate must remain unchanged at least for another week. At Berlin the international situation still appeared not entirely to the liking of traders, and stocks declined persistently.

The London Stock Exchange began the week with a good deal of uneasiness over the monetary outlook, and gilt-edged securities were slightly reactionary in consequence. Dullness was caused in the international section by the three-day holiday at New York, and transactions were confined largely to British industrials, which moved irregularly. The investment section of the market was again unsteady Tuesday, many operators believing an increase in the discount rate inevitable within a short period. Business in the international list increased substantially late in the day, when business commenced in Wall Street. Several merger announcements affecting British companies gave a fillip to the industrial section. Gilt-edged securities declined further Wednesday, with anxiety about the Bank rate increasing. A boom in American Celanese gave tone to the industrial list. Business was small in Thursday's session at London, although some increase in trading occurred after the Bank of England announced no change in the rate. The gilt-edged section was maintained fairly steady, but British industrials moved uncertainly. The American issues, notably Radio Corporation, attracted the most interest. In yesterday's session at London, gilt-edged securities were steady, but industrial stocks were weak.

The Paris Bourse was unusually active, with prices on the increase, in Monday's session. Offerings were limited, while buying proceeded both for home and foreign account, and a sharp rise in prices took place. L'Air Liquide was the favorite issue, the stock moving up quickly in heavy dealings. A degree of irregularity developed at Paris Tuesday, with profit-taking apparent. The offerings were soon absorbed, however, and heavy buying orders again came into the market, reestablishing the firm trend. Wednesday's session at Paris was confined chiefly to consolidation of the gains of the two previous sessions. There was again a distinct profit-taking movement, but the offerings were well absorbed, so that transactions remained high while prices also were well maintained. Trading remained active in Thursday's session, but the market made little progress, as the gains and losses for the day were about evenly balanced. At first an increase in the discount rate at London was feared, and when reassured on this point the market improved. Later, however, the list again declined slightly, and the close was generally slightly lower. A degree of irregularity developed in yesterday's session.

The Berlin Boerse declined generally in the opening session of the week, much to the surprise of speculators, who had expected improvement because of The Hague agreement. Bearish attacks on artificial silk issues unsettled the market, however, and the average level declined about 3 points. A slight decrease in the private discount rate late in the day brought about a little improvement. Selling of the artificial silks was resumed Tuesday morning at Berlin, but this movement was offset to a great extent by rapid gains in mining issues. Weakness was again pronounced at Berlin Wednesday, with shares of the Reichsbank declining rapidly. This

weakness was occasioned by rumors of a Socialist move for curtailing shareholders' rights in connection with the change in the Reichsbank charter necessitated by the Young Plan. After an uneasy opening at Berlin Thursday, the list again started on the downward path. Electrical stocks and mining shares showed great resistance. The selling movement was resumed yesterday and stocks declined further.

World affairs of supreme importance were promptly placed before the Assembly of the League of Nations, when that body gathered at Geneva early this week for its tenth ordinary session. A wide and inclusive survey of matters affecting British Empire was presented by Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald Tuesday, and this was followed Thursday by suggestions for an economic union of European states, which were put before the Assembly by Premier Aristide Briand of France. The formal speeches of these leading statesmen of Europe gave every assurance that the present session of the League Assembly will be by far the most interesting so far held. The tenth session of the Assembly was opened Monday with delegates present from all but one of the fifty-four countries which are members of the League, Argentina was the sole absentee. Prime Ministers were present at the opening from Britain, France, Norway, Greece, Lithuania, Luxemburg and Albania, and in addition to these dignitaries, 24 Foreign Ministers appeared at the Salle de la Reformation. The meeting was preceded by the fifty-sixth session of the League Council, which was convened on Aug. 30. Few statesmen were on hand for this meeting, however, most of them having been detained at The Hague by the protracted sessions of the conference of governments which considered the new Young Plan. The Council, nevertheless, adopted a proposal placing the Root formula on the agenda of the conference of World Court members, which met concurrently with the Assembly, thus placing still another important question before the League.

Intimations that he would place proposals of high importance before the Assembly were given by Prime Minister MacDonald, Monday, in a meeting with press representatives from all parts of the world. In this informal discussion the Prime Minister revealed some of his thoughts on the present conversations between Britain and the United States on naval disarmament. His comments on this subject and the subsequent developments relating thereto are treated more fully in a separate item in these columns. Mr. MacDonald intimated again, in the course of his remarks to the correspondents, that his government would sign the optional clause for compulsory jurisdiction of the World Court. He commented at length on the difference between the current Assembly session, and that of 1924, which he also attended as Premier of Britain. Five years ago the future of the League was "just a little bit uncertain," he said, but it is now growing more and more powerful in the sense that the nations are showing greater trust in it. The personal contacts made possible by the League gatherings were responsible for much of the improvement in world affairs, he added. One great step forward, the British leader said, is the Kellogg-Briand Treaty, the signatory nations having "in the eyes of the whole world lifted up their hands and taken a solemn oath

that so far as they are concerned the thought of war and preparation for war no longer enters into their national purpose." The aim of Britain, he continued, was to build a solid foundation for the pact, so that it would be "not merely a paper declaration, but shall become a parcel of the international machinery of peace of the whole world." The formal sessions of the Assembly Monday were devoted to details of organization, such as the election of Dr. Gustavo Guerrero of Salvador as permanent president.

The eagerly anticipated formal speech of Prime Minister MacDonald was made before the full Assembly Tuesday afternoon. In this address the Prime Minister covered an astonishingly large range of subjects. He discussed the Anglo-American conversations on naval armaments, announced that Britain would accept compulsory jurisdiction of the World Court in all legal disputes, pleaded for revision of the League Covenant to make it conform with the Kellogg-Briand Treaty, referred at length to the Palestine difficulties, and attempted to smooth over the animosities raised at The Hague by the attitude of the British Chancellor of the Exchequer, Philip Snowden. Incidental light was thrown by Mr. MacDonald on many other matters.

Gratification was expressed by the British Minister over the success of The Hague gathering, notwithstanding the "disagreements about the distribution of annuities which for moments blinded us as to the real issues that were being settled at The Hague." Britain's attitude was prompted by her self-respect, he declared. "Great Britain, again and again, since the finish of the military operations of the war, has given ample evidence of its willingness to share generously in the burdens left upon Europe by the war," he continued. "We made no profits, either from our being allies, or from our being enemies. We had the conviction that all lasting international agreements must be based on equity and mutual consideration, and that no lasting agreement that is going to mark a new departure in good will and co-operation can be written by force in any form, not even the force of a temporary and transitory majority. Momentary and temporary disagreement and misunderstanding of the nature we found at The Hague will not only not survive the settlement, but, on the contrary, will strengthen good relations, and it will be found here and in our subsequent relations that those who were on opposite sides during certain periods at The Hague are sitting side by side and co-operating in the further pacification of Europe."

Mr. MacDonald referred next to the question of international security, stating that the Kellogg-Briand Treaty is the starting point for further work. It was the specific desire of his Government, he said, that the treaty shall "not only be a declaration on paper, but shall be translated into constitutions and institutions that will work for the peace in Europe." Remarking that the peoples of the whole world want to close forever the old military chapters of Europe, he urged the League to bend itself with undivided mind to the problem of disarmament. Progress in peace-making is measured "like a barometer" by disarmament and agreements for the reduction of existing standards of armament, he added. "One of the greatest risks of war is that some of us—all of us—are still too heavily armed," Mr. MacDonald continued. "Therefore, the British Government will

do everything it possibly can to hasten preparation for a disarmament conference. It would urge the commissions—the preparatory commission and the others—not to face their problems in a mentality of the possibility of war, because they will never go very far if that is how they face their problems. It would urge them to face them on the assumption that the risk of war now breaking out is far less than the hope of peace being permanently observed. What we have to do with our military advisers is to ask them to remember that there is just as much security in political agreement as there is in a regiment of soldiers or in a fleet of battleships." Extended reference was thereupon made by the Prime Minister to the progress of the Anglo-American disarmament conversations, and these remarks are fully treated in separate paragraphs further below.

The British Government desires to make further contributions to the cause of peace, Mr. MacDonald stated, and consideration was given to what could be done at the current Assembly toward building up "the foundation for a pact of peace." He asked the Assembly to consider the effect of a pact of peace upon the assumptions of certain clauses of the League Covenant which provide that nations will not resort to war in disputes until a certain period of time has elapsed. As Britain's contribution toward assurance that no disagreement can reach war proportions, he then announced that his Government has decided to sign the optional clause and was even then considering the form of the declaration. "May I express the hope," he added, "that the other nations will range themselves with us on that, so that this meeting, the tenth ordinary session of the Assembly of the League, will be known as the Optional Clause Assembly?" The new agreement recently offered by his Government to Egypt was referred to by the Prime Minister as a further important contribution toward peace. Awakening nationalism in the East might bring great danger of war, he declared, unless the Western peoples recognize and make due provision for it. By pursuing an enlightened course, he indicated, "we shall make allies instead of enemies when these peoples get free." The same thought was applied by Mr. MacDonald to minorities in the large countries and to mandates. "When the idea of mandates was put into the Covenant of the League of Nations," he remarked, "it was clearly understood that a nation accepting a mandate accepted international responsibility." As bearing on this phase of the matter, he brought up the troubles in Palestine, which he characterized as "outbursts of criminality and murder."

Direct reference also was made by Mr. MacDonald to the "sketchy but illuminating pronouncement" made by Premier Briand of France on his project for an economic federation of European countries. "I have no doubt but that M. Briand will take the opportunity of elaborating what is in his mind," the British Minister added. The problem of tariffs, however, must be faced by the present Assembly, he declared. Under tariffs the nations have poverty, low wages, unemployment and class conflicts, just as much as under a sort of disorganized free trade, and out of the economic differences, political differences soon begin to appear. For this reason, he continued, "the British Government will heartily cooperate in every attempt to translate political agreements into economic agreements that make for economic freedom. Every effort to guide a political

nationality from being the cause of economic obstruction and making it an instrument of economic co-operation will receive the support of Great Britain." Gathering all these threads together again, Mr. MacDonald concluded with the statement that the British Government is going to take its "risks of peace." "I know it has its risks as well as war," he said, "but the difference between a nation that risks itself in peace and that which risks itself in war is this: That the nation that takes the risks of pioneering in peace is likely to get peace; the nation that takes the risk of leading in military preparedness is absolutely certain to get war."

In the session of the League Assembly Wednesday, consideration was begun of some of the points brought up by the British Prime Minister. Senator Raoul Dandurand of Canada announced that Dominion's acceptance of the complete jurisdiction of the World Court, and a similar declaration was made in behalf of the Peruvian Government by Senor Cornejo. Minister Stauning of Denmark expressed himself favorably on the idea of an economic European union. The Chinese Minister to Washington, Dr. Chao Chu Wu, again brought up the question of revision of the unequal treaties. Overshadowing these developments, according to dispatches from Geneva, were private conversations between Premier Briand of France, and Arthur Henderson, Foreign Secretary of Britain. This discussion, it was understood, covered such important matters as the disarmament program and The Hague proceedings.

Premier Briand's general introductory address to the tenth Assembly was made Thursday, and again a series of important matters was brought before that body for attention. M. Briand joined Prime Minister MacDonald in urging precautions against war, but he promptly carried the matter over into the economic sphere. "After solving disarmament," he said, "the next great problem is economic disarmament. If peace is to be assured among nations, this work will be long and technical, but if the governments add their political force to a solution, it can be found. While the problem lies somewhat outside of the League of Nations, nevertheless it is attached to the League. It involves an economic federation of States, especially those geographically close to each other, such as the European nations, that will permit them to enter into close contact and solidarity of interests. Such a federation would not infringe in the slightest on the sovereignty of the States concerned. I beg the delegates present to take up this matter with their respective governments, so that it may be considered at least by the next Assembly."

Paying a stirring tribute to the work done by the League in the past decade, M. Briand proceeded to scourge war-makers and all those who secretly foster the spirit of war in the coming generations. As a means of strengthening the Kellogg-Briand pact and the League Covenant, he proposed the signature of a treaty to prevent war under which all the signatories would agree to accept the recommendations of the League Council concerning what should be done when war became an actual menace or had actually developed. Reverting again and again to his favorite theme of the League of Nations, M. Briand declared that body had waged a tremendous campaign against war and had been able to do so because it had prepared a propitious atmosphere. He insisted that the pact signed in Paris last year

was really framed from the ideals of the League, and announced that he had deposited a text of it with the League for registration. Extending his comments to The Hague conference, the French Premier remarked that he would have been untrue to peace and concord if at that gathering he had allowed "several millions of money" to prevent France from helping to liquidate the problems of the war. If he had not made the sacrifice, he said, he would have received a cool reception on his return to France. "The Hague has just given a new and brilliant demonstration of peace," M. Briand added. "I cannot say it was always rosy, but we were all animated by a desire for peace and thus we were able to arrive at an agreement. Above all our personal interests was always the grand idea of reconciliation to be attained. Meantime, I have submitted to the French Chamber of Deputies the League's general act of arbitration and conciliation for the pacific settlement of all juridical disputes. I pledge myself on my return to Paris to do the utmost to obtain its passage through Parliament."

An immense amount of official and semi-official comment was indulged in this week regarding the conversations on naval disarmament now in progress between London and Washington, but it may be doubted whether the conversations were aided by the "disclosures" made. It was made apparent, however, that the preliminary negotiations are slowly drawing to a close, and that some announcement on the projected general conference between the naval powers may shortly be made. Washington dispatches made clear late last week that the informal diplomatic exchanges have now reached their most important phase. This has to do, it appears, with adopting principles which will enable the two governments in the forthcoming formal international conference to establish a parity in their cruiser strength on the basis of what is called equivalent tonnage. The equivalent tonnage principle is to be carried out, it is understood, through the use of the so-called yardstick, or common formula for measuring the relative effectiveness of cruisers. President Hoover, reports from the capital said, "did not conceal his gratification" at the progress made. It was also reported that an important fundamental of the current conversations is the understanding that the prospective treaty arrangement for curtailing sea power shall contain a reaffirmation of the underlying principle of the Kellogg-Briand treaty. In dispatches from London it was also made plain that Prime Minister MacDonald has "not the slightest doubt that an agreement will be reached."

Extensive comments on the subject were made by Prime Minister MacDonald at Geneva last Monday in an informal talk with newspaper correspondents from all parts of the world. The conviction was again expressed by the British leader that the problem is being solved, with an agreement likely. The matter of his proposed visit to America next month was discussed by the Prime Minister more circumpectly than on former occasions, and the impression was given that his trip is in doubt. Mr. MacDonald emphasized the difficulties in Parliament which his absence would involve, and, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, "he opened a door in advance through which he can sidestep the Washington trip should circumstances make it advisable." He also made a strong effort to allay any fears that the two

countries were aiming to reach an exclusive accord which they would present to the rest of the world as a *fait accompli*. Lastly, great pains were exercised by the Prime Minister to calm any fears that anything would be done that might be hurtful to the League of Nations. "America," he said, "though she is not a member of the League, is certainly only too anxious to advance all she can the cause which the League is trying to advance, and when America talks about disarmament to Britain or anybody else, the agreement will not be used by America to hamper the authority of the League or diminish the authority of the League, or stand in the way of the League's fulfilling its mission in the world. So there is hope by both of us that any agreement will come to be an inspiration to the League and a help to the League to secure similar agreements among the nations who are members of the League."

These remarks were repeated formally and more explicitly by Mr. MacDonald in the course of a general address to the League Assembly Tuesday. Actual, definite results in the furtherance of peace were declared to be the aim of the British Government. The special contribution of Britain must be in the field of naval armaments, he added, and "the best preliminary to a successful international issue on that is an agreement between America and ourselves regarding our position." Deprecating jealousy or suspicion in the hearts of other nations, Mr. MacDonald asked them to "take it from me that the conversations in which America and ourselves have been engaged are in no way directed against anybody, are in no sense a conspiracy against anybody." He asserted that the problem of armaments is not a problem between Britain and the United States alone. "The British Government declines absolutely to build up against the United States," he continued, "and the United States can take that as a last word, because it is not only the word of the Labor Government; it is also the word of its predecessors, the Conservative Government. But what we want is to get an agreement which, having been made, can be a preliminary to the calling of a five-power naval conference, the other powers being as free to put in their proposals, and we being as free to negotiate with them as though no conversations had taken place between America and ourselves. And the only value of these conversations when the five-power conference is called is that we ourselves will not be required to look to each other; this agreement has been made by us as free agents to promote naval disarmament of the whole world."

"Our conversations have not yet been ended, but the agreement has gone very far. I do not quite know what form it will take and can say nothing at the moment that would in any way hamper President Hoover in his work, but I think we might produce a document that would have something like twenty points of agreement in it, a very comprehensive document. We are not out for small things; we are out for a document which will establish peace as well as agree to naval ratios. It will be a very great pleasure to you—to the League of Nations—to know that if I say it runs to twenty points, there are only about three of the twenty outstanding at the present moment. I did hope at one time that it might have been possible to have made definite announcement of the results here. I am not at all sure—I make no promise, and please do not allow your expectations to go unreasonably high—but I am not

at all sure but that even if an announcement cannot be made before I must leave, an announcement of an agreement may be made before this Assembly will come to an end."

Concern was expressed in Washington over what was considered the great optimism of the British Prime Minister. The discussions between the two governments present knotty problems which cannot be expected to yield to settlement very readily, it was declared in authoritative quarters. The only official comment on the speech was made by Secretary of State Stimson, who declared cryptically: "In the opinion of those of us who have been working on it on this side, we have been making hopeful progress, but we feel that it will require still a considerable period of hard work on details before an agreement on parity can be arrived at." The problem of parity was again discussed at a White House breakfast Wednesday, Washington reports said. Officials who were invited to this discussion by President Hoover included the Secretaries of State and the Navy, their chief civilian assistants, and most of the members of the naval general board. The latest British proposal for distribution of cruiser tonnage was under consideration, it was understood, and the discussion was said to have resulted in an agreement that the general board should work out an arrangement designed to bring about a more definite basis for determining how much the cruiser strength of each government must be reduced in order to establish parity between the two fleets. "Differences exist," a report to the New York "Times" said, "but not of a character to justify pessimism as to the outcome for which the two governments are working."

American adherence to the statutes of the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague was advanced a long step early this week when a conference of member States at Geneva gave unanimous approval to the formula drafted by Elihu Root, which was designed to overcome the reservations of the United States Senate. The meeting of member States took place concurrently with the opening of the tenth ordinary session of the League Assembly. Provision for bringing the matter before the World Court gathering was made in a session of the League Council last week. Delegates of twenty-two of the forty-one States represented were present when a vote was taken on the Root formula Wednesday. The action followed an announcement by Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary General of the League, at an earlier secret session that he had been informed of American approval of the new formula. He had learned from an absolutely reliable source, Sir Eric said, that Secretary of State Stimson "has reached the conclusion that the project of the protocol drawn up by the committee of jurists meets the objections arising from the reservations formulated by the United States and would present a satisfactory solution, allowing the adherence of the United States to the Court." He remarked further, a Geneva dispatch to the New York "Times" said, that after the signatory States have accepted the project of the protocol, the Secretary of State will ask the President of the United States for the necessary powers to sign the instrument and will recommend that it be submitted to the Senate for ratification.

Although the action taken by the conference of World Court members is significant, it is not by any

means conclusive, and many additional steps must be taken before formal American adherence can be announced. The conference voted on Wednesday to inform the League Assembly that it saw no objection to the Root formula. It still remains for the Assembly as a whole to accept limitation on its recourse to advisory opinions, which is necessary for American adherence. Acceptance of this provision by the Assembly, however, is also considered certain, according to a Geneva report to the New York "Times." Moreover, only forty-one of the fifty-two signatory States were represented in Geneva, and of these only twenty-two were present at Wednesday's conference. Individual adherence and ratification of the Root protocol by all fifty-two signers of the Court statute are necessary for American entrance. The general belief in Geneva was, however, that all Court members will follow the lead of the twenty-two in announcing readiness to adhere, so that the action taken appeared fairly decisive. The American position was made clear Thursday, in a formal statement issued in Washington by Secretary of State Stimson. "I have carefully examined the draft protocol," Mr. Stimson said, "and I have satisfied myself that this draft protocol, if ratified by the other signatory powers, would meet the objections raised by the Senate and fully protect the United States against the dangers anticipated by the Senate. Accordingly, last month I notified the Secretary General of the League of Nations, who is presenting this to the other signatory powers, that the draft protocol met with my approval, and that if it was accepted by the other States I would recommend to the President of the United States that it be signed and submitted to the Senate for its consent to ratification."

Substantial agreement on the new Young Plan of German reparations payments having been reached by the six interested governments at The Hague last week, the conference adjourned a week ago to-day subject to the call of its President, Premier Jaspar of Belgium. The meeting did not exactly terminate in a "blaze of glory," but the final session, nevertheless, afforded a striking contrast to the stormy deliberations of the preceding twenty-five days. The harsh bickering that lasted from Aug. 6 to Aug. 30 resulted in the satisfaction of the major portion of the demands of the new British Chancellor of the Exchequer, and in a hasty arrangement for the early evacuation of the Rhineland. With these points adjusted, the final session of the conference was given over to an exchange of compliments among the delegates, and to the rapid formation of sub-committees for working out the details of the scheme which is to replace the Dawes Plan. It was indicated at The Hague last Saturday that the conference will be convoked again, probably shortly after the termination of the present League Assembly meeting. Reports which are to be prepared in the meantime by the sub-committees will then be considered, and the final task of putting the Young plan in operation will begin.

The session of the conference last Saturday was largely a perfunctory affair, with the real work carefully laid out. The financial and political commissions met in the morning to complete the reports on the results of their work, and at noon a plenary session was held at which the reports were read and then signed by Premier Jaspar as President,

and by Sir Maurice Hankey as Secretary General. Complete cordiality marked the full session, and many suave speeches were made. Dr. Gustav Stresemann, Foreign Minister of Germany, took the chair in accordance with the rule providing for rotation in the Presidency. He insisted, however, upon giving up the chair to Premier Jaspar, who, he said, had earned the honor by the tact and patience with which he had mediated in the trying negotiations. The British Chancellor, Philip Snowden, thereupon proposed that M. Jaspar be formally declared the permanent President of the Conference. The remarks of Mr. Snowden were the most interesting made at the final session, as he referred to the "happy memories" he would take away from The Hague. "I have made friendships here which I will cherish to the end of my days," he added.

Four sub-committees were named by the conference to carry on the work of organization, a Hague dispatch to the Associated Press said. These are: (1) For organization of the Bank for International Settlements. (2) For final liquidation of the claims arising from the sequestration of enemy property during the war. (3) For modification of legislation in the Reich for the Dawes Plan to make it fit the new Young Plan, and (4) for changes to be made in the railroad debentures to permit the Reich to raise money by issuing railroad bonds. Among these committees chief interest attaches to the one for setting up the International Bank. It consists of representatives of governments and banks of issue, and will have an American member, to be chosen probably by Owen D. Young. In a dispatch of Aug. 31 from The Hague, Edwin L. James, correspondent of the New York "Times," remarked that the Bank Committee probably will have difficult sessions, with a contest promised when the conference resumes because of the changes in plans the British are expected to ask. "Mr. Snowden regards the proposed institution as having too large powers and apparently too great a degree of independence in being controlled by banks of issue rather than by the governments," the report continued. "A week ago he advanced the idea that the Bank should be in the hands of the national treasuries. Whether he had the result in mind or not, this would have eliminated the Americans from the Bank which Owen D. Young and J. Pierpont Morgan did so much to plan. It appears there was an exchange of opinions among the experts, including Mr. Young, with the result that there was firm opposition to Mr. Snowden's move, and so far as this session is concerned he has dropped it. But there is no reason to believe he has dropped his intention to ask numerous changes in the scheme for the Bank. This will in all likelihood be done both in the Bank Committee and in the final session of the conference in October."

Several developments of more than ordinary interest followed immediately upon the close of the conference. Late last Saturday, Prime Minister MacDonald of Britain passed through Paris on his way to the League Assembly meeting in Geneva, but he stopped long enough for a forty-five minute chat with Premier Briand at the Quai d'Orsay. As a result of this meeting, a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, "there was a conviction in official places that a great deal had been accomplished toward restoring that sympathetic understanding which until recently has characterized the relations between France and Great Britain." Press corre-

spondents were informed, however, that the two Premiers met not as officials but as old friends who had come together for an intimate chat. "From well informed sources it was learned," the "Times" dispatch said, "that their chat was largely taken up with evacuation of the Rhineland and the steps which are necessary to carry out The Hague decisions. It is further understood that the British Prime Minister whole-heartedly seconded the statement of his Foreign Minister at The Hague yesterday regarding the British Labor Government's desire to obtain the closest co-operation with France."

Chancellor of the Exchequer Snowden returned to England last Sunday, and he received an enthusiastic welcome from great crowds which assembled to meet him. On reaching his official residence, the Chancellor issued a statement saying: "The influence of Britain in international affairs has been re-established and British relations with other countries are now more cordial than at any time since the war. Britain is now better understood. We succeeded in all our important points and our claim for withdrawal of foreign troops from the Rhine is the greatest political achievement since Locarno." In a radio talk broadcast to all parts of the British Isles, Mr. Snowden reviewed the progress of the negotiations at The Hague, Monday, and revealed some of the details of the bargaining. He related how Premier Jaspar, in his self-assumed role of mediator, came to the British time and again on the decisive night with gradually increasing offers, until finally an acceptable proffer was made. Once more defending his struggle at The Hague as the assertion of England's international rights and influence, the Chancellor insisted that relations between the British delegates and the others were of the most cordial and friendly character throughout the conference. "I am sure," he said in conclusion, "that the conference has done much to liquidate the legacies of the war, to liberate the countries of Europe and to enable them to pursue more actively their economic reconstruction. Above all, I believe it will be seen that it has brought a new spirit into international policy which will help to bring about the peace so abundantly desired by the people."

A meeting of the German Cabinet was held Tuesday, at which the stamp of approval was put upon the procedure of the German delegates to The Hague conference. Extensive reports were submitted by Dr. Stresemann, Dr. Hilferding, Minister of Finance and other delegates. Chancellor Mueller, who was unable to attend because of illness, sent a personal message to Dr. Stresemann in which he expressed complete satisfaction with the settlement reached especially with respect to the accord on the final evacuation of the Rhineland.

A report on reparations payments by Germany during the five years of the Dawes Plan of 1924 was issued in Berlin last Sunday by S. Parker Gilbert, the Agent General for Reparations Payments. The fifth year was ended Aug. 31, and under present plans the new Young scheme is to supersede the Dawes Plan as of the first of the month. It is not expected, however, that the Young Plan will be ready for formal application before Nov. 1. Mr. Gilbert's report on the Dawes Plan indicated that during the five years of its operation, reparations payments by Germany to the various creditor powers aggregated 7,970,000,000 gold marks (about \$1,89

680,000). The standard annuity of 2,500,000,000 marks set for the fifth year was paid punctually and fully, it was announced, and the transfer of this sum to the creditor powers proceeded without interfering with the stability of German exchange. At the end of the fifth year a cash balance of about 237,000,000 marks (about \$56,880,000) was in the hands of the Agent General, of which 67,000,000 marks (about \$16,800,000) was in reichsmarks, and 170,000,000 marks (about \$40,800,000) in foreign currencies. Of the total payments made, the amount which was transferred in foreign currencies was 3,700,000,000 marks (about \$888,000,000), while the payments in reichsmarks totaled 3,900,000,000 marks (about \$936,000,000). The Agent General's summary shows almost 19,000,000 marks (about \$4,560,000) received on account of interest and net gains in exchange during the five years.

Palestine was again afflicted by rioting and bloodshed this week, with the dissension between Jews and Arabs showing little sign of abatement. The troubles began early in August as the result of incidents at the Wailing Wall in Jerusalem, but the first general clash occurred Aug. 23. Whether the outbreaks are due to religious differences or to a rising spirit of nationalism among both peoples remains undetermined, although it appears likely that both these causes were active. With additional British troops quickly spreading to all corners of the mandated territory, order was restored with great dispatch in most sections. Some additional unfortunate incidents again occurred, however. The worst of these was reported last Saturday, when it appeared that Arabs had attacked the Jewish community at Safed on the preceding Thursday and Friday, murdering twenty-two of the Jews and wounding scores of others. Much restlessness was occasioned among Bedouin tribesmen by the developments, and attacks on Jewish colonies were frequent in Northern Galilee, the tribesmen pillaging and burning as they went. The Moslem Grand Mufti issued a warning in Jerusalem Sunday, of a possible revolt of the Mohammedan races generally. Sir John Chancellor, the British High Commissioner, returned to Palestine on the same day and promptly issued a proclamation condemning the "ruthless and bloodthirsty evil-doers," and promising stern punishment for those found guilty of violence.

Wild reports were frequent during the week of general invasions of Palestine by the Arabs, and some encounters between British troops and Arab tribes were actually reported on official authority. The Colonial Office in London was able to report last Saturday that British armed forces "hold all the important centers in Palestine from Safed in the North to Beersheba in the South, and in this area the situation is reported quiet." Rumors of Arab marches on Palestine were mentioned in this statement, but it was indicated that such developments would be met by aircraft operations and armored car detachments. The Colonial Office again reported "definite improvement" in the situation Monday, and acts of violence have since been infrequent. A further statement was issued by the Colonial Office in London, Wednesday, indicating that Sir Walter Sidney Shaw has been appointed head official of a commission of inquiry which will investigate the Arab-Jewish outbreaks. Arabian circles in Palestine criticized sharply the stand taken by Sir John

Chancellor in his proclamation of last Sunday, and a further statement was issued by the High Commissioner Wednesday designed to lessen the tension. With the situation well in the control of British troops, Arab and Jewish organizations alike began to issue appeals to world opinion on the Palestine problem, this week.

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 5⅜% against 5 7-16% on Friday of last week, and 5½% for long bills, the same as on the previous Friday. Money on call in London yesterday was 3¼%. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3½%, and in Switzerland at 3¼%.

In its latest statement, issued for the week ended Sept. 4 the Bank of England shows another, but relatively small loss in gold holdings, the decrease this time being £84,937. Circulation expanded £2,186,000 and this together with the loss of bullion brought about a decrease of £2,271,000 in reserves. The rate of discount remains at 5½%. Gold holdings now total £137,548,740 in comparison with £176,576,650 last year and £151,880,444 in 1927. Public deposits fell off £11,423,000 but other deposits increased £17,004,053. The latter is subdivided into accounts of bankers and accounts of others which increased £15,977,764 and £1,026,289 respectively. The reserve ratio is now 26.04%, last week it was 29.29% and last year it was 47.67%. Loans on government securities expanded £2,530,000 and those on other securities £5,364,294. "Discounts and advances" and "securities," the sub-sections of other securities, both increased, the former £556,917, the latter £4,807,377. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1929. Sept. 4.	1928. Sept. 6.	1927. Sept. 7.	1926. Sept. 8.	1925. Sept. 9.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	366,230,000	135,367,000	137,026,035	140,303,400	144,195,765
Public deposits.....	9,095,000	18,486,000	21,177,701	13,005,014	13,232,361
Other deposits.....	111,135,030	109,384,000	94,745,096	106,161,230	115,771,427
Bankers' accounts	73,967,915	-----	-----	-----	-----
Other accounts.....	37,167,115	-----	-----	-----	-----
Government securities	75,806,855	37,736,000	57,437,780	31,993,159	37,910,890
Other securities.....	31,382,725	47,456,000	42,141,700	70,605,107	72,431,077
Disct. & advances	4,309,556	-----	-----	-----	-----
Securities.....	27,073,169	-----	-----	-----	-----
Reserve notes & coin	31,316,000	60,959,000	34,604,409	34,39,826	36,931,999
Coin and bullion.....	137,548,740	176,576,650	151,880,444	155,393,226	161,377,764
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	26.04%	47.67%	29.85%	29.23%	28¼%
Bank rate.....	5¼%	4¼%	4¼%	4¼%	4¼%

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

The Bank of France statement for the week ended August 31, shows another increase in gold holdings this time of 126,615,120 francs. Gold holdings now total 38,930,355,627 francs as compared with 38,803,740,570 francs last week and 30,351,342,290 francs the corresponding week last year. A large gain was shown in note circulation of 2,114,000,000 francs raising the total of the time to 66,467,898,125 francs the highest figure ever recorded in the history of the Bank. French commercial bills discounted expanded 1,209,000,000 francs and credit balances abroad 1,000,000 francs, while advances against securities contracted 33,000,000 francs. An increase of 2,000,000 francs was shown in bills bought abroad and a

decrease of 652,000,000 francs in creditor current accounts. A comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past two weeks and for the corresponding week last year is shown below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Aug. 31 1929.	Aug. 24 1929.	Sept. 1 1928.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	126,615,120	38,930,355,627	38,803,740,570	30,351,342,290
Credit bals. abr'd.Inc.	1,000,000	7,248,597,530	7,247,597,530	14,241,299,169
French commercial				
bills discounted.Inc.	1,209,000,000	9,419,754,586	8,210,754,586	2,826,585,436
Bills bought abr'd.Inc.	2,000,000	18,543,096,507	18,541,096,507	17,707,626,030
Adv. agst. securs...Dec.	33,000,000	2,334,657,402	2,367,657,402	2,043,570,265
Note circulation.Inc.	2,114,000,000	66,467,898,125	64,353,898,125	61,386,056,585
Cred. curr. acc'ts...Dec.	652,000,000	19,620,458,062	20,272,458,062	15,981,597,607

The German bank statement for the fourth week of August shows a gain in gold and bullion of 6,418,000 marks, raising the total of the item to 2,183,440,000 marks, compared with 2,248,130,000 marks last year and 1,852,671,000 marks in 1927. A decrease was shown in reserve in foreign currency of 4,154,000 marks while deposits abroad remained unchanged at 149,788,000 marks. Notes in circulation increased 744,157,000 marks raising the total of notes outstanding to 4,897,266,000 marks, which compares with 4,673,034,000 marks the corresponding week last year. Notes on other German banks contracted 19,567,000 marks and silver and other coin 28,361,000 marks. Bills of exchange and checks expanded 629,610,000 marks, advances 118,381,000 marks and other assets 19,368,000 marks. A decrease of 10,920,000 marks was shown in other daily maturing obligations and of 11,531,000 marks in other liabilities, while investments showed a slight increase, namely 11,000 marks. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three years:

REICHBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Asset—	Changes for Week.	Status as of		
		Aug. 31 1929.	Aug. 31 1928.	Aug. 31 1927.
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion Inc.	6,418,000	2,183,440,000	2,248,130,000	1,852,671,000
Of which depos.abr'd.	Unchanged	149,788,000	85,626,000	66,543,000
Res'v' inf for'n curr...Dec.	4,154,000	308,059,000	194,908,000	157,309,000
Bills of exch. & check.Inc.	629,610,000	2,672,143,000	2,608,408,000	2,661,635,000
Silver and other coin.Dec.	28,361,000	115,946,000	90,846,000	80,936,000
Notes on oth.Ger.bks.Dec.	19,567,000	4,349,000	9,622,000	8,683,000
Advances.....Inc.	118,381,000	162,066,000	128,882,000	67,057,000
Investments.....Inc.	11,000	92,755,000	93,819,000	92,261,000
Other assets.....Inc.	19,368,000	567,566,000	490,341,000	479,518,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation...Inc.	744,157,000	4,897,266,000	4,673,034,000	3,934,724,000
Oth.daily matur.oblig.Dec.	10,920,000	433,721,000	564,628,000	723,820,000
Other liabilities.....Dec.	11,531,000	332,741,000	220,202,000	375,345,000

Money rates in the New York market reflected continued heavy demand in most sessions of the week, although daily money took a sharp downward turn yesterday afternoon. Demand for funds was very large in the early part of the week, and concerted action by the large banks was necessary to prevent the rate for demand loans from climbing rapidly upward to alarming levels. In the later sessions of the week funds came in from out-of-town banks in larger amounts, and holiday currency also returned, causing an easier tendency. Owing to the sharp break in Thursday's stock market, inquiry dropped off and relaxation in call loans followed. Daily money was 9% from the opening Tuesday until just after noontime yesterday. The figure slipped rapidly in the final hours to 6%, but no unloanable funds were reported at the latter figure and it was not thought it would be long maintained. Withdrawal by the banks were prominent only on Wednesday, when about \$15,000,000 was called. Maturity money ruled unchanged at 8¾ to 9% for all dates. The rate of absorption of funds in speculation was amply indicated this week by two compilations of

brokers loans against stock and bond collateral which were made public. The monthly tabulation of the New York Stock Exchange showed an increase for August of \$407,825,132, while the weekly compilation of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, based on figures supplied by reporting member banks, was up \$137,000,000 for the week ended Wednesday night.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, Monday was Labor Day and a holiday. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday all loans each day were at 9%, including renewals. On Friday after renewals had again been put through at 9%, there was a drop to 6% on new loans. Time money has remained unchanged each day at 8¾@9% with most of the activity, particularly during the latter part of the week, at the higher figure. Little has been done in commercial paper. Rates for names of choice character maturing in four to six months remain nominally at 6@6¼%, while names less well known are 6¼@6½%, with New England mill paper quoted at 6¼%.

The market for prime bank and bankers' acceptances has shown gradual improvement during the week, especially the 90 day class which has displayed the greatest activity. Rates have remained unchanged. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council continued at 5¼% bid and 5½% asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 to 90 days; 5⅝% bid and 5¾% asked for 120 days and 5⅞% bid and 5½% 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 remained unchanged as below:

SPOT DELIVERY.					
—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	5¼ 5½	5¼ 5½	5¼ 5½	5¼ 5½	5¼ 5½
—90 Days—					
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	5¼ 5½	5¼ 5½	5¼ 5½	5¼ 5½	5¼ 5½
FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.					
Eligible member banks.....	5¼ bid				
Eligible non-member banks.....	5¼ 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 Sept. 6.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	5	July 19 1928	4¾
New York.....	6	Aug 9 1929	5
Philadelphia.....	5	July 26 1928	4¾
Cleveland.....	5	Aug. 1 1928	4¾
Richmond.....	5	July 13 1928	4¾
Atlanta.....	5	July 14 1928	4¾
Chicago.....	5	July 11 1928	4¾
St. Louis.....	5	July 10 1928	4¾
Minneapolis.....	5	May 14 1929	4¾
Kansas City.....	5	May 6 1929	4¾
Dallas.....	5	Mar. 2 1929	4¾
San Francisco.....	5	May 20 1929	4¾

Sterling exchange continues under pressure, accentuated by the advent of September, which marks the real beginning of seasonal pressure, with a sharp reduction in tourist expenditures as the vacation season nears its close. The range for sterling this week has been from 4.84 3-16 to 4.84 7-16 for bankers' sight bills, compared with 4.84 1/8 to 4.84 7-16 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.84 11-16 to 4.84 13-16, compared with

4.84 21-32 to 4.84 13-16 the previous week. In view of the fact that the Bank of England continues to lose gold and that tourist expenditures show sharp decline, it is surprising that there is so little difference in the range of quotations this week from a week ago. This is largely accounted for by the extreme inactivity of the market, as there is still strong hesitancy on the part of bankers to take a technical trading position while there is so much uncertainty respecting the probable action of the Bank of England with regard to the official rate of discount. Despite disclaimers made a few weeks ago, bankers are expecting momentarily an advance in the Bank of England's rate. The gold position of the Bank, while showing no important changes, continues to grow more unfavorable. This week gold holdings are down only £84,937, the total standing at £137,548,740, but when comparison is made with a year ago the position is seen to be most unfavorable. On Sept. 6 1928 gold holdings stood at £176,576,650. The position is more unfavorable when it is recalled that the present gold stock, £137,548,740, is £12,452,000 less than the Cunliffe minimum of £150,000,000. The ratio of gold cover for notes on Sept. 5 declined slightly to 37.5%, due to an increase in circulation of £2,186,000 to £366,230,000. The banking position was less favorable, as indicated in the decline in the proportion of reserves to liabilities to 26.04% from 29.29%.

Sentiment in foreign exchange markets continues to indicate that a rise in the Bank of England rate is inevitable in the near future unless an unexpected ease should develop in New York money rates. Such a possibility is regarded as out of the question. The firmness of money here and the unprecedented activity in American security markets continue, of course, the most significant factor depressing the foreign exchanges, especially sterling. The flow of funds from London in the New York security markets is believed to be exceptionally great. It is believed possible that English banking authorities may come to some agreement for drawing down a large part of their balances here with a view to supporting sterling, but even in this event bankers generally believe that the English rate must be marked up if London is to offset the powerful pull of New York money rates on all commercial centers. No doubt is entertained in London that the Bank of England is extremely anxious to avoid any advance in its rate. It is believed to consider existing conditions in the international financial situation as altogether abnormal and it is still possible to find responsible bankers who are moderately hopeful that a higher rate may be averted. The principal point of reassurance in support of the view that a rise in the Bank rate may be avoided is that New York is likely to assist London this year in financing the movement of American produce to Europe, thus easing the pressure on exchange. The French and German rates are also against sterling and threaten the gold holdings of the London Bank, but it is hoped that France may cease taking gold from London now that September has brought the beginning of autumn pressure. The feeling also exists that the agreement on reparations has removed one potent source of possible mischief in the financial and political situation. Bill rates in London have firmed up to a point which would certainly indicate that a marking up of the official rate of rediscount is imminent. Since Labor Day, London bill rates have been very firm, with three

months maturities quoted at $5\frac{1}{2}\%$, or at the precise level of the bank rate. Gilt-edge securities in London this week have been extremely shaky in anticipation of a possible action by the Bank of England. It is asserted in many quarters that whether or not a 1% rise in the Bank's rate will meet the situation effectively action must be taken eventually to place the London market on a firmer basis and in line with New York before the Bank of England can reassume its strong position and before foreign exchange trading throughout the world can again return to normal trends.

On Saturday the Bank of England sold £1,728 in gold bars. On Monday the Bank received £750,000 in gold bars and sold £5,160 in sovereigns. On Tuesday the Bank sold £15,472 in gold bars. On Wednesday the Bank sold £20,609 in gold bars. On Thursday the Bank sold £111,562 in gold bars and bought £96 foreign gold coin. Of Thursday's sale, approximately £100,000 was taken for shipment to Paris. On Friday the Bank of England sold £199,264 in gold bars. Of this amount £150,000 was reported taken for Paris. London bullion brokers reported that of £337,000 gold available in the London open market on Tuesday, £187,000 was taken for shipment to New York at 84s. $11\frac{1}{2}$ d. and enough more was taken from the Bank of England to make the total of the New York shipment £220,000. The balance of the open market gold, amounting to £150,000, was taken for trade and India requirements. Next week £967,000 of South African gold will be available in the open market, and £875,000 will be available the following week.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Aug. 29-Sept. 4, inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$3,143,000, of which \$2,500,000 came from Argentina, \$519,000 from England and \$124,000 chiefly from other Latin America. Gold exports totaled \$114,000 to Mexico. The Reserve Bank reported an increase of \$1,601,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Sept. 4, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, AUG. 29-SEPT. 4, INCLUSIVE.

Imports.		Exports.
\$2,500,000 from Argentina		\$114,000 to Mexico
519,000 from England		
124,000 chiefly from other Latin America		
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\$3,143,000 total		\$114,000 total
Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.		
Increase, \$1,601,000		

Canadian exchange continues at a discount, Montreal funds ranging this week from 33-64 of 1% to 47-64 of 1% discount.

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday last was dull in the usual half-session. Bankers' sight was 4.84 3-16@4.84 3-8; cable transfers 4.84 11 16@4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$. On Monday, Labor Day, there was no market in New York. On Tuesday the market was fractionally higher. 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 Wednesday the market was steady. Bankers' sight was 4.84 3-16@4.84 7-16; cable transfers 4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.84 13-16. On Thursday sterling was under pressure. The range was 4.84 3-16@4.84 $\frac{3}{8}$ for bankers' sight and 4.84 23-32@4.84 25-32 for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was still under pressure, the range was 4.84 3-16@4.84 $\frac{3}{8}$ for bankers' sight and

4.84 23-32@4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.84 5-16 for demand and 4.84 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.84 $\frac{1}{8}$; 60-day bills at 4.79 5-16; 90-day bills at 4.77; documents for payment (60 days) at 4.79 5-16; and 7-day grain bills at 4.83 $\frac{1}{4}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.84 $\frac{1}{8}$.

The Continental exchanges have been dull and give an indication of the beginning of autumn pressure and the falling off of tourist expenditures. This is aside from the fact that all the exchanges give evidence of the very apparent demand for dollars abroad due to the continuance of high money rates in New York. French francs show on average little change from a week ago. As noted above, some gold was taken this week from London for Paris account, but it is generally believed in banking circles that the French gold takings from London are likely to come to an end now that September has arrived. The Bank of France statement for the week ended Aug. 30 shows an increase in gold holdings of 126,615,120 francs. It is believed that French banks will still have to repatriate part of their remaining foreign balances so as to meet autumn home requirements. This will undoubtedly cause further gold imports, though probably not to so important an extent as during the past several weeks. Foreign tourist expenditures have been considerably reduced and French credits on the entire foreign account are now much smaller than in July. The money outlook continues very favorable in Paris and no rise in discount rates seems probable in the next few weeks unless the Bank of England takes action. The ease in the Paris money market is ascribed largely to the repatriation by French banks during the last half of August to provide for month-end needs. In addition the resale to the Bank of France of gold bought by private banks in London has increased the funds disposable on the market. Another reason for the money ease is the great freedom with which the Bank of France has been buying bills presented by private institutions.

German marks have been on the whole fractionally easier, although trading has been extremely light. The weakness in marks is of course relative. Cable transfers this week have averaged around 23.80, which compares with dollar parity of 23.82. With respect to other currencies than dollars, marks are firm and in demand at nearly all European centers. This is owing to the high rates for money in Germany and to the active credit demand. The high money rates at New York have practically brought transfers of dollars to a standstill and the German credit requirements are met chiefly by Paris, Amsterdam, and other nearby markets. German municipalities are paying 10% for public loans. Month-end money in Berlin went at from 9% to 11%. German industries are finding great difficulty in raising long-term loans and have been compelled to resort to short-term borrowings, most of which accommodation is provided by France, Switzerland, and Holland. During the year to September 1, Germany's foreign loans totaled approximately only 300,000,000 marks, as compared with 1,150,000,000 marks the year before. Italian lire are inclined to weakness from much the same causes as affect the other leading Continentals, but the lira is prevented from showing any sharp decline which might result from seasonal pressure or the reduction in tourist expenditures owing to the active interference of the Italian foreign exchange institute.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.88 on Friday of this week, against 123.89 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 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 3.90 13-16. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.89 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and at 13.90 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 13.89 $\frac{3}{4}$ and 13.90 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 23.79 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 23.80 $\frac{1}{2}$ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.22 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23 for cable transfers, against 5.22 $\frac{7}{8}$ and 5.23 $\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week. Austrian schillings closed at 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of this week, against 14.10 on Friday of last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96 $\frac{1}{8}$, against 2.96 $\frac{1}{8}$; 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 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 1.29 $\frac{3}{4}$.

The exchanges of the countries neutral during the war, while dull, also give evidence of the beginning of seasonal pressure. This is due largely to the falling off in tourist requirements. Guilders are little changed from a week ago. Aside from the seasonal factors, the guilder is off with respect to the dollar, mainly because of transfers from Holland to the American security markets, and with respect to sterling and marks owing to the attractive money rates in Berlin and London. Spanish pesetas have been ruling fractionally easier, though on the whole the unit has been maintained close to the higher levels reached during the past few weeks through the operation of the Madrid Foreign Exchange Committee.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.04 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 40.04 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.06 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 40.06 $\frac{1}{4}$, and commercial sight bills at 40.01 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.01. Swiss francs closed at 19.24 $\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.25 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. in comparison with 19.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 19.24 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.60 $\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at 26.62, against 26.60 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.62. 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 26.63, against 26.61 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.62. Spanish pesetas closed at 14.73 for checks and at 14.74 for cable transfers, which compares with 14.74 and 14.75 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges show little change from the past few weeks. The undertone of Argentine pesos continues weak despite the heavy shipments of gold from Buenos Aires to London and New York during the past several months. This week the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reports the further receipt of \$2,500,000 gold from Argentina. As during several months past, the weakness in Argentina is due chiefly to local business demoralization following on labor disturbances. The high money rates in New York have also proved detrimental to the South American countries, not alone in drawing surplus funds from Buenos Aires and Rio de Janeiro, but in the retardation or postponement of many loans necessary to the development of industry in Latin America. Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 41.95 for checks, as compared with 41.98

on Friday of last week, and at 42.00 for cable trans-
fers, against 42.03. Brazilian milreis finished at
11.86 for checks and at 11.89 for cable transfers,
against 11.86 and 11.89. Chilean exchange closed
at 12.10 for checks and at 12.15 for cable transfers,
against 12 1-16 and 12 1/8, and Peru at 3.98 for checks
and at 3.99 for cable transfers, against 3.98 and 3.99.

The Far Eastern exchanges are unchanged in all
important respects from the past few weeks. They
are all extremely dull. The Chinese quotations
fluctuate strictly with the price of silver, which has
been ruling much lower than a few months ago.
Japanese yen continue fairly steady around levels
recently reached when the Finance Minister an-
nounced the intention of the Government to lift the
gold embargo as soon as possible. It is thought
likely that the gold embargo may be lifted before the
end of the year. An interesting item on Chinese
money recently appeared in a dispatch to the New
York "Times" from its Harbin correspondent:
"Fluctuations in the value of the Harbin paper dol-
lar, generally recognized as the most unstable money
in China, have cost the Chinese Eastern Railway
losses of more than \$3,000,000 in the last year, ac-
cording to a report just made public here. In Har-
bin the only silver money used is small Japanese
coins, but the Chinese are not permitted to accept
Japanese money of any kind, and periodical raids
on shopkeepers restrict the use of Japanese silver and
currency to foreigners. The silver dollars and sub-
sidiary silver coins found in other parts of China are
not seen in Harbin, for the simple reason that they
are much more valuable than the Harbin dollar,
or the Harbin dime. The result is that Harbin does
most of its business with filthy paper money in de-
nominations running from 5 cents upward. Much of
it has been so often mended with paste and paper
that the face value is almost indiscernible, for
the Chinese banks of issue will not redeem torn nor
wornout bills. To-day the Harbin paper dollar is

worth only 70 cents, as compared with the Peking
paper or silver dollar." Closing quotations for yen
checks yesterday were 46.85@46.15-16, against
46.60@46 3/4 on Friday of last week. Hong Kong
closed at 48@48 5-16, against 48 3-16@48 1/2; Shang-
hai at 57 1/8@57 3-16, against 57 7/8@57 15-16; Manila
at 49 3/4, against 49 3/4; Singapore at 56 1/8@56 1/4,
against 56 1/8@56 1/4; Bombay at 36 1/4, against 36 1/4,
and Calcutta at 36 1/4@36 1/4.

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

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

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

Table with 7 columns: Saturday, Aug. 31; Monday, Sept. 2; Tuesday, Sept. 3; Wednesday, Sept. 4; Thursday, Sept. 5; Friday, Sept. 6; Aggregate for Week. Rows show dollar amounts for each day and total for the week.

Note.—The foregoing heavy credits reflect the huge mass of checks which come
to the New York Reserve Bank from all parts of the country in the operation of
the Federal Reserve System's par collection scheme. These large credit balances,
however, reflect only a part of the Reserve Bank's operations with the Clearing
House institutions, as only the items payable in New York City are represented
the daily balances. The large volume of checks on institutions located outside of
New York are not accounted for in arriving at these balances, as such checks do
not pass through the Clearing House but are deposited with the Federal Reserve
Bank for collection for the account of the local Clearing House banks.

The following table indicates the amount of bul-
lion in the principal European banks:

Table showing gold and silver holdings in principal European banks for Sept. 5 and 6 1929. Columns include Gold, Silver, and Total for each bank.

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE
BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACTS OF 1922
AUG. 31 TO SEPT. 6 1929, INCLUSIVE.

Large table of foreign exchange rates. Columns include Country and Monetary Unit, Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York (Aug. 31 to Sept. 6), and various exchange rates for Europe, Asia, and the Americas.

Total week 833,375,585 34,558,600 867,934,185 794,186,588 35,122,600 829,309,188
Prev. week 832,113,712 34,439,600 866,553,312 792,367,897 35,062,600 827,430,497

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

Mr. MacDonald's Speech and the Outlook for Armament Limitation.

The speech which J. Ramsay MacDonald, British
Prime Minister, delivered on Tuesday at the Tenth
Assembly of the League of Nations was, on the
whole, rather a remarkable performance. Without
addressing himself to any particular item on the
League's agenda, and without, accordingly, urging
the League to any specific course of action, Mr.
MacDonald devoted some three-quarters of an hour
to an explanation and defense of British policy and
a discussion of the present status of the Anglo-
American conversations about armament limitation.
He evidently felt the need of smoothing the ruffled
feelings of the Powers at which our expense Great Brit-
ain had won its financial victory at The Hague,
and paid a tribute to "those good people," particu-
larly M. Jaspard, Prime Minister of Belgium, "who
did their best to keep us together and bring us to-
gether" and to "insure that the idea and spirit of
fair play should never be obscured while we were

haggling over pounds, shillings and pence." He announced that the British Government had decided to sign the optional clause of the Statute of the League relating to the submission of controversies to arbitration, explained the policy of Great Britain toward Egypt, declared that the disturbance in Palestine was not a conflict between Moslem and Jew but "simply an uprising of lawlessness and disorder" which the British had "pretty well" in hand, championed the rights of minority populations, urged full recognition of the developing power of the East as the only way of averting war, and denounced tariffs as an economic obstruction in the path of economic co-operation.

The greatest interest naturally attached to what Mr. MacDonald had to say about the progress of the armament discussion with the United States. On this subject Mr. MacDonald's statements were unexpectedly optimistic. "The British Government," he declared, "will do everything it possibly can to hasten preparation for a disarmament conference." The "special contribution" of Great Britain to this "must be in the field of naval armaments," and everyone will recognize that "the best preliminary" is an agreement with the United States. In saying this, Mr. MacDonald hoped that it "will arouse neither jealousy nor suspicion in the hearts of other nations." "The problem of armaments is not a problem between the United States and ourselves. The British Government declines absolutely to build up against the United States. . . . What we want is to get an agreement which, having been made, can be a preliminary to the calling of a five-Power naval conference, the other Powers being as free to negotiate with them as though no conversations had taken place between America and ourselves." The conversations, Mr. MacDonald continued, "have not yet been ended, but the agreement has gone very far. I do not quite know what form it will take, and can say nothing at the moment that would in any way hamper President Hoover in his work, but I think we might produce a document that would have something like twenty points of agreement in it—a very comprehensive document. . . . It will be a very great pleasure to you—to the League of Nations—to know that if I say it runs to twenty points, there are only about three of the twenty outstanding at the present moment." Some announcement of the agreement, he said, might be made before the Assembly closed.

The immediate reaction at Washington to Mr. MacDonald's remarks was hardly enthusiastic. No statement has been forthcoming from Mr. Hoover, but Secretary of State Stimson, after discussing with Mr. Hoover the summaries of the speech received on Tuesday, issued a statement in which he said that "in the opinion of those of us who have been working on it on this side we have been making hopeful progress, but we feel that it will require still a considerable period of hard work on details before an agreement on parity is arrived at." This reads like a courteous way of saying that Mr. MacDonald was somewhat too optimistic, and that an agreement is not quite as near to completion as his remarks at Geneva would lead his hearers to suppose. Washington dispatches, while unable to give details, suggest that though agreement on relatively minor issues may have been reached, the whole matter is actually sticking exactly where it has

stuck all along, namely, at the issue of parity in naval strength. Mr. MacDonald's declaration that Great Britain will not under any circumstances undertake to build up to the United States does not solve the problem of how the naval strength of the two Powers is to be apportioned. It is evident that Mr. Hoover's interesting suggestion of a "yardstick" for the measurement of relative naval strength in battleships, cruisers, submarines, and other types of vessels has not been easy to work out in practice. In other words, with the most hopeful temper on the part of Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Hoover, we do not yet know certainly that the solution of the fundamental problem of parity has really been advanced at all.

The Washington correspondent of the New York "World," writing on Wednesday, notes another demurrer to Mr. MacDonald's optimism. Speaking of the problem of security and the Briand-Kellogg pact, Mr. MacDonald said: "A very witty Englishman once said, remarking about castles in the air, that the right place for castles was in the air, and that what men on earth ought to do was to build up foundations in order that the castles might be supported. To a certain extent the pact of peace is still a castle in the air, and the Assembly of the League is going to build up the foundations to support this castle." Having in mind the important part which armament reduction obviously plays in the furtherance of peace, Washington circles, the "World" correspondent reported, were inclined to see in Mr. MacDonald's remark a disposition to make armament reduction dependent too closely upon the action of the League—a disposition with which the United States can hardly find itself in much accord.

The reaction to Mr. MacDonald's speech in Europe has also been somewhat unfavorable. The French press, still irritated at the outcome of The Hague negotiations, does not take kindly to the idea of a naval conference to which France and other Powers are to be invited only after Great Britain and the United States have reached an agreement, and no intimation has yet been given that France or Italy intended to abridge their own extensive programs of naval construction. It was noticed at Geneva that the Italian delegates were chary of applause while Mr. MacDonald was speaking.

The London press, in turn, shows concern over the decision of the MacDonald Government to accept the optional clause of the League Statute—a decision under which the whole question of the freedom of the seas might be taken out of the Government's hands and carried before the World Court or some arbitration tribunal. It is an open secret that Mr. MacDonald himself has not been able to resist strong pressure from the Admiralty against any material reduction of Great Britain's naval strength, at the same time that any appraisal of Mr. MacDonald's proposals must take account of the fact that the Labor Government does not control a majority in the House of Commons, and that the Conservatives, although on record as opposing competition in naval building with the United States, have never committed themselves to any weakening of the British naval position. The report from Geneva on Thursday that the United States and Great Britain had agreed upon a 17 to 15 ratio for 10,000-ton cruisers must, accordingly, be accepted with reserve.

Unquestionably, a very large number of persons in this country and in Great Britain earnestly desire to see naval armaments reduced. They believe that unless that is done, the continuance of naval building, whether for replacement of worn-out vessels or for increased efficiency, tends to keep alive the question of an ultimate recourse to war if international controversies arise. The difficulties in the present negotiations, as far as can be gathered from the small amount of information that has been allowed to come out from secret conversations, appear to be mainly two. The first is the extreme difficulty of deciding what parity means and how it may be attained. The second is Mr. Hoover's apparent insistence that the present scale of armaments shall actually be reduced; in other words, that there shall be actual reduction now as well as limitation later. Whether the two things, parity and actual reduction, are incompatible we do not pretend to say, but it is evident that if the United States is to go ahead with a building program which will actually increase the effectiveness of the American navy, it may be difficult for Mr. MacDonald to persuade the British people that some appreciable amount of British naval tonnage should at the same time be scrapped in behalf of a something vaguely described as parity.

It seems a fair guess that it is difficulties like these that have delayed Mr. MacDonald's long-talked-of visit to this country. For more than three months Mr. MacDonald, if one may believe newspaper reports, has been on the point of coming to this country, but each announcement of his assumed intention has been shortly followed by statements that the date had not yet been definitely fixed, or that it had been postponed, or that no invitation from Washington had been received, or that Washington, while glad to see him if he came, was not advised regarding his plans. On Tuesday, the day on which Mr. MacDonald made his speech at Geneva, a dispatch from Washington to the New York "Times" stated that White House officials "lacked definite knowledge of the reported date" of the "hoped-for visit," and that "it was said that nothing was known beyond what had appeared in the newspapers." There is every reason to believe that Mr. MacDonald and Mr. Hoover, if they could talk the matter over, might be able to advance considerably the possibility of a naval agreement, and the British Premier would assuredly be a welcome national guest. It would be better, however, if this backing and filling about the visit were to cease, lest public opinion in this country should regretfully conclude that the discussion of armament limitation was destined, after all, to end only in talk. For some two and a half years the question has been under consideration either at Geneva or at the capitals of the principal naval Powers. It is to be hoped that before long something practical will result. The situation is akin to that familiar in English history, when the men of Kent petitioned the Commons to "turn their loyal addresses into votes of supply."

Inventors Aid Big Business.

It is astonishing how the inventive mind keeps pace with business requirements. Just as the threshing machine superseded the flail, making it possible for the agriculturist better and more quickly to prepare his increasing crops of grain for the market

and the mill, so did the mowing machine, the "horse" rake, the reaper and binder and the tractor enable the farmer to handle increasing harvests from expanding acres under cultivation.

Business appliances have done wonders in expediting office work, the telephone, the typewriter, the adding machine, loose-leaf ledgers and manifolded machines each contributing their share in handling accurately and promptly the rapidly growing work in every branch of trade.

And now when great prosperity has enabled so many corporations to become dividend payers upon numerous classes of stocks, and just at a time when the number of stockholders has been multiplied many times, the inventor is equal to an emergency, which will be intensified by the process of splitting shares, involving wider distribution.

The old-fashioned method of corporation officials signing shares of stock, bonds and dividend checks by using a pen propelled by a human hand was long ago abolished by large corporations. There was substituted a device which duplicated a signature many times, so that when an officer wrote his name his autograph was correctly reproduced perhaps a hundred times. That was thought to be a great stride and a wonderful relief to weary officials.

But the last few years have witnessed an amazing increase in the number of shareholders and in dividend-paying stocks of all kinds which demanded greater speed in the preparation of dividend checks, especially as many dividends are now paid quarterly.

Inventive genius has met this requirement of our modern business age with a new machine which prepares a check, including the name and address of the stockholder and the amount of the dividend to be paid to the respective shareholder. A complete check, including the signature, is printed by the machine, and all of the work can be delegated to an operator instead of worrying an official, who needs to sign his name only once in order that facsimiles may be reproduced with rapidity and accuracy.

An example of this stride in office work is indicated by the experience of the Pennsylvania Railroad in sending out its September dividend checks. Under the old methods two weeks would have been required to prepare checks for mailing to 150,000 stockholders, located in every State and in nearly every country. Preparation for the current disbursement was made in two days of continuous operation, the task being accomplished by relays of operators, instead of putting the entire work upon one official.

A single machine prints 3,600 checks and stubs per hour, or at the rate of one per second. Relief thus afforded to executives and other officials by time-saving and labor-saving devices makes it not only possible to obtain the best men to discharge the duties of responsible positions, but it affords such officials greater time to study new problems which are always presenting themselves for solution.

An Ancient Obsession That Will Not Down.

Notwithstanding unmistakable objections to the "tariff tinkering" now going on in the Special Session of Congress, we doubt that the people, individually, are very much disturbed over the matter. It is the same old song, sung in a slightly different key. Invoking the protective tariff in the interest of the farmer is a variation in the application, but it is the same old standby that has been the peculiar

property of the dominant party for more than half a century, and in its protective principle was lately embraced in the Democratic Convention. Shut out foreign goods and grains by heavy duties at the port of entry and thus strengthen the home market, develop domestic industries, raise the wages of labor, keep the factory fires burning, counteract the difference in cost of production between our own and foreign countries, and insure the general prosperity.

But the farmer, in whose behalf the present legislation is ordained, is complaining, in the old way, that, having a surplus, he sells in the free market of the world and must buy in a protected and restricted market at home. Some of his friends have figured that for every dollar he gains by a tariff on his grains he will pay ten dollars on the goods he buys—if, indeed, he gains anything at all by the tariff laid on what he produces and sells abroad where trade is free.

It was proposed, at the start of the present tariff legislation (and the proposal is now to recur) that the duties be restricted solely to farm products. For some reason this has become impossible. No sooner is a tariff bill proposed than a swarm of beneficiaries gathers at Washington to see that the melon is properly sliced. It would be a political scandal to help the farmer and not the manufacturer. Committees and sub-committees open their ears to pleas that spring up from every quarter. There is one exception at the present time—the automobile makers! They have announced a willingness for a reduction. Perhaps they have reached the "saturation point," or perhaps they have seen the "justice" of increasing foreign purchases to pay for their rapidly growing foreign sales. Whatever the cause they are willing to strike off a part of the duties on their own products. And the jewellers are willing to see uncut diamonds come in free since they cannot prevent smuggling.

It is a merry dance. Looked at from afar, it is a fantastic revel for the opportunity of charging more for manufactured and agricultural products according to scales made and provided by Congress. And so it has always been since a candidate for President unwittingly announced (but quite accurately) that the "tariff is a local issue," meaning that each section gets all it can without regard for other sections. Even now it is charged that Florida fruit growers are not getting a square deal, California receiving the best of the bargain. And the beet sugar growers are not happy, while Cuba, a good customer, is talking of ruin. It is a mess any way you look at it. Yet the wheels of industry must turn slowly and warily until the schedules are settled. What, pray, is the basis for all this dickering? What has trade, exchange, aye production and distribution, to do with these long schedules, difficult and fractional changes, in a bill for the *levying of tariffs on imports*? Doctors do not agree, but the patient must still take the medicine.

Politics, at one time divided on what was called low and high tariff; or, tariff for revenue with incidental protection, and a high protective tariff as a principle, a principle that for varying reasons, from time to time, brought prosperity. But we are now, according to a chorus of voices, the most prosperous people on earth. Why, then, meddle with the tariff? The reason is—politics! We have got to do something; we cannot let go of the tariff in entirety (and as a matter of fact we cannot at this juncture in

world trade), and so we "tinker." We promised the farmer relief, both parties promised, and the party in power has created a Federal Farm Board with half a billion in funds to loan to co-operative marketing associations (which relief has been characterized as helping the farmer to help himself), and so we invoke the tariff as an infallible means of help—and in the doing of it the glorious scramble for equalization of the unequal goes grandly on.

It may be that some sweet day we will turn away from this iridescent tariff dream. But that day seems far distant. And but one thing is assured, that when the bill is signed, bread, meat, sugar, citrus fruits, clothes of cotton and wool, hides and shoes, lumber and building materials, will bear a higher price. If wages rise it will be by the coercion of other forces. If salaries rise it will be because the general level of costs and prices draws them up. If manufacture is benefited, or if agriculture is afforded relief, it will be because the consumers are forced to pay more for what they buy. And since there is an evident scramble to be in on the tariff benefits, products and industries will fare well or ill according to the schedule of rates they may each secure. Nothing could be more patent than that this whole endeavor is at variance with normal levelling of interchange of goods and contrary to the welfare of the masses.

There is but one offset to this disturbing element in the life of trade. The power of toil and industry is so great as to overcome the interference. Its effect is not equal to its promise. The energies of the people overleap the obstacles. The differences in the benefit to agriculture and manufacture, the differences occasioned by the uneven schedules themselves, are worn down by the exchanges that follow the natural laws of mutual benefit, of the greatest good to the greatest number. Business adjusts itself to the tariff. The force of need and the lure of profit, the energies of men applied to the resources of earth, the vast impetus of "making a living" goes on despite the wheedling politics of this artificial endeavor. In the course of time the tax becomes a misnomer and the protection becomes a delusion. We have reached a stage in the business world when it will be wise to prepare for its ultimate abandonment.

Resort to a measure that is the football of politics is uneconomic. Sometime the tariff walls of the world must come down. As a tax the tariff is deceptive and dishonest. As a relief to business it is a fallacy, taking from many to feed the one. It is contrary to the freedom of trade, a freedom that is innate, for if goods cannot be exchanged according to the wants and needs of man and according to their intrinsic merits, production is impotent and distribution a farce. The very fact that the new, and old, States of Europe, after the war have resorted to this means of wresting revenue from impoverishment is proof that the tariff is a tyrant and contrary to the welfare of burdened peoples. The tyrant has taken a new grasp on peoples and States and threatens to place politics in the role of arbiter and ruler over the occupations, businesses, destinies, of individuals, otherwise free and equal under law.

The Flight Around the World.

The log of the Graf Zeppelin, dirigible airship, in command of Dr. Hugo Eckener, discloses that the circle around the earth was completed in 21 days,

17 hours, and 28 minutes from Lakehurst to Lakehurst, as follows: Thursday, August 8, 12:39 A. M., left Lakehurst, N. J., for Friedrichshafen; Saturday, August 10, 8:33 A. M., landed at Friedrichshafen, completing trip of 4,200 miles, in 55 hours, 24 minutes; Wednesday, August 14, 11:34 A. M., left Friedrichshafen for Tokio; Monday, August 19, 5:27 A. M., landed at Kasumiguara Airport, completing trip of 6,800 miles in 101 hours, 53 minutes; Friday, August 23, 2:18 A. M., left Kasumiguara for Los Angeles; Monday, August 26, 6:11 A. M., landed at Los Angeles, completing flight of about 5,500 miles from Tokio in 78 hours, 58 minutes; Tuesday, August 27, 4:14 A. M., left Los Angeles for Lakehurst, N. J., passing points in the United States as follows: 8:13 P. M., El Paso, Texas; Wednesday, August 28, 11:39 A. M., Kansas City, Mo.; 6:25 P. M., Chicago; 10:40 P. M., Detroit; Thursday, August 29, 12:13 A. M., Cleveland; 12:57 A. M., Akron, Ohio; 1:56 A. M., Newcastle, Pa.; 4:06 A. M., Bellefont, Pa.; 7:02 A. M., reached New York; 8:13 A. M., landed at Lakehurst, N. J. The ship carried 16 passengers and crew. It required 450 sailors and marines to guide the huge dirigible safely into its hangar. Six hundred pounds of mail were carried. Great crowds greeted the voyagers as they passed over the principal cities en route, that at Chicago being most notable.

The flight of the Graf Zeppelin around the world is a triumph of engineering construction, aerial navigation, and human skill and daring. It demonstrates the possibility of commercial aviation by the dirigible and throws some light on its feasibility. The famous voyage circled the earth in the Northern hemisphere in the temperate and arctic zones, crossed two great oceans, passed over the vast reaches of Siberia and across the South Central and Central parts of the United States. The flight is an epic story of sublime achievement, and yet it opened no new lands to settlement, discovered no new continents, and marked out no permanent route of travel for the sons of men. Any other passage than that adopted would doubtless present a new set of difficulties, require new stopping places, encounter entirely new problems. But the feat is an overwhelming fact, lures the imagination to new speculations, and thrills the thought of mankind to wonder and to the worship of achievement. The benefits to come are yet to be determined and lie almost entirely in the realm of speculation. This flight of a lighter-than-air machine is the first of its kind.

If we look upon this wholly modern achievement from the standpoint of its advantages to commerce we must note that aside from the United States and a small part of Europe, it passes over unproductive territory, and in the nature of things is as yet a valueless effort in pioneering the air. Not that it does not "blaze the way" to more acute efforts in transportation, but that in itself it is a remarkable feat rather than a profitable demonstration. Nor can it be said that this one great success indicates that other and similar ones are immediately to follow. But mankind rejoices in the signal victory and does honor to the commander and crew who so successfully piloted this unparalleled voyage. What has been done may be done again in some sort of fashion; one supreme accomplishment presages another; and it may be that another decade will see many shorter routes established.

Looking upon aerial flight as a more rapid means of communication and transportation, we are bound to try to measure the value of mere time-saving in the affairs of men. And it must be indubitably true that the saving of time by new machinery lessens the need for labor. If there are not then compensating advantages in comfort and happiness the gain is not as marked as at first appears. For, it may be repeated again and again, labor is the law of life. We have now slow means of travel and transport that accomplish all the major benefits that can be obtained by flying machines. On the other hand, if more comfort and joy can be crowded into a single lifetime, that lifetime, in a sense, is lengthened. But labor, combiner of toil and thought, is life; and we all really live in proportion to our activities and accomplishments. So that the constant, temperate "doing of good" in the realm to which we are allotted is the measure of life. Progress that increases naturally is therefore more to be desired than spectacular advances. We may fly, but to what purpose save the common good?

Taking another view, there are a million paths in the air ready made for the voyager. Millions of paths, and direct routes. Mountains and seas present no obstacles. And it may well be that one of the ensuing great advantages to accrue from this mode of travel is the quickening growth of countries remote and at present largely inaccessible. In this sense we behold the whole world drawing close together. Physical contact is necessary to spiritual unity. But this benefit we assume to be distant and conjectural. To us it is inconceivable that the mountainous and coastal States of the Southern hemisphere will soon be linked by aerial routes carrying passengers and freight in anything like the capacity now open to steamships and railroads. There is a railroad across the high peaks of the Andes in successful operation. There is practically an interior road from Cairo to the Cape. The Graf Zeppelin itself followed the route of the Trans-Siberian Railway for a good part of its journey. And what are known as tramp steamers now touch the main ports on every ocean. An epochal voyage has been made in a new and modern ship.

The President's comment on the achievement: "It shows that the spirit of high adventure still lives," calls up one of the most important features of the surpassing event. We need not consider its practical phases when we look upon the spirit of man to dare and to do. Carried into all the fields of effort, this is the thing that sustains life, advances civilization, and enriches human culture. Those who are willing to enter untried ways—to investigate, to analyze, to compete, and to courageously advance, regardless of the sacrifice of themselves, carry the momentum of discovery and accomplishment forward that others may follow. The record of lighter-than-air machines contains many sad and heart-breaking pages. The designer himself, Zeppelin of war fame, is said to have died of a broken heart over the many disasters that befel his invention. But the intrepidity of the spirit rises above all danger and man still carries on. The more spectacular the adventure, the more iron enters the soul for the simpler though no less valuable achievements that minister to comfort, health, intelligence, and happiness. Looking on this side, the tens of thousands who cheered the ship on its way but spoke an honest tribute to human heroism.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Sept. 6 1929.

High temperatures have militated against trade during the past week. It has been intensely hot all over the country. The heat wave has culminated and to-day there was even snow in Nebraska and South Dakota, while in other parts of the West, and also here in the East, the temperatures have fallen fully 20 degrees, after reaching 90 to 94 for five days in succession. It is hoped that at last the Summer is about to end. It has been one of the most trying for many years past. It has been accompanied by drought over great areas of the country. Dry conditions have not altogether disappeared. It is true, however, the great drought in Texas has been mitigated by heavy rains in parts of that State during the past few days, and Oklahoma has also been benefited by copious rains all over the State. Here there was .60 of an inch over night. More is predicted. It is badly needed. The rains will benefit the Southwestern cotton crop, although they would have been very much more valuable if they had come three or four weeks ago. But as regards trade, we are approaching the season when it usually revives. For the time being the heavy industries show less life. In the nature of things, however, this lull cannot last; the wants of a population of 120,000,000 over a continental area of 3,000,000 square miles are too large. The steel mills are still producing on a large scale. They have smaller backlogs but, on the other hand, production in some directions has recently decreased somewhat. Pig iron prices at the South, recently disturbing, have latterly been steadier. And the consumption of pig iron is on a large scale. The output in August and for eight months exceeded that of any previous record.

Prices for grain have stood up well. Those for wheat show no marked change for the week. The drought in Argentina is the outstanding feature of the world's wheat trade. At the same time, the Canadian crop seems to be turning out rather better than was expected, and the export demand for wheat is backward. Corn has advanced somewhat, owing to dry weather at the West, but of late beneficial rains have fallen, so that the net advance for the week is very moderate. Other grain has advanced slightly in harmony with prices for wheat and corn. There is a good cash demand for oats and rye. The trouble in the rye trade is that there is no export demand. Provisions have declined somewhat, with no great snap in trade, and the corn market lending no particular aid. Rubber shows no marked change for the week. Malayan exports have been large, and London and Singapore have declined. But, on the other hand, there has been enough trade demand here with the aid of covering of shorts to prevent any marked net decline. Copper has been very active, especially for domestic account. In lead there has also been a brisk trade. Hides have advanced to some extent.

Cotton has declined only slightly in spite of the breaking of the drought in parts of Texas and pretty much all of Oklahoma. For there is a fear that the rains have come too late to be of any very marked benefit, though they are likely to stop premature shedding, help develop growing bolls, and improve the staple of cotton. But the technical position is better and the average of crop estimates is about 600,000 bales smaller than the Government estimate a month ago of 15,543,000 bales. A Boston report on the condition of the crop to-day was only 55.8%, or about 14% under the Government condition report of a month ago. The average report on the condition, however, is about 57, or 12% under last month. Either, of course, is bad enough. There is a decline as compared with the 10-year average of fully 10%. The Government report, which is to appear on the 9th inst., is eagerly awaited in the trade as likely to shed greater light on the actual situation. Coffee has declined both here and in Brazil. The cost and freight offers have steadily sunk in price. Speculation, moreover, has been sluggish. Commodity speculation suffers, of course, from the overwhelming popularity of the stock market. Raw sugar has advanced as the outlook seems to promise more stable conditions in the trade, and there has been distinctly less pressure to sell. Refiners have lowered

their prices 20 points in order to stimulate trade, but prompt Cuban raws are 1/16c. higher than a week ago at 2 1/8c.

As regards general trade, the dullness has been varied to some extent by a certain amount of stimulus from State Fairs and Market Weeks in many parts of the country. In the agricultural districts trading has been restricted partly by the uncertain crop outlook as well as the very high temperatures. A good business is reported in the clothing industry. Operations are active also in rayon, knit wear and similar lines. The new styles call for more material in clothing. In the aggregate they promise to make a marked difference for the better in trade in various fabrics. At most of the big centers shoe manufacturing is active, and there is a sharp demand for sole leather. Wool was considered rather steadier, and it is believed that buying by manufacturers is likely to be larger in the near future, because of increased orders understood to be on their books. Preparing for the Winter trade, radio manufacturers are operating on a larger scale. Radio cabinets seem to be in greater demand. Radio stock has risen sharply. In the furniture trade proper there is some improvement. Coincident with this is a larger demand for hardwood lumber at rather firmer prices. In some parts of the country the coal trade has improved in preparation for the Fall business and because of drought. And mine operations increased somewhat. It is believed that industrial stocks of coal are at a low stage. This will necessitate heavy buying in the next few months. There has been less business among the iron and steel, automobile and agricultural implement industries. Other heavy lines have latterly slackened. But the exhibits of production for eight months of this year were in some cases large beyond precedent. Trade in machine tool and electrical apparatus has increased somewhat. Building is quiet. Naturally, under the circumstances, the demand for brick and other building material is slow.

One drawback is the reduced stage of the rivers and smaller streams in many parts of the country following prolonged droughts. This has compelled public utility plants which ordinarily use hydro-electric power to go back to coal, etc., for power. River steamers in some parts of the country have been forced by the low stage of rivers to carry smaller cargoes. Print cloths have been in only fair demand, and latterly it is understood there has been some cutting of prices, though it does not appear to be general. Broad silks for the fall trade have been in excellent demand. Raw silk has been firmer, with a larger business here. A moderate business has been done in woolen and worsted goods, while clothing manufacturers have given out fair orders for Spring lines.

The stock market on the 4th inst. in most cases declined 2 to 5 points, though Radio advanced about 10 1/2 points. Call money was still at 9%, as it had been for 9 days. The weak feature was United States Steel. It fell 3 points net. General Motors was conspicuously strong. It rose 3 points. United States Steel's decline threw a kind of shadow over the general list. Still, General Motors' strength coincided with advances in Nash, Radio, Commercial Investment, du Pont, Rolling Mill, Southern Railway, Reading, Soo Line, Otis Elevator and a number of the store stocks. After nearly 3 weeks of an uninterrupted advance, a reaction was of course not in the least surprising. That is was so moderate was surprising. A general expectation of another increase in the already colossal brokers' loans counted for something, as well as the impending report by the Federal Reserve Bank and the old but refurbished rumor of a coming rise in the Bank of England discount rate. The truth more likely was that which stared everybody in the face, namely a reaction was due after 19 days of continuous advances. As it was, the final quotations on the 4th inst. was generally something above the low for the day.

Stocks on the 5th inst. dropped 2 to 12 points in an overdue reaction. U. S. Steel common fell about 8 points and General Electric, after touching 397, fell to 385 1/2, or nearly 12 points, the net loss being 4 1/2. Railroad stocks were not exempt. New York Central fell 6 points, Atchison 3%, Pennsylvania 3%, and Radio 5%. Other features were Simmons, Rolling Mills, Tank Car, Worthington Pump,

Anchor Cap and Otis Elevator. Copper shares were firm for a time on record-breaking sales of the metal and talk of higher prices. But later they felt the downward pull of other stocks. Oils had for a damper a further increase in production. The rise in August of over \$400,000,000 in brokers' loans was something more than had been expected. Meanwhile, the oft predicted rise in the Bank of England rate of discount proved to be groundless. The rate of 9% money here, however, was something of a disappointment. In bonds, United States Government issues were stronger, though not active. Convertibles were inclined to weaken, and railroad bonds were irregular. To-day stocks advanced 2 to 15 points, with Radio up 11 points and a leading feature. Money fell to 6%. The technical position was much better after the sharp decline in two days. An overbought condition had been at least partly corrected. The sales mounted to 5,122,000 shares. The more salient features were Simmons Bed, in which many shorts were caught; American Water Works, Standard Gas, U. S. Steel, International Telephone, National Biscuit, Allied Chemical, Cash Register, Consolidated Gas, St. Paul, North Western, Columbia Graphophone, American Metals, Anaconda, Atlas Powder, General Motors, Allegheny, Foreign Power and Otis Elevator. The steels, foods and public utilities were generally higher. Bonds lagged behind.

Fall River, Mass., wired that an important conference will be held by a group of Fall River textile manufacturers September 10th for the purpose of considering the question of adopting a direct system of selling goods manufactured by textile corporations through a distribution agency under their own control. If the plan is adopted it will mean the elimination of many brokers who have had something to say in the sale of cotton goods for many years. Manufacturers of silk, rayon and cotton products are to be represented at the conference. But several Fall River mill treasurers who were here on the 4th inst. said they knew nothing whatever about the dispatch published to the effect that a meeting is to be held there. They said that they are not at all in sympathy with any such project. Lawrence, Mass., wired that mills here are enjoying the best post-Labor Day season in a number of years. The recent announcement relative to the new industrial developments has created a more satisfactory feeling among the thousands of workers who were back at their machines after the Summer holidays. Charlotte, N. C., wired on Sept. 2nd that the unfortunate condition of things at the Clinchfield and Marion Mills at Marion, N. C., continued. Rioting and violence still prevailed following a dynamite explosion. A mob of 400 strikers drove the sheriff and 20 men from the Marion mill and the militia was patrolling that village and threatening to fire on the mob. August sales of Montgomery, Ward & Co. showed an increase of 46.73% over the same month last year. This, the company's statement said, was not only the largest August in the history of the organization but represents the sixteenth consecutive month in which sales showed an increase over the same month of the preceding year. For the first eight months of 1929 Montgomery, Ward & Co.'s sales showed an increase of 31.37% over the same period last year. Estimates of Sears Roebuck & Co.'s August sales are for a total of approximately \$35,000,000 compared with \$28,985,684 in August 1928. If this estimate is correct receipts for the year to date would be approximately \$261,000,000 compared with \$201,361,086 for the same period last year. F. W. Woolworth Co.'s sales in August gained 12% over August 1928. They were \$24,446,010 against \$21,811,872 in August last year. For eight months receipts were \$182,777,182 against \$167,680,209 in the same period in 1928, a gain of 9%.

The weather this week has been extraordinarily hot for this time of year. It was 90 degrees on August 31, 92 on September 1st and 2nd. But on the 3rd it was 94 degrees, the highest ever known on that date. For that matter, the other temperatures were unprecedented for September. As some figure it, there have been 5 heat waves this Summer. Usually there are two, or at the most three. On the 3rd inst. temperatures in the vicinity of New York were declared to have reached 97 degrees, though this is unofficial. But New York was an oven, and the pavements of the city lose their heat slowly. Boston wired on the 3rd inst. that the highest temperature in three years was recorded there on that day when the mercury rose to 97 degrees at 2 P. M. An hour later the heat had failed to abate. The heat was the greatest recorded at the Boston Weather Bureau in the

month of September since 1881. The previous high record for all months was on July 22 1926, i. e., 103 degrees. In parts of New Jersey it was said to have been 99. On the 2nd inst. Philadelphia had 70 to 94, Portland, Me., 72 to 92, Chicago 72 to 90, Cincinnati 62 to 92, Cleveland 72 to 88, Detroit 60 to 90, Milwaukee 72 to 92, Kansas City 74 to 92, Minneapolis 76 to 94, St. Louis 70 to 92, Portland, Ore., 56 to 74, San Francisco 56 to 70, Seattle 52 to 68. Texas and Oklahoma had 100 to 105. Drought in those States has practically lasted 60 days. All over the South the days were hot and the nights curiously cool. This phenomena has lasted for weeks past. On the 4th inst. it was 94 here, 88 in Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Louis, 84 in Cincinnati, 84 in Cleveland and Kansas City, 90 in Detroit, and 64 in St. Paul. On the 5th there was a drop of 22 degrees in the heat to 71 at 11 A. M., with a change of wind to the East and occasional light rain during the day, changing to settled rain at night.

The fifth day of the hot wave saw a temperature again 94 degrees and some prostrations and deaths because of it. Yet Great Falls, Montana, reported that 5 inches of snow fell on the 3rd inst. at Glacier Park. The whole Northeast portion of the United States continued to be in the grip of the unprecedented hot wave. Boston was 64 to 96, Philadelphia 70 to 94, Portland, Me., 60 to 96; Chicago 70 to 90, Cincinnati 68 to 92, Cleveland 72 to 88, Detroit 68 to 90; Kansas City 74 to 90, St. Paul 64 to 92; St. Louis 70 to 92, Denver 46 to 72, Helena 32 to 54; Los Angeles 64 to 74, Portland, Ore., 58 to 80, San Francisco 56 to 66, and Seattle 52 to 70.

The hot wave culminated on the 5th inst., after being 78 at 1 A. M. To-day it was muggy here, with a temperature of 73 and humidity of 75 degrees. But overnight Boston was 62 to 66, Portland, Me., 58 to 62, Chicago 62 to 72. The forecast here is showers and cooler on Saturday, and cool and fair on Sunday. To-day Nebraska and South Dakota had snow.

The Business Outlook as Viewed by Roger W. Babson, in Address Before National Business Conference at Babson Park, Mass.—Warns of Factors Which Need Watching.

Discussing the Business Outlook at the 16th Annual National Business Conference at Babson Park, Mass., on September 4, Roger W. Babson made the assertion that "forced accounting has probably been the greatest factor in prolonging the present period of prosperity." A warning to business men to watch their steps at the present time was contained in Mr. Babson's address, inasmuch, he indicated, as "certain of the same factors which have developed the boom, may cause us some day to have a smash." "It is all important," he said, "for business men to have a yard stick to measure business, but it is very possible to neglect this yard stick." "It is important," he went on to say, "for business men to have courage, initiative, and vision, but it is very possible to have optimism overrun and submerge discretion." Four factors, according to Mr. Babson, need watching:—the amount of money borrowed for building; installment buying; borrowing for speculation; retail buying on open accounts. Mr. Babson declared that the time is coming sooner or later when there will be a general shut down on credit. "Whether," he said, "this will start at the top with the banks, or at the bottom with the small business man, we do not know." Mr. Babson contends that "unless the sales manager, promoter and speculator takes the advice of the accountant, purchasing agent and statistician, buying must some day be severely curtailed. As buying stops," he continued, "factories will shut down, as factories are closed, men will be thrown out of work. * * * The vicious circle will get in full swing and the result will be a serious business depression." In conclusion he stated, "there have been times when business has needed courage and credit rather than facts and figures, but today the great need of the hour is the latter." Mr. Babson's address follows in full:

Statistics show that thus far 1929 has been the best year that the country has ever had, measured by the volume of goods manufactured and sold. Statistics show that 1929 is the best year the country has had since the War, when measuring the volume of business above normal. This is in accordance with our forecasts at this Conference a year ago. Moreover, so long as the stock market holds up I see no reason for changing this forecast. When considering the separate barometers of business, we find as follows:

Comparing last month with the same month a year ago and the changes in the six months of 1929 with the same period of 1928: Of the total 46 subjects, 31 showed improvement, 14 declined and 1 showed no change. Comparisons of 1929 with 1928 indicate that 33 sub-

jects increased and 13 declined (increases in failures count as declines in business conditions and vice versa). Automobile production, pig iron and steel production, money rates, oats and wheat receipts, sugar meltings and stock prices indicated the greatest strength. Indications of weakness are most evident in building and agricultural commodity prices.

Causes of our Prosperity

Forced accounting has probably been the greatest factor in prolonging the present period of prosperity. Of course, there have been other factors, such as, the Federal Reserve, new inventions, prohibition, mass production, chain stores, etc. The new spirit of service, which is actuating so many more business men today, coupled with the research work which is going on, are also factors in prolonging the present period of prosperity. When, however, all these factors are weighed one against the other, I still feel that forced accounting has perhaps been the greatest factor in bringing about the period of good business which we have enjoyed for the past few years.

Before the days of the Income Tax, only a very small proportion of business men kept a real bookkeeping system. Every business man had a charge ledger and a cash book, but probably not 10% kept a double entry bookkeeping system, with monthly trial balances. As for making proper charges for depreciation, etc., these things were done only by a few large corporations. At first, business men rebelled against being compelled to keep exact accounts for Income Tax purposes. Finally, however, they succumbed and now most business men have a real system of accounting. Few people realize the great importance that this change has been to the business situation.

The Importance of Accounting

Forced accounting (brought about by the necessity of making Income Tax Returns) has brought about three things:

(1) Inefficient concerns, which were a drag on the entire industry, have been weeded out and efficient concerns have been speeded up. A few weak concerns in an industry, which concerns do business at a loss, retard an entire industry. The lowest priced man often sets the price for all and determines the profits for the entire industry. Usually such low prices are the result of a lack of knowledge as to real costs. Forced accounting has caused all concerns to know their costs, has resulted in either eliminating them or having them try to do business at a profit. This has been a great boon to all industry. Forced accounting has provided business with a yard stick and compelled every business man to use such a yard stick.

(2) Uncertainty and timidity which have instinctively heretofore held back the average business man have to a large extent been removed. When one does not know exactly where he stands he is more or less timid, doing only the things which he needs to do and avoiding unnecessary expansion. Forced accounting has provided business with courage. Courage is the greatest asset in business. Courage is to business what steam is to a boiler or gasoline to a motor car. As men have learned through proper accounting where they stand and what they can do, they have expanded and gone forward during the past few years at a rate never known before.

(3) A basis of credit has been formed for 90% of the business men—a credit which heretofore has existed for only 30% of the business men. Forced accounting has made credit safe and profitable. Forced accounting has made the Federal Reserve System workable. It thus will be seen that accountancy has provided a measurement for business, a courage for business, and a credit for business. You men who have been such important factors in bringing about the present period of prosperity, now have a great responsibility in keeping it from collapsing.

Wonderful Conditions Today

Because of this new era of facts, courage, and credit, great events have happened. The cost of living in the United States is now at the lowest point since June, 1924, according to the latest reports of the United States Department of Labor. For the last month on record, complete reports show that 157 wage increases averaging 7% were granted to 17,000 workers. With wage levels holding up in practically all major lines of industry, and the cost of living lower, purchasing should be good over the next few months. The cost of manufacturing a large variety of goods, from paper to automobiles, has been greatly reduced. The cost of power—in the form of steam, gas or electricity—is lower today than ever before. All of this has resulted in a better standard of living, a healthier and happier people.

Considering the different sections of the country, the following states offer the best sales opportunities at the present time:

- New Jersey
- Connecticut
- Delaware
- Michigan
- Texas
- Arizona
- Nevada
- Oklahoma

In addition, it is very probable that sales efforts in the states of New York, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Ohio, and Indiana will bring a very satisfactory volume of business during the coming months.

Spotty conditions exist in the agricultural states. South Dakota, Nebraska, and Iowa expect rather favorable returns for their crops. Minnesota, western Wisconsin, and northern Michigan are hopeful as to the income the farmers will receive this fall. Today the weather is the determining factor. Until we know definitely the production of this year's crops, it is not safe to forecast the purchasing power of these agricultural states.

Among the leading cities of the country which are offering good sales opportunities, we find the following:

- Chicago, Illinois
- Minneapolis, Minnesota
- Kansas City, Missouri
- Indianapolis, Indiana
- Buffalo, New York
- Hartford, Connecticut
- Wilmington, Delaware
- Denver, Colorado
- Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Considering the industries offering the greatest opportunities for future development, we suggest the

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| Gas industry | Aviation |
| Machine tools and automatic machinery | Electrical |
| Oil industry | Radio |
| Building and construction | Refrigeration |
| Cement | Utilities |
| Packaging and containers | Mechanical |
| Communication | Mechanical distribution |
| Bus transportation | Paper substitutes |
| Accounting and economics | |

Factors to Watch

Because certain of the same factors which have developed the boom, may cause us to some day have a smash, business men must most carefully watch their step at the present time. It is all-important for business men to have a yard stick to measure business, but it is very possible to neglect this yard stick. It is important for business men to have courage, initiative and vision, but it is very possible to have optimism overrun and submerge discretion. It is a wonderful thing to have expanding credits, but credits may be expanded until they reach the bursting point. This means that we should carefully watch these four factors:

- (1) The amount of money being borrowed for building, with special reference to second mortgages, mortgages on fittings, furniture, etc.
- (2) Installment buying, especially in connection with articles of luxury and articles of temporary value.
- (3) Borrowing for speculation. A country cannot long continue prosperous where the manufacturer and merchant make more money speculating than producing and carrying on his regular business.
- (4) Retail buying on open accounts. Charge accounts have their usefulness, but charge accounts also have their abuses. Available statistics clearly indicate that we may be reaching a breaking point in connection with credit buying.

Conclusion

The time is coming sooner or later when there will be a general shut down on credit. Whether this will start at the top with the banks, or at the bottom with the small business man, we do not know. Accountants can be of great service in improving this situation and postponing the evil day. Economists and promoters have the theories and ideas, but the accountants have the facts. Thus far each group has looked somewhat askance at the other. The future of American business, however, demands that these two groups get together and balance one another.

Unless the sales manager, promoter and speculator takes the advice of the accountant, purchasing agent and statistician, buying someday must be severely curtailed. As buying stops, factories will shut down; as factories are closed, men will be thrown out of work. This will curtail buying still more, with more factories shut down and more men thrown out of work. Hence, the vicious circle will get in full swing and the result will be a serious business depression. There have been times when business has needed courage and credit rather than facts and figures, but today the great need of the hour is the latter.

Decline in Production According to Department of Commerce Monthly Indexes.

In its monthly indexes of production, stocks and unfilled orders, covering July (issued Sept. 3) the Department of Commerce says:

Production.

Industrial output during July, after adjustments for seasonal changes, showed a decline from the preceding month, but was considerably higher than a year ago, according to the weighted index of the Federal Reserve Board. Manufacturing production showed a decline from the previous month and a gain over last year, while the output of minerals showed gains over both periods. The principal increases over July, 1928, in the output of manufactured goods occurred in iron and steel, non-ferrous metals, cement, brick and glass, automobiles and textiles.

Commodity Stocks.

Stocks of commodities held at the end of July were greater than at the end of either the previous month or July a year ago. As compared with last year, stocks of manufactured goods held by manufacturers were lower but raw-material stocks were higher.

Unfilled Orders.

The index of unfilled orders showed a decline from the preceding month but was higher than a year ago. Forward business for all groups for which data are available was higher than a year ago, except lumber which showed no change.

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	June, 1929.	July, 1929.	July, 1928.
<i>Production—</i>			
<i>Raw materials:</i>			
Animal products.....	116	108	114
Crops.....	52	87	90
Forestry.....	95	87	89
Industrial (compiled by Federal Reserve Board).....	126	124	110
Minerals.....	112	113	100
Total manufactures (adjusted).....	128	126	111
<i>Iron and steel.....</i>			
Textiles.....	155	151	124
Paper and printing.....	121	119	100
Lumber.....	96	95	89
Food products.....	127	---	117
Automobiles.....	85	---	94
Leather and shoes.....	166	146	119
Cement, brick, and glass.....	113	112	112
Non-ferrous metals.....	134	138	119
Petroleum refining.....	126	12*	113
Rubber tires.....	170	---	156
Tobacco manufactures.....	162	---	149
Tobacco manufactures.....	139	131	125
<i>Commodity Stocks—</i>			
Total.....	119	120	105
Raw materials.....	119	121	96
Manufactured goods.....	118	117	118
<i>Unfilled Orders—</i>			
Total.....	83	82	77
Textiles.....	75	73	68
Iron and steel.....	85	84	75
Transportation equipment.....	78	73	68
Lumber.....	95	91	91

New York Federal Reserve Bank Reports Business Profits In Second Quarter This Year 31% Larger Than In Corresponding Period Last Year.

Accompanying the continuance of a very high rate of business activity during the second quarter of this year, net profits of 236 commercial and industrial concerns for the quarter were 31% larger than in the corresponding period of 1928, and showed even larger increases over the reported net profits of the second quarter in the two preceding years. In making this statement in its Monthly Business Review,

June activity was represented by the figure 82.3. The National Association points out that the 1929 July figure is a gain of 1.3 over the 1928 July figure. This is the eleventh computation to be made by the Association in its new series of monthly index figures indicating real estate activity. The present series uses 1926 as a base year upon which to compare activity from month to month and bases its computations on a record of deeds alone.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight the Heaviest Ever Reported.

Freight traffic is now the heaviest ever reported for this season of the year, according to reports filed on Sept. 4 by the railroads with the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association. Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Aug. 24, totaled 1,129,533 cars, which was not only the highest for any week so far this year, but the highest for any corresponding week on record. Compared with the same week last year, this total was an increase of 48,835 cars, while it also was an increase of 20,192 cars over the same week in 1927. The total for the week of August 24, this year, also was an increase of 29,266 cars over the preceding week this year, increases being reported in the loading of all commodities. Further details are given as follows:

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 61,740 cars, an increase of 5,560 cars over the corresponding week last year and 898 cars over the same period in 1927. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading amounted to 45,934 cars, an increase of 5,434 cars over the same week in 1928.

Ore loading amounted to 75,736 cars, an increase of 9,725 cars over the same week in 1928 and an increase of 11,905 cars compared with the corresponding week two years ago.

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 444,889 cars, 20,155 cars above the same week last year and 28,091 cars over the corresponding week two years ago.

Coal loading amounted to 177,456 cars, an increase of 4,340 cars over the same week in 1928 but 17,512 cars below the same period in 1927.

Live stock loading totaled 26,172 cars 781 cars below the same week last year and 4,018 cars under the corresponding week in 1927. In the western districts alone, live stock loading amounted to 19,662 cars, a decrease of 352 cars compared with the same week in 1928.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight amounted to 262,038 cars, an increase of 4,749 cars above the same week in 1928 but 606 cars below the same week two years ago.

Forest products loading totaled 69,661 cars, 2,587 cars above the same week in 1928 but 329 cars below the corresponding week in 1927.

Coke loading amounted to 11,841 cars, an increase of 2,500 cars above the corresponding week last year and 1,763 cars over the same week two years ago.

All districts except the Centralwestern reported increases in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week in 1928, while all except the Pochontas 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	3,740,308	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	1,048,821	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
Week ended Aug. 24	1,129,533	1,080,698	1,109,341
* Total	34,174,767	32,637,510	33,684,647

Production of Electric Power in the United States in July 1929 Exceeded Same Month a Year Ago by Approximately 12%.

According to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey, the production of electric power by public utility power plants in the United States for the month of July totaled about 8,011,077,000 k.w.h., an increase of approximately 12% over the corresponding period last year, when the output amounted to around 7,142,000,000 k.w.h. Of the total for July this year, 4,951,516,000 k.w.h. were produced by fuels and 3,059,561,000 k.w.h. by water power. The Survey further shows:

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

Districts—	Total by Fuel and Water Power.			Change in Output from Previous Yr.	
	May, 1929.	June, 1929.	July, 1929.	June '29, July '29.	July '29, July '28.
New England	527,058,000	504,718,000	521,502,000	+14%	+16%
Middle Atlantic	1,968,635,000	1,941,428,000	2,007,531,000	+13%	+16%
East North Central	1,917,191,000	1,817,917,000	1,838,886,000	+12%	+11%
West North Central	463,084,000	464,065,000	474,213,000	+14%	+12%
South Atlantic	1,088,554,000	946,304,000	910,568,000	+7%	+2%
East South Central	292,702,000	278,917,000	292,911,000	+7%	+22%
West South Central	355,129,000	398,122,000	425,339,000	+23%	+21%
Mountain	352,336,000	346,228,000	357,155,000	+2%	-2%
Pacific	1,089,442,000	1,070,701,000	1,182,972,000	+7%	+15%
Total for U. S.	8,084,131,900	7,768,400,000	8,011,077,000	+11%	+12%

The average production of electricity by public-utility power plants in July was 258,400,000 k.w.h. a day, practically the same as in June. The seasonal decline in consumption of electricity during the spring and summer months of this year was somewhat less than normal and there was not the usual variation in the average daily output in May, June, and July. These conditions relating to the consumption of electricity apparently indicate that industrial activity was proceeding during the spring and the summer months of June and July with less than the normal seasonal disturbance.

The daily output of electricity by the use of water power was abnormally low during June and July, being less than the output for the same months of 1928. This unusual condition is due to the abnormally low precipitation during June and July throughout the greater part of the United States. Fuel-burning plants have taken care of the deficiency in output by water-power plants.

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

	1928.a	1929.	Increase 1929 Over 1928.	Increase 1928 Over 1927.	Produced by Water Power.	
					1928.	1929.
January	7,265,000,000	8,241,000,000	13%	6%	38%	33%
February	6,868,000,000	7,429,000,000	8%	11%	38%	33%
March	7,241,000,000	7,989,000,000	10%	6%	39%	39%
April	6,845,000,000	7,881,000,000	15%	6%	43%	42%
May	7,118,000,000	8,084,000,000	14%	8%	45%	43%
June	6,998,000,000	7,768,000,000	11%	8%	44%	40%
July	7,142,000,000	8,011,000,000	12%	10%	43%	38%
August	7,510,000,000	-----	-----	12%	40%	-----
September	7,276,000,000	-----	-----	10%	38%	-----
October	7,922,000,000	-----	-----	14%	38%	-----
November	7,753,000,000	-----	-----	13%	36%	-----
December	7,912,000,000	-----	-----	10%	35%	-----
Total	87,850,000,000	-----	-----	10%	40%	-----

a Final revision. b Part of increase is due to February 1928, being one day longer than February 1927.

The quantities given in the tables are based on the operation of all power plants producing 10,000 k.w.h. or more per month, engaged in generating electricity for public use, including central stations and electric-railway plants. Reports are received from plants representing over 95% of the total capacity. The output of those plants which do not submit reports is estimated; therefore the figures of output and fuel consumption as reported in the accompanying tables are on a 100% basis.

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

Slight Decrease in Employment During July According to Survey by Bureau of Labor Statistics—Payrolls Declined 3.8%.

Employment decreased 0.2% in July, 1929, as compared with June, and payroll totals decreased 3.8%, according to a report issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. In its survey the Bureau says:

This report is based upon returns from 32,892 establishments which had in July 5,106,726 employees whose combined earnings in one week were \$134,599,602. The industrial groups included were manufacturing, mining, quarrying, public utilities, trade, hotels, and canning and preserving.

July is customarily a month of inventory-taking in manufacturing establishments, while mining and retail trade operations are much curtailed also at that season. On the other hand public utility companies are largely engaged in outside operation in the summer, wholesale trade is preparing for autumn business, the summer resort season increases hotel employment, and the summer canning season has opened. The net decrease in employment in July was only 10,000 employees out of a total of more than 5,100,000.

Manufacturing Industries.

Employment in manufacturing industries decreased 0.6% in July as compared with June while payroll totals decreased 4.5%. July in manufacturing industries is regularly the season for inventory-taking and repairs, while payroll totals are further reduced by shut-downs on July 4. These shut-downs were prolonged this year, in many instances, over the following week end. The decrease in employment, however, was smaller than in any July since the Bureau began the present series of reports in 1922.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' weighted index of employment in manufacturing industries for July, 1929, is 98.2, as compared with 98.8 for June, 1929, and 92.2 for July, 1928; the weighted index of payroll totals for July, 1929, is 98.2, as compared with 102.8 for June, 1929, and 91.2 for July, 1928. Average, 1926 = 100.

The slaughtering, ice cream, and flour industries of the food group reported increased employment in July as compared with June, while each of the 10 industries of the textile group showed fewer employees. The outstanding decrease in this group was in women's clothing and was partly seasonal and partly the result of labor difficulties in certain sections. In the iron and steel group cast-iron pipe, structural ironwork, and machine tools gained in employment in July, while the iron and steel industry reported decreased employment of 0.7%. Increased employment was shown also in furniture, leather, boots and shoes, paper boxes, book and job printing, fertilizers, petroleum refining, cement, brick, wagons, electric-railroad car repairing, electrical machinery, rubber boots, and shipbuilding. The automobile industry reported a drop in employment of 2.4%.

The rayon and radio industries, which are not yet included in the bureau's indexes, both added to their employees in July; the rayon increase was 4.1% and the radio increase was 24.5%.

The report for July, 1929, is based upon returns for 12,683 establishments in 54 of the principal manufacturing industries of the United States. These establishments in July had 3,526,174 employees and payroll totals of \$93,576,416.

The level of employment in manufacturing industries in July, 1929, was 6.5% higher than in July, 1928, and employees' earnings were 7.7% greater.

Forty of the 54 manufacturing industries had more employees at the end of this 12-month period than at the beginning. The notable increases, as in June, were over 30% each in electrical machinery, shipbuilding, and machine tools, while other outstanding increases were in petroleum

FAILURES BY BRANCHES OF BUSINESS—AUGUST, 1929.

	NUMBER.			LIABILITIES.		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
<i>Manufacturers—</i>				\$	\$	\$
Iron, foundries and nails.....	10	10	8	241,639	333,400	297,716
Machinery and tools.....	25	26	15	466,127	794,800	1,570,400
Woolens, carpets and knit g'ds	--	1	1	--	1,900,000	300,000
Cottons, lace and hosiery.....	1	4	2	4,400	651,159	35,315
Lumber, carpenters & coopers..	102	60	64	6,020,408	3,560,000	3,252,334
Clothing and millinery.....	35	40	27	356,673	645,595	411,530
Hats, gloves and furs.....	12	14	6	115,425	173,800	97,800
Chemicals and drugs.....	9	4	4	140,116	162,700	864,000
Paints and oils.....	2	--	--	4,500	--	--
Printing and engraving.....	11	22	19	199,680	206,600	1,461,383
Milling and bakers.....	34	51	29	496,555	583,612	312,000
Leather, shoes and harness.....	4	8	16	23,212	228,000	415,918
Tobacco, &c.....	6	6	13	64,172	33,942	224,927
Glass, earthenware & brick..	6	10	10	377,861	78,700	699,002
All other.....	225	237	224	5,345,928	7,521,871	4,978,762
Total manufacturing.....	482	493	438	13,856,696	16,877,179	14,921,067
<i>Traders—</i>						
General stores.....	72	54	69	776,751	826,784	668,576
Groceries, meat and fish.....	276	302	272	2,777,101	2,092,833	2,064,124
Hotels and restaurants.....	99	103	79	1,324,184	2,147,335	1,989,836
Tobacco, &c.....	24	18	20	151,803	108,571	114,350
Clothing and furnishings.....	120	155	153	1,239,111	1,398,265	1,580,823
Dry goods and carpets.....	67	66	67	1,229,423	935,488	1,208,192
Shoes, rubbers and trunks.....	39	47	52	696,880	510,858	376,130
Furniture and crockery.....	47	52	46	1,061,768	1,073,700	860,179
Hardware, stoves and tools.....	36	26	27	372,410	507,304	322,567
Chemicals and drugs.....	57	61	61	748,440	618,850	466,025
Paints and oils.....	7	10	7	41,000	118,000	28,921
Jewelry and clocks.....	29	27	39	354,953	576,600	372,544
Books and papers.....	15	11	4	165,892	101,116	26,100
Hats, furs and gloves.....	4	8	1	74,291	61,609	12,000
All other.....	271	307	277	4,987,649	7,518,794	4,611,680
Total trading.....	1,163	1,241	1,174	16,001,656	19,096,017	14,702,047
Other commercial.....	117	112	96	3,888,100	22,228,634	9,572,839
Total United States.....	1,762	1,852	1,708	33,746,452	58,201,830	39,195,953

Industrial Activity in New England During July at Unusually High Level According to Boston Federal Reserve Bank.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston reports that "New England industrial activity during July, was maintained at the unusually high level which prevailed in June, and the Index of New England Business Activity for July was the highest for that month on record." The September 1 Monthly Review of the Bank also has the following to say:

Recessions of more than the usual seasonal amount in certain lines of industry during July were offset by improvements in the rate of activity in other lines, with the result that the composite measure hardly changed from the record high level which was reported in June. The average of the Index for the first seven months of this year was considerably higher than for any corresponding period. Activity in the New England textile industry, as measured by the amount of raw cotton and wool consumed, fine cotton goods production, and silk machinery activity, was higher in June than in any month since June, 1927, and in July there was only a slight recession in the level of activity, when allowances were made for usual seasonal changes. Wool consumption in New England mills in July was the principal sustaining influence in maintaining the high level of activity in the textile industry. During the first seven months of 1929 cotton consumption by New England mills was about 15.3% larger than in the corresponding period of 1928. Production of boots and shoes in New England during July was about 6% ahead of July, 1928, while production for the entire country was about 11% larger. Employment conditions in New England remained relatively stable during July, and reports from identical manufacturing establishments in Massachusetts indicated slight declines between June and July in the number of wage earners employed, in the aggregate weekly earnings, and in the average weekly earnings per person employed. The employment situation in the boot and shoe establishments in Massachusetts was considerably improved during July. There was a decrease of less than the usual seasonal amount in residential building (square feet) in New England during July, and practically no change was reported in the total value of this class of building between June and July. Conditions in the metal trades in New England have remained generally active, with a continuing demand for skilled workers. During July both the number and total liabilities of commercial failures in this district increased materially over the figures reported in July last year, although for the first seven months of 1929 there was little change from the total for the corresponding period a year ago. Sales of New England department stores were about 1% larger during the first seven months of 1929 than in this period last year, while preliminary reports indicated that August sales would be considerably ahead of August, 1928. Commercial paper rates in Boston on August 23 were 6¼-6½%.

Decline In Building Operations in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

The following is from the September number of the Business Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia:

Building and Real Estate.

Building operations have declined somewhat during the past month. The value of building contracts awarded in this District decreased materially in July in contrast with the figure for the previous month and with that of the same month last year. Southern New Jersey was responsible for the smaller value of contracts as compared with the preceding month, while Eastern Pennsylvania caused the decline from last year's figure. Among the cities in this district, Trenton, Camden, Wilmington and Philadelphia showed losses, while Reading and Scranton showed gains in comparison with July 1928. The decline in the value of residential contracts in this District so far this year in comparison with the first seven months of 1928 is especially noticeable when compared with the much smaller decline in the country. Construction costs advanced somewhat during July but were not as high at the end of the month as on August 1 1928.

Building permits issued in 17 cities of this District during July indicated that proposed expenditures were over 40% larger than in the same month last year. Building activity is indicated in the preceding table.

The value of mortgages recorded in Philadelphia in July reached the highest volume in the past six months and was 39% higher than in the preceding month, although about 25% smaller than in the same month in 1928. At the same time the number of real estate deeds recorded was the smallest in the past five months and was over 6% below last July's figure.

Building Activity.	July 1929.	Change from July 1928.	7 Mos. of 1929 Compared with 7 Mos. of 1928.
<i>Contract Awards—</i>			
Phila. Fed. Res. District—Total.....	33,928,000	-17.8	-14.6
Residential.....	14,482,000	-14.6	-24.2
United States—Total.....	652,436,000	+11.6	-25.9
Residential.....	200,000,000	-12.6	-8.6
<i>Permits Issued—</i>			
Philadelphia Fed. Res. Dist. (17 cities)....	26,945,000	+43.7	-3.7
United States (577 cities).....	239,156,000	-13.0	

Source: F. W. Dodge Corp. & S. W. Straus & Co.

Business Conditions in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District—Activity Shown in Larger Sales.

Industrial conditions in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District show considerable strength for this season, says the Business Review issued September 2 by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia. The Bank states that the market for manufactured products has been fairly active as shown by larger sales than those of four weeks ago. Comparisons with a year ago also are favorable in the majority of reporting lines, the Bank notes, its comments continuing as follows:

Unfilled orders generally show increases during the month and in comparison with a year ago, the latter being especially true of orders for fabricated metal products, most textiles, leather and shoes, and tobacco products. Forward business in building materials, on the other hand, has been smaller than that last month or a year ago; exceptions, however, are noted in orders for plumbing materials and slate.

While many manufacturing plants still continue to reflect the usual Summer quiet, there has been a noticeable upturn in plant operations in most textile branches, leather and shoes, paper, and tobacco products. Activity of plants fabricating iron and steel products shows a slight recession, following an exceptionally busy period since the early part of this year.

The demand for workers by employers eased off slightly between June and July, but factory employment in this section increased a little further and was considerably larger than in July 1928. The volume of wage disbursements, while declining seasonally, was substantially above that of a year before, indicating a higher level of plant operations. Consumption of electric power by industries also declined, as usual, but was appreciably ahead of the amount used in July 1928.

Reports on the physical output of various commodities in this district on the whole are rather favorable, particularly as compared with a year earlier. The output of shoes was noticeably larger in July than in June, while production of hosiery declined. Mill takings of wool in this district increased at a somewhat higher rate than that reported for the country. Production of iron and steel castings and cement also exceeded the volume reported for June. This is likewise true of bituminous coal, while anthracite showed a slight decrease.

Construction activity is only fair at best and the volume does not measure up to that of a year ago. The value of contract awards in July declined further and was materially smaller than in the same month last year. Building permits, on the other hand, showed a pronounced gain over the preceding month and a year earlier. The value of mortgages recorded in Philadelphia rose materially in the month but showed a marked decline in comparison with July 1928. Foreclosures increased further in the month and in the year.

Distribution of commodities compared rather favorably with the volume of a year ago. Railroad shipments in this section in the latest four weeks showed a slight upturn and continued materially in excess of those in the same time last year and two years ago. Sales at wholesale fell off slightly in the month but rose appreciably in comparison with the volume in July 1928. Reports on retail trade showed declines in the month and in the year.

Sales of new passenger cars in this district, after rising sharply to the peak which was reached in April, turned downward, as is to be expected at this time; compared, however, with sales in the same month for several years past, the number of new passenger cars sold in July this year was considerably larger. Sales of ordinary life insurance in this territory also declined in the month but were much larger than in July 1928.

Member banks in this district report little change in loans and investments during the past month, but a decline in net demand deposits. There was a loss in the settlements, and borrowings from the Federal Reserve Bank increased materially. The loss in cash reserves, without corresponding reductions in note circulation and deposits, caused the reserve ratio to fall from 77.6 to 69.4%.

Business In Cleveland Federal Reserve District at Comparatively High Level—Earnings of Industrial Concerns in District.

In spite of some evidence of weakness, business in the Cleveland Federal Reserve District is entering the fall period of the year at a comparatively high level, says the September 1 Monthly Business Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland, from which we also quote as follows:

The August "falling-off" in general activity, regarded by some as almost inevitable has not seemed to develop, though there has been a slight tapering in some industries, particularly iron and steel. Operations in the week ended August 21 were at 85 to 88% of capacity, which was a decline of about ten points during the past month. Production schedules are well ahead of last year, however, and although there was a contraction in unfilled steel orders in July, August inquiries were encouraging.

Automobile production declined in July but output is above last year. August schedules were enlarged with many new models at lower

prices and parts and accessory manufacturers in this District were accordingly benefited. The tire industry is somewhat overstocked and production has been showing some decline. Orders for shoes are being placed in good volume and manufacturers are operating at capacity.

July building operations in this District, which were 6% ahead of July, 1928, did not show the improvement that was reported for the country as a whole. In early August, however, the situation was reversed. Retail sales of department stores increased 3% and sales of most wholesale lines showed gains. Coal production and shipments were larger in July and early August. General employment good but showed a slight decline from June.

Agricultural conditions are irregular and not so satisfactory. Lower conditions of most crops were reported and there seemed to be much drought damage. Fruit prospects are very poor.

Loadings of revenue freight showed a slight decline in the week ended August 10 but continue above a million cars a week. The falling-off was due to a decline in the loadings of grain which was a result of the embargo on wheat receipts at Minneapolis and Port Arthur, caused by overstocked elevators. This bank's index of car loadings showed only fractional fluctuations during the month and is still about five points above 1928 levels.

The following regarding earnings of industrials in the District is also taken from the Review of the Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank:

Fourth District Earnings

The accompanying chart shows the progress of quarterly earnings of 25 industrial concerns operating wholly or largely within the Fourth District for which comparable figures for the years 1925 to 1929 are available. Because of the diversity of the group it may be considered as being fairly representative of general business in this District.

The tremendous increase in earnings shown for the first half of 1929 brings out the fact that not only has the general level of industrial activity been unprecedented but that industrial profits have also advanced at a record rate. It will be noted that the second quarter of 1929 was a record for the five years shown and earnings amounted to \$33,962,000, an increase over the same quarter of 1928 of 83.2 per cent and of 44.4 per cent over the first quarter of 1929. For the first six months of this year net earnings of these 25 concerns were \$57,478,000 compared with \$30,929,000 in the first half of 1928, an increase of 85.8%.

The figures shown on the chart are as follows:

	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
First quarter-----	\$13,142,000	\$16,128,000	\$13,698,000	\$12,392,000	\$23,516,000
Second quarter-----	16,666,000	18,568,000	15,667,000	18,537,000	33,962,000
Third quarter-----	14,464,000	16,729,000	11,682,000	18,264,000	-----
Fourth quarter-----	15,319,000	13,877,000	10,329,000	19,384,000	-----

Michigan Business Conditions as Viewed by First National Bank of Detroit.

The September number of the "Michigan Graphic" published by the First National Bank and the First National Company of Detroit, Inc., summarizes business conditions in Michigan as follows:

An analysis of Michigan industry for the past month indicates that business in this state has continued on a high plane during the present summer months compared to the corresponding season in 1928. This level of activity reflects less than the usual seasonal decline. The factors upon which the analysis of conditions in Michigan is made are generally recognized as being an excellent means of presenting a cross section of industrial and commercial activity. The behavior of these factors during the past month is discussed in the following paragraphs.

New building contracts awarded in July, 1929, totaled \$35,156,500. The increase over the July, 1928, total of \$24,794,000 was 41.8%. The seven months' value of new building contracts was \$212,198,600 this year and \$186,792,200 in 1928, the increase so far this year being 11.8%. Corresponding figures for the 37 eastern states were \$652,436,100 in July, 1929, and \$583,432,400 for the same month last year, the increase this year being 11.8%. The value of total contracts awarded for the group so far this year has declined about 8.5%.

The industrial consumption of electrical power in Michigan in July, 1929, was 22.9% higher than in July, 1928. The total consumption for the first seven months of this year has been at a rate of some 26% greater than during the corresponding period of 1928.

Electrical energy produced was in line with the above discussed gain in industrial consumption. In June, 1929, 383,458,000 kilowatt hours of electricity were produced in this state compared with 341,850,000 kilowatt hours the previous year, or a gain of 12.2% for 1929. Total production in Michigan for the half-year period ending July 1, 1929, was 15.2% greater than for the same time in 1928. Production of electrical energy for the country shows an increase of 11% for June, 1929, over 1928. The half year total for the country as a whole stood at 47,409,853,000 kilowatt hours, or some 12% higher than for the first half of 1928, when the total was 42,318,379,000 kilowatt hours.

During June, 1929, Michigan produced 1,466,000 barrels of finished Portland cement, an increase of less than 1% over the June, 1928, output. For the first half of this year production was almost 10% greater than for the same period last year. Half-year production for the country declined over 2½% and for the month of June dropped 4.2% when compared with the June, 1928, aggregate.

Bank clearings for the state reached the sum of \$1,054,000,000 in the month of July, 1929, an increase in excess of 11% over the total of this index in July last year. Total clearings for the first seven months of this year have been \$7,404,000,000, or 18.7% higher than a year ago, when the corresponding total was \$6,234,000,000.

Moderate Improvement in Business Conditions Reported in St. Louis Federal Reserve District.

The Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis reports that "as reflected in reports of leading interests in the most important commercial and industrial lines, business in this District during the past thirty days developed moderate improvement over the similar period immediately preceding, and

was measurably better than during the corresponding time last year." The Bank goes on to say:

Production and distribution of merchandise continued on a large scale, and purchasing of a broad variety of commodities for future delivery was in heavier volume than was the case during the past several months. Stimulated by warmer weather, the movement of seasonal merchandise in late July and early August picked up substantially, with improvement most marked in retail channels. Special sales of apparel, dry goods, furniture and hardware conducted by retail establishments met with good response, and resulted in substantial reduction in stocks. Wholesalers in the chief distributing centers reported that the market season during the first two weeks of August brought an unusually large number of visiting merchants, and the character and volume of their buying indicated a considerable degree of confidence in prospects for fall and early winter trade.

Activity in the iron and steel industry was maintained at, or close to the high levels obtaining since early in the spring. Curtailment of output at some foundries and mills was ascribed chiefly to inefficiency due to extreme high temperatures. Farm implement, electrical supply, stove and boot and shoe manufacturers reported accretions to unfilled orders, and in a number of notable instances these interests augmented their working forces. Production and distribution of automobiles decreased in July, both as compared with the preceding month and a year ago. There was a decline in building activity, reflected in rather sharp decreases in permits granted and contracts let. Producers of building materials reported a slowing down in demand for their goods. Activity at textile mills declined slightly, but gains were reported by beverage, food products, and packing establishments and by flour mills. Department store sales were larger than a year ago, and debits to checking accounts in July, while slightly less than in June, were 9.6% greater than in July, 1928.

Reports relative to collections reflected considerable irregularity with reference to the various lines. In the case of goods for ordinary consumption, such as boots and shoes, dry goods and apparel, payments were generally in good volume. Settlements with producers and distributors of building materials and other classifications of goods of the more permanent sort were backward. As was the case thirty days earlier, collections in the country were held down by preoccupation of agriculturists with harvests and intensive field work. The vacation period adversely affected the volume of payment to retailers in the large cities. Questionnaires addressed to representative interests in the several lines scattered through the district showed the following results:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
July, 1929-----	1.4%	25.0%	57.0%	16.6%
June, 1929-----	2.9%	35.1%	41.8%	20.2%
July, 1928-----	1.3%	26.1%	60.0%	10.8%

Commercial failures in the Eighth Federal Reserve District in July, according to Dun's numbered 111, involving liabilities of \$1,331,242, against 98 defaults in June with liabilities of \$1,894,983, and 98 failures for a total of \$2,228,466 in July, 1928.

Conditions in Atlanta Federal Reserve District—Improvement in Agricultural Prospects—Gains in Wholesale Trade—Retail Trade Declined.

In its District summary, presented in its Aug. 31 Monthly Review, the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta says:

Statistics received for the Monthly Review indicate that during July there was improvement in agricultural prospects in the Sixth District, and increases over the preceding month and the corresponding month last year in wholesale trade, debits to individual accounts, and in the production of cotton cloth and yarn, but retail trade continued at a seasonably low level, and was somewhat smaller in volume than a year ago.

The August crop reports of the United States Department of Agriculture indicate improved prospects for corn, hay, tobacco and potatoes in the Sixth District over a month earlier, and most of these crops, and cotton, are expected to be greater than for last season. The estimated sugar production in Louisiana is substantially larger than last year's crop, but the estimate of the rice crop is somewhat smaller than for last year. The Department's estimate of cotton production indicates greater crops in each of the six States of the District than were produced last year but weevil activity is reported in many sections. Retail trade, based on confidential reports from department stores located throughout the district, declined 18.6% in July compared with June, and averaged 2.2% less than in July 1928. July sales by reporting wholesale firms, however, averaged 4.6% greater than in June, and 5.4% greater than in July last year. Savings deposits declined in July, and were less than at the same time last year. Debits to individual accounts averaged 5.4% greater than for June, and 10% greater than for July 1928. Loans of weekly reporting member banks were slightly smaller in volume on August 14 than five weeks earlier, but somewhat greater than a year ago, and discounts for member banks by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta increased nearly four millions between July 10 and August 14, and were 4.4 millions less than a year ago. Commercial failures in the district, in point of liabilities, were 14% greater than in June, and one-third smaller than for July last year. Contract awards in the district were 31% less than in June, but less than 1% smaller than for July 1928. Output of bituminous coal in Alabama and Tennessee averaged somewhat less than in July last year, but Alabama production of pig iron was 19% greater.

Retail and wholesale trade in the Atlanta Federal Reserve District are survey as follows by the Bank:

Retail Trade.

The distribution of merchandise at retail in the Sixth District, reflected in sales figures reported confidentially to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta by representative department stores located throughout the district, exhibited a further seasonal decline in July, as compared with previous months, and averaged somewhat smaller than in July last year. Stocks of merchandise were smaller than a month, or a year, earlier, and the rate of turnover was slightly less favorable.

July sales by 42 reporting department stores declined an average of 18.6%, compared with the preceding month, and were 2.2% smaller than in July 1928. Cumulative sales from January 1 through July 31 averaged 2% smaller this year than during the same period last year. An increase for July, and for the first seven months of the year, over corresponding periods last year, was shown at Atlanta, but decreases were reported from other reporting cities. Stocks averaged 3.9%

smaller at the end of July than a month earlier, and 3.0% smaller than a year ago. Accounts receivable at the end of July averaged 7.9% smaller than for June, but were 2.8% larger than for July 1928. Collections during July decreased 1.6% compared with June, but were 3.2% greater than in July last year. The ratio of collections during July to accounts receivable and due at the beginning of the month, for 32 firms, was 31.3%; for June this ratio was 30.8%, and for July last year, 31.6%. For July the ratio of collections against regular accounts for 32 firms, was 33.4%, and the ratio of collections against installment accounts, for 9 firms, was 16.1%.

Wholesale Trade.

There was some improvement in the volume of wholesale trade in the Sixth District in July, compared with both the preceding month and the corresponding month last year, as reflected in sales and other figures reported confidentially to the Federal Reserve Bank by 120 wholesale firms in eight different lines of trade. Total sales in July by these firms were 4.6% greater than in June, and 5.4% greater than in July last year. Stocks on hand, accounts receivable and collections all show increases compared with similar items for June, and the last two items show increases also over July 1928, but stocks were somewhat smaller than for that month. The figures in the table show comparisons of reported items for all reporting firms.

Decline in Building Operations in Atlanta Federal Reserve District.

According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta "the volume of prospective building as indicated by building permits issued at twenty regularly reporting cities of the Sixth District declined further in July, and was smaller than at the same time a year ago, and contract awards in the District also declined compared with the preceding month, but were only fractionally smaller than for July last year." In its Aug. 31 Monthly Review the Bank goes on to say:

The total value of building permits issued during July at 20 reporting cities of the Sixth District, for the erection of buildings within their corporate limits, amounted to \$6,029,543, a decline of 10% compared with the total for June, and 33.3% less than for July, 1928. Six of these cities reported increases over July last year, and the remaining 14 reported decreases. The index number for the district, based upon the monthly average for the three year period 1923-25 inclusive, was 53.6, compared with 59.5 for June, and with 80.4 for July, 1928.

According to statistics compiled by the F. W. Dodge Corporation, the total value of contracts awarded for building and construction work in the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains during July amounted to \$652,436,100, the second largest monthly total on record, and representing an increase of 20% over the total for June, and an increase of 12% over July, 1928. In July, \$199,925,500, or 31% of the total, was for residential building; \$195,546,700, or 30%, was for public works and utilities; \$91,348,300, or 14%, was for commercial building. During the first seven months of this year there was a total of \$3,683,982,900 of new building and engineering work contracted for in the 37 eastern states, compared with \$4,028,299,900 for the same period of 1928, or a decrease of 9%.

Contracts awarded during July in the Sixth District totaled \$31,801,659, a decrease of 31% compared with June, but only 0.6% less than for July last year.

	July 1929		July 1928		Percentage Change in Value
	Number	Value	Number	Value	
Alabama—					
Anniston	30	\$71,709	---	\$72,600	- 1.2
Birmingham	235	429,754	625	2,175,631	-80.2
Mobile	89	164,321	120	208,675	-21.3
Montgomery	224	239,168	276	322,217	-25.8
Florida—					
Jacksonville	337	401,660	345	657,247	-38.9
Miami	227	344,124	177	264,749	+ 30.0
Orlando	48	26,170	75	231,825	-88.7
Pensacola	60	71,650	94	193,332	-62.8
Tampa	198	94,814	287	250,266	-62.1
*Lakeland	3	37,100	5	11,125	+233.5
*Miami Beach	82	1,007,590	26	207,875	+384.7
Georgia—					
Atlanta	337	983,666	327	1,220,813	- 19.4
Augusta	170	152,736	142	116,457	+ 31.2
Columbus	49	72,950	70	108,547	- 32.8
Macon	224	125,832	273	476,210	- 73.6
Savannah	51	162,325	58	221,060	- 26.6
Louisiana—					
New Orleans	200	1,535,517	260	1,021,977	+ 50.2
Alexandria	53	44,176	3	37,873	+ 16.0
Tennessee—					
Chattanooga	300	369,996	241	145,854	+153.7
Johnson City	23	111,050	14	80,750	+ 37.5
Knoxville	90	243,134	181	789,978	-69.2
Nashville	263	384,741	379	451,040	- 14.7
Total 20 cities	3,208	\$6,029,543	3,907	\$9,041,102	- 33.3
Index Number		53.6		80.4	

* Not included in totals or index numbers.

Volume of Business in Richmond Federal Reserve District in July Lower Than in June—Greater Than July Last Year.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond reports that following seasonal trends, business in its District in July was in less volume than in June, but exceeded that of July last year in nearly all lines. At the end of August conditions in the District appear to be better than at this time last year, fewer unfavorable signs being in evidence the Bank states in its Monthly Review, August 31, in which it also says:

The demand for credit at the commercial banks and at the Reserve Bank is about the same at present as at this time last year. Prospects for agriculture seem to be better this year than in 1928, with larger yields of nearly all money crops forecast for the several states in the

district and prices in most cases that compare favorably with those of 1928. The industries of the Fifth District are operating on more extensive schedules than a year ago, textile mills especially showing improvement in spite of slow movement of textiles to jobbers and retailers. Construction work in the District is in about the same volume as a year ago, and labor is better employed than last summer. Business failures were fewer in July than in any month save one back to the middle of 1926, and liabilities, while higher than in July 1928, were not unduly large. Debits in the banks of leading cities were more than \$100,000,000 larger during the five weeks ended August 14th this year than in the corresponding period last year. Retail trade in July, as reflected in department store sales, was 1.5% greater than in July last year, and the business was done this year with slightly smaller stocks. Wholesale trade in four of five lines for which data are available was ahead of trade in July 1928, the best record made in wholesale lines for many months. On the whole, it would appear from present indications that the purchasing power of the District should be larger in the coming fall and winter than it was a year ago, which should have a favorable influence on fall trade in all lines.

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

Thirty-one leading department stores in the Fifth Federal Reserve District sold an average of 1.5% more goods, measured in dollars, in July 1929 than in July 1928, chiefly because of increases in Richmond and Baltimore. Average sales in Washington and Other Cities stores were lower in July this year. Cumulative sales since January 1st this year exceeded sales in the first seven months of 1928 by 2.6%, and July 1929 sales also exceeded average July sales for the three years 1923-1925, inclusive, by 6.5%.

Stocks on the shelves of the 31 reporting stores at the end of July this year averaged 6.2% less than stocks on hand on June 30th this year and 1.9 per cent less than on July 31, 1928, the decrease during the past month being seasonal. Stock turnover last month was slightly more rapid than in July 1928, sales averaging 22.1% of stock on hand during the month in comparison with 21.2% of stock sold in July a year ago. Total sales since January 1st through July this year amounted to 185.5% of average stock carried during each of the seven elapsed months, indicating an annual turnover of 3.18 times in comparison with a rate of 3.02 times for the corresponding period of 1928.

Collections in thirty of the 31 stores during July totaled 28.2% of receivables outstanding on July 1st, an improvement over 27.3% of outstanding receivables collected in July last year. Stores in Baltimore and Richmond reported higher collection percentages in July this year, but Washington stores and those in the Other Cities averaged lower percentages.

Trade in leading wholesale lines in July was generally better in the Fifth District than for several months. Part of the increase was seasonal, but the gain in business over that of July 1928 represented an actual increase in demand for merchandise. Sales in July 1929 exceeded sales in June this year and also in July 1928 in groceries, shoes, hardware and drugs, but fell slightly below sales in the earlier months in dry goods. Last month's increased business was not sufficient to balance a reduced volume of trade earlier in the year, however, and therefore total sales from January 1st through July this year were less than total sales in the first seven months of 1928 in groceries, dry goods, shoes and hardware. Drug sales so far this year slightly exceed drug sales during the corresponding period of last year.

The Bank has the following to say regarding building operations:

Building operations provided for in permits issued in the Fifth Reserve District in July were slightly below those provided for in July last year. Building inspectors in 31 cities issued 1,546 permits for new construction in July this year, compared with only 1,331 permits for similar work issued in July 1928, but last month's valuation totaled only \$10,784,900, compared with \$11,045,046 in the same month last year. Permits for alteration and repairs numbered 1,949 last month, with estimated valuation of \$1,402,971, compared with 2,312 permits and a total valuation of \$1,803,321 in July 1928. Total estimated valuation for all classes of permits issued last month was \$12,187,871, a decrease of \$660,496, or 5.1%, under the total of \$12,848,367 for July 1928. Of the 31 reporting cities, only eleven showed higher valuation figures in July this year, while twenty cities reported lower figures. Charleston, S. C., showed the largest percentage increase in valuation, but this was due to exceptionally low 1928 figures rather than to large totals this year. Asheville, with an increase of 282.8% really showed the best gain in valuation, but that city declined in the number of projects. Washington, with total valuation of \$5,128,615, was far ahead of Baltimore, the second ranking city last month.

Contracts awarded in July for construction work in the Fifth District, including both rural and urban projects, totaled \$51,363,635, compared with \$32,884,428 awarded in July 1928, according to figures collected by the F. W. Dodge Corporation. Of the awards in July this year, \$10,303,375 was for residential work, a smaller percentage of the total awards than usual.

Business Conditions in Dallas Federal Reserve District—Activity Shown in Wholesale and Retail Trade as Compared With Last Year Noted.

A strong demand for merchandise in both wholesale and retail channels was an important development in the Dallas Federal Reserve District during the past month according to the Monthly Review, dated Sept. 1, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas. Further surveying conditions in its District the Bank says:

Although department store sales reflected a seasonal decline of 23% as compared to the previous month, they were 2% larger than in July a year ago. Distribution at wholesale not only showed a substantial seasonal gain as compared to the previous month but was considerably larger than in July, 1928, a month in which business was very active. This increased demand appeared to be general throughout the district. Reports indicate that while retailers are continuing conservative buying policies consumer demand is improving. Debits to individual accounts at banks in larger cities were 7% larger than in June and 16% larger than a year ago.

The past month witnessed a rapid expansion in Federal Reserve Bank loans to members in response to the demand from agricultural regions and from trade and industry. These loans rose from \$15,742,529 on June 30 to \$42,659,959 on August 15 and on the latter date were \$13,022,350 greater than on that date in 1928. The daily average of net demand and time deposits of member banks amounted to \$870,868,000 during July as compared to \$869,148,000 during June. On August 8, 1928, the actual amount of these deposits was \$869,195,000.

The business mortality rate in the Eleventh (Dalls) District turned sharply upward in July, there being a substantial increase in both the number of defaults and the amount of indebtedness involved. While the liabilities of the insolvent firms were larger than in any month in more than a year, the number of failures was fewer than in any month of the current year except June.

Construction activity reflected some improvement during the past month. The valuation of building permits issued at principal cities was 6% larger than in the previous month and exceeded that of the corresponding month a year ago by 4%. The production, shipments, and new orders for lumber and the production and shipments of cement were in excess of those in both the previous month and the same month of 1928.

Crop conditions throughout the District have been affected in varying degrees by the continued drouth in some sections and persistent showers in others. In the drier sections practically all crops have deteriorated but in those areas where there has been ample moisture most crops except cotton have improved. The cotton crop over a very large area of the District has been adversely affected by weather conditions. In those areas which have suffered from a deficiency of moisture, plant growth has been stunted and there are many complaints of excessive shedding and premature opening of bolls. On the other hand, persistent showers in some areas have greatly increased insect activity and rendered poisoning operations ineffective. While range conditions have deteriorated in some portions of the District due to the lack of moisture, recent rains over a considerable portion of the strictly range territory have greatly improved the situation. The condition of livestock has been well sustained as pasturage generally has been ample.

The Bank has the following to say regarding trade conditions:

WHOLESALE TRADE

An active demand for merchandise in wholesale channels of distribution was in evidence during July. Due in part to seasonal influences, sales in all reporting lines reflected large gains as compared to the previous month, ranging from 6.9% in the case of groceries to 21.5% in dry goods. As compared to July, 1928, dry goods was the only line in which sales were smaller. The increase over a year ago is significant in view of the fact that business was very active at that time. While retailers are reported to be adhering to the policy of keeping purchases closely aligned to prospective demand, consumer buying has been improving in most sections. Collections in some lines are slow but this is not unusual at this season of the year.

The demand for farm implements reflected a substantial increase during July. Sales of reporting firms were 18.3% greater than in June and were 16.2% above those in the corresponding month last year. Buying has been generally active in those sections where crop conditions are good. Prices remained generally steady. Collections showed some improvement.

The sales of dry goods at wholesale during July reflected a seasonal increase of 21.5% as compared to the previous month but were 3.1% less than in the corresponding month last year. The increase over June was general throughout the District. The opening of the fall buying season in some of the leading centers attracted many buyers and late reports indicate that purchases for early fall business were in large volume. Collections during July showed some improvement.

After showing a decline for two months, the sales of reporting grocery firms reflected an increase of 6.9% as compared to the previous month and were 9.7% greater than in the corresponding month last year. While demand is slow in some of the drier sections it is generally good in most sections. Collections showed a decline as compared to the previous month. Prices were reported as steady to slightly higher.

The buying of drugs at wholesale showed a substantial improvement in July, the sales of reporting firms being 8.1% larger than in the previous month and 7.0% greater than those in the corresponding month in 1928. Reports indicate that the improvement was general over the District. Collections showed an improvement over the previous month.

The past month witnessed a strong demand for hardware at wholesale following the declines in May and June. The sales of reporting firms reflected a gain of 17.2% over the previous month and were 8.1% greater than in the same month of 1928. While buying was slow in some sections where crops have been adversely affected, reports are to the effect that buying generally has been active. Collections showed a decline. Prices remained generally steady.

CONDITION OF WHOLESALE TRADE DURING JULY, 1929

Table with 4 columns: Net Sales, Stocks, Ratio of Collections, and their percentage increase or decrease in July 1928 and June 1929. Rows include Groceries, Dry goods, Farm implements, Hardware, and Drugs.

RETAIL TRADE

The demand for merchandise at retail in larger cities was generally active during July. Sales of reporting firms while showing a seasonal decline of 22.9% from the previous month, were 2.0% larger than in the corresponding month a year ago even though business in July, 1928, was fairly active. Furthermore, the decline from the previous month was less than usual at this season. The persistence of unusually hot weather together with the attractive offerings through summer "clearance sales" greatly augmented the distribution of strictly summer merchandise and reports indicate that merchants have been able to make substantial reductions in stocks of summer goods.

Stocks of merchandise on hand at reporting department stores were 5.4% less than a month earlier and were 2.6% less than at the end of July, 1928. The rate of stock turnover during the first seven months of the year was 1.72 as compared to 1.65 in the same period a year ago. Collections showed but little change during the month. The ratio of

July collections to accounts outstanding on July 1 was 35.4% as compared to 35.0% in June and 34.3% in July, 1928.

Automotive Parts-Accessory Industry Starts Third Quarter at High Level.

Having closed the first half of the year with business substantially ahead of any previous six months' period, automotive parts-accessory makers maintained heavy schedules throughout July and August and will apparently operate throughout third quarter at a higher level than is usual for this time of year, according to the Motor and Equipment Association, which added:

Original equipment, service parts and service equipment shipments were ahead of July last year, with service parts business also running ahead of June this year. In line with the moderate decline in car production, original equipment makers' business receded slightly from June as did the business of manufacturers of garage equipment and tools. Accessory makers' sales in July gained slightly over June, but the volume of their business was below last year. Wholesalers of automotive equipment, members of the Association, had seasonally good business in July, the aggregate sales for this group running equal with June.

Aggregate shipments in July of several hundred manufacturers supplying parts and accessories to the car and truck manufacturers and parts, accessories and garage repair equipment to the wholesale trade, were 188% of the Jan. 1925 base index of 100, as compared with 208 in June and 187 in July last year.

Parts and accessory manufacturers selling their products to the car and truck manufacturers for original equipment made shipments aggregating 205% of the Jan. 1925 figure as compared with 231 in June and 203 in July last year.

Shipments to the wholesale trade in July of manufacturers of replacement parts were 152% of Jan. 1925, as compared with 150 in June and 148 in July 1928.

Accessory shipments to the wholesale trade in June were 92%, as compared with 90 in June and 112 in July a year ago.

Service equipment shipments, that is, repair shop equipment and tools of member companies in July were 170% as compared with 186 in June and 120 in July last year.

A record year is assured for manufacturers of original equipment, service parts and service equipment.

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

According to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, reports from 217 mills for the week ended Aug. 24 1929, show that orders and shipments were 13.08% and 13.30%, respectively, below output which totaled 196,306,964 feet. The Association's statement follows:

Table: WEEKLY REPORT OF PRODUCTION, ORDERS AND SHIPMENTS. Rows include Production, Orders, Shipments with percentages and production/shipment values.

COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PAST PRODUCTION AND WEEKLY OPERATING CAPACITY (286 IDENTICAL MILLS).

Table: COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PAST PRODUCTION AND WEEKLY OPERATING CAPACITY. Rows include Actual production, Average weekly production 34 weeks ended Aug. 24 1929, Average weekly production during 1928, Average weekly production last three years, Weekly operating capacity.

WEEKLY COMPARISON (IN FEET) FOR 211 IDENTICAL MILLS—1929.

Table: WEEKLY COMPARISON (IN FEET) FOR 211 IDENTICAL MILLS—1929. Columns: Week Ended (Aug. 24, Aug. 17, Aug. 10, Aug. 3). Rows: Production, Orders, Rail, Domestic cargo, Export, Local, Shipments, Rail, Domestic cargo, Export, Local, Unfilled orders, Rail, Domestic cargo, Export.

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

Table: 112 IDENTICAL MILLS. Columns: Week Ended (Aug. 24 1929), Average 34 Weeks Ended (Aug. 24 1929), Average 34 Weeks Ended (Aug. 25 1928). Rows: Production (feet), Orders (feet), Shipments (feet).

DOMESTIC CARGO DISTRIBUTION WEEK ENDED AUG. 17 '29 (121 Mills).

Table: DOMESTIC CARGO DISTRIBUTION WEEK ENDED AUG. 17 '29 (121 Mills). Columns: Orders on Hand, Orders Received, Cancellations, Shipments, Unfilled Orders. Rows: Washington & Oregon, California, Atlantic Coast, Miscellaneous, Total Wash. & Oregon, Total California, Total Atlantic Coast, Total Miscellaneous, Total Brit. Columbia, Total domestic cargo.

America Displaces Europe as Leader in Wood Pulp Output According to Canadian Bank of Commerce—Expansion of Paper Industry in Canada and the United States.

European paper-making countries no longer dominate the industry, although they constitute one of the most important units, according to General Manager S. H. Logan in the September Commercial Letter of the Canadian Bank of Commerce. "With the development of the wood pulp process, Canada and the United States have also come to the fore," he says, "both in the manufacture of paper and as sources of its raw materials. The mills of the larger European countries other than those of the north, are almost wholly dependent on foreign pulp, whereas the large supply of suitable wood and water in Sweden, Norway, Finland, the United States and Canada has caused phenomenal expansion in these countries." A chart accompanying Mr. Logan's statement, based on figures collected by the League of Nations, shows the development in world production of wood pulp from 1913 to 1927 inclusive. According to the latest figures the United States leads in chemical pulp, although part of the wood required is furnished by Canada; in fact, the United States meets slightly more than half its paper needs by importations of pulp wood, pulp and paper. The countries next in rank in the output of chemical pulp are, in the order named, Sweden, Canada, Germany (mainly from imported wood), Finland and Norway. Canada is the largest producer of mechanical pulp, followed by the United States, Germany, Sweden, Norway and Finland. Comparative production in metric tons was as follows: United States, (1913) 4,780,000, to (1927) 8,400,000; Canada (1913) 550,000 to (1927) 2,240,000; European and other countries (1913) 5,937,000 to (1927) 7,725,000. World production increased from 11,420,000 tons in 1913 to 19,152,000 tons in 1927.

On general business conditions in Canada Mr. Logan says:

"Business has developed along more stable lines during the past month and encouraging reports have been received from various parts of the country. There has been no great repairment of the damage already sustained by the prairie wheat crop, but it is now fairly certain that the harvest will be greater than was predicted a month ago in some quarters and that, as we have pointed out previously, there are many favorable factors in the Canadian situation as a whole which should go far towards offsetting any loss in the purchasing power of the West.

"The industrial situation is, in the main, satisfactory; the majority of factories and mills are operating at a higher level than at this time last year, any reduction of program being due to seasonal influences, and to the decline in Western trade which is already noticeable, but which is largely offset by improved markets in Eastern Canada and in foreign countries. The foreign market now absorbs large quantities of Canadian industrial products, among others agricultural equipment. The greatest activity is occurring in plants manufacturing pulp and paper, building and railway materials, household furnishings, clothing and food products."

Hosiery Agreement Signed—Union and Mills at Philadelphia Name Dr. Abelman Arbitrator.

For the first time in the history of the full-fashioned hosiery industry, said a Philadelphia dispatch to the New York "Times", manufacturers and workers on September 1 entered into definite contractual relations, on a national basis, providing for certain newly revised standards of wages and working conditions, and at the same time for the settlement of all disputes or differences of opinion by arbitration.

The Philadelphia "Public Ledger" of August 31 in announcing that Dr. Paul Abelson, of New York, for many years Chairman of the Arbitration plan in the fur industry, has been selected as arbitrator in the full-fashioned hosiery industry under the terms of the agreement effective September 1, added:

Dr. Abelson's selection was announced yesterday by representatives of the full-fashioned manufacturers which is entering into contractual relations with its unionized employees, and by officers of the Hosiery Workers' Union. Joseph Haines, Jr., of the employers, and William Smith, secretary-treasurer of the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers, in announcing the appointment, said:

"Under the terms of this contract, which embodies in formal terms the agreement entered into between the full-fashioned manufacturers and the American Federation of Full-Fashioned Hosiery Workers, all differences of opinion regarding the contract or any other matter which affects joint relations between management and employers which cannot be adjusted by the parties directly involved shall be submitted for adjudication to an impartial person agreeable to the manufacturers and the union.

"In Dr. Paul Abelson we believe we have discovered the right person for this important and delicate task. We understand he has served a longer continuous term as an arbitrator in a given field—the New York fur market in this case—than any other person prominent as an arbitrator in American industry. In his contacts as impartial chairman mediator or arbitrator in the cloth cap, millinery, neckwear, leather goods and other industries, he has won the respect and regard of manufacturers and workers."

New York Cotton Exchange Designates Savannah as Point of Delivery for Cotton.

The Board of Managers of the New York Cotton Exchange on Sept. 5, designed Savannah, Georgia, as a point of delivery of cotton for contracts executed on the Exchange. This delivery point will be effective only on contracts maturing in October 1930 and thereafter. The adoption of Savannah as a delivery point will give 6 southern points of delivery in addition to delivery at New York on New York Cotton Exchange contracts. "This action was made possible by the recent enactment of legislation in Georgia removing restrictions against trading in future contracts," Gardiner H. Miller, President of the Exchange, explained. He added:

"This is regarded in the trade as a constructive step which will react to the advantage of the cotton growers of Georgia and adjacent territory, as well as to the interests of the New York Cotton Exchange through enlarging its sphere of service to the South in marketing and distributing the cotton crop."

The by-laws of the Exchange give the Board of Managers the authority to designate additional points of delivery, upon due notice, without the membership of the Exchange voting approval of the action. The 5 Southern delivery points previously designated by the Board are Norfolk, Charleston, Galveston, Houston and New Orleans. An item regarding the amendments to the by-laws of the Exchange to provide for the handling of deliveries at Southern points appeared in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1362.

Reopening of Manchester (N. H.) Mills.

Advices Aug. 31 to the New York "Times" stated:

After being idle for two weeks 10,000 operatives will return to their work in the mills of the Amoskeag Manufacturing Company on Sept. 3. The rayon yarn department was the only one which has not been closed. This operates twenty-four hours a day.

Sisal Price to be Raised.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 4 reports the following from Monterey:

An increase of the price of Yucatan sisal fiber will be made this year as result of the prospective shortage of the crop, according to Monroy Duran, member of the Henequen Growers' Association. Production of Yucatan is expected to be approximately 600,000 bales for the season, compared with 700,000 last year.

Cuban Co-Operative Crop Agency Takes Control of Sugar —Exporting Body Will Handle Commodity to Make It Bring Better Price—Dumping Unnecessary President Machado Says.

According to a Havana cablegram to the New York "Journal of Commerce" the executive committee having charge of the sale of sugar met at Havana, September 2, to fulfill the orders contained in the decrees of President Machado on July 26 and August 19 and decided to make the following declaration in view of the information the members had regarding sugar on hand to be sold by the Co-operative Export Agency as the surplus of the crop of 1928-29:

"It is not considered at all necessary to dump the supply, that is, to flood any market making large sales, but on the contrary, to make sales gradually and in accordance with the needs of the different buyers. The Executive Committee will meet daily at 11 o'clock to study the propositions that may be received and the conditions of the different markets, making efforts to raise the ruinously low prices being suffered today. It also knew of the offer to purchase made them by Galban, Lobo & Co., for 8,000 tons for shipment in September and October at the price of 1.70c per pound, f. o. b., and considering said price too low, if agreed to refuse such a bid."

The Havana advices to the paper quoted also had the following to say:

All the sugar existing in Cuba has passed on to the Co-operative Agency of Exportation pending sale. This action was completed Saturday. The amount of the sugar is not as yet known as the figures have not yet arrived. On Sept. 7 there will be a meeting to appoint members forming the agency, and it is said that interests in Rionda will not appear in the same by agreement of that firm.

The National Commission for the Defense of Sugar has published the following:

"The National Commission for the Defense of Sugar considers it convenient to make known the disparity existing actually between the world market and the American, considering that the main cause of the disparity is due to the fact that 8s 6d, that is the actual price in London, is equal to \$1.84, which reducing from the same 20 points for freight, leaves \$1.64, while the American market is today at \$2.06, less 14 points for freight, or \$1.92 f. o. b. This represents a difference of from 28 to 30 points between the world market and the American market which is caused by the proximate working of the co-operative export agency as otherwise, it is evident that the American market would march in accordance with the world market as happens generally.

"The cause of the fall in the European market is attributed to the lack of demand of refined sugar and to the news related to the European crops of beet sugar. Undoubtedly the outlook is that all the sugar remaining to be sold has passed over by this time to the Co-operative Agency of Exportation and it will no do disorderly to the market. The American situation has bettered and already are felt the advantages of establishing the Co-operative Export Agency."

The establishment by President Machado of a single selling agency to dispose of all Cuban sugar was referred to in our issues August 10, page 878, and August 24, page 1204.

On Cuban Co-operative Sugar Selling Agency.

Private advices reaching members of the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange from Havana on Sept. 5 indicate that while the Cuban Co-operative Selling Agency appears to have taken over the balance of the unsold Cuban sugar crop and has declared against glutting any market with the surplus, nothing further has as yet been definitely settled with the exception of holding daily meetings to receive bids.

Col. Tarafa on Sugar Prices.

The Sept. 6 issue of the "Wall Street Journal" contains the following from Havana:

Colonel Jose M. Tarafa, member of the Cuban export sales commission, declared that the executive committee considers the present prices for sugar ruinous, and it will not sell sugar until prices reach remunerative basis. There will be no dumping so that any markets will be flooded, he continued. For the present the committee will demand the differential existing with the United States.

New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange to Continue to Close on Saturday During October.

The Board of Managers of the New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange on Sept. 5 stated that the exchange will continue closing Saturdays during the month of October. The exchange was closed on Saturdays during October of last year, and as this practice met with the approval of a majority of the members, it was decided to continue it this year.

Review of Meat Packing Industry by Federal Reserve Board of Chicago—Increased Production and Employment in July.

The September 1 Monthly Business Conditions Report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, contains the following on the meat packing industry:

July production at slaughtering establishments in the United States exceeded that of the preceding month and was much heavier than a year ago. Payrolls for the last week of the period increased 1.1% in number of employes, 1.7% in hours worked, and 0.1% in total earnings over corresponding figures for June. A moderately good inquiry was experienced in domestic markets for dry salt pork, smoked picnics, and sausage; trade was active for boiled ham and quiet for lard, bacon, veal, beef cows, and beef chucks. Demand for lambs and for steer beef averaged fair during the first two weeks but tended to drag after mid-month. The value of sales billed to domestic and foreign customers by 55 meat packing companies in the United States totaled 0.7% greater than in June and 7.5% in excess of last July. Domestic demand showed some recession at the beginning of August from a month previous but averaged fair. Inventories of packing-house products in the United States totaled slightly less on August 1 than on July 1, although they were above last year and the 1924-28 average for the date. Holdings of lard and dry salt meats increased over the preceding period, those of lard and frozen pork decreased in the comparison with last August, while stocks of dry salt pork declined from the five-year average. Chicago prices for the majority of packing-house products averaged a little higher than in June, although mutton, fresh skinned hams, fresh picnics, and a few grades of beef were lower. Quotations for pork, veal, lamb, and mutton trended downward at the close of the month. Shipments for export were somewhat less than in June; some companies experienced an increase. A majority of the reporting firms found the foreign demand for lard and meats rather quiet, though somewhat better than in the preceding month; it was fairly good at times. Prices in European markets continued under Chicago parity but were nearer the domestic basis than in June.

Petroleum and Its Products—Country's Production Establishes New High Record Despite Reduction in California—No Reduction in Mid-Continent Crude.

With consumption beginning to show a seasonal drop, due to the end of the vacation season and the last of the summer holidays having come and gone, production of crude petroleum again reached new heights last week, the total averaging 2,873,450 barrels daily. This record was attained despite a cut in California production. The new high represents a daily increase of 7,100 barrels. There have been no price changes announced this week on crude petroleum. That a reduction will have to be made in Mid-continent crude is considered to be a recognized fact, but just when this downward revision will be made is doubtful. Pennsylvania operators have already taken this step, and Mid-continent factors were thought to be ready to take the same action immediately following the Pennsylvania announcement, several weeks ago.

However, several factors enter into the Mid-continent situation, most important being the conditions in California. It has been the strong competition offered Mid-continent products by the excess California production which has

brought about the demand for lower prices. With the new state conservation law in effect on the Coast, it may be that the resulting drop in production will relieve the industry to an extent sufficient to do away with the need of any radical price changes. The operating officials of the oil industry were interested to learn this week of the possible extension of railroad facilities into New Mexico and Texas oil fields. Such a development is offered as an alternative to trucking and is thought to offer a faster and cheaper system.

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

Bradford, Pa.	\$3.45	Smackover, Ark., 24 and over	\$0.90
Corning, Ohio	1.75	Smackover, Ark., below 24	.75
Cabell, W. Va.	1.35	El Dorado, Ark., 34	1.14
Illinois	1.45	Uranla, La.	.90
Western Kentucky	1.53	Salt Creek, Wyo., 37	1.23
Midcontinent, Oklahoma, 37	1.23	Sunburst, Mont.	1.65
Corsicana, Texas, heavy	.80	Artesia, New Mexico	1.08
Hutchinson, Texas, 35	.87	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 33	1.35
Luling, Texas	1.00	Midway-Sunset, Calif., 22	.80
Spindletop, Texas, grade A	1.20	Huntington, Calif., 26	1.09
Spindletop, Texas, below 25	1.05	Ventura, Calif., 30	1.18
Winkler, Texas	.65	Petrolia, Canada	1.90

REFINED PRODUCTS—GASOLINE BEING SOLD UNDER MARKET PRICE DESPITE RECENT OFFICIAL CUTS—KEROSENE MOVEMENT LARGER AS FALL AND WINTER REQUIREMENTS ARE COVERED BY LARGE PURCHASERS.

Despite the recent cut in U. S. Motor gasoline to an official basis of 9 cents per gallon, tank car, f.o.b. refinery, it was freely stated this week that sales have been made by a certain factory at a full half-cent under the market. However, the quantity offered at this low price was not of sufficient volume to establish a "market price" and the 9-cent level is still officially recognized. Sales have been heavy on the new basis and operators have been buying freely for future delivery, believing that refiners will maintain this price for some time to come and that any further changes might possibly be in an upward direction.

Tank wagon business has been brisk in the Metropolitan Area following the sensational reductions of last week. Consumption of gasoline, however, is beginning to show the expected seasonal decline. With the vacation season over and the last of the summer holidays passed, the bulk of the year's business has been done and sales will settle down to a definite basis. It is stated that this year's business will establish new high records both for sales volume and for profit for the large and well-established companies in the Eastern territory.

There is a firmer tone noted in kerosene, with the price basis nearing 8 cents which is the official quotation. It is true that business is still being done on the 7 3/4 cents basis which has obtained for some time, but stocks at this price are becoming scarce and refiners generally are disposed to hold firmly to their quoted figures.

Marine consumption of fuel oil continues to grow, and the shipping trade is becoming one of the most important customers of this division of the petroleum industry. Fleets of barges operated by the large companies for fueling the ships are to be enlarged, it is reported. There has been no change in the price situation for fuel oil, bunker "C" holding at the established level. Talk of advances in the spot market has not as yet materialized. Diesel oil is in good demand, with prices steady. There has been a lull in export demand for nearly all refined products. A good deal of the European demand for gasoline and kerosene is being diverted to the Black Sea, exporters here declare.

Gasoline, U. S. Motor, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery.

N. Y. (Bayonne)	\$.09	Arkansas	\$.06 3/4	North Louisiana	\$.07 3/4
West Texas	.06 1/4	California	.08 1/4	North Texas	.06 3/4
Chicago	.09 1/4	Los Angeles, export	.07 3/4	Oklahoma	.07
New Orleans	.07 3/4	Gulf Coast, export	.08 1/4	Pennsylvania	.09 1/4

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York	\$.18	Cincinnati	\$.18	Minneapolis	\$.182
Atlanta	.21	Denver	.16	New Orleans	.195
Baltimore	.22	Detroit	.188	Philadelphia	.21
Boston	.20	Houston	.18	San Francisco	.215
Buffalo	.15	Jacksonville	.24	Spokane	.205
Chicago	.15	Kansas City	.179	St. Louis	.169

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

N. Y. (Bayonne)	\$.07 1/4-.08	Chicago	\$.05 3/4	New Orleans	\$.07 1/4
North Texas	.05 1/4	Los Angeles, export	.05 1/4	Tulsa	.06 3/4

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

New York (Bayonne)	\$1.05	Los Angeles	\$.85	Gulf Coast	\$.75
Diesel	2.00	New Orleans	.95	Chicago	.55

Gas Oil, 32-36 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal.

New York (Bayonne)	\$.05 1/4	Chicago	\$.03	Tulsa	\$.0
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Crude Oil Output in United States Reaches New High Level.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude production in the United States for the week ended Aug. 31 1929, was 2,973,450 barrels, as compared with 2,966,350 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 7,100 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended Sept. 1 1928, of 2,503,250 barrels per day, the current figure shows an increase of 470,200 barrels daily. The daily average production east of California for the week ended Aug. 31 1929, was 2,098,550 barrels, as compared

with 2,078,450 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 20,100 barrels. The following estimates of daily average gross production, by districts, are for the weeks shown below:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (FIGURES IN BARRELS). Table with columns: Weeks Ended—, and four columns of dates: Aug. 31 '29, Aug. 24 '29, Aug. 17 '29, Sept. 1 '29.

The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent Field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Aug. 31, was 1,732,700 barrels, as compared with 1,717,250 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 15,450 barrels.

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

Table comparing production figures for various districts (Oklahoma, North Louisiana, Arkansas, Coastal Texas, Montana, California) between two weeks.

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, companies aggregating 3,121,900 barrels, or 92.9% of the 3,359,200 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the plants operating in the United States during the week ended Aug. 31 1929, report that the crude runs to stills for the week show that these companies operated to 86.2% of their total capacity.

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS, GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS WEEK ENDING AUG. 17 (BARRELS OF 42 GALLONS).

Table with 5 columns: District, P. C. Potential Capacity Report'd, Crude Runs to Stills, P. C. Oper. of Tot. Capac. Report., Gasoline Stocks, Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.

Note.—All crude runs to stills and stocks figures follow exactly the present Bureau of Mines definitions. In California, stocks of heavy crude and all grades of fuel oil are included under the heading "Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks." Crude oil runs to stills include both foreign and domestic crude.

Oil Men Puzzled by California Law Effective Sept. 1 —Gas Conservation Act Believed to Permit State to Pro-Rate Production—Its Validity Questioned.

The following special correspondence from Los Angeles, Aug. 23 appeared in the New York "Times" of Sept. 1:

None of the 891 new laws passed at the recent session of the California Legislature has aroused the curiosity and anxiety that the so-called Lyon Gas Conservation law has done. This bill, vaguely and uncertainly drawn, while ostensibly for the conservation of natural gas, on its face appears to permit the State to pro-rate production.

In the opinion of some of the larger producers and those who have attempted a legal analysis of the bill, it is confiscatory and therefore unconstitutional and an early attack upon its validity may be expected.

Though thus far no authoritative interpretation has been made, R. D. Bush, State Oil and Gas Supervisor, has announced that the State will undertake to enforce the new law, which becomes effective Sept. 1, by pro-rating the flow of oil and gas in the larger fields where gas wasteage is the most serious.

The law specifically prohibits unnecessary waste of gas. The question has arisen as to what is "unnecessary waste."

The companies which have the contracts for selling gas and the facilities for using it to repressure oil zones in old fields are said to have submitted a proposal which Mr. Bush is asking all operators to approve. He indicates that his office is inclined to accept such a plan providing every operator receives equal opportunity.

Plans for Carrying Out Law.

Regarding procedure under the law, Mr. Bush says: "It is my duty to ask the State Director of Natural Resources either to order a hearing before me as Supervisor or bring an action in the Superior Court for an injunction restraining unreasonable waste of natural gas whenever I find that natural gas is being blown, released or allowed to escape into the air and the person responsible makes no showing of necessity to take his particular case out of the statutory presumption.

"The following is a proposed plan for disposition on natural gas in the Los Angeles Basin and Ventura Fields:

"First that the amount of gas sold to the gas companies shall be taken pro-rata from all the producers but that the companies having the contracts shall receive the payment for such gas in accordance with the terms of their contracts as though their own gas had been delivered thereunder.

"Second, that all gas used in the field for fuel or other operative purposes shall be taken pro rata from all the operators in that field.

"Third, that all gas used for repressuring in the field from which the gas is produced shall be taken pro rata from all the operators in said field who shall contribute pro rata to the cost of injection of the gas.

Arranging to Store Gas.

"Fourth, arrangements are being attempted for removing gas from fields and storing the same in distant reservoirs. If this can be worked out, it is understood that type gas so stored will be taken pro rata from the producers and without charge to the producers for injection or transportation. This gas, when recaptured, will belong to the operators contributing toward the cost of injection subject to such arrangements as can be made with the owner of the reservoir.

"Fifth, whenever "pro rata" is used in this plan it is to be understood that it is the proportion which the producers' maximum oil and gas ratio to be hereafter established bears to the total maximum production of the field under the same limitations."

The problem of enforcing the law promises to be a heavy one, although assistance will probably be given to the authorities by operators who feel that the enforcement might be utilized as a pretext for price-raising on the ground of supply and demand.

Consideration is being given to a proposition voluntarily to shut in a considerable percentage of production. In any event, the new law is almost sure to be attacked and the burden of interpretation and constitutionality thrown into the courts.

The Sept. 1 issue of the "Times" further referring to the new law had the following to say:

California will start to-day on the enforcement of a law primarily devised to conserve the natural gas resources of the State, but which is being watched with considerable interest by the whole petroleum industry to see how effective it will be in curbing production of crude oil, which the whole industry recognizes has been excessive in the past 3 years. The fact that natural gas in the California fields is always accompanied by a greater or less supply of crude oil makes the ending of waste of gas a natural control of oil production, but to what extent is a matter of widely varying opinion.

Despite the differing views of the executives as to the ultimate effect of the new law, the companies themselves have prepared to co-operate with the California State officials in carrying out the law to its fullest extent. Considerable time has been spent in the past 3 years by the executives of the oil companies to discover some means by which a concerted legal effort toward conservation of petroleum could be devised, but despite 2 major efforts during the present year the industry itself failed because of legal barriers, and is therefore boding every effort to make the enforcement of the first State legislation tending toward conservation successful.

New Law is Specific.

The California law is specific in its provisions. First it prohibits the waste of gas. To carry out this object, it provides that the consumption of gas shall be pro-rated among the various fields where gas is produced instead of being confined to the companies which have contracts with the gas distributing companies. Gas used for oil field operations, that is, in increasing pressure in wells nearing exhaustion of flow, is to be pro-rated among the wells, and the storage of gas in depleted fields or in reservoirs will also be pro-rated.

The new law is generally regarded by the oil industry as a law well framed to accomplish the conservation of gas, but the effect that it will have upon the production of crude oil is a matter of speculation. The various fields in California vary widely, it is pointed out, in the amount of gas produced in proportion to the flow of oil. In some fields the amount of gas produced from an oil well is practically negligible, while in others the flow of oil is practically nothing compared to the amount of gas which is produced. The strict enforcement of the prorating provisions of the legislation under such conditions, it is pointed out, would practically stop production of crude oil in those fields which produce the least, and hardly hamper the production of oil in those fields where the flow of gas is a very small percentage of the production from a well.

It is recognized, however, that a wise distribution of the pro-rata conditions of the law can have a considerable effect upon the crude oil production in the State. Estimates by executives of the larger companies who believe the pro-rata provisions can be so enforced as to become effective

In the fields with the largest oil-producing wells, run as high as 200,000 barrels of oil by which the present production will be reduced. Even the most optimistic of the executives, however, feel that the law may be vulnerable to attack on the ground of unconstitutionality.

In its comments on the law the "Times" (Sept. 1) said:

Obstacles to Applying Law.

New York oil interests are watching with interest the operation of the California law by which oil production will be regulated through a prohibition of waste of natural gas. The feeling, however, is not too optimistic in regard to the successful working of this plan tending toward the conservation of natural resources.

The disparity between the amount of gas produced in the various California fields, as compared with the accompanying oil, is expected to result in practically stopping all oil production in some fields and permitting it to be increased in those fields where the wells produce but a minor amount of gas in comparison to the oil run.

Another difficulty that has yet to be surmounted before the law can work equitably is a pro-rating of pipe line capacity. Pipe line facilities are necessary to the marketing of natural gas and the pipe lines are in control of the larger companies.

It has been reported in New York that the companies controlling the pipe lines have allotted some of their contracts to small producers in the interest of cutting down California production of crude oil by aiding the law to become effective, but whether this action can be carried to an extent where the smaller producers will be satisfied not to attack the law on the grounds that it has been prejudicial to a non-pipe line owner is a matter that has yet to be determined.

Another point which is expected to figure largely in the working of the law is that numerous exhausted wells have been leased by operating companies with the intention of using these exhausted fields for the storage of excess gas produced by well-drilling operations.

It is possible to return the excess gas to these exhausted wells, but it is regarded as problematical as to whether any great percentage of the gas thus stored could afterward be recovered in a manner economically enough so that it could be made a competitor of the natural gas from an original drilling.

Generally, the industry as represented in New York is hoping that the law can be made to work with a successful accomplishment of the purposes for which it was designed.

An item regarding the new law appeared in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1365.

Oklahoma Oil Operators Favor Thirty-Day Shutdown.

The "Wall Street News" reports the following from Tulsa, Okla., Sept. 4:

The operators in the Oklahoma City pool at a conference yesterday signified their willingness to not oppose any fair order of the Corporation Commission relative to curtailing production in the Oklahoma City pool, even if it required a complete shut-in of all wells for a period of 30 days. It now appears likely that a partial shut-down at least will be made there.

Following the meeting the operators gave out the following statement: "The facts in regard to the greatly inadequate outlet in Oklahoma City pool will be immediately laid before the Corporation Commission, together with production and potential figures. All operators signified willingness to not oppose any fair order, even if it requires a complete shut-in of all oil wells for a period of 30 days. This would also affect drilling wells when they reach the final casing point."

The pool produced a total of 53,132 bbls. during the 24 hours ended 7 a. m. Tuesday, compared with the peak of 56,473 bbls. made in the 24 hours ended 7 a. m. Thursday. It is believed that if operations are not curtailed in the field, a peak of at least 150,000 bbls. daily will be reached.

The Oklahoma City pool may be extended to the southeast when a test of Hall & Briscoe's No. 1 Childs in section 14-11-3w is made. The well has a showing of oil at a total depth of 6,349 feet.

Liberal Oil Laws Urged in Columbia—Critics of Bill Before National Congress Say Foreign Capital Should Be Attracted—Revision Believed Likely.

A special cablegram from Cartagena (Columbia), Sept. 4 to the New York "Times" said:

The committee of Congress which is studying the new petroleum bill has approved the first 32 articles with slight changes, most of which make it still more difficult to understand, according to reports from Bogota.

Former President Carlos Restrepo, who is taking an active interest in the discussion of the petroleum law, says there are three indispensable conditions on which it should be based. They are:

"A closed-door policy for unscrupulous speculators; an open door for honorable operators, whether they are Colombians or foreigners, on a basis of absolute equality, and absolute respect for national sovereignty."

There appears a possibility for revision of the proposed law on account of the position taken by Dr. Antonio Jose Restrepo, Liberal leader in Congress, who has directed attention to the close connection between petroleum legislation and the financial standing of Colombia in the United States and in Britain.

Addressing Congress, he declared the only way to assure credit for Colombia abroad consisted in the adoption of an ample and adequate petroleum law. He advocated a law that will attract rather than repel capitalists interested in petroleum development.

Former President Carlos Restrepo questioned the excision of the region of Urban from the national reserves and declared that in 1913 it was reported that Lord Murray's contract, which was negotiated for the Lord Cowdry interests, was retired because of the influence brought to bear upon Colombia by the United States. He recalled that as President at that time he had denied that there was any evidence of intervention on the part of the White House. He declared this question had been cleared up by the publication of "The Life and Letters of Walter Hines Page," in which a letter by Mr. Page to Colonel House said he had brought about the recall of Lord Murray by calling attention to the line of danger these concessions marked in reference to Anglo-American relations.

The newspaper "Mundo" demands that the present Congress adopt a workable petroleum law, as the proposed legislation prevents the exploitation of the nation's oil fields. A law that will permit exploitation and offer incentives for the investment of capital is advocated.

A previous reference to the Colombian Oil bill appeared in our issue of Aug. 10, page 883.

Crude Petroleum Output in the United States in July for First Time Passes 90,000,000 Barrel Mark—Total Stocks of All Oils Reach New High Level—Gasoline Production Also Climbs to New High Peak.

According to reports received by the Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of crude petroleum in the United States during July, 1929, amounted to 91,327,000 barrels, a daily average of 2,946,000 barrels. This was the first time the monthly total has exceeded the 90,000,000-barrel mark. Daily average output in Texas in July was over 50,000 barrels higher than in June and the State regained first place among the producing States. Nearly every district in Texas recorded increased output in July, that of West Texas being the most important. Both California and Oklahoma registered material gains in output in July, that of the former being due principally to developments at Santa Fe Springs, that of Oklahoma to new production at Seminole, and in the increasingly important Oklahoma City pool. Kansas produced 4,000,000 barrels for the first month since August, 1918. Daily average production in the Appalachian district registered a material increase and approached the 100,000-barrel mark.

The situation as regards crude stocks east of California experienced a complete reversal in July, when additions to storage amounted to 4,254,000 barrels, as compared with a small decrease the previous month. The major portion of this increase was recorded in Mid-Continent tank-farm stocks. Stocks of crude held by refiners increased about 800,000 barrels during the month, despite withdrawals from stocks of foreign crude. Stocks of both light and heavy crudes continued to increase in California, the total accumulation for July amounting to 3,749,000 barrels.

Total stocks of all oils on July 31 amounted to 666,962,000 barrels, a new high mark. This represents an increase over June of 6,537,000 barrels as compared with a decrease in July 1928 of 3,687,000 barrels, adds the Bureau, which further says:

All of the leading fields covered regularly in the following analysis recorded increases in output in July. Daily average production in West Texas gained 31,000 barrels over June and rose above 400,000 for the first time. The older districts of the Greater Seminole area continued to hold up well and the new production was sufficient to increase the daily output to 424,000 barrels from 409,000 barrels in June. The Long Beach field showed a slight gain in daily average production over June but this required more than twice as many completions. Production at Santa Fe Springs continued to climb to new peaks in July, when the daily average amounted to 262,000 barrels.

Stocks at Seminole were practically unchanged from June, amounting to 18,766,000 barrels on July 31 as compared with 18,740,000 the month previous.

Of more than passing interest from the standpoint of wells was the large number of dry holes—40—drilled in the Seminole area in July. This was more than three times the June figure. However, the average size of the successful completions in July at Seminole was much larger than in June. No indications of a cessation in drilling is to be found in the figures of drilling wells as of July 31, the four fields given below having 772 wells under way as compared with 733 the month previous.

PRODUCTION (BARRELS OF 42 U. S. GALLONS).

	July 1929.		June 1929.		July 1928.	
	Total.	Daily Aver.	Total.	Daily Aver.	Total.	Daily Aver.
Seminole.....	13,134,000	424,000	12,262,000	409,000	8,121,000	262,000
St. Louis, &c.]					1,134,000	37,000
West Texas...	12,676,000	409,000	11,335,000	378,000	11,284,000	364,000
Long Beach x..	5,387,000	174,000	5,071,000	169,000	6,078,000	196,000
Santa Fe Spgs.x	8,135,000	262,000	7,124,000	237,000	1,137,000	37,000

x From American Petroleum Institute.

STOCKS AT SEMINOLE, ST. LOUIS, &c. (BARRELS OF 42 U. S. GALLONS).

	July 31 1929.	June 30 1929.	July 31 1928. y
Producers' stocks.....	561,000	584,000	371,000
Tank-farm stocks.....	18,205,000	18,156,000	17,018,000
Total stocks.....	18,766,000	18,740,000	17,389,000

y Includes stocks at Seminole only.

RECORD OF WELLS, JULY 1929.z

	Completions.			Total Initial Production (Barrels).	Aver. Initial Production (Barrels).	Drilling July 31.
	Oil.	Gas.	Dry.			
Seminole.....	78	12	40	99,900	1,300	281
St. Louis, &c.....						
West Texas.....	36	--	25	44,700	1,200	245
Long Beach.....	23	--	1	21,400	930	87
Santa Fe Springs.....	23	--	--	88,200	3,800	159

z From "Oil & Gas Journal."

An effort at curtailment by refiners was evidenced in July, when the daily average throughput of crude petroleum was 2,772,000 barrels as compared with 2,813,000 barrels in June. Gasoline production again rose to a new peak in July, when the daily average was 1,221,000 barrels as compared with 1,187,000 barrels in June, says the Bureau's statement, continuing:

The July figure represents an increase over the previous year of 15%. The consumption of gasoline also reached a new peak, the daily average indicated domestic demand for July of 1,189,000 barrels being an increase over July 1928 of 13%.

The daily average production of kerosene decreased but exports also were lower and stocks increased. Stocks of gas oil and fuel oil east of California continued to increase rapidly as demand remained at a relatively low level.

The refinery data of this report were compiled from schedules of 346 refineries which had an aggregate daily recorded crude oil capacity of 3,430,000 barrels. These refineries operated during July at 81% of their recorded capacity, given above, as compared with 343 refineries operating at 83% of their capacity in June.

ANALYSIS OF SUPPLY AND DEMAND OF ALL OILS.

(Including wax, coke and asphalt in thousands of barrels of 42 U. S. gallons.)

Table with 6 columns: Item, July 1929, June 1929.a, July 1928, Jan.-July 1929, Jan.-July 1928.b. Rows include New Supply, Domestic production, Imports, Total new supply, Demand, Exports, Domestic demand, Excess production, Stocks (End of Month).

a Revised. b Final figures. c Decrease. d Includes shipments to Alaska, Hawaii and Porto Rico. e Includes fuel oil in California. f Grand total stocks all oils divided by daily average total demand.

PRODUCTION OF CRUDE PETROLEUM BY FIELDS AND STATES WITH CLASSIFICATION BY GRAVITY (BARRELS OF 42 U. S. GALS.).

Table with 6 columns: Field, July 1929 (Total, Daily Av.), June 1929 (Total, Daily Av.), Jan.-July 1929, Jan.-July 1928.a. Rows include Field, U. S. total, State, and Classification by Gravity.

f Final figures. b Includes Alaska and Utah.

STOCKS OF CRUDE PETROLEUM HELD IN THE UNITED STATES (Bbls)

Table with 4 columns: Item, July 31 1929, June 30 1929, July 31 1928.a. Rows include At Refineries, East coast, Foreign, Domestic, Total pipe-line and tank-farm stocks, Foreign crude petroleum, Total refinery, pipe-line and tank-farm stocks, Classification by Gravity, Producer's Stocks.

a Final figures. b Revised. c Not available.

IMPORTS AND EXPORTS OF CRUDE PETROLEUM (BARRELS). (From Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce)

Table with 6 columns: Item, July 1929 (Total, Daily Av.), June 1929 (Total, Daily Av.), January-July 1929, January-July 1928.a. Rows include Imports, Exports, Total imports, Total exports.

a Final figures.

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

Table with 6 columns: Domestic Petrol by Fields of Origin, July 1929 (Total, Daily Av.), June 1929 (Total, Daily Av.), Jan.-July 1929, Jan.-July 1928.a. Rows include Deliveries and exports, Deliveries for n. petrol, Deliveries of domestic and for. petroleum.

a Final figures.

NUMBER OF PRODUCING OIL WELLS COMPLETED.

Table with 5 columns: July 1929, June 1929, July 1928, Jan.-July 1929, Jan.-July 1928.y. Rows include July 1929, June 1929, July 1928.

x For States east of California from "Oil & Gas Journal"; for California from the American Petroleum Institute. y Final figures.

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

Table with 5 columns: Item, July 1929, June 1929, July 1928, Jan.-July 1929, Jan.-July 1928.a. Rows include Crude oil, Refined products: Gasoline, Taps, Kerosene, Gas oil, Fuel oil, Lubricants, Asphalt, Total refined products.

a Final figures.

World Tin Stocks Increased During August.

An increase of 2,611 tons in the world's visible supply of tin during August, brought that figure to the highest point since last March, E. A. Brennan, Secretary of the National Metal Exchange, announced. The present visible supply of 26,400 tons is 230 tons less than the March total, and is ascribed to abnormally high shipments from several producing fields. During the month of August, world's deliveries were 10,561 tons, or 440 tons less than in July, following the usual seasonal decline in tin plate manufacture. August shipments from the Straits Settlement were 8,978 tons, nearly 1,000 tons above estimates made at the beginning of the month. Estimated September shipments are also 8,000 tons, the announcement added.

Record Buying in Market for Copper—Week's Business Highest Since December 1928—Lead Firm.

All records were broken for copper buying in the past week when domestic buyers entered the market for 102,000 tons. This figure is almost double the previous record of 56,000 tons sold in the week of Dec. 26 1928, Engineering and Mining Journal reports, adding:

About 35,000 tons of the total were sold in one day, Tuesday. Since then, inquiry has tempered slightly, though some sellers have done a heavy business. Though most of the buying has been for September-October, a good business has been done for the last 2 months of the year. Foreign business has also been active, about 18,000 long tons having been booked at the Copper Exporters' price of 18.30 cents.

While most sellers admit that continued active buying is likely to force up prices, they would rather see a stable 18-cent price maintained. One leading seller established his quotation at 18½ cents, Connecticut basis, but business at that level has been insignificant. Several other sellers, swamped with orders, also withdrew from the market, but did not mark up their prices.

Notwithstanding a lesser activity in lead in the past week, a heavy tonnage was sold, largely for September or October shipment. The price trend is upward, some lead in the East having been sold at the equivalent of 6.80 cents, New York. Quotation by the leading mid-Western producer is 6.60 cents, St. Louis.

Zinc and tin have been dull. The price of the former continues firm at 6.80 cents, but tin dropped slightly when the increase of 2,600 long tons in visible supplies at the end of August became known.

New August Record in Pig Iron Output.

August pig iron production established two new records—the largest for that month in history and a new high total for the first eight months of any year. From returns collected by wire on Sept. 3 by the "Iron Age," the August output was 3,755,680 gross tons, or 121,151 tons per day for the 31 days. This compares with 3,785,120 tons for the 31 days in July, when the daily rate was 122,100 tons. This is a loss in daily rate of 949 tons or about 0.75%. The next largest August was 111,274 tons per day in 1923. The "Age" also adds:

New Record for Eight Months.

For the eight months ended with August the total production was 29,181,760 tons. The nearest approach to this was the 27,969,000 tons to Sept. 1 1923—an increase of about 1,213,000 tons or 4.3%. Compared with the first eight months' output in 1928 of 24,729,315 tons, the increase this year was 4,453,445 tons, or 18%.

Rate of Operation on Sept. 1.

There were 210 furnaces operating on Sept. 1 with an estimated operating rate of 119,130 tons per day. On Aug. 1 there were 216 furnaces active, having an estimated operating rate of 121,965 tons daily. There were nine furnaces shut down during August and three blown in—a net loss of six furnaces. This compares with a net loss of two furnaces during July.

Independent steel companies did not blow in any furnaces during August but they blew out one. The Steel Corporation blew in two furnaces and shut down four. Four merchant furnaces were blown out in August and only one was blown in. There was therefore a net loss of three steel-making and three merchant furnaces.

Loss in Merchant Iron

The loss in merchant iron during August was 1,805 tons per day, the daily rate being 22,251 tons against 24,056 tons in July. In steel-making iron there was a gain of 856 tons per day, or 98,900 tons per day in August and 98,044 tons per day in July.

Ferromanganese in August.

There was 28,461 tons of ferromanganese made in August as against 31,040 tons in July. The August output was the third largest this year. Two companies were making spiegeleisen on Sept. 1.

Furnaces Blown In and Out.

Only three furnaces were blown in during August: No. 3 Isabella furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Pittsburgh district; the Colonial furnace in western Pennsylvania, and the Cherry Valley furnace in the Mahoning Valley.

There were nine furnaces blown out or banked during August: One furnace of the Witherbee-Sherman Co. at Port Henry, N. Y.; "B" furnace at the Bethlehem plant of the Bethlehem Steel Corp. in eastern Pennsylvania; one Duquesne and one Edgar Thomson furnace of the Carnegie Steel Co. in the Pittsburgh district; one River furnace in northern Ohio; one furnace of the Minnesota Steel Co. in Minnesota; and one Pioneer furnace of the Republic Iron & Steel Co., one Enslay furnace of the Tennessee Coal, Iron & Railroad Co. and the Tuscaloosa furnace in Alabama.

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

	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.	1928.	1929.
January.....	97,384	108,720	106,974	100,123	92,573	111,044
February.....	106,026	114,791	104,408	105,024	100,004	114,507
March.....	111,809	114,975	111,032	112,366	103,215	119,823
April.....	107,781	108,632	115,004	114,074	106,183	122,087
May.....	84,358	94,542	112,304	109,385	105,931	125,745
June.....	67,541	89,115	107,844	102,988	102,733	123,908
First six months....	95,794	105,039	109,660	107,351	101,763	119,564
July.....	57,577	85,936	103,978	95,199	99,091	122,100
August.....	60,875	87,241	103,241	95,073	101,180	121,151
September.....	68,442	90,873	104,543	92,498	102,077	-----
October.....	79,907	97,528	107,553	89,810	108,832	-----
November.....	83,656	100,767	107,890	88,279	110,084	-----
December.....	95,539	104,853	99,712	86,960	108,705	-----
12 months' average..	85,075	99,735	107,043	99,266	103,382	-----

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

	Steel Works.	Merchant.*	Total.
1928—January.....	89,520	23,053	92,573
February.....	78,444	21,560	100,004
March.....	83,489	19,726	103,215
April.....	85,183	21,000	106,183
May.....	85,576	20,355	105,931
June.....	81,630	21,103	102,733
July.....	79,513	19,578	99,091
August.....	82,642	18,538	101,180
September.....	82,590	19,487	102,077
October.....	88,051	20,781	108,832
November.....	88,474	21,610	110,084
December.....	85,415	23,290	108,705
1929—January.....	85,530	25,514	111,044
February.....	89,248	25,261	114,507
March.....	95,461	24,361	119,823
April.....	95,680	26,407	122,087
May.....	100,174	25,571	125,745
June.....	99,993	23,915	123,908
July.....	98,044	24,056	122,100
August.....	98,900	22,251	121,151

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

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

	1927.	1928.	1929.	1927.	1928.	1929.
Jan....	3,103,820	2,869,761	3,442,370	2,951,160	3,718,241	3,785,120
Feb....	2,940,679	2,900,126	3,206,185	2,947,276	3,363,570	3,755,680
Mar....	3,453,362	3,199,674	3,714,473	3,274,949	3,002,314	-----
Apr....	3,422,226	3,185,504	3,662,625	3,278,412	3,378,806	-----
May....	3,390,940	3,288,856	3,898,082	3,648,376	3,302,523	-----
June....	3,089,651	3,082,000	3,717,225	2,695,755	3,309,846	-----
½ yr. 1927-28.....	19,430,678	18,520,921	21,640,960	20,232,360	23,837,804	-----

½ These totals do not include charcoal pig iron. The 1928 production of this iron was 142,960 gross tons.

PRODUCTION OF STEEL COMPANIES FOR OWN USE—GROSS TONS

	Total Pig Iron— Spiegel and Ferromanganese.			Ferromanganese.x		
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1927.	1928.	1929.
January.....	2,343,881	2,155,133	2,651,416	31,844	22,298	28,208
February.....	2,256,651	2,274,680	2,498,901	24,560	19,320	25,978
March.....	2,675,417	2,588,158	2,959,295	27,834	27,912	24,978
3 Months.....	7,275,949	7,018,171	8,109,612	84,238	69,530	79,164
April.....	2,637,919	2,555,500	2,826,028	24,735	18,405	22,413
May.....	2,619,078	2,652,872	3,105,404	28,734	29,940	25,896
June.....	2,343,409	2,448,905	2,999,798	29,232	32,088	33,363
Half year.....	14,876,355	14,675,448	17,040,842	166,939	149,963	160,836
July.....	2,163,101	2,464,896	3,039,370	28,384	32,909	31,040
August.....	2,213,815	2,561,904	3,065,874	21,279	24,583	28,461
September.....	2,090,200	2,477,695	-----	20,675	22,278	-----
October.....	2,076,722	2,729,589	-----	17,710	23,939	-----
November.....	1,938,043	2,654,211	-----	17,851	29,773	-----
December.....	1,987,652	2,647,863	-----	20,992	28,618	-----
Year.....	27,345,888	30,211,606	-----	291,840	312,061	-----

x Includes output of merchant furnaces.

Trend of Steel Output Appears to be Downward—Operating Conditions Show no Appreciable Change—Prices Unchanged.

Pig iron production in August was a record for that month and was the fourth largest output for any month, reports the "Iron Age" of Sept. 5 in its summary of iron and steel conditions. At 3,755,680 tons, the August total exceeded only by the figures for July and May, 1929, and May, 1923. The decline from the previous month was only ¼ of 1%. The production thus far this year, at 29,181,760 tons, has established a new eight months' record, forging ahead of the previous high mark, for the corresponding period in 1923, by 4.3%. A further tapering of output in September is indicated by a net loss of six active furnaces and a daily operating rate of 119,130 tons on Sept. 1, compared with 121,965 tons for the 216 stacks in blast Aug. 1.

The trend of steel ingot production in September also appears to be downward. Although no marked recession is looked for, mill backlogs are still being reduced and the full effects of fall demands will probably not be felt until October. Steel producers plan to take advantage of the breathing spell to make long delayed and much needed repairs. The "Iron Age" also says:

Whether expectations will be fully realized is, of course, open to question, since the vitality of steel demand has been a surprise to producers and consumers alike throughout the year. Thus far in September, aside from the temporary effects of the holiday interruption, there has been no appreciable change in operating conditions. The larger producers, owing to the diversification of their output, continue to run at 90 to 95% of ingot capacity, and will probably not drop below a 90% rate for several weeks. The current average for Steel Corporation subsidiaries is estimated at 94%. On the other hand,

output for some of the smaller producers has dropped to 85% or less. In rails autumn demand has already set in, with an inquiry for 8000 tons from a Southwestern road and with fully 30,000 tons expected to come into the market in the next fortnight.

In structural steel, likewise, there are signs of expanding demand. For a leading Eastern producer of plain material, increased business toward the end of August brought the month's bookings 10% above July. The unusually large amount of prospective tonnage in fabricated steel work has been augmented by fresh inquiries for 30,000 tons. Structural steel work likely to be awarded in New England in the last quarter is double the tonnage placed in the corresponding period in 1928.

The automobile industry and railroad equipment buying remain the chief uncertainties affecting the immediate outlook in the steel industry. The "Iron Age" composite prices remain unchanged, pig iron at \$18.25 a gross ton and finished steel at 2.398 c. a lb., as the following table shows:

Finished Steel.		Pig Iron.			
Sept. 3, 1929, 2.398c. a Lb.		Sept. 3, 1929, \$18.25 a Gross Ton.			
One week ago	2.398c.	One week ago	\$18.25	May 14	\$18.25
One month ago	2.412c.	One month ago	18.42	Nov. 27	17.04
One year ago	2.348c.	One year ago	17.34	July 24	17.54
10-year pre-war average	1.689c.	10-year pre-war average	15.72	July 13	19.46

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

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--2.560c.	Jan. 6	2.396c.	Aug. 18	1925--22.50	Jan. 13	18.96	July 7

Pig iron production set a new record for the month of August, with a total of 3,738,438 tons, and a daily average of 120,594 tons, states the "Iron Trade Review" in its issue of Sept. 5. The reduction from the July total of 3,782,511 tons was more moderate than anticipated. The daily average in July was 122,016 tons, and the August rate declined only 1.16%, adds the "Review," which goes on to say:

The previous record for August was made in 1923, with a daily average of 111,254 tons, and August this year topped that by 8.37%. Daily average production in August of this year is 19.2% higher than that of August 1928.

Output for the first 8 months this year, 29,158,486 tons, a new record for the comparable period, and an increase of 4,438,317 tons over the first eight months of 1928. A net loss of seven active stacks occurred during August, with 210 operating on the last day of the month.

Market activity in pig iron is in harmony with this strong situation in production. August shipments in many districts paralleled those of July and may have set an August record. Spot buying is steady and though a buying movement has not developed, increasingly melters are covering for the fourth quarter. Cleveland district producers have sold 22,000 tons in the past week, New York 12,000, Boston 10,000 and St. Louis 6,000. Inquiry at Buffalo is extensive. Some southern furnaces, after selling basic iron in the North at \$12, Birmingham, and No. 2 foundry at \$12.50, have stiffened. Two eastern pipe shops have purchased a total of 40,000 tons of southern iron in the past week.

In steel the outlook is equally auspicious. What normally are the two poorest months of the year are now behind the industry. In a week or ten days books will be opened for the last quarter. It is recognized that automotive production may be approaching the lightest quarter of the year and railroad equipment buying may fall short of the rate of the first half; nevertheless, the promise of general manufacturing demand, purchasing of building materials and fall runs of implement makers is bright.

Expectations of an upturn in demand in the middle of September approach the test. Meanwhile, in the face of specifications inferior to production for almost 60 days, steel prices generally have held. Some users have looked for soft spots as the sequel to slack buying. Iron and steel scrap prices are less bullish, due more to expanding supplies than melters' resistance. Coke purchases and prices are steady. Open-market activity in semifinished steel is of no consequence, but a heavy volume is moving in direct transactions.

Despite the holiday, specifications for steel bars have improved both at Pittsburgh and Chicago. Demand continues below the level of early July, but the downturn may have been arrested. Alloy and mild steel bars share this improvement. Plate mills at Pittsburgh have been working off their backlogs, but at Chicago 14,000 tons of fresh domestic and 2,500 tons of foreign inquiry buoy the market. Structural activity has been light, with added emphasis upon requirements of road and machinery builders for light sections. Heavy finished steel is 1.95c, Pittsburgh.

Some makers of blue annealed sheets have been losing business on account of delivery requirements, but mill backlogs of other grades have been largely dissipated by August operations in excess of bookings. Some pressure upon autobody sheet prices is reported. Strip steel requirements, especially of the automotive industry, are sharply down from the level of 60 days ago. Makers of wire nails claim a more steady price structure, but mill stocks, particularly in the West, continue large. Manufacturers' wire is moving better than other lines.

Chicago district rail mills look for a good volume of secondary buying this month, and for earlier placing of 1930 needs, enabling them to maintain better production rates next quarter. Reading has bought 30,000 tons of rails. New York Central railroad has ordered 35 oil-electric locomotives. Freight car awards are topped by 200 gondolas for the Central of New Jersey. New inquiry includes about 100 cars.

All August records for water shipments of Lake Superior iron ore fell below the 10,806,967 gross tons moved last month. To Sept. 1 the 1929 movement of Lake Superior ore was 43,717,787 tons, also a record. It is possible that the 1917 achievement of 66,658,466 tons in a season will be surpassed this year.

Unusually good business is reported in the Pacific Northwest. In July and August 31,000 tons of steel bars, plates, shapes and pipe was placed, a volume half as great as the entire first half.

Most steel mills resumed Tuesday, following the holiday, but the trend in some finishing departments continues slightly downward. In the Mahoning Valley 46 out of 51 independent open-hearth furnaces are active, the same as last week. Seven fewer sheet mills, or 106 out of 120, are operating there. Ingot rate at Chicago is averaging 95%,

and at Pittsburgh 90 to 95. Steel corporation units are operating at 94% this week four points lower than a week ago.

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

Output of Bituminous Coal and Beehive Coke Again Shows Increase Over Last Year—Anthracite Production for Calendar Year to Aug. 24 1929 Still Below That for the Same Period in 1928.

According to the report of the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the production of bituminous coal and beehive coke continues to increase over that of last year, while Pennsylvania anthracite output still shows a decrease. For the calendar year to Aug. 24 1929, the production of bituminous coal amounted to 327,043,000 net tons, as compared with 301,529,000 net tons in the same period last year, while output of Pennsylvania anthracite totaled 46,142,000 net tons as against 46,633,000 net tons in the corresponding period in 1928. Total production for the week ended Aug. 24 1929 was as follows: Bituminous coal, 9,974,000 net tons; Pennsylvania anthracite, 1,544,000 tons, and beehive coke, 120,500 tons. This compares with 9,276,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,731,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 67,800 tons of beehive coke produced in the week ended Aug. 25 1928, and 9,539,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,113,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 123,300 tons of beehive coke in the week ended Aug. 17 1929. The Bureau's statement follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Aug. 24 1929, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 9,974,000 net tons. Compared with the revised estimate for the preceding week, this shows an increase of 435,000 tons, or 4.6%. Production during the week in 1928, corresponding with that of Aug. 24, amounted to 9,276,000 net tons.

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

Week Ended—	1929		1928	
	Week. to Date.	Cal. Year	Week. to Date. ^a	Cal. Year
Aug. 10	9,570,000	307,530,000	9,002,000	283,294,000
Daily average	1,595,000	1,632,000	1,500,000	1,504,000
Aug. 17	9,539,000	317,069,000	8,959,000	292,253,000
Daily average	1,590,000	1,631,000	1,493,000	1,504,000
Aug. 24	9,974,000	327,043,000	9,276,000	301,529,000
Daily average	1,662,000	1,632,000	1,546,000	1,505,000

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

The total production of soft coal during the present calendar year to Aug. 24 (approximately 200 working days) amounts to 327,043,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1928	301,529,000 net tons	1926	344,278,000 net tons
1927	340,208,000 net tons	1925	308,821,000 net tons

As already indicated by the revised figures above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Aug. 17 amounted to 9,539,000 net tons. This is a decrease of 31,000 tons, or 0.3%, from the output in the preceding week. The following table apportions the tonnage by States and gives comparable figures for other recent years:

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

State—	Week. Ended				Average
	Aug. 17 1929.	Aug. 10 1929.	Aug. 18 1928.	Aug. 20 1927.	
Alabama	309,000	350,000	284,000	397,000	397,000
Arkansas	25,000	26,000	35,000	34,000	26,000
Colorado	125,000	116,000	151,000	183,000	173,000
Illinois	952,000	900,000	859,000	160,000	1,363,000
Indiana	268,000	287,000	273,000	303,000	440,000
Iowa	64,000	60,000	60,000	13,000	100,000
Kansas	(d)	(d)	37,000	43,000	84,000
Kentucky—Eastern	952,000	900,000	966,000	1,080,000	765,000
Western	229,000	197,000	256,000	452,000	217,000
Maryland	49,000	49,000	52,000	57,000	44,000
Michigan	14,000	15,000	11,000	14,000	21,000
Missouri	52,000	45,000	57,000	35,000	61,000
Montana	57,000	54,000	54,000	57,000	60,000
New Mexico	49,000	40,000	53,000	57,000	49,000
North Dakota	12,000	11,000	17,000	14,000	20,000
Ohio	467,000	456,000	316,000	154,000	871,000
Oklahoma	49,000	44,000	51,000	77,000	55,000
Pennsylvania (bitumin.)	2,526,000	2,640,000	2,226,000	2,330,000	3,734,000
Tennessee	102,000	100,000	102,000	101,000	118,000
Texas	20,000	18,000	17,000	28,000	24,000
Utah	70,000	65,000	73,000	87,000	83,000
Virginia	238,000	233,000	224,000	243,000	248,000
Washington	35,000	34,000	41,000	45,000	47,000
W. Virginia—Southern b.	2,032,000	2,133,000	1,931,000	2,162,000	1,552,000
Northern c.	683,000	639,000	700,000	866,000	838,000
Wyoming	103,000	103,000	110,000	107,000	154,000
Other States	52,000	45,000	3,000	5,000	4,000

Total bituminous coal... 9,539,000 9,570,000 8,959,000 9,104,000 11,538,000
Pennsylvania anthracite... 1,113,000 1,104,000 1,416,000 1,574,000 1,926,000

Total all coal... 10,652,000 10,674,000 10,375,000 10,678,000 13,464,000

^a Average weekly rate for the entire month. ^b Includes operations on the N. & W. C. & O., Virginian, K. & M., and Charleston division of the B. & O. ^c Rest of State, including Panhandle. ^d Kansas included in "Other States."

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

The total production of Pennsylvania anthracite during the week ended Aug. 24 is estimated at 1,544,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows an increase of 431,000 tons, or 38.7%. Production during the week in 1928 corresponding with that of Aug. 24 amounted to 1,731,000 tons.

Chicago.

	Sept. 4 1929.	Aug. 28 1929.	Sept. 5 1928.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total	2,037,000,000	2,046,000,000	2,032,000,000
Loans—total	1,643,000,000	1,650,000,000	1,567,000,000
On securities	910,000,000	925,000,000	845,000,000
All other	733,000,000	725,000,000	722,000,000
Investments—total	394,000,000	396,000,000	464,000,000
U. S. Government securities	162,000,000	162,000,000	210,000,000
Other securities	232,000,000	234,000,000	255,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	171,000,000	175,000,000	181,000,000
Cash in vault	16,000,000	15,000,000	17,000,000
Net demand deposits	1,258,000,000	1,251,000,000	1,245,000,000
Time deposits	675,000,000	670,000,000	678,000,000
Government deposits	1,000,000	3,000,000	8,000,000
Due from banks	162,000,000	144,000,000	160,000,000
Due to banks	316,000,000	298,000,000	341,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	1,000,000	23,000,000	42,000,000

* Revised.

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

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

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

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business Aug. 28:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in 101 leading cities on Aug. 28 shows a decline for the week of \$18,000,000 in loans and investments and of \$80,000,000 in net demand deposits, an increase of \$46,000,000 in time deposits, and a small decrease in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on securities increased \$12,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$42,000,000 in the New York district and \$6,000,000 in the San Francisco district, and declined \$33,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$10,000,000 in the Cleveland district. "All other" loans show a small increase for the week, a reduction of \$8,000,000 in the Boston district being offset by increases in most of the other districts.

Holdings of United States Government securities declined \$11,000,000 in the New York district and \$16,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other securities declined \$11,000,000 in the New York district and \$14,000,000 at all reporting banks.

Net demand deposits, which at all reporting banks were \$80,000,000 below the Aug. 21 total, declined \$38,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$16,000,000 in the Boston district, \$12,000,000 each in the New York and Cleveland districts and \$6,000,000 in the San Francisco district, and increased \$9,000,000 in the St. Louis district. Time deposits increased \$39,000,000 in the New York district and \$46,000,000 at all reporting banks. Government deposits declined \$7,000,000.

The principal changes in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks for the week comprise increases of \$8,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and of \$5,000,000 each at St. Louis and Minneapolis, and decreases of \$8,000,000 at Chicago, \$6,000,000 at San Francisco and \$5,000,000 at Boston.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Aug. 28 1929 follows:

	Aug. 28 1929.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) Since	
	\$	Aug. 21 1929.*	Aug. 29 1928.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and Investments—total	22,405,000,000	—18,000,000	+689,000,000
Loans—total	16,950,000,000	+12,000,000	+1,159,000,000
On securities	7,521,000,000	+11,000,000	+781,000,000
All other	9,429,000,000	+1,000,000	+378,000,000
Investments—total	5,456,000,000	—29,000,000	—469,000,000
U. S. Government securities	2,707,000,000	—16,000,000	—196,000,000
Other securities	2,748,000,000	—14,000,000	—274,000,000
Reserve with Federal Res'v'e banks	1,663,000,000	+13,000,000	+9,000,000
Cash in vault	238,000,000	+2,000,000	—8,000,000
Net demand deposits	12,984,000,000	—80,000,000	+155,000,000
Time deposits	6,766,000,000	+46,000,000	—73,000,000
Government deposits	37,000,000	—7,000,000	—81,000,000
Due from banks	1,032,000,000	—7,000,000	+30,000,000
Due to banks	2,540,000,000	—16,000,000	—187,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks	685,000,000	—2,000,000	—102,000,000

* Aug. 21 figures revised.

Summary of Conditions in World Markets, According to Cablegrams and Other Reports to the Department of Commerce.

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication Sept. 7 the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

There has been considerable discussion during the week regarding the drought which is being felt in some sections, but the general opinion is that the season is as yet not advanced far enough for the drought to have any serious effect upon the coming spring crop. The Government estimates that the area sown to 1929-30 crops is as follows: Wheat, 7,700,000 hectares; flaxseed, 2,900,000 hectares; oats, 1,500,000; barley, 590,000 hectares; rye, 518,000 hectares; birdseed, 23,000 hectares; a total of 15,200,000, or 6.5% less than during the previous year.

AUSTRALIA.

London balances of Australian banks have been replenished by the transfer of one million in gold to London. Considerable opposition to the recently proposed amusement tax has developed and the new customs regulations are proving particularly burdensome, especially with respect to the new duty on American heavy motor trucks. The Australian National Airways announces that a daily service between Brisbane and Melbourne will be inaugurated in November.

BRAZIL.

General business is improving slightly with considerable optimism prevalent and it is believed that the run of important failures is nearly over. Money is slightly tighter, probably because the Bank of Brazil is stopping credit on Minas coffee. On the whole the exchange market has been quiet and so has the coffee market, except there has been a slight rise in January and February options for the latter commodity. Report for the first half of 1929 amounted to 46,017,000 pounds sterling and imports to 44,914,000 pounds sterling. The favorable balance of trade being 1,103,000 pounds sterling, as compared with 5,452,000 pounds sterling for the corresponding period of 1928.

CANADA.

Trade conditions in eastern Canada range from fair to good while reports from the Prairie Provinces are encouraging. Canadian imports during July, valued at \$114,201,000, were 10% higher than in July, 1928. Exports, however, valued at \$102,219,000, declined 16% in the same period.

Automobile tires and tubes were shipped to 90 different countries; the total tire shipments increasing 37% in quantity and 17% in value over July of last year and inner tubes increasing 19% in quantity but decreasing 11% in value.

July production of pig iron, at approximately 100,000 long tons, reached the highest monthly figure of this year, being 11% over June and 5% over July, 1928. The output of steel ingots and castings, amounting to nearly 130,000 tons, was 9% above that for June and 57% above July of last year. The pig iron market is steady, with indications that the summer lull is terminating.

Employment on August 1 established a new high level at an index number of 127.8, as against 124.7 for the preceding month and 119.3 for a year previous. The largest employment increases were shown in construction and manufacturing lines, while the tendency in mining and in communication services is favorable; employment in logging has been seasonally quiet with a decline in trade and water transportation. The most noteworthy improvement took place in the Maritime and Prairie Provinces.

CHINA.

Conditions in the Shanghai area present no material change from last week. A national law has been promulgated definitely placing the administration of highways under the Minister of Railways, with provincial highways administered by boards of construction in each province. Each provincial board of construction will henceforth be required to maintain a supply of motor car parts for facilitating the servicing of motor bus transportation companies. Heavy rains in South Manchuria on August 6 have practically destroyed crops in the Liso River area. Crops in other sections of South Manchuria were only slightly affected. North Manchurian crops are better than normal except in the Hailar district, which are reported poor.

DENMARK.

The recent improvement in Danish business conditions was in general well maintained during August and although a certain seasonal recession occurred during the month, the undertone remains favorable. The outlook is particularly encouraging for the Danish farmers as a result of harvesting of bumper crops and continued high exports, high production, and favorable prices for agricultural products. Bacon exports are notably heavy and apparently may be expected to increase as the latest census shows a 10% increase in number of hogs as compares with 1928. The industrial situation reveals no outstanding changes but production is appreciably higher than a year ago. Unemployment, while still a major problem, shows further reduction and at the close of August was estimated to number only 27,000 which is the lowest for the month in the past several years. Shipping is well occupied and there is no idle tonnage. The disturbed conditions in the principal financial centers of the world apparently have not affected the Danish money market except through repatriation of Danish bonds. Money is relatively easy and financial conditions show stability and strength.

JAPAN.

In efforts to encourage trade with Asia, the Yokohama Specie Bank, at the suggestion of the Minister of Finance, reduced its interest rates on export bills for Asiatic countries to 5½% from 6%, effective August 27. The Japanese Cabinet announces that the budget for the next fiscal year will be reduced by 100,000,000 yen below this, the last Sei'yukai budget.

MEXICO.

Conditions in the textile industry are reported much improved, production and sales having increased from 15 to 20% during July. Increased buying of textiles and shoes generally occurs prior to the celebration of Mexican Independence Day on September 16, and it is expected that sales of these goods will continue strong into September. Credit conditions have been improving slowly since the revolution during

March and April when interest rates ran as high as 18%. A few loans have been reported during recent weeks at rates as low as 8%, but the policy of the banks with respect to loans is still very conservative and the majority of loans are made at higher rates.

NORWAY.

Summer dullness characterized Norwegian business activity during July without noticeably affecting industry, which operated at practically the same capacity as in July. Seasonal occupations decreased unemployment which, at the close of July, was estimated at 12,400 in comparison with 14,500 on June 15. There was no change in the freight market. Small cargo steamers are in demand especially for timber cargoes. Fairly good rates are also being obtained for time characters for steamers of 2000 to 4000 tons registry. Large steamers are having difficulty in securing sufficient cargo. Tank tonnage continues in good demand. Several wage agreements have been concluded recently, indicating a tendency toward settled labor conditions. The stock market is quiet and the banking situation shows no marked change.

PANAMA.

With the exception of collections which are reported to be slow and which are expected to remain so until October, no change has been noted in business conditions. Government revenues during the period from August 1 to 24 were approximately \$60,000 greater than during the first 24 days of July. Widespread interest has been created by press dispatches to the effect that a tourist syndicate is fostering the establishment of a pleasure resort and is planning the construction of a large tourist hotel, casino and race track. Air mail and passenger service between Cristobal and Buenaventura, Colombia, were inaugurated by Scadta Company on August 30. The Government has signed a contract to purchase 120 hectares of land near the city of David for the construction of a new airport.

UNITED KINGDOM.

British commercial conditions on the whole are on a level perhaps slightly better than they were a year ago. In some cases, notably in the coal and the iron and steel trades, conditions are considerably better than they were at this time last year. Unemployment figures indicate a steadiness of industry, but they show no signs of any considerable revival in the near future. The number of workpeople registered as seeking employment stood at 1,162,000 in Great Britain and 33,500 in Northern Ireland on August 19 as compared with 1,308,000 and 47,000, respectively, a year ago. Work was resumed in the Lancashire cotton industry on August 19 and subsequently the wage arbitration board awarded a reduction in wages equal to one-half of the decrease demanded by the employers. There is, however, a general belief that a drastic reorganization of the cotton industry is necessary in order to improve cotton trade conditions.

Railway receipts and shipping freights were both higher in July than in June or July of last year. Overseas trade returns for July were satisfactory but imports of raw materials reflected the seasonal recession in industrial activity. Fall and winter industrial developments are considered to be largely contingent upon the ability of banks to provide adequate credit. Gold exports have continued but the bank rate remains at 5½% although an increase is expected unless the gold situation radically changes. Retail trade has been unusually good for the summer season.

Iron and steel market conditions are practically unchanged, with mid-summer slackness less pronounced than usual at this time of the year. Allowing for seasonal influences, the coal trade is fairly satisfactory with the position considerably improved in the Scotland, Northeast coast, and South Wales districts. Domestic demand is improving and export inquiries are more active. Engineering trades are steady. The electrical equipment industry is working full-time and returns indicate an improvement in both domestic and export business. Considering seasonal conditions, automotive sales are well maintained. Business in chemicals is about normal for this time of the year and prices are generally steady. Seasonal slackness affects the shoe and leather trades.

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

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

The favorable undertone in the Philippine textile market, reported last week, continues, although ordering is slow. The credit situation has improved with regard to the textile trade, which is a healthy sign, but normal ordering of textiles is not anticipated for a month or six weeks. In general business lines, the commencement of Christmas ordering is creating some activity, but on the whole business continues seasonally slack. The local abaca market is listless, on account of lack of foreign demand, exempt for a few speculative transactions on the London market. Receipts last week were fairly high, totaling 26,131 bales and equal arrivals for this week are anticipated. Receipts last week, however, were offset by exports of 39,443 bales, of which 17,132 bales went to the United States. Stocks of abaca at export ports on August 26 amounted to 231,568 bales. Prices of all grades are nominal, as sellers are not interested at the following levels offered: Grade E, 27 pesos per picul of 139 pounds; F, 25; I, 24.30; JUS, 21.75; Juk, 17; and L, 14.75. (1 peso equals \$0.50.) The copra market of the past week was active and all oil mills are operating. Today's prices for warehouse grade resocado, f.o.b. steamer, are Manila, 10.625 pesos per picul; Cebu, 10.375; Legaspi, 10.25; and Hongdagua, 10.125. Arrivals of copra at Manila to August 27 totaled 415,101 sacks, and arrivals at Cebu to August 23, amounted to 245,890 sacks.

Gold and Silver Imported into and Exported from the United States by Countries in July.

The Bureau of Foreign and Domestic Commerce of the Department of Commerce at Washington has made public its monthly report showing the imports and exports of gold and silver into and from the United States during the month of July 1929. The gold exports were only \$806,828. The imports were \$35,525,490, of which \$20,679,701 came from Argentina, \$9,739,528 came from United Kingdom, and \$2,669,712 came from Canada. Of the exports of the metal, \$353,859 went to Mexico, \$220,000 to Java and Madura and \$200,000 to Venezuela.

GOLD AND SILVER EXPORTED FROM AND IMPORTED INTO THE UNITED STATES, BY COUNTRIES.

Countries.	GOLD.		SILVER.			
	Total.		Refined Bullion.		Total (Incl. Cohn).	
	Exports Dollars	Imports Dollars	Exports Ounces	Imports Ounces	Exports Dollars	Imports Dollars
Denmark		150				
France		1,480				1,658
Germany			250,278		131,508	
Italy		1,364				2,178
Norway		8,040				63,988
Spain		1,804				2,807
United Kingdom		9,739,528				
Canada	12,969	2,669,712	112,521	50,753	187,581	661,460
Costa Rica		13,380				18
Honduras		21,425		219,842		114,964
Nicaragua		22,288		3,296		3,694
Guatemala		16,575				
Mexico	353,859	1,381,497		4,045,654	141,350	3,219,166
Trinidad & Tobago	20,000	39,548				
Other Brit. W. I.		350			200	
Cuba		6,385				342
Haiti, Republic of		269				3,980
Argentina		20,679,701	3,215		1,790	
Chile		28,407				142,335
Colombia		166,323	15,214	494	8,273	293
Ecuador		108,482				4,302
Peru		127,829				444,906
Venezuela	200,000	16,693				
British India			1,056,281		553,490	
China		74,336	7,717,345	61	4,041,643	32
Java and Madura	220,000	97,369		58,543		32,948
Philippine Islands		278,632				4,898
Hong Kong			3,271,422		1,725,905	
New Zealand		23,490		42		22
Belgian Congo		1,896				12,575
Union of So. Africa		4,339				6,793
Total	806,828	35,525,490	12,426,276	4,378,719	6,795,100	4,723,359

Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Great Britain Before Assembly of League of Nations at Geneva Says League Must Solve Problem of Disarmament—Situation in Palestine.

Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald, addressing at Geneva, on September 3, the Assembly of the League of Nations, declared that "with undivided mind, this League must bend itself to solve this problem of disarmament." He indicated that the Anglo-American conversations which have taken place between himself and Charles G. Dawes, United States Ambassador to Great Britain, have developed to the extent that but three out of twenty points still remain to be settled, and he stated that an announcement of an agreement might be made before the Assembly would come to an end. "What we want," he said, "is to get an agreement which, having been made, can be a preliminary to the calling of a five-power Naval conference." Among other things, the Prime Minister stated that he was in a position to announce that "my Government has decided to sign the optional clause." This clause of the World Court (notes the copyright cablegram from Geneva to the New York "Herald Tribune") obligates the signatory State to refer all disputes otherwise unsettled to The Hague Tribunal for arbitration. Each of the Dominion Governments also, he believed (continues the cablegram), was ready to sign at the present session, but they would make their own statements on the subject. Mr. MacDonald urged that other nations would take the same step so that this meeting, the tenth ordinary session of the Assembly, might come to be known as the "optional clause Assembly."

The Prime Minister's speech, as contained in a special cablegram to the New York "Times," follows:

Mr. President: I stand in front of this most distinguished Assembly after an interval of five years. During that time, Sir, many changes have taken place, nearly all of which have been for the advancement of peace and the strength and authority of this League.

There is nothing that strikes me with more pleasure, standing as I do in front of you now, than the fact the benches which were empty in 1924 have been filled in 1929 and Germany is present to take part in our deliberations.

Sir, there is one sad thought that comes to my mind, and that is that one of the most distinguished servants of this League and this Assembly, a man upon whom those of us who are confined in our expressions to a solitary language, have often had to lean most heavily and thank most gratefully. I refer to Mr. Cameron, our translator, who is no longer able to render the distinguished service he was rendering when I last spoke.

But what we have to do now, after all the changes that have occurred in five years, is only concerned with the work of developing the authority of the League of Nations and laying broader and more securely than ever the foundations of international peace.

In 1924 the subject which Great Britain brought before this League was known as the protocol. The idea then was this: That if we could establish security—a sense of security among the peoples of the world—then those peoples would willingly and without any resistance walk upon peace. Upon that point we shall return again and again.

The Problem of Security.

The problem of the League of Nations is the problem of security, and security as we saw it in 1924 was very largely a problem in psychology. As long as nations doubt, as long as nations suspect, then it is absolutely impossible for us to do what we may to get them to accept the settled conditions of peace which alone enable them to proceed in a satisfactory way to solve problems like that of disarmament.

Since 1924 we have started upon another road. The pact of peace has been signed at Paris, and that pact is now the starting point for further work.

A very witty Englishman once said, remarking about castles in the air, that the right place for castles was in the air and that what men on earth ought to do was to build up foundations in order that the castles might be supported.

To a certain extent the pact of peace is still a castle in the air, and the Assembly of the League is going to build up the foundations to support this castle.

Now, one of the most substantial contributions that has been made to our task is the work of the conference that has just been held at The Hague, and I wish to congratulate most heartily everybody who contributed to the success of that conference. There were some day-to-day events which obscured the issues of that conference; there were disagreements about the distribution of annuities which for moments blinded us as to the real issues that were being settled at The Hague.

Never Doubted Success.

Personally, I never believed the conference would fail or could fail.

Our attitude was prompted by our self-respect.

Great Britain, again and again since the finish of the military operations of the war, has given ample evidence of its willingness to share generously in the burdens left upon Europe by the war. We made no profits, either from our being allies or from our being enemies.

We had the conviction that all lasting international agreements must be based on equity and mutual consideration, and that no lasting agreement that is going to mark a new departure in good will and co-operation can be written by force in any form, not even the force of a temporary and transitory majority.

Momentary and temporary disagreement and misunderstanding of the nature we found at The Hague will not only not survive the settlement, but, on the contrary, will strengthen good relations, and it will be found here and in our subsequent relations that those who were on opposite sides during certain periods at The Hague are sitting side by side and co-operating in the further pacification of Europe.

Tribute to Hague Peacemakers.

I cannot pass from The Hague without paying a special tribute of gratitude and obligation to those good people who were the peacemakers and who did their best to keep us together and bring us together; who did their best to secure that the idea and spirit of fair play should never be obscured while we were haggling over pounds, shillings and pence. And the leader, the chief, the symbol and representative of them all, I am sure there will be universal agreement, was M. Jaspar, Prime Minister of Belgium, who presided over the proceedings.

The agreements and treaties that will arise from The Hague will be signed, I hope, in a few weeks. But in any event, it surely must be a proud moment for all of us to know that next week, five years before it was thought to be possible, the first of the battalions will march out [from the Rhineland] facing homeward, never to return again.

In 1924 there was the London agreement, leading to Locarno, thence leading to the presence of my friends in the front bench here [Germans]. In 1929 there was The Hague conference, leading to further conquests of peace.

It is a happy, it is a hopeful, it is an encouraging prospect that the meeting of this Assembly faces. We meet here as members of the League, in the spirit of the League, and with unreserved friendship and unreserved co-operation we are facing political and economic problems that are likely to give trouble to Europe.

Wants More Than Paper Pact.

We began, as I have said, with the pact of peace. The British Government, I am sure, as well as everyone else—but I am speaking for the British Government—is desirous that that pact shall not only be a declaration on paper but shall be translated into constitutions and institutions that will work for peace in Europe.

And let us remember—those of us who carry very heavy burdens of responsibility upon our shoulders, those of us who do not dare to put our signatures to agreements unless they have been examined carefully and found to be right—let us who have those responsibilities on our shoulders remember this, that the peoples of the whole world ask us to go ahead; the peoples of every nation desire us to be quick in action, because the peoples of the whole world want to close forever the old military chapters of Europe and begin new ones which will be brighter and more hopeful in their prospects.

Disarmament League's Problem.

So, with undivided mind, this League must bend itself to solve this problem of disarmament.

Disarmament, progress toward disarmament, the agreements between nations that mean reduction of existing standards of armaments, undoubtedly measure the progress we have already made in peace-making like a barometer. Yes, but they do more than that. Whilst measuring progress, they also make further progress possible.

Disarmament does not follow only on successful peace negotiations; disarmament makes successful peace negotiations more possible than under military systems.

Our people will never feel comfortable; our people will never be able to trust common sense—ordinary sound, human common sense—until you and I and all of us together, by co-operative enterprise, have substantially reduced the risks of war. And one of the greatest risks of war is that some of us—all of us—are still too heavily armed.

Therefore, the British Government will do everything it possibly can to hasten preparation for a disarmament conference. It would urge the commissions—the preparatory commission and the others—not to face their problems in a mentality of the possibility of war because they will never go very far if that is how they face their problems. It would urge them to face them on the assumption that the risk of war now breaking out is far less than the hope of peace being permanently observed.

What we have to do with our military advisers is to ask them to remember that there is just as much security in political agreement as there is in a regiment of soldiers or in a fleet of battleships.

Working for Definite Results.

The British Government desires, and is now working at the production of actual, definite results. Our special contribution to this and our first contribution to this must be in the field of naval armaments and must be recognized by every one—every one who has entered into the very difficult and very intricate problem that it presents—that the best preliminary to a successful international issue on that is an agreement between America and ourselves regarding our own position.

I hope, when I say this, that it will arouse neither jealousy nor suspicion in the hearts of other nations. May I ask them to take it from me that

the conversations in which America and ourselves have been engaged are in no way directed against anybody, are in no sense a conspiracy against anybody.

With the widest stretch of the most malign imagination those conversations cannot be represented at all except as conversations that have been taking place between two powers who, by coming to an agreement between themselves, first of all, wish to throw that agreement into the world as a healing and helpful lead to the rest of the world.

Will Not Arm Against Us.

The problem of armaments is not a problem between the United States and ourselves. The British Government declines absolutely to build up against the United States, and the United States can take that—I think I might call it—as a last word, because it is not only the word of the Labor Government; it is also the word of its predecessors, the Conservative Government.

But what we want is to get an agreement which, having been made, can be a preliminary to the calling of a five power naval conference, the other powers being as free to put in their proposals, and we being as free to negotiate with them as though no conversations had taken place between America and ourselves. And the only value of these conversations when the five-power conference is called is that we ourselves will not be required to look to each other; this agreement has been made by us as free agents to promote naval disarmament of the whole world.

Our conversations have not yet been ended, but the agreement has gone very far. I do not quite know what form it will take and can say nothing at the moment that would in any way hamper President Hoover in his work, but I think we might produce a document that would have something like twenty points of agreement in it—a very comprehensive document. We are not out for small things; we are out for a document which will establish peace as well as agree to naval ratios.

It will be a very great pleasure to you—to the League of Nations—to know that if I say it runs to twenty points, there are only about three of the twenty outstanding at the present moment.

Hopes for Early Announcement.

I did hope at one time that it might have been possible to have made definite announcement of the results here. I am not all sure—I make no promise and please do not allow your expectations to go unreasonably high—but I am not at all sure that even if an announcement cannot be made before I must leave, an announcement of an agreement may be made before this Assembly will come to an end.

We want to make further contributions than that, however, and since our Government came into office we have been considering what we could do at this Assembly in order to advance, in order to build up what I call the foundations for a pact of peace.

I would like you to consider the effect of a pact of peace upon the assumptions of certain clauses of the covenant of the League of Nations because it would be all too good if we pruned out the dead wood from the covenant.

There were certain clauses, certain assumptions, certain ideas in the background of our minds when the Covenant was drafted which already represented a dead age. In order to make this pact effective I would draw your attention especially to Clauses 12 and 15 of the Covenant to see whether we could not bring that very old document in relation to certain things that have happened since, right up to date. However, that will come before you in another day.

Human Nature a Factor.

But the foundation of peace, we say, is arbitration. Difficulties will arise between us. I am perfectly certain that my friend Premier Briand, and others who were present at some of the more hectic moments at The Hague, must have been very sensible of the fact that, in accordance with the laws of creation and human nature, difficulties will still arise among the most peaceable and most friendly people, and the problem is, and the problem will remain exactly what it was before; how to secure, with the limitations of human nature, that no disagreement can reach proportions that will carry it on to the war stage, defying all judicial settlement. That is our problem.

Therefore, we have been bending our attention during the brief weeks we have been in office to the question of arbitration and conciliation. And I am in a position to announce to you now that my Government has decided to sign the optional clause. The form of our declaration is now being prepared. It will be completed and put in during the present Assembly.

Further, the Government has consulted His Majesty's Governments of the other parts of the British Commonwealth of Nations, who are also members of this League, and I believe each of them will instruct its representatives in this Assembly to sign the clause during this Assembly. But in accordance with their rights and their position here, they will make their own statements on the subject.

May I express the hope, Mr. President, that the other nations will range themselves with us on that, so that this meeting, the tenth ordinary session of the Assembly of the League, may be known as the Optional Clause Assembly.

There is a third set of practical activities, all inspired by the spirit of the League, that we are pursuing. You will have seen in the press that we have offered an agreement to Egypt, the effect of which will put Egypt in a position to apply for membership in this League.

The contribution we are making by this action, I think, is a very important one. If you want peace, you must remember it is not only peace between the European nations, you must get peace between France, Germany, Great Britain, Belgium, and so on. That is only going to carry us a small way, but the important, the essential part of the way.

Yes, my friends, there are much more intricate problems bound up in the maintenance of peace than that. There is an Old World, old in civilization, old in philosophy, old in religion, old in culture, which hitherto has been weak in those material powers that have characterized the Western peoples. But that Old World, wrapped in slumber as we thought, has now become awake and is now beginning to understand that national self-respect which is taught and tutored very largely by us. It is bringing our own ideas home to us, borne by its hands, and is asking us to honor the effects of our own action and grant it, not by charity but because our own hearts are enlightened by the freedom we have been nourishing and nurturing for ourselves for so many generations.

The great danger of war, then, is this—that we may be too long in performing this act of recognition; that we, by our delays, by our half-heartedness, by our lack of courage, may accumulate forces in the political life of those nations that will present to us, not a request, but an ultimatum, that will make its requests in such a way that if obstacles can be placed in the way of granting them they will be placed in the way of granting them.

We say, "make peace while there is still time to do it with honor and self-respect." In that way peace will come not as a result of war, not as a result of a challenge, but peace will come with all the glowing beneficence of a new day supplanting the old night.

Wants Confidence of East.

And so what we want to do in making our contribution in the nature of an agreement with Egypt is this: We want to give those nations full confidence in negotiation and in reason. Never ought we put the Great East into a position where it says:

"Our only chance of becoming free from undertakings that are too old to be observed now is to tear them up in the faces of those with whom we made them."

That is the danger of war between one side of the world and the other, and by meeting that problem in time we will extend the realm of peaceful negotiation, resulting in the liberties of the peoples of the earth. We will make allies instead of enemies when these peoples get free.

The same idea applies to minorities in the large countries. I hope everybody recognizes that the problem of minorities is a problem of mental comfort of peoples living under a composite state. You can cut and you can carve Europe as finely and with as great intricacy as you like, you never can produce nations that are unitary as far as race and tradition are concerned. In the end, when you have done your best, you have got to have composite states and the great privilege of the majorities should be to show their wisdom by making minorities within their political borders comfortable in themselves and proud of their political allegiance.

A similar argument and line of thought are found in regard to mandates. When the idea of mandates was put into the Covenant of the League of Nations it was clearly understood that a nation accepting a mandate accepted international responsibility. I am sure the members who are good enough to listen to me will expect me, in referring to mandates, to give some assurance about the situation in Palestine.

I believe I am speaking the mind of every national representative in the Assembly when I say we offer to the victims of the recent events in Palestine and to their relatives and their families our sympathy, and assure them of our support.

There is no racial conflict in what happened in Palestine the other day; it was a situation in which the leaders of both races ought to join together, and with common voice and with passion shared equally in both their hearts condemn what is nothing less than an ordinary piece of political crime.

This is no conflict between Moslem and Jew; this is simply an uprising of lawlessness and disorder, whatever its motive may be. So far as we are concerned, it is not a question of Moslem or Jew, of Christian or non-Christian. I do not care what their race is, or their religion, or their culture; there is no differentiation of that sort in my mind when this thought that I am about to express is there. It is not a question like that at all. No nation, no civilized nation, no nation with any political responsibility, no nation co-operating with other nations to do their best for all the peoples of the world, will ever yield to outbursts of criminality and murder. No, never! For that would be a triumph of the very forces we have founded the League to control.

I see in the newspapers references to Jews and Moslems, and so on. I appeal to the leaders of those peoples not to allow that falsehood to be spread abroad. Let them both unite and condemn what has been done and unite with us to see what the situation demands.

Our first duty is to get the situation in hand. That has been done pretty well. Our second duty is to inquire into all the conditions in order that a remedy may be found and to prevent recurrences of such things in the future.

Those, Mr. President, are some of the active things that the government of Britain at present is working at and has effected. There is one other great department to which, however, I will only refer, as I am already making an unusual draft on the time of the Assembly. It is this:

The League of Nations must do something more than it has done to solve economic problems between nation and nation. I have read with a good deal of interest the sketchy but illuminating pronouncement made by M. Briand. I have no doubt but that M. Briand will take the opportunity of elaboration of what is in his mind. But this Assembly must face the problem of tariffs.

Tariff barriers between producer and consumer are certainly not justified by the expense of the world up to now.

What are we trying to solve, irrespective of nations. We are trying to solve the problem of the poverty of our people.

Says All Must Share Wealth.

We are discovering that no nation can flourish unless the riches upon which it flourishes are shared by the individual citizen and fructify on the back and in the body of the individual citizen. Under tariffs we have poverty, under tariffs we have low wages, under tariffs we have unemployment, under tariffs we have class conflicts just as much as we have under a sort of disorganized free trade. And in addition to that, out of economic differences, political differences soon begin to appear.

The British Government will heartily co-operate in every attempt to translate political agreements in economic agreements that make for economic freedom. Every effort to guide a political nationality from being the cause of economic obstruction and making it an instrument in economic co-operation will receive the support of Great Britain.

And so, Sir, we are going to take our risks of peace. I know it has its risks as well as war, but the difference between a nation that risks itself in peace and that which risks itself in war is this: That the nation that takes the risk of pioneering in peace is likely to get peace; the nation that takes the risk of leading in military preparations is absolutely certain to get war.

There is a very good verse in the Scriptures, which we ought to put up in great letters of gold wherever the League of Nations assembles; the verse says: "He who draws the sword shall perish by the sword."

Wants Home and Nation Saved.

I do not want my country to perish, I do not want that little corner of my country from which I came in Scotland to cease to exist as a self-respecting, co-operating community of people. I do not want the islands that lie off the coast of Europe—Great Britain and Ireland—to perish. I do not want that further-flung commonwealth, men and women in communities beating out for themselves the precious inheritance of nationhood, while at the same time they preserve in their hearts a sense and recognition of the mysterious and mystic common tie whereby, with their nationhood, they nevertheless feel kinship with ourselves—I do not want that to perish. I do not want it to be a menace. I do not want it to be a selfish power, using material authority for imposing its will.

If nations are to live and commonwealths are to live, they must live by enlightenment, and the greatest test of enlightenment in these days is to show our willingness to reduce armaments and banish from our minds all ideas of security and throw ourselves with courage unflinchingly into this position; that we trust men, women and nations who come and make bargains with us. We will carry out our part. They will carry out their part, and in order that this may be done without a break we set up courts to take the place of arms; we set up conciliation to take the place of threats; we agree that reason is the greatest creative power in the universe. And, taking that stand, the government which I represent here today is willing to take those tremendous steps into a new era of international relations because it does not want its substance, its nation of nations, to be smashed; it does not want its people to be impoverished and its does not want civilization itself to be destroyed by further resorts to arms.

Says Europe Will Ask U. S. to Cancel Debts—London Evening Standard Article Urges America to Act Before Request is Made.

Advices from London, September 3, are reported as follows by the New York "Times":

A prediction that sooner or later Europe will ask for cancellation of the war debts appears in Lord Beaverbrook's *Evening Standard* tonight under a headline reading, "Why ever did Britain agree to pay twice over?"

The author of the article, Arthur A. Baumann, told your correspondent that "unusual latitude" had been given to him but it is noticeable that his prediction follows closely upon the leading editorial, which was couched in almost identical terms and appeared in *The Sunday Chronicle*, influential journal belonging to another group. Murmurs in other quarters on the same strain have since become more pronounced.

The *Evening Standard* article tonight is a somewhat forcible expression of the view that were it not for America's refusal to accept Lord Balfour's proposal to cancel war debts all round "there would be no 'plans' for dividing Germany's debts and consequently no feverish and exasperating examination of one another's assets by European powers."

"But so long as the United States persists in its policy of collecting European war debts," the article states, "Foreign Secretary Henderson's hope that the World War will become nothing more than an evil memory and that its hatreds and clashing interests will become appeased must remain unfulfilled and a mere pious wish."

America, asks *The Evening Standard* article, is keeping her finger in the open wound for what ultimate purpose? Sooner or later America will be faced by a European combination, headed perhaps by England and possibly including Japan, demanding cancellation of war debts, before which she will be obliged to give way, the article says, and asks why America does not cancel the debts now as an act of grace.

Food Price Curb Planned in Britain—Government Investigates Costs for Regulation in Fulfillment of Labor's Pledge—To Check Profiteering.

From the New York "Evening Post" of August 31 we take the following copyright account from London that date:

One of the reforms which the Labor Government is likely to introduce before long is the Government control of food prices throughout the country. Legislation may be introduced enlarging the powers of the present Food Council, so as to give compulsory force to its recommendation.

One of the planks of the Labor Party's platform was "the prevention of profiteering in food." Since the election the Food Council, which now acts in an advisory capacity has made a number of recommendations, and some of these recommendations have been deliberately ignored.

The most recent case is that of milk. The wholesale dairymen have decreed, in defiance of the Council, that the winter price of milk is to be paid during August, which means an increase of 2 cents per quart. Bread prices also have been raised by 2 cents a loaf and millers have published "illusory" flour prices. Butchers, meantime, have been found to make from 25 to 50% profit on their capital.

These matters are being reported to the Government by the Food Council, which is continuing to gather evidence, and legislative action probably will be based on this information.

Warburg Interests Establish Firm in Amsterdam to Represent International Manhattan Co. in Security Dealings.

According to cable advices this week the firm of Warburg & Company has been established in Amsterdam, Holland, to do a general securities business and to represent the interests of M. M. Warburg & Co. of Hamburg and those of the International Manhattan Company, Incorporated, the securities organization of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., and the Bank of the Manhattan Company. The formation of this new firm recognizes the importance of European connections in the distribution of American securities and the origination of new issues abroad.

Warburg & Company is a special partnership for which the firm of M. M. Warburg & Co. as general partner is fully liable. The management of the firm will be in the hands of various members of M. M. Warburg & Co., Hamburg; Leonard Keesing, formerly associated with Kuhn, Loeb & Co., and L. S. Chanler, Jr., London Vice-President, International Acceptance Bank, Inc. The firm will have an Advisory Committee composed of Max M. Warburg, Fritz M. Warburg and A. S. Warburg, senior partners of

M. M. Warburg & Co., Hamburg; Paul M. Warburg, Chairman, International Acceptance Bank, Inc. and Associate Chairman, Bank of the Manhattan Company; James P. Warburg, President, International Manhattan Company, Inc., and Lucien Nachmann, Vice-President, International Acceptance Bank, Inc.

German Municipalities Paying 10% for Public Loans.

A wireless message, August 3, from Berlin to the New York "Times" states:

One result of the scarcity of capital in Germany is that German towns, which profess to need money urgently have had extreme difficulty in getting it. They are now endeavoring to avoid long-term loans and are issuing treasury bills for about three years. Cologne's 8% treasury bills having been oversubscribed, Frankfurt and Breslau followed its example.

Frankfurt issued 30,000,000 at 8% for three years, the loan being taken by banks at 93 and offered by them at 96, though only half of the amount has yet been put on sale. Breslau's borrowing amounts to 34,000,000 marks issued at 95 for three years at 3%. Berlin also is issuing treasury bills for 40,000,000 marks running four years and placed at 95. As these bills are repayable at par, the result is that the greatest German cities are now paying more than 10% per annum to raise funds for their municipal requirements, including schools and hospitals as well as productive enterprises.

Sino-Russian Break Hurts Trade in China—Shanghai, Hankow and Foochow Hit by Closing of Dalbank and Loss of Soviet Tea Contracts.

Special advices from Washington August 25 to the New York "Times" stated:

Disturbing conjectures with reference to future developments in the Sino-Russian rupture, while apparently not affecting immediate business in the Shanghai and lower Yangtze areas, are serving as an unsettling factor toward Manchurian business booked through Shanghai, according to radio reports received by the Department of Commerce from Commercial attaches and consuls in China.

The closing of the Dalbank and the canceling of tea contracts by Centrosyuz, the Soviet purchasing agency, is creating a depressing effect on tea markets in Shanghai, Hankow and Foochow, the department said. It is estimated that the Dalbank financed Sino-Russian business to the extent of 30,000,000 silver dollars (\$14,000,000) during 1928, and that its annual contracts for tea purchases are about 18,000,000 Shanghai taels (about \$10,440,000). The Centrosyuz has also suspended operations in Shanghai.

"Though little definite reaction is evident in the business circles of North China, increasing possibility is apparent that business in certain lines might be affected unless an early settlement is reached in the Manchurian situation," the department said in its survey.

"Export items, such as Hailar wool and hides, skins and furs, which pass through the disturbed areas, and other items handled locally by Russian firms, might show curtailed shipments. Local purchases of American goods for shipment to Russia are also expected to show considerable decreases.

"Heavy rains during the greater part of July have improved crop conditions in many of the sections previously reported suffering from drought in North China, but floods in several of the poorly drained districts have inflicted great damage and boats are unable to pass under bridges, owing to high waters in many of the canals.

"Floods on the Peking-Suiyuan Railway carried away several miles of track above Kalgan and the damaged section may not be in operation for several weeks.

"Chinese shops in Hailar and Manchouli on the Chinese Eastern Railway are reported to have reopened for business."

Securities Increased in Note Reserves by Bank of Japan—Fluctuations in Amount Said to be Ready Barometer of Conditions in Money Market.

The following is from the *United States Daily* of September 3:

Securities in the Bank of Japan's note reserves have increased steadily within the past few years, the percentage of coverage rising from 21.86 in 1917 to 38 within the past year, the Department of Commerce has just stated.

Workings of the bank are explained in a review prepared by H. M. Bratter, of the Finance and Investment Division of the Department.

The review follows in full text:
As the use of checks in Japan is as yet not well developed, the issue of notes, rather than the granting of credits through deposits, has been the general practice of the Bank of Japan. The fluctuations in the amount of notes outstanding, according, constitute a more ready barometer of money market conditions than the bank's discount rate. In Japan changes in either the volume of note issue or the Bank of Japan discount rates are likely to be of post facto significance, in contrast with the Federal Reserve or Bank of England rates, which tend to control credit.

Reserves Support Rates.

Present regulations permit the bank to issue notes in unlimited amount against a 100% reserve of gold and silver coins and bullion. Although by law 25% of the special reserve may be silver, in practice it consists of gold alone. The bank further is allowed to issue notes on security of government bonds and treasury bills and other bonds and commercial bills of a reliable nature, to a maximum of 120,000,000 yen. In case of necessity it may be permitted to issue notes beyond the maximum—subject, however, to a tax of at least 5% per annum. On the fiduciary note issue not subject to the excess tax of 5% or over there is levied an issue tax amounting to 1.25%.

Upon the adoption of the gold standard the proportion of securities in the note reserves to the total note-issue reserves increased—especially with the Russo-Japanese war, when it reached 70.84%. With the gradual recovery from the effects of that conflict, security coverage declined to 38.25% of the total coverage in 1909 but rose again to 47.38 in 1913. The inflow of gold with the World War brought the figure down to 21.86 in 1917. Since then the proportion has risen to over 38%.

Other Differences Cited.

Aside from the large proportion of securities in the note reserves, an important difference between the central banks of other countries and that of Japan is that in the former the "securities" reserves consist principally of easily salable, self-liquidating commercial paper and bills, while in Japan most of these reserves in normal times are Government bonds. Their disposal in quantities no doubt would result in serious depreciation and during a money panic it probably would be difficult to sell them in large blocks.

As a consequence of this large proportion of security reserves, an effective gold standard has been maintained with difficulty. During recent years it has been suspended through the maintenance of a gold embargo.

Government bonds held as reserves against the note issue showed a marked decrease during 1928. Easy money conditions made possible the absorption of many of these bonds by the general public.

As the bank does not control the flow of credit and is called upon to loan large sums to the government and to other banks—chiefly in times of serious difficulty—its note issue at such times is proportionately buoyant. The total Bank of Japan notes issued on a "securities" reserve are shown in the following table, which gives the figures (in yen) applying to the last day of each year:

1918	431,800,000	1924	603,300,000
1919	603,100,000	1925	574,800,000
1920	192,500,000	1926	611,600,000
1921	301,000,000	1927	619,600,000
1922	494,500,000	1928	677,500,000
1923	646,100,000		

The effects of the 1920 depression, the earthquake, and the 1927 crisis are apparent in these figures.

Note Issues Below Limit.

The inference should not be drawn that at no time during this period was the note issued below the tax free limit. The latter condition existed for several periods during 1918, 1920, 1921, and 1922. Neither can it be assumed that the year-end figure is in each case the year's maximum. In 1927 the maximum occurred during the spring panic. Of the figures given, only 120,000,000 yen were "tax free" during the period covered by the table. Note the great dip in 1920, and the buoyancy in 1923, 1927, and 1928.

The privilege of issuing notes on specified securities beyond the "tax free" limit of 12,000,000 yen is the chief element of elasticity in the Japanese currency system. A second important factor, itself reflected in the first, is the expansion of credits through the discount activity of the bank, and a third, the leeway given the bank in making emergency loans on other than the usual collateral. While designed as an emergency function, the excess issue has been almost habitually resorted to since 1897. There was only one year, 1903, in which none was required. The frequency of excess duties is due almost as often to the occasional but heavy demands made by the Government as to those from the money market.

Fixed Issue Tax Imposed.

It was in 1899, when the legal limit on the fiduciary note issue was increased to 120,000,000 yen, that a small fixed issue tax of 1.25% was imposed on the fiduciary issue not paying the excess tax. Thus, on notes not secured by gold or silver, 1.25% per annum is assessed until the amount of such notes exceeds 12,000,000 yen. On any excess beyond 120,000,000 yen, 5% instead of 1.25% is levied. Fiduciary issues made on account of loans bearing less than 1% interest or no interest at all, however, are tax free.

Haiti Passes Law Aimed to Standardize Exports.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" of August 30, we take the following:

Merchandise exported from Haiti will be standardized under the terms of a law passed by the Council of State and signed by President Louis Borno, according to an announcement made here yesterday by Jules Louis-Elson, consul of Haiti for Philadelphia. Important provisions of the new law announced by Louis-Elson follow:

"Merchandise for export, including coffee, cotton, cocoa, sisal and all others described in Article 2 (of the law) will be exportable only when identified by an approved label or stamp indicating the 'type-standard' and the weight.

"A central commission of standardization will establish the various 'type-standards' and prepare samples. After approval by the President of the Republic of Haiti, these 'type-standards' will be obligatory.

"The samples as prepared and certified by the commission will be kept in the offices of the Secretary of State for Commerce, the General Director of Technical Service for Agriculture, the General Receiver of Taxes, the customs offices and such other bureaus as may be established and designed by the central commission.

"Any individual, association or company which, after the date on which the law takes effect exports non-standardized merchandise or merchandise not covered by the proper Government labels or stamps shall be liable to a fine of 5% ad valorem during the first half-year from said date, 10% six months after said date and 20% thereafter."

All previous laws, decrees and ordinances which might be construed contrary to this law, with particular reference to the standardization law of July, 1927, are declared void.

Argentine Bankruptcies Larger.

From the New York "Times" of September 4 we take the following Buenos Aires advices September 3:

An unsatisfactory business situation in Argentina is emphasized by statistics for August, which show bankruptcies involving 13,500,000 pesos, compared with 5,500,000 in the previous August. Simultaneously, bank clearings last month were 12,000,000 pesos less than in August, 1928.

Dos Estrellas Silver Mine (Mexico) Suspends.

A special cablegram from Mexico City, Sept. 6 to the New York "Times" states:

Complete suspension of operations at the world famous silver mine, Dos Estrellas, is reported telegraphically from the village of Tlalpujahua, in the State of Michoacan.

According to advices received here this morning, this stoppage will leave 3,000 men without work and give the local trade almost a death blow.

It is reported that during the last couple of years one of the company's plants proved so costly to operate that a loss of \$500,000 was experienced. Thereafter, according to telegrams received here, the company decided upon a reorganization now reported.

Bonds of Department of Cauca Valley (Republic of Columbia) Drawn for Redemption.

J. & W. Seligman & Co., as fiscal agents, have issued a notice to holders of Department of Cauca Valley, Republic of Columbia, 20-year 7½% secured sinking fund gold bonds that \$55,000 principal amount of the bonds have been drawn by lot for redemption on Oct. 1 1929, at 103 and accrued interest out of sinking fund moneys. Payment will be made on that date upon presentation and surrender of the drawn bonds at the offices of J. & W. Seligman & Co. Interest on the drawn bonds will cease to accrue on Oct. 1.

Portion of Bonds of Republic of Colombia Redeemed.

Hallgarten & Co., and Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., fiscal agents for the \$35,000,000 Republic of Colombia 6% external sinking fund gold bonds of 1928, dated April 1 1928, have redeemed \$219,500 principal amount of bonds leaving outstanding \$34,390,000 par value of bonds.

Republic of Salvador Customs Collections and Debt Service.

As reported by the fiscal representative, Republic of Salvador collections for August are as follows:

August Collections—	1929.	1928.
August collections-----	\$517,373	\$511,409
Service on "A" and "B" bonds-----	82,957	84,204
Available for series "C" bonds-----	434,416	427,205
Int. and sinking fund requirements on "C" bonds	70,000	70,000
Jan.-Aug. collections-----	5,849,158	5,374,460
Jan.-Aug. service on "A" and "B" bonds-----	663,656	673,632
Available for series "C" bonds-----	5,185,502	4,700,828
Int. & sink. fund require. on series "C" bonds--	560,000	560,000

In making public the above F. J. Lisman & Co. state:

Collections for the first 8 months of 1929, after deducting service requirements for the period on the "A" and "B" bonds, were equal to over 9.26 times interest and sinking fund requirements on the series "C" bonds.

The bankers' representative collects 100% of the import and export duties, all of which is available for bond service, if needed, and 70% of which is specifically pledged for that purpose.

Federal Farm Board Arranges Additional Loans to Cotton Co-Operative Marketing Associations—Loans to Wheat Co-Operatives.

The Federal Farm Board announced Sept. 5 that it has arranged for additional loans to cotton co-operative marketing associations of the South. Last month the Board agreed (as noted in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1219), to advance 25% of the value of cotton on which the associations had fixed a definite price, this advance to be supplemental to a 65% loan already made by Federal Intermediate Credit Banks. In its announcement of Sept. 5, the Farm Board says:

This supplemental loan, making the total advances by Government agencies equal to 90% of the fixed value of cotton, was specially designed to meet the needs of cotton farmers, members of co-operatives, who wish to realize the full price of their cotton when they need money, without regard to whether or not the cotton actually has been sold by the association. The additional loan agreement, now entered into between the Board and the cotton co-operatives, provides for a supplemental 10% advance on cotton on which prices have not been fixed. This cotton having previously been pledged to the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks for 65% of its face value, the additional 10% to be loaned by the Federal Farm Board will permit the co-operative to advance to its members 75% of the value of the cotton at time of delivery by the member to the association.

The two types of loans are expected to meet every merchandising need of the southern cotton co-operatives in their transactions with their membership, and should result in a very considerable increase in deliveries and in membership of the association themselves.

The amount of money involved will be limited only by the demands of the co-operatives. So far as figures are available the sums to be advanced between now and Dec. 15, under the 2 types of loans mentioned will probably run close to twenty million dollars.

Plans are also under way by the cotton co-operatives, with the approval of the Farm Board, for the formation of a national financing and selling organization, which it is hoped will include in its membership all of the cotton co-operatives of the South, and which will serve as a central organization for co-operative cotton in much the same way that the Farmers National Grain Corporation, now in process of formation, is expected to serve the grain co-operatives of the United States. The same general policy of centralization of effort in the marketing of agricultural commodities will apply to other farm products. It is the hope of the Board that eventually these organizations, owned, controlled, and operated by farmers, may become large enough to do for farmers on a permanent basis many of the things which the Federal Farm Board is expected to do on a temporary basis.

Pending the organization of the Farmers National Grain Corporation, the Board recently agreed to make supplemental loans to wheat co-operatives on practically the same basis adopted for cotton. These loans to wheat co-operatives will be on the basis of 10 cents per bushels on unsold wheat, and on a basis of 90% of the value of wheat on which a price has been fixed. Only those wheat and cotton associations which have qualified for loans from the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks can at this time be served by the supplemental loans of the Federal Farm Board.

The Farm Board itself has as yet no machinery with which to handle its funds. Through the courtesy of the Federal Farm Loan Board and the

Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, however, the loan machinery of those banks has been made available for use by the Federal Farm Board, so that the loans for both Government agencies will be handled by the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks.

Reference to the loans to Wheat Co-Operatives was made in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1375.

Objectives of Federal Farm Board Outlined by J. C. Stone Vice-Chairman of Board.

James C. Stone, Vice-Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, at Farmers' Picnic at Wapakoneta, Ohio, Sept. 2. Under the auspices of the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation outlined briefly the farm policy as enunciated by Congress in the Agricultural Marketing Act which is to promote effective merchandising of agricultural products through farmer-owned and farmer-controlled associations. To carry out this mandate the Federal Farm Board had been clothed with broad authority and powers which Mr. Stone said were being exercised with care and caution as it was believed to be of the utmost importance that the Board move in the right direction when it decides a question of policy. As to the members of the Farm Board, the speaker gave assurance that all are in fullest sympathy with efforts to better the farmer's economic position through cooperation.

Some of the objectives of the Farm Board as described by Mr. Stone were:

1. The strengthening and expansion of existing co-operative through assistance in developing sound managerial and financing policies. In this way unorganized farmers, it was hoped, would be afforded a practical demonstration of what can be done through united effort.

2. Bringing about the co-ordination of efforts on the part of co-operatives. In other words, to bring about the co-operation of co-operatives in various commodity groups, thus effecting merchandising economies, the net result of which would be to give the farmer a better return for his commodity without consequent injury to the consumer.

3. The assistance of growers in unorganized areas to develop sound plans and procedure for co-operative organizations.

4. The assistance of co-operatives in developing better business relationships with manufacturers, mills, processors and other users of farm commodities.

5. The assistance of the Department of Agriculture, State Agricultural Colleges, the extension service and other State and Federal agencies in developing an effective educational program in co-operative marketing, thus informing not only the farmer-producer but the city-consumer of benefits both are expected to enjoy from more efficient merchandising of the products of the farm.

Mr. Stone emphasized to his farmer audience that the program of the Board can be effectively carried out only through producer-owned and producer-controlled marketing associations. Under the law the Board must deal with such associations, not with the individual farmers. The Board can and is anxious he said to assist in the formulation of sound programs and policies for co-operatives but the responsibility of organization and management rests with the producer himself. He added that the Board can move only as fast as the farmers themselves are willing to go.

Gov. Hardman of Georgia Signs Bill Passed by State Legislature Legalizing Transactions in Cotton Futures.

The bill, which we noted in our August 24 issue, page 1205, had been passed by the Georgia Legislature legalizing transactions in cotton future contracts, was signed by Gov. Hardman on August 27. In stating that the action of the Governor removed the last legal obstacle to the establishment of a cotton delivery point in Georgia, the Atlanta "Constitution" of August 28 also said in part:

The "cotton futures" or "anti-bucket shop" measure prohibits the operation of such establishments and defines a bucket shop as a business dealing in sales of commodities for future delivery where actual delivery is not contemplated. Cotton futures could be traded in under its terms because actual delivery at future date is contemplated.

It was pointed out that the bill is actually stronger in effect than present bucket-shop laws, because it punishes violation as a felony instead of as a misdemeanor. The penalty involved is a fine of \$1,000 or imprisonment of one year, or both.

The measure was fostered in the Senate by Senators Bird and Redwine, and in the House was sponsored by Representative Davis, of Floyd county. Its passage and approval by the Governor is expected to have a material benefit on the cotton industry of Georgia and the near-by region.

A point for cotton delivery has long been a serious need of the Georgia section. Under terms of the bill, it is more than likely that such a delivery place will be established at Savannah or Augusta.

The "Constitution" gives the text of the bill as follows:

Text of Redwine Bill.

Following is a complete text of the cotton futures bill as it was passed by the Assembly and approved by the Governor Tuesday:

AN ACT.

To Define and Prohibit Bucket Shops and Dealings Therein: To provide for the organization of cotton exchanges, grain exchanges, boards of trade, or similar institutions; to regulate contracts of purchase or sale, for future delivery of cotton, grain, stocks, or other commodities; to declare under what conditions such contracts shall be valid and enforceable; to prescribe penalties for the violation of this act, and to

repeal sections 4257 to 4264 inclusive of the civil code of Georgia, and section 403 of the penal code, and all laws and parts of laws regulating dealing in future contracts, and for other purposes.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Georgia: That, for the purpose of this act, the term "contract for sale" shall be held to include sales, purchases, agreements of sale, agreements to sell, and agreements to purchase, that the word "person" wherever used in this act shall be construed to import the plural or singular as the case demands, and shall include individuals, associations, partnerships and corporations.

Sec. 2. That all contracts of sale for future delivery of cotton, grain, stocks or other commodities, (1) made in accordance with the rules of any board of trade, exchange, or similar institution, and (2) actually executed on the floor of such board of trade, exchange, or similar institution, and performed or discharged according to the rules thereof, and (3) when such contracts of sale are placed with or through a regular member in good standing of a cotton exchange, grain exchange, board of trade or similar institution, organized under the laws of the State of Georgia, or any other state, shall be and they hereby are declared to be valid and enforceable in the courts of this state, according to their terms; provided, that contracts of sale for future delivery of cotton in order to be valid and enforceable as provided herein, must not only conform to the requirements of clauses one and two of this section, but must be made subject to the provision of the United States cotton futures act, approved August 11, 1916, and any amendments thereto: Provided, further, That if this clause should for any reason be held inoperative, then contracts for future delivery of cotton shall be valid and enforceable if they conform to the requirements of clauses one and two of this section: Provided, further, That all contracts is defined in section one hereof where it is not stipulated by the parties thereto that there shall be an actual delivery of the commodities sold or bought shall be unlawful.

Sec. 3. That any contract of sale for future delivery of cotton, grain, stocks, or other commodities, where it is not the bona fide intention of parties that the things mentioned herein are to be delivered but which is to be settled according to or upon the basis of the public market quotations or prices made on any board of trade, exchange, or other similar institution, without any actual bona fide execution and the carrying out of such contract upon the floor of such exchange, board of trade, or similar institution, in accordance with the rules thereof shall be null and void and unenforceable in any court of this state, and no action shall be maintainable thereon at the suit of any party.

Sec. 4. That a bucket shop is hereby defined to be and mean any place of business wherein are made contracts of the sort or character denounced by the preceding section three of this act, and the maintenance or operation of a bucket shop at any point in this state is prohibited.

Sec. 5. That every person shall furnish upon demand to any principal for whom such person has executed any contract or future delivery of any cotton, grain, stocks or other commodities, a written instrument setting forth the name and location of the exchange, boards of trade, or similar institution, upon which such contract has been executed, the date of the execution of the contract, and the name and address of the person with whom such contract was executed, and if such person shall refuse or neglect to furnish statement upon reasonable demand, such refusal or neglect shall be prima facie evidence that such contract was an illegal contract within the provisions of section three of this act, and that the person who executed it was engaged in the maintenance and operation of a bucket shop, within the provisions of section six of this act.

Sec. 6. That any person either as agent or principal who enters into or assists in making any contracts of sale of the sort or character denounced in the preceding section three of this act, for the future delivery of cotton, grain, stocks, or other commodities, or who maintains a bucket shop, as that term is defined in section four of this act, shall be guilty of a felony and, upon conviction, shall be imprisoned in the penitentiary not exceeding two years.

Sec. 7. That there may be organized in any city, town or municipality in the State of Georgia, voluntary associations to be known as cotton exchanges, boards of trade, or similar institutions, to receive and post quotations on cotton, grain, stocks, or other commodities for the benefit of the members or other persons engaged in the production of cotton, grain, or other commodities. Such association shall be composed of members and shall adopt a uniform set of rules and regulations not incompatible with the laws of Georgia and of the United States. They shall open their books to inspection of all proper courts and officers when required to do so.

Sec. 8. That the following sections of the civil code of Georgia, to-wit: Section 4257 prohibiting dealing in cotton futures; Section 4258 providing what contracts are illegal; Section 4259 providing a penalty; Section 4260 relating to discovery by witnesses and excusing witnesses from testifying; and Section 4261 providing what facts shall constitute guilt; Section 4262 relating to margins, when proof of guilt; Section 4263 relating to establishment of an office when proof of guilt, and Section 4264 providing that bona fide trade is not prohibited, and Section 403 of the penal code relating to dealing in futures, each and all are hereby repealed.

Sec. 9. That if any clause, sentence, paragraph, or part of this act shall for any reason be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair, or invalidate the remainder thereof, but shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, or paragraph or part thereof directly involved in the contracts in which such judgment shall have been rendered; and any contract valid under and satisfying the remaining clauses, sentences, paragraphs, or parts of this act shall be valid and enforceable in the courts of this state.

Sec. 10. All acts or parts of acts inconsistent with this act are hereby repealed.

Sec. 11. This act shall take effect immediately.

highest prior to the newly established peak. The demand loans in the Aug. 31 statement of the Stock Exchange are shown as \$7,161,997,972, comparing with \$6,870,142,664 on July 31, while the time loans Aug. 31 are reported as \$719,641,454 against \$603,651,630 on July 31. Time loans on collateral from New York banks or trust companies have risen from \$448,723,820 July 31 to \$529,626,124 Aug. 31, while time loans on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies of others in the City of New York advanced from \$154,927,810 on July 31 to \$190,015,330. Demand loans on collateral from New York banks or trust companies rose from \$5,704,990,914 July 31 to \$5,962,397,631 Aug. 31, the demand loans on collateral from private banks, &c., increasing from \$1,165,151,750 July 31 to \$1,199,530,341 Aug. 31. The following is the statement issued Sept. 4 by the Stock Exchange:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business Aug. 31 1929 aggregated \$7,881,619,426.

The detailed tabulation follows:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.
(1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York bank or trust companies.....	\$5,962,397,631	\$529,626,124
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies or others in the City of New York.....	1,199,530,341	190,015,330
Total.....	\$7,161,977,972	\$719,641,454

Combined total of time and demand loans, \$7,881,619,426.
The scope of the above compilation is exactly the same as in the loan report issued by the Exchange a month ago.

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

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.	Total Loans.
1926—			
Jan. 30.....	\$2,516,960,599	\$966,213,555	\$3,513,174,154
Feb. 27.....	2,494,846,264	1,040,744,057	3,536,590,321
Mar. 31.....	2,033,483,760	966,612,407	3,000,096,167
Apr. 30.....	1,969,869,852	865,848,657	2,835,718,509
May 28.....	1,987,316,403	780,084,111	2,767,400,514
June 30.....	2,225,453,833	700,844,512	2,926,298,345
July 31.....	2,282,976,720	714,782,807	2,997,759,527
Aug. 31.....	2,363,861,382	778,286,686	3,142,148,068
Sept. 30.....	2,419,206,724	799,730,286	3,218,937,010
Oct. 31.....	2,289,430,450	821,746,475	3,111,176,925
Nov. 30.....	2,329,536,550	799,625,125	3,129,161,675
Dec. 31.....	2,541,682,885	751,178,370	3,292,860,255
1927—			
Jan. 31.....	2,328,340,338	810,446,000	3,138,786,338
Feb. 28.....	2,475,498,129	780,961,250	3,256,459,379
Mar. 31.....	2,504,687,674	785,093,500	3,289,781,174
Apr. 30.....	2,541,305,897	799,903,950	3,341,209,847
May 31.....	2,673,993,079	783,875,950	3,457,869,029
June 30.....	2,756,968,593	811,998,250	3,568,966,843
July 31.....	2,764,511,040	877,184,250	3,641,695,290
Aug. 31.....	2,745,570,788	928,320,545	3,673,891,333
Sept. 30.....	3,107,674,325	896,953,245	4,004,627,570
Oct. 31.....	3,023,238,874	922,898,500	3,946,137,374
Nov. 30.....	3,134,027,003	957,809,300	4,091,836,303
Dec. 31.....	3,480,779,821	952,127,500	4,432,907,321
1928—			
Jan. 31.....	3,392,873,281	1,027,479,260	4,420,352,541
Feb. 29.....	3,294,378,654	1,028,200,260	4,322,578,914
Mar. 31.....	3,580,425,172	1,059,749,008	4,640,174,172
Apr. 30.....	3,738,937,599	1,168,845,000	4,907,782,599
May 31.....	4,076,359,031	1,203,687,250	5,274,046,281
June 30.....	3,741,632,505	1,156,718,982	4,898,351,487
July 31.....	3,767,694,495	1,069,653,084	4,837,347,579
Aug. 31.....	4,093,839,293	957,548,112	5,051,387,405
Sept. 30.....	4,689,551,974	824,087,711	5,513,639,685
Oct. 31.....	5,115,727,534	763,993,528	5,879,721,062
Nov. 30.....	5,614,388,360	777,255,904	6,391,644,264
Dec. 31.....	5,722,258,724	717,481,787	6,439,740,511
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Jan. 31.....	5,982,672,411	752,491,831	6,735,164,242
Feb. 28.....	5,948,149,410	730,396,507	6,678,545,917
Mar. 31.....	6,209,998,520	594,458,888	6,804,457,408
Apr. 30.....	6,203,712,115	671,218,280	6,874,930,395
May 31.....	6,099,920,475	565,217,450	6,665,137,925
June 29.....	6,444,459,079	626,762,195	7,071,221,275
July 31.....	6,870,142,664	603,651,630	7,473,794,294
Aug. 31.....	7,161,977,972	719,641,454	7,881,619,426

Value of Transactions Settled through New York Stock Clearing Corporation in Aug. \$11,121,384,230.

The value of the stock and bond transactions settled through the Stock Clearing Corp. during the month of Aug. 1929, amounted to \$11,121,384,230.42, which compares with \$10,523,790,828.19 last month, and \$7,112,329,278.07 a year ago.

Chicago Stock Exchange Ticker Service To Be Extended to Dozen Additional Cities.

The Chicago Stock Exchange quotation ticker service will be extended to a dozen more cities on three new circuits this fall, according to plans approved on August 29 by the Board of Governors of the Chicago Exchange. One circuit will extend from New York to Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington; a second will extend from New York to Hartford, Providence, and Boston; and the third will extend from Kansas City into the Southwest to Topeka, Wichita, Tulsa, Oklahoma City, Fort Worth, and Dallas. The announcement August 29 issued by the Exchange also says:

Approximately 400 Chicago Exchange tickers are in service in 26 cities as compared with 136 a year ago. By the first of 1930 it is expected

Brokers' Loans on New York Stock Exchange Reach Record Figure of \$7,881,619,426, Aug. 31—Increase of \$407,825,132 in Month.

Outstanding loans on the New York Stock Exchange have soared to a new high figure, the total on Aug. 31 reaching \$7,881,619,426. This record exceeds by \$407,825,132 the figures of July 31, which at \$7,473,794,294 had been the

that not less than 500 Chicago Exchange tickers will be in service, in 40 different cities.

Exchange officials pointed out today that on June 1, 1928, Chicago Exchange tickers operated only in Chicago and New York. Since that time, a little more than one year, the ticker service has been extended to 24 additional cities.

Roger W. Babson on the Investment Outlook—Not All Stocks Listed on New York Stock Exchange Selling Above Figures of Year Ago—Warns of Impending Crash.

"The Investment Outlook" was thus discussed by Roger W. Babson, at the 16th Annual National Business Conference, at Babson Park, Mass., on September 5.

Another year has come around and the stock market "leaders" are still climbing upward. These forty leaders, which stood at an average of 190 a year ago, are now at an average of 270, a gain of 80 points, or of 42%. The point I desire to make is that what has happened to the leaders has not happened to the market as a whole. There are today about 1200 stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange. If we subtract from this list the 40 leaders, we find that about one-half of the remaining stocks have declined during the last year. This means that a great many people have lost money as well as made money. In fact, 614 stocks listed on the New York Exchange are today selling less than on January first. A further detailed study of the market shows further that the group of advancing stocks is continually becoming narrower and smaller. In other words, while the leaders are continuing to go up, there are fewer and fewer stocks following them. This means that the group of stocks declining is constantly increasing in number and importance.

I still repeat what I have said at this time last year and the year before; namely, that sooner or later a crash is coming which will take the leading stocks and cause a decline of from 60 to 80 points in the Dow-Jones Barometer. Fair weather cannot always continue. The economic cycle is in progress today as in the past. The Federal Reserve System has put the banks in a strong position; but it has not changed human nature. More people are borrowing and speculating today than ever in our history. Sooner or later there is a crash coming and it may be a terrific one. Wise are those investors who now get out of debt and reef their sails. This doesn't mean selling all that you have, but it does mean paying up your loans and avoiding margin speculation.

What Is Keeping the Market Up?

The three greatest factors in the market today are: (1) foreign buying (2) investment trusts, and (3) the reluctance of people to pay Uncle Sam profit taxes. By foreign buying I have in mind the money which investors in Great Britain and Europe are sending over here to America. This money is being sent over for two purposes. First, because of the tremendous profits which have been made in American securities; and secondly, because of the fear of confiscation in Great Britain and Europe. The average Englishman and European believes that his money is safer in the United States than in his own country. Nevertheless, the greatest factor attracting this money to America is the profits which have been made in the New York market by their foreign friends. As is usual under such conditions, the heaviest buying is toward the end of the boom, because the average investor, whether American or foreign, does not get into the market until stocks are already high.

The investment trust has become a great factor in boosting prices by the buying of securities to hold. The average market operator during the past twenty years has bought today and has sold within a week. This means that the selling has always about equalled the buying. Under such conditions a market could be very active without any considerable increase in stock prices. The investment trust, however, has bought the leading stocks and held them. This means that there has been considerably more buying than selling, by the same people. As a result, the floating supply of these stocks has been pretty well cleaned up and it has been very easy to mark up the prices thereof. As a result, the yields of 240 representative industrial stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange, now show an average rate of only 4½%, while the rate on a representative list of public utilities is only 2½%. The railroad group is selling today at 12 times its earnings, the industrial group at 17 times its earnings, and the public utility group at 26 times its earnings. Before the buying of the investment trusts, the general rule was that a stock was worth about 10 times its earnings. Added to the above factors, is the reluctance by individuals (both American and foreign) and by Investment Trusts, to pay income taxes.

What To Buy Today

You have witnessed a tremendous growth in the electrical power branch of the public utility business during the past ten years. Independent concerns have experienced substantial growth and recently we have seen many of these companies merged in big combinations under the leadership of Morgan interests. Further consolidations will undoubtedly come as time goes on. You have had an opportunity to participate in the tremendous appreciation of the stocks of these companies through our recommendations. Such stocks as Buffalo, Niagara & Eastern advised at 36 now sells at 130; Mohawk-Hudson advised at 23 now sells at 110; Southeastern Power & Light advised at 34½ now sells at 123; Northeastern Power advised at 30 now sells at 70; Consolidated Gas of New York advised at an equivalent to 12½ now sells at 178; Public Service of New Jersey advised at 44 now sells at 122; North American Company advised at 49 now sells at 180; and others at prices showing correspondingly high prices. We believe such stocks should be held by permanent investors but for new purchases at this time I believe the gas stocks offer more attractive possibilities.

I think the gas companies are today in the same position that the electric light and power companies were some ten years ago. You have just witnessed the first big development in the gas business; namely, the formation of Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates under Mellon sponsorship. We recommended this new stock to clients three weeks ago at 34. We believe this marks the beginning of a big development in the gas industry which may rival that which we predicted in the electric power field some years ago. The future, in my opinion, will witness a clear cut division between the electrical and gas branches of the public utility business. I am still very bullish on Eastern Gas & Fuel common for the long pull.

Babson Bullish on Gas Stocks

The average investor probably does not realize the tremendous growth which is taking place in the gas business. According to the figures of the American Gas Association, sales of all gas is increasing very rapidly

and the sale of natural gas increased 50% for the first half of the present year over the first six months of 1928. Natural gas which formerly has largely been lost at the wells is now to be mixed with artificial gas in many localities, while new uses will also be found for the further development of the industry. The use of gas for heating in winter, many industrial uses, and possibly the refrigeration of homes, hotels, offices, etc., in summer, will be among the important developments. Gas is now being used in refrigeration for the preservation of food.

Gradually gas companies will be linked up into extensive systems the same as electric light and power companies. Gas can be transmitted 500 miles with far less loss than in the case of electricity. With big developments in view for the gas industry under the sponsorship of the Mellons and other of the largest financial interests in the country, investors should carefully study the field for gas companies stocks. I believe the retail gas distributing companies are in the best position and am directing my studies along this line. I also believe that the Columbia Gas & Electric Company will become the hub of the greatest consolidation of all, connecting the natural gas fields of the southwest with the great cities of the east.

Rendering Service All Important.

What of the future? Sooner or later the stock market boom will collapse like the Florida boom. It is constantly becoming harder and harder to pick stocks which will give a profit. Some day the time is coming when the market will begin to slide off, sellers will exceed buyers, and paper profits will begin to disappear. Then there will immediately be a stampede to save what paper profits then exist. Investment trusts will first begin to sell. They have so broadly advertised their paper profits that they will be very anxious to cash in on them. As soon as the heads of these investment trusts really believe that we are in a bear market they will rush to sell. It seems to me that such selling will be as great a factor in accelerating a decline in prices as the buying by these trusts has been a factor in increasing prices. As soon as word gets abroad that the large American investment trusts are selling, the European houses will begin to sell out their customers who are now buying in the American market. The general public will then follow with a desire to cash in, then margin accounts will be closed out, and then there may be a stampede for selling which exceeds anything that the Stock Exchange has ever witnessed. One thing more to remember: Thus far there has been few deaths amongst those with very large stock holdings. Before long these men will begin to die and their holdings will be put on the market. This especially applies to public utility stocks.

However, it is not the purpose of the Babson organization to forecast market movements,—or even to advise the sale of good investment securities. Our job is to aid business men in the purchase of commodities, to aid investors in the selection of stocks, and to aid business men in the discovery of new sales territories. We advise investors to keep always a certain amount of money in stocks and a certain amount of money in bonds and a certain amount of money liquid, to take advantage of special opportunities as they arise. Hence, today, instead of attempting to guess what the market will do, I advise you to keep in a position so that you will be safe whatever happens, and be in a position to take advantage of bargains when, as and if they appear.

Real Bargains Lie in Bonds

Of course, the real bargains today are in the bond field. High grade bonds can be bought today to yield 6% and many bonds which are perfectly safe can be bought to yield 7% or even 8%. Secretary Mellon may have been a little early when advising people to buy bonds last March, but he is still giving the same advice and it is better today than ever. I especially wish to call to clients' attention the bargains existing in non-taxable bonds, having in mind both the high grade non-taxable municipal bonds of northern cities and the low grade Farm Loan Joint Stock Land Bank bonds. These Joint Stock Land Bank bonds can be bought today to yield between 6% and 7%, free of taxes. Of course, some of these Land Banks are in a weak position and there may be one or two more receiverships, but the farm industry is improving and with such an improvement these banks must improve and before long many of these Farm Loan 5% non-taxable bonds, selling now around 70, will again be selling at par.

Fortunes are made not by following the crowd, but by doing what the other fellow is not doing. When we advised public utilities twenty years ago, many were in receiverships and very few investors were interested in them; but those few who took our advice have made fortunes. Today everyone is crazy to buy these same power stocks. Although I still believe in the public utility industry, the greatest opportunity today is in the bond market. Wise are those investors who are cashing in their profits on uncertain stocks and reinvesting the same in good bonds.

Ultimate safety and profits comes from service. We render the greatest service by helping that group of securities which are temporarily depressed—not by buying the most popular ones. The group which merits our support today is the bond group. Sometimes common stocks are unpopular and then we can be of greatest service by buying common stocks; but this is not the situation today. The need of American business today is more bond buyers and those who rally to the call will be well rewarded.

Stock Prices on Firm Basis, Irving Fisher Asserts—Values Not Inflated and Serious Drop Remote, Yale Professor Holds—Makes Reply to Roger W. Babson.

Under the above head, the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Sept. 6 published the following advices from Hartford, Conn., Sept. 5:

Stock prices are not too high and Wall Street will not experience anything in the nature of a crash, is the opinion of Professor Irving Fisher, of Yale University, one of the nation's leading economists and students of the market. This statement was made today by Professor Fisher following an announcement by Roger Babson, of Boston, that the market sooner or later would experience a "crash comparable to the collapse of the Florida land boom."

Prefacing his remarks by the statement that none of us is infallible, Professor Fisher admitted that "there may be a recession of stock prices, but not anything in the nature of a crash," and proceeded to explain reasons for his views in the following manner:

"The present high levels of stock prices and corresponding low levels of dividend returns are due largely to two factors: "One, the anticipation of larger dividend returns in the immediate future; and, two, reduction of risk to investor largely brought about

through investment diversification made possible for the investor by the investment trusts.

"An Age of Increasing Prosperity."

"We are living in an age of increasing prosperity and consequent increasing earning power of corporations and individuals," Professor Fisher continued. "This is due in large measure to mass production of inventions such as the world never before has witnessed. The rapidity with which worthwhile inventions are brought out is the result of the tremendous research laboratories of our great industrial concerns. Application of these inventions to industry means greater enhanced earning power. This is a new and tremendously powerful factor in the industrial world and one which never before existed. "Dividend returns on stock are moving higher. This is not due to receding prices for stocks and will not be hastened by any anticipated crash, the possibility of which I fail to see. Dividend returns are increasing due to rapidly increasing earnings.

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"This has been clearly demonstrated recently. My index of dividend returns on leading industrial stocks a year ago was around 2 1/2%. Despite the great increase in stock values, the index now stands at more than 3%.

"A few years ago people were as much afraid of common stock as they were of a red-hot poker. In the popular mind there was a tremendous risk in common stocks. Why? Mainly because the average investor could afford to invest in only one common stock. Today he obtains wide and well managed diversification of stock holdings by purchasing shares in good investment trusts. Unquestionably the risk to the individual is lessened. The margin of safety between high-grade bonds and common stocks is rapidly being equalized both in actuality and in the popular mind."

National City Bank Sees No Tangible Results From Increased Discount Rate of New York Federal Reserve Bank.

In a discussion of the increased discount rate of the New York Federal Reserve Bank and the lowered buying rate for acceptance bills, the National City Bank of New York in its September Bulletin, issued September 3, states that "thus far it must be admitted that the tangible results of the recent Federal Reserve rate have not been impressive." In its comments the National City Bank also says:

While the advance of the rediscount rate will doubtless exert an influence toward preventing a flow of Federal Reserve credit into the security markets, a far more important influence is likely to be the manner in which the Reserve banks conduct their acceptance operations. If the volume of Reserve credit put out in this way is kept in step with the expanding seasonal commercial and agricultural demands, the objects of the Reserve Banks may be attained. If, on the other hand, the rate of acceptance buying proceeds too rapidly, permitting an overflow of Reserve credit for other than business uses, the purposes of the Reserve Banks are likely to be defeated.

Without at this time attempting to pass upon the justice of thus permitting non-member acceptance dealers to borrow from the Reserve Banks at rates lower than member banks can demand on most of their eligible paper, one may question the effectiveness of contradictory measures of this sort, particularly in the light of what has happened since their adoption.

The National City Bank's comments in full are given herewith.

Money and Banking.

The principal developments of the month in the money market were the advance in the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from 5 to 6%, and a concurrent reduction in the Reserve Bank buying rate for acceptances from 5 1/4 to 5 1/8%.

The advance of the rediscount rate came as a distinct surprise to the financial community, as it had been generally assumed that the efforts of the Federal reserve authorities to check the expansion of stock market credit would be suspended until the completion of the crop moving period. There had even been a good deal of talk about a "reversal of Federal Reserve policy," and some commentators had professed to see the imminence of easier money, despite the continuance of commercial and speculative credit demands at peak levels.

This feeling of confidence in the maintenance of the status quo of official discount rates was notwithstanding a very marked expansion in stock market credit during recent weeks. Ever since the low point of the May break in stock prices which had carried brokers' loans at the end of May and early in June down around \$5,280,000,000 (Federal Reserve figures), or the lowest of the year, these loans had been advancing almost continuously. By August 7 the advance for a period of eight weeks had amounted to over \$700,000,000, or at the rate of nearly \$100,000,000 a week, bringing the total to above the \$6,000,000,000 level for the first time on record and to a point over \$200,000,000 in excess of the Spring peak reached March 20.

So pronounced an expansion of credit at any other time would undoubtedly have prepared the public mind for some action by the authorities, but in the present instance action was not generally suspected for the reasons already given. Consequently, the advance of rate, when it did come, was unexpected and caused an immediate and violent break in the stock market. This, however, was followed quickly by a rally when it became apparent that funds sufficient to maintain an orderly market were being supplied by New York banks and when the significance of the Reserve bank's lowered purchase rate on acceptances was more generally understood.

Significance of Reserve Bank Discount and Buying Rate Changes.

These opposing movements in the rates at which the Reserve banks stand ready to take paper under rediscount from member banks and those at which they are willing to buy bills in the open market are interpreted as an effort on the part of the central banking authorities to confine the expected Autumn increase in Federal Reserve credit as closely as possible to strictly agricultural and commercial needs, and to prevent its diversion to the stock market. The theory is that the higher discount rate will put an additional deterrent in the way of member bank borrowing at Reserve banks, some of the proceeds of which might find its way into the stock market. At the same time the lowered purchase rate will make Federal reserve credit more readily available to the bill market. Since acceptances are drawn largely in the financing of commerce and agriculture, the extension of Federal

reserve credit in this way is held to provide greater assurance that the funds so released will not be subjected to misuse.

Whether, as a matter of fact, it will work out this way or not remains to be seen. There is a good deal of doubt about the proposition that the Reserve authorities can control the use to which credit is put, and once Federal reserve credit has been released it is likely to go where there is the greatest demand for it. After all, there is nothing to prevent a bank from selling acceptances to the Reserve banks and using the proceeds in the stock market, if it chooses to do so. While the advance of the rediscount rate will doubtless exert an influence towards preventing a flow of Federal Reserve credit into the security markets, a far more important influence is likely to be the manner in which the Reserve banks conduct their acceptance operations. If the volume of Reserve credit put out in this way is kept in step with the expanding seasonal commercial and agricultural demands, the objects of the Reserve banks may be attained. If, on the other hand, the rate of acceptance buying proceeds too rapidly, permitting an overflow of Reserve credit for other than business uses, the purposes of the Reserve banks are likely to be defeated. Last year, it will be recalled that heavy acceptance purchases by the Reserve banks in excess of purely seasonal requirements were a factor in reducing member bank indebtedness and easing money for stock market purposes, and it is probable that similar action this year would produce similar results despite the higher discount rate.

Effect of Rate Changes.

Thus far it must be admitted that the tangible results of the recent Federal reserve rate action have not been impressive. Stock prices, after a momentary break, have rallied and are higher than ever before. Brokers' loans, after a decline of \$68,000,000 in the week following the discount rate increase, rose \$133,000,000 in the week of August 21 to a new high record of \$6,085,000,000, and are still rising.

While brokers' loans made by New York banks for their own account showed an obedient reduction of \$163,000,000 between August 7 and August 21, the effect of this curtailment of banking credit was far more than offset by an increase of \$229,000,000 in loans placed for account of "others," principally corporations and other large private lenders over whose operations the Federal Reserve has no control. Thus banks, in cooperating with the Federal Reserve, have simply handed over a portion of their lucrative call money business to their own depositors who are now lending direct and the expansion in total stock market credit has continued unchecked.

The following table based on Federal Reserve figures shows the trend of brokers' loans by groups during August, and compares the totals this year with those of a year ago:

	Aug. 21 1929.	Aug. 14 1929.	Aug. 7 1929.	Aug. 22 1928.
For own account.....	926,000,000	965,000,000	1,087,000,000	809,000,000
For out-of-town banks.....	1,787,000,000	1,810,000,000	1,789,000,000	1,513,000,000
For account of "others".....	3,372,000,000	3,178,000,000	3,143,000,000	1,880,000,000

Total brokers' loans... 6,085,000,000 5,953,000,000 6,019,000,000 4,202,000,000

Nor is there evidence of any important change in the position of the Reserve banks as a result of their rate action. At the New York Reserve Bank, where the rediscount rate was advanced, the volume of member bank borrowing decreased by \$150,000,000 between August 7 and August 21, but much of this decrease appears to have been due to a shifting of credit demands to other districts, since the total volume of member bank borrowings at all Reserve banks was down by only \$78,000,000.

Moreover, against this decrease of \$78,000,000 in rediscounts, Reserve banks show an increase of \$53,000,000 in holdings of "bills bought in the open market," most of which is understood to represent advances to acceptance dealers on bills taken under 15-day repurchase agreement rather than outright purchases by the Reserve banks for their own account. Such transactions are similar in character to rediscount operations, except that they represent loans to non-member dealers and are made at the Reserve bank's buying rate instead of at the discount rate. Since the discount rate is now considerably above the buying rate it is only natural that credit demands should seek to satisfy themselves by the cheaper method.

In other words the situation as to the demand for Reserve credit remains much the same as before, except that the demands are appearing in a different guise.

It is true that earlier in the year this bank strongly urged an increase in the rediscount rate to 6% as a measure for bringing the bank rate more nearly in line with prevailing open market rates. Coming, however, at this season of the year, a rate advance could not be supported by Reserve bank open market operations, which must of necessity take account of the heavy demands for credit soon to come from trade and agricultural sources. When the discount rate was advanced as a move against the continued absorption of credit by the stock market, some action was necessary at the same time to insure a continued supply of credit for business purposes. Hence the reduction in the buying rate. Without at this time attempting to pass upon the justice of thus permitting non-member acceptance dealers to borrow from the Reserve banks at rates lower than member banks can demand on most of their eligible paper, one may question the effectiveness of contradictory measures of this sort, particularly in the light of what has happened since their adoption.

Text of Decision of U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Upholding Lower Court in Denying Injunction Sought by F. G. Raichle to Restrain New York Federal Reserve Bank From Advancing Discount Rate—First Judicial Interpretation Dealing With Discretion of Federal Reserve Board Relative to Open Market Operations, Credit Policies, Etc.

The latest issue (August) of the Federal Reserve Bulletin issued by the Federal Reserve Board contains the full text of the decision of the United States Court of Appeals in New York, which was handed down in July, and which sustained the action of Judge Winslow in dismissing the suit brought by Frank G. Raichle, a Buffalo lawyer, to restrain the Federal Reserve Board of New York from enforcing increased discount rates. A brief reference to the findings of the Court of Appeals appeared in our issue of July 20, page 415. Among other things the court said:

We can see no basis for the contention that it is a tort for a Federal Reserve Bank to sell its securities in the open market to fix discount rates which are unreasonably high, or to refuse to discount eligible paper, even though its policy may be mistaken and its judgment bad. The remedy sought would make the courts, rather than the Federal Reserve Board, the supervisors of the Federal Reserve system and would involve a cure worse than the malady.

The following is the full text of the decision as given in the Reserve Bulletin:

Decision of Circuit Court of Appeals re discretion of Federal Reserve system in matters relating to credit policies.

There is published below the text of an opinion rendered July 15, 1929, by the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit, in the case of Frank G. Raichle v. Federal Reserve Bank of New York, which is of unusual importance because it contains the first judicial interpretation of those provisions of the Federal Reserve Act which deal with the discretion of the Federal Reserve banks and the Federal Reserve Board in fixing the rediscount rate, engaging in open-market operations, and in other matters relating to credit policies.

This suit was brought in the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York by one Frank G. Raichle in his capacity as a private citizen. The only party defendant named in the suit was the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The bill of complaint alleged, however, that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and the Federal Reserve system generally, had spread propaganda concerning an alleged money shortage and increase in the volume of collateral loans, set about to restrict the supply of credit available for investment purposes by engaging in open-market transactions through the sale of its securities, raised the rediscount rate for its member banks in order to reduce the volume of security loans, and coerced member banks to call collateral loans by declining to rediscount eligible commercial paper for such member banks. It was further alleged that all of these actions had injured complainant by causing the market price of stocks and bonds owned by him to decline, and also that all such courses of action were beyond the corporate and legal powers of the Federal Reserve Bank and resulted in depriving the complainant of his property without due process of law. The court was asked to grant an injunction restraining the defendant from spreading propaganda concerning an alleged money shortage and an alleged credit structure in the United States, from doing any act or thing calculated to curtail the credit resources of the United States, from engaging in unwarranted and excessive open-market operations and removing a large amount of cash and its incidental credit from the use of the investing public, from controlling or interfering with the member banks in the free and unrestricted use of their own independent resources in all legitimate banking activities, including the making of collateral loans, and from further arbitrarily and unreasonably raising the rediscount rate. The court was also asked to grant a mandatory injunction directing the Federal Reserve Bank to fix a reasonable rediscount rate and a prohibitory injunction restraining the defendant from taking any action for the purpose of forcing the liquidation of brokers' loans.

On motion of defendant and after argument of counsel, the United States District Court dismissed the bill of complaint on the ground that it stated no cause of action against the Federal Reserve Bank.

The complainant appealed the case to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit which, after discussing the merits of the case at some length, ruled that the Federal Reserve Board was a necessary party to the suit, modified the decree so as to dismiss the bill because of failure to join the members of the Federal Reserve Board as indispensable parties, and affirmed the decree as so modified.

The three principal questions considered by the Circuit Court of Appeals were the following:

(1) Are the alleged acts, irrespective of the alleged purpose to reduce the volume of brokers' loans, within the power of the Federal Reserve Bank?

(2) If the acts are generally speaking lawful, are they rendered unlawful because the purpose was to reduce the volume of brokers' loans?

(3) Is the Federal Reserve Board a necessary party to the action? The court held, in substance, that—

(1) Irrespective of a purpose to reduce the volume of brokers' loans, (a) it was lawful to engage in open-market transactions by the sale of securities, since purchases and sales in the open market are specifically authorized by the Federal Reserve Act; (b) it was for the Federal Reserve Bank, subject to the supervision of the Federal Reserve Board, to determine what would be a reasonable rediscount rate; (c) it was lawful for the Federal Reserve Bank to decline to rediscount eligible paper, since the power to rediscount eligible paper is, under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act, wholly permissive, and (d) the charge of spreading propaganda is without legal significance; but, in view of the provisions of the Federal Reserve Act for detailed reports on the condition of the Federal Reserve Banks and for communications between the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Advisory Council regarding the general affairs of the Federal Reserve system, "it is most unlikely that statements as to the condition of affairs can not be made public by the Board, the council, and the Banks. The provisions for reports, representations, and recommendations seem to imply public information and, when the situation warrants it, public warning."

(2) The Federal Reserve Bank, under the supervision of the Federal Reserve Board, must determine whether there is danger of financial stringency and whether the credit available for "commerce and business" is sufficient or insufficient; and, if it proceeds in good faith through open-market operations and control of discount rates to bring about a reduction of brokers' loans, it commits no legal wrong.

(3) The Federal Reserve Board is an indispensable party to the suit, because it is given power to exercise general supervision over the Federal Reserve Banks and is specifically empowered to regulate open-market transactions, to review and determine rates of discount, and to make reports as to conditions in the Federal Reserve system. "In such circumstances, the bank is, as to the matters complained of here, a Governmental agency under the direction of the Federal Reserve Board."

The opinion of the Circuit Court of Appeals, the full text of which is published below, is of unusual importance, because it contains the first recorded judicial interpretation of those provisions of the Federal Reserve Act dealing with the discretion of the Federal Reserve Banks and the Federal Reserve Board with respect to the fixing of the rediscount rate, the rediscounting of paper for member banks, the power to engage in open-market operations, and other powers with respect to general credit policies. It also contains an interesting review of the fundamental purposes of the Federal Reserve Act and the reasons for the creation of the Federal Reserve System.

UNITED STATES CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS FOR THE SECOND DISTRICT

Frank G. Raichle, appellant, against Federal Reserve Bank of New York, appellee

Before L. Hand, Swan and Augustus N. Hand, circuit judges.

Appeal from the United States District Court for the Southern District of New York.

Bill in equity by Frank G. Raichle to restrain the Federal Reserve Bank of New York from doing various acts in derogation of plaintiff's alleged rights. Upon motion by the defendant, in the nature of a demurrer, the bill was dismissed by the District Court, and plaintiff appeals.

This is an appeal from a decree dismissing a bill in equity upon the merits. The defendant moved to dismiss the bill on the ground:

1. That it appears on the face of the complaint by plaintiff's own showing that he is not entitled to the relief prayed for by this complaint against the defendant, nor to any relief arising from the facts alleged in said complaint.

2. That it appears on the face of said bill of complaint that this court has no jurisdiction to hear and determine this suit.

3. That it appears on the face of said bill of complaint that said complaint is wholly without equity.

The bill alleges the incorporation of the defendant, which we shall hereinafter call the bank, under the act of Congress called the Federal Reserve Act. It alleges that this act was passed to "furnish an elastic currency, to afford means of discounting commercial paper and to establish a more effective supervision of banking in the United States"; that the bank "is a unit in the Federal Reserve system, and as such has certain powers conferred upon it by the Federal Reserve Act and performs certain functions under the control of its board of directors and the Federal Reserve Board"; that the "Federal Reserve Board is by law vested with limited control over Federal Reserve rediscount facilities and the defendant Federal Reserve Bank of New York is vested with limited control over its own rediscount facilities."

After setting forth that the United States have for six years experienced great prosperity, that business conditions are good and getting better, that employment and wages are satisfactory, that the signs usually consulted indicate a continued improvement and that accordingly large numbers of people have invested in stocks and bonds of various industrial and railroad corporations, the bill goes on to say that the plaintiff owns various securities outright and has borrowed money to purchase others.

It further alleges that there is an abundance of credit readily available for the needs of industry and agriculture, as well as investment, but that the bank reports that brokers' loans have increased in volume and commercial loans have decreased. Such a condition is said to be due to the tendency of banks to charge high rates of interest and to make loans callable on demand and, by reason of these circumstances, it is said to have been found desirable to borrow money from the public through security offerings in order to eliminate banks as middlemen.

The bill then goes on to say that the credit available in the United States is in excess of fifty billion dollars and that the total of brokers' loans approximates only 6½% of this amount, so that the claim that too much of available credit is involved in collateral or brokers' loans is not justified.

The bill then sets up the wrongful acts on which the plaintiff founds his cause of action. It says that the bank during the year 1928 illegally engaged in a course of conduct, which it is still continuing, that had for its object an arbitrary reduction of brokers' loans and a general reduction of security prices. The course of conduct consisted of the following acts:

(1) "This defendant and the Federal Reserve system generally, * * * wrongfully * * * spread propaganda concerning an alleged money shortage and expressed alarm over the increasing volume of collateral loans, whereas no shortage exists other than one of their own making which is technical in its nature and artificial in its essence."

Many persons induced by this propaganda have sold securities thereby contributing to a decline in market prices and to plaintiff's damage.

(2) "The defendant, * * * and the Federal Reserve system generally, have * * * wrongfully * * * set about to restrict the supply of credit available for investment purposes and cause a general liquidation of security loans with a resultant reduction in quoted security prices. In this connection the defendant, * * * and Federal Reserve system generally, have engaged in an open market operation, as the term is generally used by those concerned in this practice, but not for the purpose contemplated by the use of the term in the Federal Reserve Act. The defendant and other Federal Reserve Banks have sold quantities of securities aggregating many millions of dollars * * * for the sole purpose of taking money and its attendant credit out of the market and removing the same from use, thus curtailing credit and causing an artificial money shortage to the plaintiff's damage and injury. This conduct * * * is not justified by any economic circumstances, and it continued and unabated will lead to serious consequences, and to the damage of this plaintiff."

(3) The defendant has on three different occasions "arbitrarily and unreasonably raised" the rediscount rate which it charges to its member banks,

"for the purpose and with the effect of raising interest rates generally and call money rates on the New York Stock Exchange in particular."

Through this action interest rates have become unreasonable and plaintiff has been damaged by being obliged to pay such rates for borrowed money and by having the value of his securities depreciated through the sale of securities by persons unwilling or unable to pay these rates.

(4) "The defendant has wrongfully controlled and seeks to further control the action of member banks in dealing with their own resources by coercing them to call collateral loans made to their customers by said banks on account of their own resources and not rediscounted with defendant or any other Federal Reserve Bank. On various occasions the said Federal Reserve Bank, * * * has denied rediscount facilities to certain member banks pending a liquidation of certain other collateral loans and thus occasioned liquidation of securities and reduction of prices due to inability on the part of borrowers to renegotiate their loans."

The bill finally alleges that by the defendant's acts plaintiff's securities have depreciated and he has been damaged in more than the sum of \$3,000; that the defendant seeks further to control its member banks in the matter of collateral loans and threatens further to raise the rediscount rate.

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AUGUSTUS N. HAND, circuit judge:

The wrongs charged against the bank are (a) spreading propaganda concerning an alleged money shortage and increasing volume of collateral loans, (b) setting about to restrict the supply of credit available for investment purposes by engaging in open-market transactions through the sale of its securities, (c) raising the rediscount rate for its member banks in order to reduce the volume of security loans, (d) coercing member banks to call collateral loans by declining to rediscount eligible commercial paper for such member banks.

Three principal questions must be considered:

(1) Are the foregoing acts, irrespective of the alleged purpose to reduce the volume of brokers' loans, within the power of the Federal Reserve Bank?

(2) If the acts are generally speaking lawful, are they rendered unlawful because the purpose was to reduce the volume of brokers' loans?

(3) Is the Federal Reserve Board a necessary party to the action? The Federal Reserve Act marked the end of a long struggle and was thought to afford the solution of many difficulties. When the independent treasury bill was passed in 1846, the effect was completely to divorce the Government from all connection with the money market by making it its own banker and by keeping Government funds in the vaults of independent treasury office banks. The public then had to depend on State banks for currency and credit, with a result that in times of financial stress is well known.

To meet the necessities of the Civil War, National banks were established. They became the official depositories of the Government and furnished an enlarged currency because of their ability to issue circulating notes against Government bonds deposited with the Treasurer of the United States. They were required to maintain reserves in certain cities based upon a percentage of their deposits. As the Government debts of the Civil War became liquidated, the means for issuing currency lessened, though the business requirements of the country were expanding. In such a situation business prosperity inevitably promoted monetary stringency. Moreover, as the reserves were deposited in relatively few banks in the metropolitan centers, when financial stringencies arose, pressure always came on the banks, their deposits would be withdrawn, the rates for call loans would advance and a liquidation of collateral and depreciation of values would ensue.

While the National banking system was a great improvement over what went before, it provided no central regulating force and furnished no adequate means for controlling interest rates or preventing or lessening financial stringencies and panics. The usual method of furnishing funds needed for business was for the Treasury to deposit moneys from its vaults in the national banks and to withdraw these deposits if they were used too much in speculation. This was a rather ineffectual way of dealing with complicated and difficult situations. It was dependent too much upon the determination of a single official and lacked the information and guidance that a scientific Federal banking system would afford.

To remedy the difficulties we have mentioned, the Federal Reserve Act was passed. The Federal Reserve Banks have National Charters and their stockholders are member banks. Each Federal Reserve Bank has nine directors, three chosen from the member banks, three selected as representatives from industry and three designated by the Federal Reserve Board—a central body consisting of the Secretary of the Treasury, the Controller of the Currency and six other members appointed by the President with the consent of the Senate. This Board is given, by law, the power to exercise general supervision over Federal reserve banks. It is in terms empowered to examine the affairs of each Federal Reserve Bank and to publish weekly a statement showing the condition of each bank as well as a consolidated statement of all the banks in the system. It is also specifically empowered to permit or, in certain cases, to require Federal Reserve Banks to rediscount the discounted paper of other Reserve Banks and to suspend, for a limited time, reserve requirements, and it is empowered to review and determine rates of discount to be charged by Federal Reserve Banks "which shall be fixed with a view of accommodating commerce and business."

Furthermore, a Federal Advisory Council is created by the act with a delegate member from each Federal Reserve Bank. This council is authorized to confer with the Federal Reserve Board on general business conditions, to make oral or written representations concerning matters within the jurisdiction of the board and to call for information and to make recommendations in regard to discount rates, rediscount business, note issues, reserve conditions in the various districts, the purchase and sale of gold and securities by Reserve Banks, open-market operations by these banks and the general affairs of the Reserve banking system.

The foregoing outline shows the broad purposes of the act and the wide powers of supervision and control given to the Federal Reserve Board over the whole reserve system. The congressional report of Senator Glass stated the objects of the act as follows:

- "1. Establishment of a more nearly uniform rate of discount throughout the United States, and thereby the furnishing of a certain kind of preventive against overexpansion of credit which should be similar in all parts of the country.
- "2. General economy of reserves in order that such reserves might be held ready for use in protecting the banks of any section of the country and for enabling them to go on meeting their obligations instead of suspending payments, as so often in the past.
- "3. Furnishing of an elastic currency by the abolition of the existing bond-secured note issue in whole or in part, and the substitution of a freely issued and adequately protected system of bank notes which should be available to all institutions which had the proper class of paper for presentation.
- "4. Management and commercial use of the funds of the Government which are now isolated in the Treasury and subtreasuries in large amounts.
- "5. General supervision of the banking business and furnishing of stringent and careful oversight.
- "6. Creation of market for commercial paper."

To carry out the purposes of the act, Federal Reserve Banks, subject to the supervision of the Federal Reserve Board, are authorized to act as Government depositories and fiscal agents; to receive and maintain the legal reserves of member banks; upon indorsement of member banks to discount notes, drafts and bills of exchange arising out of actual commercial transactions but not "notes, drafts or bills covering merely investments or issued for the purposes of carrying or trading in stocks, bonds or other investment securities, except bonds and notes of the Government of the United States"; to make advances to member banks on their promissory notes for not more than 15 days at rates to be established by the Federal Reserve Banks subject to the review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board provided such promissory notes are secured by eligible paper, or by bonds, or notes of the United States, to receive Federal reserve notes upon deposit of eligible paper, or gold, or gold certificates, provided a gold reserve of not less than 40% of such notes is maintained. (U. S. C. A., Title 12, ch. 3, secs. 341-361.)

Federal Reserve Banks may also, under rules and regulations prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board, engage in "open-market operations," that is to say, purchase and sell in the open market at home or abroad cable transfers and bankers' acceptances and bills of exchange of the kinds and maturities eligible for rediscount. They may deal in gold coin and bullion at home and abroad; buy and sell, at home and abroad, bonds and notes of the United States and bills, notes, revenue bonds and warrants with a maturity from date of purchase of not exceeding six months, issued by any State, county, district, political subdivision or municipality in the United States, such purchases to be made in accordance with regulations prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board. They may purchase from member banks and sell bills of exchange arising out of commercial transactions and may "establish from time to time, subject to review and determination by the Federal Reserve Board, rates of discount to be charged by the Federal Reserve Bank for each class of paper, which shall be fixed with a view of accommodating commerce and business." They may establish accounts with other Federal Reserve Banks with the consent and upon the order and direction of the Federal Reserve Board and, under regulations in foreign countries for the purpose of purchasing, selling, and collecting bills of exchange. They may purchase and sell in the open market either from or to domestic banks, firms, corporations or individuals, acceptances of Federal Intermediate Credit Banks and of national agricultural credit corporations whenever the Federal Reserve Board shall declare that the public interest so requires. (U. S. C. A., Title 12, ch. 3, secs. 353-357.)

The foregoing provisions enable the Federal Reserve Banks without waiting for applications from their member banks for loans or

rediscounts to adjust the general credit situation by purchasing and selling in the open market the class of securities that they are permitted to deal in. The power "to establish from time to time, subject to review and determination by the Federal Reserve Board, rates of discount to be charged by the Federal Reserve Bank" appears in the act with the open-market powers. The two powers are correlative and enable the Federal Reserve Banks to make their rediscount rates effective. The sale of securities does not lessen the total amount of credit available but, by necessitating payment to the Federal Reserve Banks, increases available credit in their hands "with a view of accommodating commerce and business as provided by the act. (U. S. C. A., Title 12, ch. 3, sec. 357.)"

Such being an outline of the powers of the Federal Reserve Board, the Federal Advisory Council and the Federal Reserve Bank, it is necessary to consider whether any of the acts which the bill says were performed by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York were in themselves, irrespective of a purpose to reduce the volume of brokers' loans, unlawful.

Certainly it was lawful to engage in open-market transactions by the sale of securities, to fix the rediscount rate and to decline to rediscount eligible paper. Purchases and sales in the open market are specifically authorized by the act. (U. S. C. A., Title 12, ch. 3, secs. 353-356.) Likewise the act in terms empowers "every Federal reserve bank * * * to establish from time to time subject to review and determination of the Federal Reserve Board rates of discount to be charged by the Federal Reserve Bank for each class of paper, which shall be fixed with a view of accommodating commerce and business." While it is alleged in the bill that the rediscount rate "has been arbitrarily and unreasonably raised," it was for the defendant, subject to the supervision of the Federal Reserve Board, to determine what would be a reasonable rediscount. It is not contended that the provision for fixing rates of discount is unconstitutional, nor would it seem even reasonable to argue that it is after such decisions as *First National Bank v. Union Trust Co.*, 244 U. S. 416, and *Westfall v. United States*, 274 U. S. 256, as well as the *Legal Tender* case, 110 U. S. 421; *Farmers' & Mechanics National Bank v. Deering*, 91 U. S. 29, and *McCulloch v. Maryland*, 4 Wheat., 316.

The act being constitutional, we are asked to hold that the Bank may not sell its own securities and fix the rates at which it will discount or rediscount paper when it is given the power by the specific terms of the Federal Reserve Act to do all of these things. It is important to note that it is not under any compulsion to rediscount eligible paper for the words of the act in respect to rediscounting are wholly permissive. The act provides that:

"Any Federal Reserve Bank may, subject to regulations and limitations to be prescribed by the Federal Reserve Board, discount notes, drafts, and bills of exchanges * * *" (U. S. C. A., Title 12, ch. 3, sec. 348.)

But it is alleged that the Bank and the Federal Reserve system generally have wrongfully "spread propaganda concerning an alleged money shortage and expressed alarm over the increasing volume of collateral loans, whereas no shortage exists other than one of their own making which is technical in its nature and artificial in its essence."

As we have already said, the act requires the Federal Reserve Board to examine the books and affairs of each Federal Reserve Bank, to require such statements as it may deem necessary and to publish each week a statement showing the condition of each bank and a consolidated statement for all the Banks. These statements shall show in detail the assets and liabilities and shall furnish full information regarding the character of the money held as reserve and the amount, nature and maturities of the paper and other investments held. The Federal Reserve Board on general business conditions, make oral or written representations concerning matters within the jurisdiction of the board and call for information and make recommendations as to discount rates, rediscount business, reserve conditions, the purchase and sale of gold or securities by Reserve Banks, open market operations and the general affairs of the reserve banking system.

In view of such provisions for detailed reports on the condition of the banks and for intercommunication between the board and the council regarding the general affairs of the reserve banking system, we think it most unlikely that statements as to the condition of affairs can not be made public by the Board, the council and the banks. The provisions for reports, representations and recommendations seem to imply public information and when the situation warrants it, public warning. What particular conditions may warrant is necessarily left to those clothed with responsibility for acting. Warning before taking action would seem to be a safer practice than sudden and perhaps drastic action without warning. Plaintiff's assertion that the banks have spread false propaganda regarding a money shortage is inaccurate. It apparently is based on the allegation of the bill that "no shortage exists other than one of their own making which is technical in its nature and artificial in its essence." This is an argumentative and obscure allegation of no value in a pleading. If it means that the Federal Reserve Banks exercised their right to sell in the open market and refused to rediscount eligible paper, it should have said so; but if such were the fact the banks would still have been within their rights and the plaintiff would have gained nothing by the allegation. We, therefore, deem the charge of spreading propaganda without legal significance.

But the plaintiff chiefly relies on his charge that the defendant has engaged in "a course of conduct * * * which has had for its object and purpose an arbitrary reduction in the volume of collateral or brokers' loans." It is nowhere said that the bank has acted in bad faith or has aimed to injure the defendant. But it seems to be thought that it may be said that the acts of the bank were likely to cause damage to the plaintiff, in fact caused such damage, and therefore gave rise to a cause of action unless some legal justification can be shown.

This general theory of liability was suggested by Justice Holmes in an article entitled "Privilege Malice and Intent," published in Volume VIII of the *Harvard Law Review*, as long ago as 1894. At the time, it was regarded as a somewhat startling generalization by a profession which had viewed all liabilities as differed as to when justification exists, action. But while courts have reiterated in XVIII *Harvard Law Review* by Professor Ames has been more and more used as a convenient means of approaching problems in torts. (*Aiken v. Wisconsin*, 195 U. S., at p. 204.) In many cases such as libel and slander and malicious prosecution, a malevolent motive destroys the privilege, while in cases affecting the use of land, the privilege has frequently been held absolute. No hard and fast rule can be laid down as to when the privilege exists. Indeed it was said in *Aiken v. Wisconsin*, supra, that what will be considered a justification depends upon "principles of policy." See also *Green v. Victor Talking Mach. Co.*, 24 Fed. (2d) 378. The plaintiff has seized upon the opinion of Justice Holmes in *American Bank & Trust Co. v. Federal Bank*, 256 U. S. 350, to support his contention that a purpose to reduce the volume of brokers' loans destroys the defendant's ordinary right to sell its own securities, fix the rates for extending credit and warn the public against inflation. But there a Federal Reserve Bank was charged with accumulating checks of country banks and presenting them in large quantities in order to compel these banks to become members of the reserve bank, or, at least, to open a nonmember clearing account with it. In such circumstances Justice Holmes said that the "United States did not intend by * * * statute to sanction this sort of warfare." In the case at bar the "principles of policy" point the other way. It would be an unthinkable burden upon any banking system if its open-market sales and discount rates were to be subject to judicial review. Indeed, the correction of discount rates by judicial decree seems almost grotesque when we remember that conditions in the money market often change from hour to hour and the disease would ordinarily be over long before a judicial diagnosis could be made.

Nor is the plaintiff aided by his charge that the defendant has wrongfully controlled member banks by coercing them to call collateral loans

made to their customers, for the only method of coercion suggested is the refusal to rediscount eligible commercial paper. Such a refusal was not a wrong because no provision of the act requires the Bank to discount unless so ordered by the Board.

We can see no basis for the contention that it is a tort for a Federal Reserve Bank to sell its securities in the open market, to fix discount rates which are unreasonably high, or to refuse to discount eligible paper, even though its policy may be mistaken and its judgment bad. The remedy sought would make the courts, rather than the Federal Reserve Board, the supervisors of the Federal Reserve system and would involve a cure worse than the malady. The bank, under the supervision of the board, must determine whether there is danger of financial stringency and whether the credit available for "commerce and business" is sufficient or insufficient. If it proceeds in good faith through open-market operations and control of discount rates to bring about a reduction of brokers' loans, it commits no legal wrong. A reduction of brokers' loans may best accommodate "commerce and business." (U. S. C. A. Title 12, ch. 3, sec. 357.)

Defendant's counsel have made a persuasive argument that upon the facts alleged the questions raised are political and not justiciable. We have not discussed it because without it the defendant's position seems to be unassailable.

It is contended that the bill must in any event be dismissed because of the failure to join the members of the Federal Reserve Board as parties. The "defendant and the Federal Reserve system generally" are charged with spreading propaganda. The Federal Reserve system must include the Board. The Board by the act is given power to exercise general supervision over Federal Reserve Banks. (U. S. C. A. Title 12, ch. 3, sec. 248 (j).)

It is specifically empowered to regulate open-market transactions, to review and determine rates of discount and to make reports as to conditions in the Federal Reserve system. In such circumstances, the Bank is, as to the matters complained of here, a governmental agency under the direction of the Federal Reserve Board. If the plaintiff prevailed in his contention the Bank would be enjoined from fixing a discount rate which the Board had presumptively directed. Such a situation under familiar principles renders the Federal Reserve Board an indispensable party to the suit. *Alcohol Warehouse Corp. v. Canfield*, 11 Fed. (2d) 214.

But the plaintiff contends that such cases as *Guerich v. Rutter*, 265 U. S. 388, and *Webster v. Fall*, 266 U. S. 507, differ from the present because the Federal Reserve Banks are independent units and in that respect differ from agents like the Prohibition Director who is created under a regulation of the Department of Internal Revenue and is subject to the orders of the Commissioner. Moreover, the plaintiff calls attention to the fact that in *American Bank & Trust Company v. Federal Reserve Bank*, 256 U. S. 350, the Supreme Court maintained jurisdiction without suggesting that the Federal Reserve Board was a necessary party although the bill there alleged that the wrongs done by the bank were done in pursuance of a policy "accepted by the Federal Reserve Board." But in *American Bank & Trust Company v. Federal Reserve Bank*, supra, the point that the Federal Reserve Board was an indispensable party was not raised, so that we must regard *Guerich v. Rutter* and *Webster v. Fall*, supra, as controlling. In the last case the argument was made that in other suits brought against subordinate officials without joining the superior, the court had proceeded to determine the merits but Justice Sutherland said that:

"Questions which merely lurk in the record, neither brought to the attention of the court nor ruled upon, are not to be considered as having been so decided as to constitute precedents."

We have discussed the merits in case our decision should be reviewed and our opinion that the Federal Reserve Board is a necessary party should be thought erroneous.

The decree is modified so as to dismiss the bill because of failure to join the members of the Federal Reserve Board who are indispensable parties and, as so modified, is affirmed.

Treasury Department's September Financing—Offering of \$500,000,000 4½% Tax Exempt Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness.

The September financing of the Treasury Department, announced by Secretary Mellon on Sept. 5, takes the form of tax-exempt Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness, offered to the amount of \$500,000,000 or thereabouts, maturing in nine months, and bearing interest at 4½%. Attention is called by Secretary Mellon to the new tax-exempt provision, authorized under the Act of Congress, approved June 17, 1929, the text of which was given in our issue of July 6, page 60. In his announcement relative to the new certificates Secretary Mellon states that they "will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation except estate and inheritance taxes." He adds:

The interest on certificates heretofore issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, has been exempt from the normal income tax but from surtaxes only to a limited extent. These certificates, however, will be fully exempt as to interest from surtaxes, as well as normal income taxes, and accordingly should be more attractive to the individual investor.

Secretary Mellon announces that the new certificates are issued to meet a maturity of about \$510,000,000 of Treasury certificates; in addition to the \$510,000,000 of certificates due Sept. 15, 1929, over \$65,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt will, he states, become due in Sept. 1929 and over \$149,000,000 in October, 1929. The new certificates, designated series TJ-1930, will be dated and bear interest from Sept. 16, 1929 and will mature June 16, 1930. In payment therefor the Treasury will accept, at par, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TS-1929 and TS2-1929, both maturing Sept. 15, 1929. Secretary Mellon's announcement says:

Subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in certificates of indebtedness maturing Sept. 15, 1929, will be allotted in full up to the amount of the offering. In addition, 3½% Treasury notes of Series A 1930-32, B 1930-32 and C 1930-32 will be accepted at a price of 98 for each \$100 face amount, with an adjustment of interest accrued to September 16, 1929, in part payment for any certificates of the series now offered, up to \$100,000,000 face amount of notes: the difference between the price of 98 for the notes and the \$100 face amount of the new certificates to be paid in cash on or before Sept. 16, 1929. Payment by Treasury notes will be treated as cash subscriptions and will be given preferred allotment in the order received. These notes are being purchased for sinking fund purposes.

It is further announced by Secretary Mellon that on subscriptions for which Treasury notes are tendered, in partial payment, the face amount of the Treasury notes tendered must equal the face amount of the new certificates subscribed for, and such subscriptions must be in multiples of \$500. The new issue of certificates will be in bearer form in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached, payable Dec. 16, 1929 and June 16, 1930. At the time of its June financing (referred to in these columns June 8, page 3768) interest on the certificates (\$400,000,000) put out at that time was fixed at 5½%, that issue likewise running for nine months. The certificates in the March offering, with a maturity of nine months, bore interest at 4¾%. The New York "Times" in its comments yesterday (Sept. 6) on the interest rate of the new issue said:

The New Treasury Financing.

The rate of 4½% fixed for the new Treasury issue and announced in this morning's newspapers is one-fourth of one per cent below the rate of 5½% which the last issue carried. In view of the fact that there has been only a minor slackening of money rates in the interval, while the discount rate has gone from 5% to 6, Wall Street found the reduction in rate unusually interesting. Another factor which makes the lowering of the rate something of a surprise is the time of year. Last June, when the Treasury issued notes at 5½%, the season of the year when credit demands are slack was at hand. At present we are entering the Fall season, when credit is in greater demand and rates normally advance. A feature which is calculated to offset the lower rate, however, is the fact that the present issue will be totally tax-exempt instead of being only partly tax-exempt, as has been the case with previous issues.

The Washington dispatch Sept. 5 to the "Times" observes that there had been much speculation as to the possibility of the Department trying out the new non-interest bearing Treasury bills which Congress authorized (under the act of June 17, 1929) it to sell at a discount, but apparently the Government experts did not feel that the present tight money market presented a favorable opportunity to test the efficiency of this form of financing. The dispatch went on to say:

Purchasers would be invited to offer bids for these bills, thus fixing the level at which they would sell and with competition for Government securities at a minimum, the Department apparently was better satisfied to select its own terms.

We give herewith in full Secretary Mellon's announcement of the new offering:

To meet a maturity of about \$510,000,000 of Treasury certificates, the Treasury is today offering for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve Banks, an issue of nine months 4½% Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1930, dated and bearing interest from September 16, 1929, and maturing June 16, 1930. The amount of the offering is \$500,000,000 or thereabouts. Applications for the new certificates will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks. The Treasury will accept in payment for those certificates, at par, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TS-1929 and TS2-1929, both maturing Sept. 15, 1929. Subscriptions for which payment is to be tendered in certificates of indebtedness maturing Sept. 15, 1929, will be allotted in full up to the amount of the offering. In addition, 3½% Treasury notes of Series A 1930-32, B 1930-32 and C 1930-32 will be accepted at a price of 98 for each \$100 face amount, with an adjustment of interest accrued to September 16, 1929, in part payment for any certificates of the series now offered, up to \$100,000,000 face amount of notes: the difference between the price of 98 for the notes and the \$100 face amount of the new certificates to be paid in cash on or before Sept. 16, 1929. Payment by Treasury notes will be treated as cash subscriptions and will be given preferred allotment in the order received. These notes are being purchased for sinking fund purposes.

On subscriptions for which Treasury notes are tendered, in partial payment, the face amount of the Treasury notes tendered must equal the face amount of the new certificates subscribed for, and such subscriptions must be in multiples of \$500.

Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached, payable Dec. 16, 1929 and June 16, 1930.

Particular attention is invited to the new tax exemption provision. In accordance with the act of Congress, approved June 17, 1929, the new certificates will be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation except estate and inheritance taxes. The interest on certificates heretofore issued under the Second Liberty Bond Act, as amended, has been exempt from the normal income tax but from surtaxes only to a limited extent. These certificates, however, will be fully exempt as to interest from surtaxes, as well as normal income taxes, and accordingly should be more attractive to the individual investor.

In addition to \$510,000,000 of Treasury certificates of indebtedness due and payable on Sept. 15, 1929, over \$65,000,000 in interest payments on the public debt will become due and payable in Sept., 1929 and over \$149,000,000 in Oct., 1929.

Subscription books were opened Sept. 6. The Treasury Department's circular detailing the offering follows:

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Four and Seven-Eighths Per Cent Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness

SERIES TJ-1930

Dated and Bearing Interest from Sept. 16, 1929 Due June 16, 1930

The Secretary of the Treasury, under the authority of the Act approved Sept. 24, 1917, as amended, offers for subscription, at par and accrued interest, through the Federal Reserve Banks, Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TJ-1930, dated and bearing interest

from Sept. 16, 1929, payable June 16, 1930, with interest at the rate of four and seven-eighths per cent per annum, payable on a semi-annual basis.

Applications will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks. Bearer certificates will be issued in denominations of \$500, \$1,000, \$5,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000. The certificates will have two interest coupons attached, payable Dec. 16, 1929 and June 16, 1930.

The certificates of said series shall be exempt, both as to principal and interest, from all taxation (except estate and inheritance taxes) now or hereafter imposed by the United States, any State, or any of the possessions of the United States, or by any local taxing authority.

The certificates of this series will be accepted at par during such time and under such rules and regulations as shall be prescribed or approved by the Secretary of the Treasury, in payment of income and profits taxes payable at the maturity of the certificates. The certificates of this series will be acceptable to secure deposits of public moneys, but will not bear the circulation privilege.

The right is reserved to reject any subscription and to allot less than the amount of certificates applied for and to close the subscriptions at any time without notice. The Secretary of the Treasury also reserves the right to make allotment in full upon applications for smaller amounts, to make reduced allotments upon, or to reject, applications for larger amounts, and to make classified allotments and allotments upon a graduated scale; and his action in these respects will be final. Allotment notices will be sent out promptly upon allotment, and the basis of the allotment will be publicly announced.

Payment at par and accrued interest for certificates allotted must be made on or before Sept. 16, 1929, or on later allotment. After allotment and upon payment, Federal Reserve Banks may issue interim receipts pending delivery of the definite certificates. Any qualified depository will be permitted to make payment by credit for certificates allotted to it for itself and its customers up to any amount for which it shall be qualified in excess of existing deposits, when so notified by the Federal Reserve Bank of its District. Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TS-1929 and TS2-1929, both maturing Sept. 15, 1929, will be accepted at par, in payment for any certificates of the series now offered which shall be subscribed for and allotted, with an adjustment of the interest accrued, if any, on the certificates of the series so paid for. In addition, three and one-half per cent Treasury notes of Series A 1930-32, B 1930-32 and C 1930-32 will be accepted at a price of ninety-eight dollars for each \$100 face amount, with an adjustment of interest accrued to Sept. 16, 1929, in part payment for any certificates of the series now offered, up to \$100,000,000 face amount of notes the difference between the price of ninety-eight dollars for the notes and the \$100 face amount of the new certificates to be paid in cash on or before Sept. 16, 1929. The exchange of notes for certificates will be treated as cash subscriptions and will be given preferred allotment in the order received. All coupons maturing after Sept. 15, 1929, must be attached to the notes when surrendered and prior coupons should be detached. These notes are being purchased for sinking fund purposes.

As fiscal agents of the United States, Federal Reserve Banks are authorized and requested to receive subscriptions and to make allotments on the basis and up to the amounts indicated by the Secretary of the Treasury to the Federal Reserve Banks of the respective districts.

A. W. MELLON,
Secretary of the Treasury.

Tariff Bill Reported to Senate—Move to Drop Secrecy From Income Tax Returns.

The tariff bill, as revised by the Republican members of the Senate Finance Committee, was formally reported to the Senate on September 4 by Senator Smoot, Chairman of the Committee, after the Committee had ordered the report by a partisan vote of 11 to 8. It was noted in the New York "Times" dispatch from Washington, September 4, that there was no discussion on the measure, the Senate adjourning until Thursday, September 5, after a twenty-five-minute session, during which routine business was transacted. It was expected that there would be an adjournment from September 5 until Monday, September 9, when debate is expected to begin in earnest.

Associated Press accounts from Washington September 4, said:

The revised tariff bill was reported by the Finance Committee by a vote along strict party lines, the Republicans voting for the favorable report being Senators Smoot, Watson, Reed, Shortridge, Edge, Couzens, Greene, Deneen, Keyes, Bingham and Sackett.

The Democrats voting against were Senators Simmons, Harrison, King, George, Walsh of Massachusetts, Barkley, Thomas of Oklahoma and Connally. Four Republicans and one Democrat voted by proxy.

The minority members remained after the vote was taken and held a meeting of their own.

Of seven amendments introduced on the floor by Senator Trammell, designed to increase various agricultural rates above those proposed by the committee majority, one would make the duty on celery, lettuce and cabbage 2 cents a pound instead of 50% ad valorem.

Others would eliminate the proposed seasonal tariff on cucumbers and egg-plant and leave the proposed new duty of 3 cents a pound in force throughout the year. The bill would make this rate ½ cent a pound during the winter months.

Mr. Trammell also would raise the bill rate of 2½ cents a pound on tomatoes to 3 cents; increase to 3½ cents a pound the bill duty of ½ cent on beans, green or unripe, not specially provided for; increase from 35 to 50 cents a crate the rate on pineapples; raise the rate on grapefruit from 1 to 1-1/3 cents a pound, and the duty on limes from 1 to 2 cents a pound.

A protest against the increase proposed in the bill in the exemption on importations of foreign goods by tourists was made in a telegram to Senator Frazier, Republican, of North Dakota, by the National Association of Merchant Tailors of America. The bill would raise the exemption from \$100 to \$200.

The intention of Democrats and Progressive Republicans to make a determined drive to disclose the business secrets of corporations seeking increased tariff protection was re-

vealed five minutes after the tariff bill was introduced, said the "Times" dispatch of September 4, from which we also take the following:

Independent moves in this direction came from Senator Simmons, ranking Democrat of the Finance Committee, and from Senator Blaine of Wisconsin, one of the most "liberal" of the Western group of Republican recalcitrants. Mr. Blaine introduced a joint resolution designed to "suspend the secrecy of corporation income tax returns," while Mr. Simmons stated that he had a plan in view to empower the Finance Committee to obtain corporation tax data directly from the Treasury Department or the Tariff Commission.

Blaine's Motion on Tax Data.

The joint resolution offered by Senator Blaine follows:

"Providing for the suspension of the secrecy of income tax returns: "That during the pendency of the tariff bill before Congress, all returns of income taxes of corporations, and all papers, schedules and reports filed therewith or relating thereto, shall be available to each member of Congress and the committees thereof, for their inspection, examination and use in the consideration of the said tariff bill, and it is further provided that any member of Congress or a committee thereof may designate in writing any person or persons to inspect and examine any of said income tax returns and said paper, schedules and reports, and furnish such member or committee information obtained therefrom. "Be it further resolved, That any law contrary to the foregoing provisions is hereby suspended until final disposition of the tariff bill by the Congress."

Six of the nine insurgent Republicans who yesterday decided to make a drive to limit tariff action to the rates on farm products met again today under the leadership of Senator Borah, and discussed the general situation. Mr. Borah said later that the Progressive-Democratic coalition behind this move had not yet been able to count noses, but he indicated very strongly that some definite step would be made in the Senate early next week, if it seemed possible to put the program through.

Will Back Blaine Resolution.

The Progressives, it was learned, will stand firmly behind the Blaine or Simmons scheme to open up the corporation income tax details. Several of the insurgents, including Senator Norris of Nebraska, have long fought against what they term the "useless secrecy" of income tax details.

When Mr. Blaine presented his joint resolution and asked that it be read and laid on the table, Senator Simmons commented that the Blaine plan required action by the House, which would not meet until Sept. 23.

"I hold in my hand," he added, "a resolution which would obtain substantially the same information without necessitating House concurrence. It would instruct the Finance Committee to secure the information through the Tariff Commission, the Treasury, or both."

Later it was learned that the Simmons resolution, which was actually presented during the day, would direct the Finance Committee to obtain "forthwith" from the Secretary of the Treasury full income tax information about corporations which asked for heavier duties against imported products. Under existing law, the Finance Committee and Ways and Means Committees are entitled to specific information on income taxes if they demand it from the Secretary of the Treasury.

The question remains whether the Senate would be willing to approve either the Blaine or Simmons program. Both authors seem convinced that they could force their resolutions through, with a combination of Democrats and Insurgent Republicans behind them.

Mr. Blaine said in favor of his plan to proceed by means of a joint resolution that the House would be in sessions before the actual rates in the tariff bill would be considered in the Senate.

Would Throw Open Tax Data

Some fine legal points came up during informal discussion of the Blaine and Simmons plans by Senators this afternoon. It was pointed out that the Blaine resolution would not only have to be passed by the House, as well as the Senate, but that it would require a Presidential signature, which the President might perhaps be unwilling to affix to so radical a proposal.

On the other hand, it was said that if the resolution was approved by Congress and signed by Mr. Hoover, it would amount to law, and would accordingly make the corporation income tax details available for floor debate, whereas there might be a technicality to prevent such use of information obtained through the Simmons scheme.

Members of the Finance Committee, whom Mr. Simmons would have obtain the material, have generally considered the income tax facts confidential and intended for their guidance only.

In the House, Representative Garner of Texas, ranking Democrat on the Ways and Means Committee, took the same attitude. Although he was in possession of details concerning a large tobacco corporation, he felt obligated to allude to it in debate merely as "a tobacco corporation," without revealing its identity, which became known, however, through allusions and deductions.

As a member of the Finance Committee, Senator Simmons would naturally have access to the facts obtained regarding corporation income taxes; whether he would feel free to reveal these is not known.

But he probably could, if he saw fit, refer without violation of law to a "large steel plant on the outskirts of" some particular city, and some seemed to feel that, if facts were obtained by the committee members, they might come out on the floor in some such form.

Sixty-five Senators Present.

Sixty-five senators answered the roll-call when the chamber session began. Senator Heflin of Alabama demanded a quorum call immediately. Mr. Smoot then introduced the tariff bill, asking at the same time for authority to print 5,000 copies of it.

"The minority," Senator Simmons announced, "has decided not to submit a minority report on the bill. This does not mean that we are not thoroughly opposed to the bill and will not submit what amendments we see fit."

Senator Trammell, Democrat, of Florida, offered amendments aimed at increasing protection for Florida fruits.

There was a brief interchange when Vice President Curtis called the Senate's attention to the fact that the "pending business" coming over from June 19 was the Jones bill to transfer the Prohibition Unit to the Department of Justice. Senator King objected to "interrupting" the tariff bill by considering the Jones bill and other such proposals. Mr. Jones let his bill go over until tomorrow.

Borah Studies Farm Plan Action.

"The general sentiment of the group I am associated with, and the Democrats, is to confine the bill to the agriculture schedules," Senator Borah said after the meeting of Progressives. "We have not yet defi-

nately decided whether a resolution will be offered. It depends on the votes. About twenty-five Senators are still away from Washington, including among others, Senator Shipstead, Schall, Nofbeck and Cutting.

When asked whether his group would support the Thomas resolution or another proposal, Senator Borah said the question revolved around the parliamentary situation. He thought there was some doubt of the advisability of backing the Thomas resolution because of its parliamentary form. But while he said he believed his own farm tariff resolution of last Spring could properly be introduced in some modified form, he was disposed to give way to the Thomas plan.

Senator Thomas, it is understood, also feels that the principle is what is most desired, and therefore does not insist on his particular methods. Some of the Democrats are not enthusiastic over this principle of conning revision to farm schedules; but when Mr. Borah was asked if he had received assurances of support from the Democratic ranks, he said: "I think there is very general sympathy there."

Senator Norris has talked of offering the defeated export debenture plan as an amendment to the tariff bill, but Mr. Borah said that this matter was "far in the future."

"I would want to see how the bill would look later on," he stated. "For myself alone, I would not wish to see a bill defeated if it carried benefits for the farmer."

In a Washington dispatch to the "Times" September 1, it was stated that a group of insurgent Republicans, headed by Senator Borah, were hoping to prevent the comprehensive revision planned by the Finance Committee bill by backing an amendment to confine revision to the farm schedules and related subjects to be offered by Senator Thomas (Democrat) of Oklahoma. That dispatch also stated:

Senator Borah is expected to lead the struggle on the Republican side for the adoption of the resolution, which is similar to one Mr. Borah sponsored some months ago.

The Borah resolution was defeated by one vote. Republican leaders say that the Finance Committee bill has won many supporters who originally voted with Borah. They predict its defeat by a considerable margin.

Senator James F. Watson, Old Guard leader, said tonight that the Thomas amendment would be easily defeated and that the Republicans would keep tariff continuously before the Senate, holding night sessions if necessary to get a final vote by Nov. 1. He believes that the Democrats will not attempt a filibuster, but will offer amendments and after a reasonable debate permit a vote.

On September 2, Chairman Smoot made public the report on the bill detailing and defending the changes made by the majority of his committee from the House bill. The account in the "Times" dispatch September 2 regarding the report said in part:

While the alterations in duties on many articles have created widespread interest, attention has also been strongly focused on the readjustments Finance Committee Republicans have made in the administrative provisions of the law, including the rejection of the House plan for a non-partisan tariff commission, the proposal to have the commission convert ad valorem rates into specific domestic values, and the radical change in the basis for proclaiming new tariff duties under the flexible provisions.

Does Not Explain All Points.

Mr. Smoot discusses these in detail, but it is not so definite on all the rate changes. Some of the changes are passed by with the simple statement that they have been made.

For instance, while the chairman defends the agreement with the House to raise rates on leather boots and shoes and hides, he dismisses with a few words the reference of manganese to the free list.

He says nothing about the committee's reason for increasing from \$100 to \$200 the exemption for Americans returning from abroad; he merely states that the pig iron rate was slightly increased.

The placing of shingles on the free list may lead to a Senate controversy, but Mr. Smoot has little to say on this.

Although explanations are given of other alterations of the administrative features, the Smoot report does not divulge why the House scheme of a non-partisan tariff commission was refused. It states merely: "The committee has modified the House bill so far as to retain the existing law providing for six bi-partisan commissioners."

The Smoot report, consisting of eighty printed pages, declares at the outset that the Finance Committee recommend passage of the bill as arranged. In this statement Mr. Smoot naturally assumes that the committee has already sanctioned the bill, a statement not technically true, but tantamount to the real situation.

No Minority Report.

While the nine committee Democrats will not meet with the Republicans on the bill until Wednesday, the minority will be numerically unable to resist a favorable report from the eleven majority members.

The Democrats do not expect to submit a minority report, it is declared.

Democratic attacks on the changed rates have centered thus far on the sugar, wool and agricultural schedules and on the decision to retain the House duties of 10% on hides and 20% on boots and shoes and to increase the leather duties to some extent. These new rates, Mr. Smoot discusses in his report.

Of the sugar schedule he says:

"The most important change in Schedule 5 is the reduction in the proposed duty upon 96 degrees sugar from Cuba from 2.4 cents per pound to 2.2 cents per pound. Other items than sugar in the schedule have not been greatly changed. No items in this schedule as it appears under the present law have been removed to the free list, nor have any items now on the free list been placed in this schedule by the Finance Committee.

"The rates on all items in this schedule have received careful consideration and the changes made have been made with the interests of the consumers, producers, importers and manufacturers in mind.

Reduction in Sugar Rates.

"The language used in the paragraph on raw and refined sugar is practically the same as the language used in the present law but differs materially from the language used in the House bill. In the Senate bill, as in the present law, the rates progress by uniform steps from 75 to 100 sugar degrees, while the House bill doubles the increment of increases at 94 degrees.

"The rate on 75 degrees full duty sugar in the Senate bill is 1.5425 cents per pound, and this rate increases by regular steps of 0.575 cent

per pound up to 100 degrees, making the 96-degree rate 2.75 cents per pound and the 100-degree, or refined, sugar rate 2.98 cents per pound, a reduction of 0.25 cent per pound from the House rate on 96-degree sugar and 0.52 cent reduction in the House rate on 100-degree refined. These duties are 20% less upon imports from Cuba.

"The elimination of the double step-up at 94 degrees was for the purpose of removing the premium that this double increase would place upon 94-degree sugar and for the purpose of producing a smaller differential between 96-degree sugar and refined sugar."

Rates of the Cuban Product.

Rates of duty upon imports of sugar from Cuba, the source of practically all dutiable imports, under the present law and the House and Senate bills are given as follows:

Sugar Degrees.	Present Law.	House Bill.	Senate Bill.
75	0.9920	1.25	1.234
96	1.7648	2.40	2.200
100	1.9120	2.80	2.384

Revenues in 1928 imports of sugar at the above rates, are said to be:

Present law	\$117,153,997
House bill	159,089,197
Senate bill	146,042,782

Computed ad valorem rates:

Present law	72.64%
House bill	98.65%
Senate bill	90.56%

Wool Changes Explained.

"The most important changes made in the wool schedule," the report continued, "are the reduction in the duty upon the clean content of clothing and combing wool, from 34 to 31 cents per pound, a proportionate reduction in the compensatory duties on wool products, and the elimination of the two lowest duty brackets for many of the wool products."

Regarding the first point, Mr. Smoot said:

"The duty is placed at 31 cents per pound of clean content, i. e., at the rate in the present law. This is done in view of the increase of about 33% in the domestic clip during the past six years. No higher duty would seem to be necessary for the adequate protection of the American wool grower against foreign competition."

While the chairman did not specifically mention the Committee's action in increasing the rate on wool rags from 8 to 24 cents per pound, he stated:

"The Committee believes that a duty is levied on wool for the purpose of protecting the American wool grower and that if a substitute for wool is allowed to come in at a lower rate than the duty on wool the intent of Congress is defeated. The duties on wool by-products are therefore levied in accordance with their replacement values and not according to their relative values."

"The Committee," the report went on, "has agreed substantially to the considerable increases in rates on agricultural products provided by the House bill, which entailed an estimated increase in revenue from duties in this schedule of more than \$25,000,000, or more than 40%, and an increase in the average of ad valorem equivalent from 23 to 34%. Changes in this schedule, as compared with the House bill, consist principally of adjustments based on the additional evidence submitted to the Committee.

Would Aid in Tanning Industry.

Defending the intention in the House duty of 10% on hides, 20% on boots and shoes, and to increase the rates on leather, Mr. Smoot said:

"The tanning industry of the United States has been in a depressed condition since the World War. Many plants have been dismantled and many are operating part time only.

"In 1928, there were 51,940 laborers employed in domestic tanneries, as compared with 59,703 in 1923, a decrease of 13%. Salaried employes have decreased 800 in number during this period. Imports have increased rapidly, while exports have declined. Leather is one of the key industries vital to national defense and has not shown profitable conditions in recent years.

"In order to protect the industry against the increasing foreign competition and to compensate for a duty on raw materials, duties have been placed on the various classes of leather, which will tend to equalize the differences in material and labor costs in the United States and foreign countries.

"An entirely new sub-paragraph has been inserted. This new sub-paragraph covers in more detail the various classes of leather contained therein, and places the same duty on leather, cut or wholly or partly manufactured into uppers, vamps, or any forms or shapes suitable for conversion into boots, shoes or footwear as the leather from which they are manufactured.

"The total domestic production of boots and shoes during the period January-June, 1929, showed an increase of 2.3%, as compared with a similar period in 1928. Imports of leather footwear increased from 871,074 pairs, valued at \$1,091,916 in 1922, to 3,249,939 pairs, valued at \$9,273,400, in 1928.

Women's Shoes From Europe.

"During the first six months of 1929 there were imported 4,201,441 pairs of leather footwear, valued at \$10,024,344, as compared with 1,437,183 and 2,195,125 pairs during the corresponding respective periods of 1927 and 1928.

"Women's shoes continue to dominate the imports coming principally from Czechoslovakia. The competition of these imports is most keenly felt by manufacturers of MacKay type of women's shoes, who are located principally in Massachusetts. The importation of the women's turn shoes, produced in Switzerland, is felt by the domestic manufacturers located principally in Brooklyn, N. Y. The average wage in the shoe industry of Czechoslovakia, the principal competing country, is about one-third that prevailing in the shoe industry in this country.

"A duty has been placed on boots and shoes, which is compensatory for a duty on hides and leather, and also protective in order to bring about nearer equalizations of foreign and domestic labor costs."

The reports says that the chemical, oil and paint schedules had been greatly decreased under the House bill, but were slightly increased over the present law. Fifty-six decreases were made and eighteen increases, with nineteen rates under the schedule placed on the free list.

In the Senate bill twenty increases were made in the rates under the earthenware and glassware schedule and many items were transferred to the free list. Additional protection, he said, was given to brick, cement, tile and pottery, the sales of which are largely affected by the competition in the domestic markets from foreign sources.

Tells of Downward Revisions.

While forty rates were increased and sixty decreased in the metal schedule also, a number of items were put on the free list. These included manganese ore, muzzle-loading firearms, hoes, metal parts of typewriters, zinc cross, zinc skimmings and nickel oxide.

Chairman Smoot explained that the rates on watch movements have been revised downward and the duty on parts have also been greatly reduced.

The most important change made in the wood schedule over the House bill was the placing of shingles and lumber on the free list.

Discussing some of the changes on the cotton schedule Senator Smoot said:

"Additional cumulative duties are provided for certain fabrics in which the domestic industry is meeting keen competition from abroad, namely, on permanent-finished organdies, on surface prints, and on war prints. A provision for a minimum duty of 5 cents a pound is inserted to provide for very low-priced coarse-yarn cloths, on which the progressive rates might not be adequate.

Explains Handkerchief Duty.

"On shirts of cotton, which are given specific mention, the duty has been increased from 37½ to 50% ad valorem because of the contentions of domestic manufacturers that imports are increasing and that the 37½% ad valorem rate is less than the ad valorem rates imposed on fine cotton cloths used in the manufacture of high-grade shirts.

"The duty on artists' canvases was reduced because the higher rate would tend to increase the price of canvases to art students.

"The duty on towels and napkins of flax, hemp or ramie, containing more than 120 threads and not more than 160 threads to the square inch, was increased for the reason that the domestic industry has extended the production of these articles to those containing over 150 threads to the square inch.

"The duty on handkerchiefs with hand-rolled or handmade hems was increased to encourage Porto Rican production."

Rate on Broad Silks Raised.

The duty on broad silks, other than jacquard woven, was increased from 55 to 60% to afford the domestic silk industry, "which has been in a depressed state in recent years, additional protection on a number of types of fabric."

"Fabrics with multi-colored filling which require slower processes of production than ordinary plain-woven fabrics were pointed out by silk manufacturers as being in particular need of additional protection," the report said. "Rayon-mixed fabrics, it has been shown, also require additional duty to compensate manufacturers for the rayon yarns used therein.

"European producers have a competitive raw-material advantage over the American broad-silk weavers on rayon and other synthetic yarns which are higher in price in the United States by the amount of the present rayon duty.

"The decline in domestic production of 'gloria' cloth coupled with increasing imports from low-wage countries, such as Italy, are the factors which impelled the domestic umbrella fabric industry to seek tariff relief. Although these are the primary classes of goods considered by the Committee in raising the duty, the increase will also be effective on other plain silk fabrics, the bulk of which are habutais and pongees in the gray and degummed state imported from the Far East.

"As such goods are low-priced, requests have been made to the Committee for a specific rather than ad valorem basis of assessment on these imports. Recognizing the need of an equivalent specific rate higher than the one operative on imports from China and Japan in 1928, the Committee is of the opinion that in lieu of a specific scale of duty the increase in the present ad valorem rate will be effective in affording the silk industry needed and desired protection on these types of Oriental silks."

Revenue from Sundries.

Commenting on the sundries schedule, the report says:

"Some of the important items now in the sundries schedule are hides, leather, boots, shoes, manufactures of leather, laces and embroideries, toys, jewelry, manufactures of rubber, furs and fur goods, cork products, fur, felt and straw hats, sporting and athletic goods, and musical instruments.

"This schedule is an important one from a revenue-producing standpoint. In 1927, the merchandise entered for consumption under the sundries schedule was valued at \$226,117,000, upon which the duties amounted to \$38,624,000, being exceeded in value only by the agricultural schedule and in duties only by the sugar schedule.

"The transfer in the House bill of hides, leather, boots and shoes from the free list will tend to increase the importance of this schedule as a revenue producer, notwithstanding that diamonds and other precious stones, rough and uncut, have been transferred to the free list and that the rate of duty on such stones, cut but not set, and on pearls has been reduced from 20 to 10%."

In this schedule, seventy-one changes, forty-nine decreases and twenty-two increases had been made, Mr. Smoot added. He described the need for further protection on straw hats, due to Italian competition, and stressed an argument that brooms, brushes and cork products also required higher rates.

As to Rough Diamonds on Free List.

Explaining why diamonds in the rough were placed on the free list the report said:

"Imports of diamonds in 1913 were \$37,458,995, and in 1927, \$52,208,377. There is no record of the number of carats imported in 1913, but as the cost of diamonds per carat in 1927 was two and one-third times that of 1913 and the number of carats imported in 1927 was 682,666, it follows that approximately 1,140,000 carats were imported in 1913. This is a decline of 450,000 carats.

"It is known that the world production of diamonds in 1927 was much greater than in 1913, and that the United States today is buying a much larger proportion of the world production than in 1913. It is claimed, therefore, that the amount of diamonds coming into the United States is almost as great as the amount of diamonds passing through customs.

"The Committee transferred diamonds and other precious stones, rough or uncut, to paragraph 1668 of the free list, and reduced the rate on diamonds and other precious stones, cut but not set, and on pearls or parts of pearls, in an effort to reduce the incentive to smuggle."

Reasons for Changes on Jewelry.

Explaining the changes in the jewelry schedule, the report says:

"Foreign competition on novelty jewelry made of metal other than gold or platinum has increased greatly in recent years, especially from Czechoslovakia, France and Germany. Imports have doubled in value and increased almost tenfold in quantity since 1923.

"Domestic production of jewelry in 1927 was \$164,000,000, a decrease of \$10,000,000 since 1923. It is estimated that \$45,000,000 of the \$164,000,000 in 1927 was novelty jewelry, with decreased production in 1928.

"After adding duty and other charges to foreign invoice value of imports of novelty jewelry, it is estimated that at least \$10,000,000, or about 25% of domestic production of novelty jewelry on a value basis, and even a greater percentage on a quantity basis, has been replaced by imports.

"The Committee amendment inserting the words 'or of which the metal is wholly or in chief value of gold or platinum' is for the purpose of making a piece of jewelry, &c., when of gold or platinum, but in chief value of a precious stone, dutiable at 80% instead of at the higher rate provided in the House bill."

Reduction on Watch Parts

Regarding changes in the paragraphs of the House bill providing for watches and clocks, the report says:

"The rates on watch movements have been readjusted downward, while the rates on parts have been greatly reduced.

"The present paragraph permits entry of repair parts at the rates now in effect, removes the possibility of assessing extremely high equivalent ad valorem rates, and permits of the importation of incomplete mechanisms at somewhat lower duties than would be assessed on complete movements. The agreement of about 75% of the watch importers to the rates incorporated on watches in this bill is a substantial guarantee that such rates are not excessive.

"The rates on complete clocks and clockwork mechanisms remain unchanged, but there have been drastic reductions in the rates on parts and incomplete mechanisms for the same reasons that changes were made in the rates on watch parts and incomplete watches.

"The rates in these two paragraphs constitute substantial increases over the present tariff act, but it is believed that they will not result in any increases in prices to the consumer, as an increase in domestic production will result in costs which will leave a reasonable profit at present prices."

Tobacco Increase Removed.

The House bill provided an increase in the tobacco schedule from \$2.10 to \$2.50 per pound on unstemmed wrapper tobacco and from \$2.75 to \$3.15 on stemmed. Since imports are almost wholly in the unstemmed form, to avoid breakage and loss in handling, the former rates are the effective ones.

The increase proposed of 40 cents per pound, equalling from 70 to 80 cents per thousand cigars, was considered too heavy an additional burden to put upon the five-cent cigar industry, says the report.

"Consideration was also given the fact that thousands of farmers in the Connecticut Valley, in Pennsylvania, Ohio, Wisconsin and New York are producing binder and filler tobacco used in five-cent cigars, an essential part of which is the imported wrapper.

"Witnesses represented that should the rate on wrapper tobacco be increased 40 cents per pound, production of five-cent cigars would be restricted and the market for domestic binder and filler tobacco be narrowed. In 1928 the duty on cigar wrappers approximately equaled 100% ad valorem.

"The phraseology of the paragraphs has been changed so as to provide a single rate of duty on all mixed bales containing over 5 and less than 35% wrapper, thus making the provision more definite and facilitating its administration."

No change was made in the spirits schedule.

Rayon in New Schedule.

Rayon came into the tariff for the first time this year as an independent schedule.

"The upward adjustment of the compensatory duty on spun rayon yarns from 10 cents to 20 cents per pound is made in the first place because of the increase in the duty on staple fiber, one of the raw materials employed in its manufacture," the report stated. "Cognizance is also taken of the need of additional protection by the spun rayon yarn industry, which has had its activity slackened by the competition of increasing imports of finer-count yarns.

"The bulk of the domestic business is done on these fine yarns, in the production of which labor costs constitute a large element of the manufacturing expense. As European manufacturers have been able to undersell the domestic fine-sized yarns in the American market, additional protection is granted to cover the difference between foreign and domestic manufacturing costs due to the additional labor involved on fine counts."

Regarding papers and books, the principal changes are in the nature of clarifying clauses, amendments aimed toward clearer classifications to lessen litigation and a harmonizing of terms, weights and thicknesses. Seven increases in rates are shown and about the same number of decreases.

Explains Duty on Toys.

Explaining the proposal to tax toys 70%, except where provided for at a heavier rate, Senator Smoot stated:

"Domestic production in establishments primarily engaged in the manufacture of toys, including playground equipment, increased from \$35,491,345 in 1923 to \$66,844,886 in 1927. The total number of employees and the total wages paid also increased in this period. The total value of toys imported under this paragraph decreased from \$8,082,322 in 1923 to \$4,611,393 in 1927.

"Evidence submitted showed that keen competition exists due to the large quantity of toys imported, particularly from Germany, described and classified otherwise than as toys, under other paragraphs, wherein these articles are dutiable at lower rates than the 70% here provided."

Duty on Brick Affects New York.

Explaining the duty on brick as to its effect on New York City as compared with the rest of the country, the report says:

"Comparatively little foreign common building brick is used in this country except the brick, for the most part from Belgium, imported through the port of New York and used at that point. The imported brick competes almost wholly with the similar product made in the Hudson River district of New York, the only important source of supply of the domestic brick for New York City.

"The importation of brick free of duty enables importers to sell the foreign product in that market at a price considerably below the price at which the domestic producers would have to sell in order to manufacture at a profit.

"Because of comparatively high transportation costs, imported brick does not move to inland points, and accordingly the proposed duty of \$1.25 per thousand would not affect the prices for that commodity at points distant from the seaboard. It would, however, benefit the producers in the Hudson River district who sell practically their total output in New York City."

In the report, Senator Smoot argued the justness of changing the flexible tariff provisions to use "conditions of competition," instead of "costs of production," as the basis for changing the rates.

"The ascertainment of costs of production," he said, "has often required such prolonged investigations that necessary readjustments have been denied for two or three years. In many instances, the commission has found it impossible to ascertain foreign costs of production, with the result that readjustments, the necessity for which was apparent and admitted, have been denied altogether.

"Again, it was found that costs of production alone did not accurately reflect competitive conditions and that equalizing costs of production would not be sufficient to avoid damaging competition to the country's industries. Foreign and domestic competition in the markets of the United States must be equalized."

Equalization Plan Approved.

"Accordingly the House bill substitutes, as the principle to which the President must conform in carrying out the purpose of Congress, the equalization of 'conditions of competition in the principal market or markets of the United States between domestic articles and like or similar competitive imported articles.' Your committee approves this change, and it is believed that this standard will permit more speedy adjustments, that the conditions will always be ascertainable, and that the

resulting changes in rates will conform more nearly to the acknowledged policy of Congress."

Certain factors are to be taken into consideration by the President in ascertaining whether the foreign and domestic articles are upon a competitive level in the domestic market.

"Inasmuch as all the factors specified may not be readily ascertainable or considered applicable in the case of a particular article, the subdivision is intended only as a general guide," said Senator Smoot.

"For example, the cost of producing the domestic article and all the intervening costs involved in placing it upon the principal domestic wholesale market may be readily obtainable, while in the case of the foreign article it may be advisable to use its landed or import cost as a starting point, adding thereto such costs as are necessary to place it in a position comparable to that of the competing domestic article.

"On the other hand, it may seem more appropriate to use wholesale selling prices of both domestic and foreign articles, with such adjustments (either additions or subtractions), as may be necessary to place them upon the same competitive level. It is believed that the proposed provision will prove much more effective and workable than the rigid provisions of existing law."

To Define Transportation Costs.

One of these factors is transportation cost, and the Republicans have inserted a definition of this phrase.

"In the tariff act of 1922 costs of transportation were not defined," the report says. "Differences in view as to what particular costs of transportation should be considered in administering the flexible tariff provisions of that act have given rise to several divided decisions by the Tariff Commission.

"Definition of the term 'cost of transportation' is necessary not only to prevent differences in the interpretation of the flexible tariff provisions and expedite their administration, but also in order to provide an accurate basis for consideration of a factor that may frequently be decisive in adjusting tariff rates on the basis of competitive conditions. The principal issue is whether transportation costs to the principal port of import or to principal domestic market should be used.

"In order that competitive conditions may be equalized in the principal market or markets of the United States for the competing imported and domestic articles the committee is of the opinion the imported article should be allowed costs of transportation from areas of substantial production in the principal competing foreign country to the principal port of importation in the United States and that the domestic article should be allowed the costs of transportation from areas of substantial production that can reasonably be expected to ship the article to such principal port of importation.

"Any other solution would deny to domestic articles the ability to compete in the markets along the coastal areas of our most populous States."

Disposal of Valuation Basis.

Mr. Smoot explains the proposal to have the Tariff Commission convert ad valorem tariff rates into specific domestic values and report the result to Congress. He does not, however, comment upon the fact that the Republicans rejected Senator Reed's original program to have the commission report to the President instead of to Congress.

"It has been urged upon the Congress repeatedly for many years that the basis upon which the value of imported merchandise is appraised should be changed," Mr. Smoot says. "However, each tariff act has retained the foreign value basis, primarily, it is believed, because of the fact that adequate information had never been available for proper conversion to a domestic value.

"It is also believed that many of the proposals were misunderstood and thought to be concealed efforts to obtain increased rates of duty. An additional administrative objection has been present in prior attempts to shift the basis, for every method has always contemplated an immediate change in all schedules, without adequate preparation on the part of customs officials.

Providing for Rate Conversion.

"Your committee believe that the value of merchandise in the United States will be a more effective basis. All possible international difficulties will be removed.

"All necessary investigations may be made in the United States. All pertinent information will be available in the United States. Furthermore, present inequalities between high-cost and low-cost foreign countries should be almost entirely eliminated.

"In order to gain the many advantages of a domestic-value basis, in order that sound and proper rates may be ascertained which will neither increase nor decrease the rates based upon foreign values, and in order that proper administrative preparation may be made, your committee recommends the adoption of a new section, directing the Tariff Commission to convert the rates imposed by the present bill to rates based upon 'domestic value' as defined by the section.

"The commission is directed to report back to Congress on or before Jan. 1, 1932, the result of its work, and Congress will then be in a position to make the desirable shift to the domestic value basis.

Fixing of Valuation Bases.

"The work of the commission will be based upon weighted averages in respect of merchandise imported during the fiscal years 1928 and 1929 (or during a representative portion of this period). In many of the cases the commission will use final appraised values of the imported merchandise as reported to it. However, if the commission determines that there has been undervaluation, it may determine foreign values for itself.

"The House bill provided for an investigation by the President, through such agencies as he might designate or appoint, of bases for valuation of imported merchandise, with a view to determining the advisability of using domestic values, and for a report back to Congress. Inasmuch as your committee believes that a domestic value basis is proper, it believes such an investigation by the President to be unnecessary.

"It will be noted that the definition of domestic value in the section is substantially the same as the definition of 'United States value' in Section 402 (D) of the bill as reported to the Senate, except that no deductions are made for transportation costs, commissions, profits, duty and other expenses and costs. It is believed that the elimination of these deductions will greatly simplify administration. Obviously, if the conversion is properly made, the elimination of the deductions will not result in any change in the amount of duty to be collected.

"In Section 402 the Senate bill concurs in the House provisions carrying over from existing law the language prescribing that, in valuing imported merchandise, an appraiser shall use either foreign or export value, whichever is higher, and that if he determines that neither can be satisfactorily ascertained, then he may resort to United States value. If the

appraiser decides that he cannot satisfactorily ascertain values by any of the methods indicated, he is empowered to use either cost of production or American selling price as the basis of fixing ad valorem rates.

Defines "Comparable" Goods.

"The revised definition of 'United States value' contained in the House bill is retained, with two changes," the report explained.

"In order to make certain that due consideration will be given by the appraisers to all the differences between the particular imported merchandise and the comparable merchandise being used as a basis, the provision of the House bill is extended to include differences in size, material, construction and texture, as well as any other differences.

"Inasmuch as comparable imported merchandise will, in the absence of 'such or similar' imported merchandise, ordinarily be used as a basis rather than comparable domestic merchandise, because of the fact that fewer adjustments will in all probability have to be made, the order of the phrase 'whether domestic or imported' has been transposed to read 'whether imported or domestic.'

"It should be pointed out, however, that an appraisal should not be reversed merely because a more comparable article could have been found and used. The questions on a reappraisal proceeding should be confined to the propriety of the adjustments made. If proper adjustments are made, the true value of the particular imported merchandise under appraisal will be ascertained.

"The House bill did not provide for an allowance for duty in the event that a comparable domestic article was used as the basis for determining the value of the imported merchandise under appraisal. Under the present law, domestic merchandise cannot be used as a basis for determining value. The allowances under the present law are determined by the facts applicable to the merchandise used as a basis.

Recommends Allowances.

"For example, if the merchandise used as a basis was purchased, then a deduction is made for profits and general expenses, even though the particular imported merchandise under appraisal was consigned and a commission paid, and the deduction for transportation is determined by the transportation costs of the imported merchandise used as a basis.

"This practice under existing law seems to your committee to be sound and no change is recommended. However, in case comparable domestic merchandise is used as a basis, the allowable deductions, which should include duty, must be determined by the facts applicable to the particular imported merchandise under appraisal.

"Accordingly, your committee recommends an amendment under which (in addition to such adjustments as may be necessary owing to differences) allowance will be made on the price of the domestic merchandise for the cost of transportation and insurance of the imported merchandise, the other necessary expenses from the place of shipment of the imported merchandise to the place of its delivery, a commission not exceeding 6% if a commission has been paid or contracted to be paid on the imported merchandise (or profits not to exceed 8% and general expenses not to exceed 8% if the imported merchandise has been purchased) and the amount of duty to be paid on the imported merchandise."

Plans Reciprocity on Mails.

Under existing law, mail importations of less than \$1 in value are duty free, and as a result circulars, cards and other advertising matter of this value have been sent to separate addresses in the United States. The Finance Committee says it "believes that, as a general rule, both foreign and domestic commerce is promoted by the free passage of advertising matter between countries of the world, without the obstructive effect of the collection of duty thereon."

"However, it has been brought to the attention of your committee," the report adds, "that it is the practice of certain foreign countries to gather together all advertising matter sent by an American advertiser to separate addresses in any such country and to require the payment of duty by the person dispatching the same, before delivery is made. Thus, while the United States allows the free circularization of persons within its borders by foreign advisers, an obstruction amounting almost to complete exclusion is in some cases placed upon the American advertiser when he attempts to reach persons without the United States."

Tells of Reciprocal Agreement.

Therefore the committee has inserted in the bill a provision authorizing the Secretary of the Treasury and the Postmaster General to enter into a reciprocal agreement with any foreign country to provide for the entry, free of duty in the respective countries, of such advertising matter addressed to individual addressees.

The report alludes to the necessity for marking imported articles specifically with the country of origin in a conspicuous place, and as nearly indelibly as possible. Explaining its change in the "seditious literature" prohibition of the House, the report says the committee substituted "any person in the United States" for "the President," because such a threat is equally obnoxious.

Because the Secretary of Agriculture has put embargoes on more plant and plant products than Congress intended, the committee has inserted a section that these barred articles must be infected with disease or insects "new or not widely prevalent" in this country.

Explains Dropping House Clause.

"At present foreign wheat may be imported into the United States without the payment of duty, milled in bonded warehouses and the flour exported," the report explained. "American millers are thereby enabled to mill Canadian wheat for the Cuban trade and to obtain the treaty preferential rate of duty into Cuba, with the natural result that the greater part of the flour sold in Cuba is of this class.

"Acting apparently upon the plea of the so-called Southwestern millers, who are unable to carry on this trade to advantage largely because of transportation costs on the imported wheat, and certain of the wheat growers of the United States, the House inserted in this section a provision designed to prevent American millers of Canadian wheat from obtaining the benefit of the Cuban preferential rate on flour.

"In the opinion of your committee, this provisions in the House bill would not materially benefit the Southwestern millers. They would be unable to compete successfully with the Canadian millers of Canadian wheat, which is less expensive than American wheat and produces a flour particularly adapted to the Cuban demand. On the other hand, it would seem that the effect of the House provisions would be to take the business from the American mills at Buffalo and other points on or near the Great Lakes and throw it to Canadian mills.

"Your committee feels that the House amendment to the existing law would result in little or no benefit to any American farmers or millers and in very considerable harm to many millers. In the bill as reported, it has, therefore, been eliminated."

The Finance Committee Republicans decided that representatives of American labor should have the right to appear in court cases on the tariff along with the manufacturer. Senator Smoot justifies this position in his report.

U. S. Attorney Charles H. Tuttle Citing Ruin to Depositors Through Clarke Bros. Failure Would Have All Private Bankers Under State Supervision—Notes Defects in Bankruptcy Act.

Addressing the Otsego-Schoharie County Bankers' Association at Cooperstown, N. Y., on September 2, Charles H. Tuttle, United States Attorney for the Southern District of New York, dwelt upon the disclosures evident to the failure of the banking firm of Clarke Brothers, and stated that "recent events will probably cause our next Legislature to clarify and strengthen much of our State banking law. The portion dealing with private bankers has been proven to lend itself to the deluding of inexperienced depositors and has become indefensible." "Experience has shown," said Mr. Tuttle, "either that all bankers should be under State inspection, or else that those exempt should be required to advertise the absence of such inspection, and the State should have full power to determine liability to inspection." Mr. Tuttle also alluded to "the scandals under the Bankruptcy Act which came to the surface earlier in the year in the Southern District of New York" and which he stated, "were traceable not only to defects in practice and in human nature, but also to defects in the law itself." Mr. Tuttle made the statement that "three fundamental principles underlie the bankruptcy act, and, in my judgment, they all have failed to stand the test of experience." "The first," he said, "is the imposition upon the courts of the administration of bankrupt estates. The task is in its essence non-judicial and belongs rather to the executive department. The principal questions involved are business questions for the decision of which the judges have not the qualifications of training or experience. In addition, this burden brings upon the courts the additional responsibility of distributing patronage, with the consequent entanglements with politics, personal friendships and possibly self-interests." "The proper function of the courts," he added, "is the decision of controversies; and whenever the courts step or are forced out of that function, they lose in prestige, effectiveness and public confidence." Mr. Tuttle's address follows in part:

Sound banking is the keynote in the arch of our economic institutions. It encourages thrift, promotes confidence, energizes credit, gives life to industry, and opens a door of opportunity to enterprise. The prosperity of our great state rests upon its banking system and upon the faith which the people have in its stability and honesty. Anything which weakens that faith tends toward the disintegration of our whole economic structure.

That faith has its principal root in the popular assumption that a bank, because it is such, is under impartial and effective supervision by Government. In ancient times, under the common law, banking was regarded as solely a private business, but it is now recognized as affected in a high degree with a public interest, and as being analogous to a public franchise. It not only discharges a public function and provides a public utility of the highest economic service, but it carries in stewardship a large part of the wealth and happiness of the people. Government, therefore, has not only the right but the duty to guard by adequate supervision the proper discharge of these functions and this stewardship.

Recent events will probably cause our next legislature to clarify and strengthen much of our state banking law. The portion dealing with private bankers has been proven to lend itself to the deluding of inexperienced depositors, and has become indefensible.

Section 150 undertakes to exclude from governmental supervision private bankers who do not hang out an exterior sign as such, do not allow interest on balances under the stated minimum, and do not accept deposits which in any separate account average less than the stated minimum over a period of a year. This classification is wholly arbitrary and artificial. It has no relation to the security of the deposits or to the reasons which underlie governmental supervision. Evasion does not even tax ingenuity. Moreover, such a classification is not only over the head of the general public, but it rests on points of fact which the public has no means of ascertaining. Hence it becomes a sort of trap for the average depositor who naturally takes for granted the existence of governmental supervision.

It shocks common sense that governmental supervision should follow from an exterior sign containing the word "bankers," and yet not from the use of the same word on all other forms of advertising, or on checks, bank books, slips and general stationery. If advertising as a bank entails governmental supervision because of its implication of the existence of such supervision, the implication follows more forcefully from such advertisement on all the stationery of the bank rather than from a mere sign over the door. The public can know nothing about the average annual deposits in the separate accounts, or about the allowance of interest on given accounts; and the very fact of a classification turning upon such hidden facts entitles the public to assume their ascertainment by a vigilant and potent banking Department.

The wide ruin wrought among a multitude of small depositors by Clarke Brothers is a case in point. Everywhere, except over their front door, they advertised themselves as "private bankers." Their checks,

bank books, deposit slips and stationery bore these words in prominent display. The deposits in hundreds of their separate accounts averaged less than the minimum fixed by Section 150 of the Banking Law. Hence, as a matter of fact and of law Clarke Brothers was, and for years had been, subject to the jurisdiction of the Banking Department; and in 1923 the Attorney General, replying to the Banking Department's inquiry based on the case of Clarke Brothers, rendered a formal opinion that any private banker who (as did Clarke Brothers) accepted deposits annually averaging in the separate accounts less than the minimum fixed by Section 150 was under supervision by the Banking Department.

Why, then, was the examination of Clarke Brothers, which was commenced by the Banking Department in 1923, not carried through? The answer, according to the record made at that time, was that Clarke Brothers chose to deny that the average of annual deposits in any given account was below the statutory minimum; and the Banking Department did not consider that it had the power without the consent of Clarke Brothers, to ascertain the truth as to their denial—and this notwithstanding that section 39 of the Banking Law expressly gave the Department the power of compulsory investigation to ascertain whether any person or corporation was violating the Banking Law. The Department construed Section 39 as applying only to bankers under its jurisdiction—a form of reasoning which went round in a circle. The power to investigate was construed as depending upon the right to supervise; and the right to supervise was construed as depending upon a fact which could be ascertained only by the power to investigate.

Of necessity, the State must, and no doubt will, promptly cleanse itself of such artificialities, ambiguities and enervating constructions. Either all persons who make a business of receiving deposits of money should be under some form of visitation by the State, or else the public should be fully apprised in some unmistakable way as to who are not. In cases where the Banking Department is not protecting the public, the public should be given the power to protect itself. If the jurisdiction of the Banking Department is in any case to depend upon a point of fact, then the Department should be held definitely responsible for the ascertainment of that fact and should be given clear power accordingly. In short, experience has shown either that all bankers should be under state inspection, or else that those exempt should be required to advertise the absence of such inspection, and the state should have full power to determine liability to inspection.

The power to inspect even if extended to all habitual receivers of deposits, does not mean that all should be in the same category as regards regulation. Deposits, for example, received by department stores and steamship agencies are obviously not in the same category as permanent savings accounts conducted by such private bankers as Clarke Brothers. The state, while assuring the right to inspect, may well differentiate in the exercise of the power to regulate. Restriction of the right of investment would be an illustration in point.

If in this matter of the relation of law to credit we turn from the state to the national field, we find another statute where recent experience demonstrates the need of reform.

The scandals under the Bankruptcy Act which came to the surface earlier in the year in the Southern District of New York were traceable not only to defects in practice and in human nature but also to defects in the law itself.

Three fundamental principles underlie the Bankruptcy Act, and, in my judgment, they all have failed to stand the test of experience. The first is the imposition upon the courts of the administration of bankrupt estates. The task is in its essence non-judicial, and belongs rather to the executive department. The principal questions involved are business questions for the decision of which the judges have not the qualifications of training or experience. In addition, this burden brings upon the courts the additional responsibility of distributing patronage, with the consequent entanglements with politics, personal friendships, and possible self-interests. The proper function of the courts is the decision of controversies; and whenever the courts step or are forced out of that function, they lose in prestige, effectiveness and public confidence. If the State of New York can efficiently liquidate insolvent banks through its Banking Department as a branch of the executive, there can be no good reason for thrusting upon the courts the work of salvaging the wreckage of a corner grocery store.

A second fundamental principle in the Bankruptcy Act is its reliance on active participation by creditors in the liquidations of the affairs of the bankrupt estate. Such reliance on democratic rule is proven unjustified by experience in the average bankruptcy. The individual creditor is usually unwilling to send good money after bad. He accepts the first composition which is offered to him; and control drifts into the hands of some attorney expert in bankruptcy, who gathers up claims and directs the trustee. What the law intends to be a democratic administration becomes a dictatorship by one or two individuals whose personal interests are adverse to the creditors and in the fees and pickings. Property when divorced from the protection of active ownership speedily becomes a prey of the parasites which the law allows to fasten upon it. The recent revelations of conditions in bankruptcy administration in New York prior to the first of this year are sufficient proof of the complete breakdown of the theory of democratic supervision by the creditors.

A third fundamental principle of the Bankruptcy Act is separate administration for each estate. Today, except in several judicial districts, each bankrupt estate must carry the overhead expense of a completely separate and independent management—its separate complement of receivers, trustees, appraisers, custodians and attorneys. As a result, the wastage is enormous. Ten people are hired and paid to do the work of one. Any sensible view of the interests of the creditors and of the business community would recognize that bankruptcy is an inevitable charge upon industry as a whole; that vast economies can be effected by pooling management; and that the cost should be borne either by the state or by its distribution among the estates as a whole.

The breakdown in practice of these three fundamental principles of the Bankruptcy Act have forced trade associations and credit organizations to take over increasingly the work of supervising the administration of bankrupt estates. This new and growing movement recognizes that in every bankruptcy the interest of the business community as a whole is superior to that of the particular creditors. The business community as a whole, or the particular trade as a whole, has a vital interest in maintaining policies which will prevent bankruptcies, suppress fraud, enforce economy and honesty in the work of salvage, and seek reconstruction rather than dissolution; whereas individual creditors are apt to think only of the immediate pecuniary return. In other words, in this country the trade associations by agreement among their members and without sanction of the law itself are gradually coming to do what in England the British Board of Trade does by sanction of the law, to-wit, supervise the administration of bankrupt estates. This extra legal development is sound because it recognizes the bankrupt estate as

an economic and not a judicial problem, as the concern primarily of the trade as a whole and not of the individual creditors, and as part of collective rather than separate management.

The breakdown of these three fundamental principles of the Bankruptcy Act has also forced the judges in the second Judicial District to concentrate all receiverships in the hands of a single banking institution. This is a frank attempt to treat bankruptcy salvage as an administrative and not a judicial function; to put it and its entanglement with patronage and favoritism out of the courts as far as possible under the present law; and to obtain the economies and the increase in skill and integrity which comes from concentrating management and responsibility in a single competent and trustworthy authority. This device, while not contrary to the statute, bears no resemblance to the methods which the statute contemplates and which are still in use elsewhere. That the device is steadily winning its way into public confidence and approval shows how fallacious were the methods which formerly prevailed and the principles of the Bankruptcy Act which those methods were supposed to reflect.

These two statutes to which I have referred, the State Banking Law and the Federal Bankruptcy Act, are of vital concern to our own great state, because credit and confidence underlie its commercial supremacy. Nowhere else are industry, thrift and prosperity so intimately dependent upon adequate and scientific legislation, and upon its sound and honest administration.

Between credit and the law there is a similarity of nature and function. In the last analysis both credit and the legal order are not external institutions, but internal things, things of the spirit. They are part of that larger task of human engineering and industrial statesmanship which will seek to develop principles of growth that will give sanity and justice to the economic and legal order and make possible that ultimate and complete cooperation of all civilization when men will dwell together as citizens of a single city—a goal which can alone give meaning to the long, stony and bloody road by which man has ascended, for a journey can be explained only by the journey's end.

Henry Ford Finds Wealth Unsettling to Men—Few Willing to Continue Useful Work Which Made Them Rich, He Says—In Forbes Magazine Opposes Idea of Retiring.

The unsettling effects of wealth on successful men is noted by Henry Ford in an interview with B. C. Forbes which will appear in the September 1 issue of Forbes' Magazine, advance notes of which were released on August 27. An account of the article in the New York "Times" of August 28 said:

"It is a curious phase of human nature," Mr. Ford is quoted as saying, "that when men make a great deal of money in some line of work they want to get into something they don't know anything about. It may be another line of business, it may be banking, it may be sport, or, as more often happens, it may be society.

"The accumulation of money seems to unsettle them, making them dissatisfied to keep on doing the useful things they were doing and which brought them their financial reward."

As for retiring, Mr. Ford said that "older men should never quit," adding that "if all the men over 50 got out of the world, there would not be enough experience left to run it."

As an antidote for persons who seem to be too busy, Mr. Ford recommended that they think more. He said that this activity made sleep less necessary and set six hours a night as his own period of rest.

Relative to his observation on the effects of wealth, Mr. Ford defined his own "supreme mission" as follows:

"My particular job, this time on earth, is to give the world the very best car I can make at the lowest possible price. If I knew any better thing I could do, I would do it.

"No matter where I am, no matter what plans may enter my mind, no matter what I may be told I should be doing somewhere else, I know that my supreme mission is to do this one thing and to do it right. To accomplish this successfully, it is necessary ever to be on the alert to sense what the public wants from us and to give it to them."

Opportunity, said Mr. Ford, is only beginning, and he compared the fields open to accomplishment today with those of fifty years ago. While again decrying charity, he said the operations of the Ford Motor Company in England, Ireland, Russia and other countries were inspired solely by a desire to do something for the populations involved.

Advantages of Uniform Mortgage Laws To Be Discussed at Annual Convention of Mortgage Bankers Association of America, To Be Held in New Orleans, Oct. 29-31.

Diverse mortgage laws that delay the marketing of mortgages in interstate transactions, cost large investors millions of dollars a year, according to General F. M. Bass of Nashville, Tenn., Counsel of the Mortgage Bankers Association of America, who will talk on the advantages of a uniform law before the coming convention of the Association to be held in New Orleans, October 29 to 31. This statement was made by General Bass at Chicago August 31. With mortgage laws different in every state in the Union, from the actual wording of the documents to the methods of foreclosure, organizations such as large insurance companies that buy mortgages to the tune of a million dollars a day, must maintain legal staffs to examine the papers in each transaction and see that they check with the laws in the State from which they emanate General Bass points out. With probably 250 insurance companies buying mortgages in block lots in 48 states every day in the year, not counting other large investors that purchase mortgage paper daily, the work of complying with the provisions of 48 state laws has assumed tremendous proportions, says the

Association attorney. Insurance companies alone now hold over six billions of dollars in mortgages. In other words, a mortgage in Arizona is made and handled under entirely different circumstances than a mortgage in New York. Gen. Bass says:

"The work done by large mortgage buyers in preparing, copying, examining, and transferring alone is figured at an estimated \$5,000,000.00 a year which could be saved to purchasers if a uniform law existed, and if shorter and less cumbersome forms were adopted in the various States.

"In the matter of foreclosure clauses alone, the State laws provide for redemptions in case of default at from a few days to several years.

"These items may seem small in the case of one mortgage, but multiplied hundreds of thousands of times, are running into the salaries of attorneys, accountants, and clerks, that might be saved to a large extent through greater uniformity.

"The present situation stems the easy flow of money between States which is necessary if mortgages are to compete with other readily negotiable securities. We know the present variations in the mortgage laws are costing large investors millions of dollars a year; but we have no record of what this situation is costing the mortgage banker in business he does not get.

"Due to their great safety and comparatively high yield, mortgages always have occupied a place of great importance in the investment field as borne out by the fact that the insurance companies alone have 42% of their total investments in this form of security. However, investors, large and small, would hold the mortgage in even greater esteem if they could buy it in a more standard form, and thus be able to eliminate the costly process of checking in seventy-seven different directions."

General Bass points out that the proposed uniform mortgage law is not the first uniform law brought about by business men. The Negotiable Instruments Law and the Uniform Sales Law have cut away red tape and duplication for bankers and business men and have saved them millions of dollars a year. As a result of the two uniform laws referred to above, business men can do business with each other with ease, from State to State; and it is possible, for instance, for a manufacturer of automobiles to sell his cars in Omaha, Neb., on the same basis as he sells them in Peoria, Ill. The bankers convention will discuss a uniform mortgage law which has already been drafted by the American Bar Association and will consider whether this or any other uniform draft is feasible for adoption by the various states.

Albert M. Greenfield Elected to New York Real Estate Board and Real Estate Securities Exchange.

Announcement is made that Albert M. Greenfield, Chairman of the board of Albert M. Greenfield & Co. of Philadelphia, has been elected to active membership in the New York Real Estate Board as well as to membership in the New York Real Estate Securities Exchange. Election of Mr. Greenfield entitled him to a seat in the recently organized exchange that was formed to handle the sale of real estate securities exclusively. An item regarding the Exchange—the membership of which is limited to 500, appeared in our issue of August 3, page 734. Mr. Greenfield will hold the membership in behalf of the real estate concern of which he is Chairman of the Board and which was recently formed by the merger of Mastbaum Brothers & Fleisher with Albert M. Greenfield & Co. The other executive officers of the company are Joseph Bernhard, Vice-Chairman of the Board, and J. Solis-Cohen, Jr., President. The New York offices of Albert M. Greenfield & Co. will be formally opened shortly in the Lefcourt National Building, 43rd Street and Fifth Avenue.

Mr. Greenfield is identified with a number of financial institutions both in New York and Philadelphia. He is a director in the National Surety Company, Chairman of the Board of the Bankers Bond and Mortgage Guaranty Company of America, Chairman of the Board of the Bankers Securities Corporation, located in Philadelphia, and Chairman of the Board of the Union Building Company of Newark, as well as director in a number of banks and trust and insurance companies.

Comptroller of Currency, J. W. Pole, and W. A. Heath, Governor of Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, Among Those Expected to Attend Annual Convention of American Bankers Association at San Francisco, September 30-October 3.

Final preparations are in progress at San Francisco for the annual convention of the American Bankers Association, which will open on September 30 and continue in session to October 3. Leading figures of the American banking world will be among the thousands of delegates at the gathering. William R. Dawes of Chicago, brother of former Vice-President Charles G. Dawes, now Ambassador to Great Britain, is scheduled to be present at the national

gathering. Another outstanding delegate will be J. W. Pole of Washington, D. C., Comptroller of the Currency.

The San Francisco committee of bankers in charge of preparations for the event has been advised of the intention of many other leading personalities of the banking world to attend the convention. The list of prominent delegates includes: Sir John Aird, President of the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto, Canada; W. A. Heath, Governor of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago; Rollin P. Grant of the Irving Trust Co. of New York; Sherrill Smith, Vice-President of the Chase National Bank of New York; Craig B. Hazlewood, Vice-President of the First National Bank of Chicago and President of the Association; and George V. Drew, Vice-President of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York. A total attendance of close to ten thousand is expected as a result of advance indications and the roster of delegates will include hundreds of outstanding figures in addition to those named.

Particular attention is being given to the program of entertainment. Among the social features of the convention will be the grand ball to be held in San Francisco's Civic Auditorium, one of the permanent structures remaining from the Panama-Pacific International Exposition of 1915. For the convention ball the main hall is to be transformed into a veritable forest glade. There will be a boat tour of the bay on Monday, September 30, timed to reach the Golden Gate for the full glory of the sunset, and in the evening the delegates will see San Francisco's famous Chinatown. The Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Chinese Six Companies have volunteered to play host to the visitors.

The Association of Bank Women will hold its annual convention in connection with that of the American Bankers Association. An outline of the program arranged for the convention appeared in our issue of August 24, page 1232.

Financial Library Exhibit Planned In Connection With the Annual Meeting of the A. B. A. In San Francisco.

K. Dorothy Ferguson, librarian of the Bank of Italy, is Chairman of the Committee which is planning the Financial Library exhibit to be held in connection with the annual meeting of the American Bankers Association in September in San Francisco. The exhibit will be located on the mezzanine floor of the St. Francis Hotel, and will comprise the latest financial literature. Margaret Reynolds is Chairman of the Publicity Committee, Financial Group of the National Special Libraries Association.

Florida Banking—State Bank Examiner Estimates Payments to Depositors by Five Closed Banks.

The following Tampa, Fla. advices are from the "Wall Street Journal" of Sept. 5:
E. P. Jackson, State Bank Examiner, estimates that five closed banks in Tampa will pay their depositors as follows; Citizens Bank & Trust Co., 82%; Lafayette Bank, 71%; Franklin Bank, 87%; Citizens Nebraska Ave. Bank, 88%; American State Bank, 100%.
Approximately \$75,000 will be distributed among seven hundred depositors of the First Bank of Lake Worth. This will be the fourth dividend paid by the bank since opening under the "freezing agreement" just two years ago, and makes a total of 25% since the bank's reopening August 27, 1927.

The reopening of some of the closed Florida banks was noted in these columns Aug. 31, page 1386.

Depositors of Clarke Brothers to Form Own Bank.

Advices as follows appeared in the New York "Sun" of last night (Sept. 6):

The depositors of the defunct private banking firm of Clarke Brothers, whose sensational \$5,000,000 failure recently stirred banking circles, now plan to reenter the banking business with a bank of their own, The Sun learned today. This will be done through an institution to be known as the Park Row Trust Company, which already has filed notice with the State Banking Department of its intention to organize.

In making application, the incorporators state that they have capital of \$500,000, a surplus of \$250,000 and \$50,000 available for organization expenses.

The new bank purposes to occupy the former premises of Clarke Brothers at 154 Nassau Street, which still is occupied by the fixtures and vaults of Clarke Brothers.

Notice of the intention to organize was filed with Joseph Broderick, State Superintendent of Banks, by a group of directors of the Plaza Trust Company and the Plaza Investing Corporation of Fifty-second Street and Fifth Avenue. These directors will hold 51% of the stock in the new institution and the remaining 49% will be allotted to the Clark Brothers depositors.

M. H. Cahill, President of the Plaza Trust Company, who retired as President of the State Bankers Association in June, will head the new company. The directors will be: Mr. Cahill, Thomas R. Cowell, Aaron Frost, Herbert Turrell, Francis L. Wurzburg, Frank Stolz, and Edward Plaut. Neither the Plaza Trust Company nor the Plaza Investing Corporation is involved in the deal, the directors acting as individuals.

In explaining the group's decision to form such a bank, one of the directors said that representatives of the depositors' committee after the Clarke Brothers' crash approached Mr. Cahill on the subject of raising funds for a reorganization. He thought the matter over and concluded that the best way to get their money out was to participate in a bank of their own. This was threshed out and a decision to organize the Park Row Trust was reached. Permission to advertise their intentions already has been received.

Items regarding the failure of Clarke Brothers appeared in these columns Aug. 10, page 909, and Aug. 17, page 1067.

Death of Hudson Clarke, Sr.

Hudson Clarke, Sr., aged paralytic father of the three Clarke brothers whose private bank failed recently died on Sept. 3 in a private sanitarium in Hollis, Queens. In noting Mr. Clarke's death the "Times" of Sept. 4 said:

With the two elder sons serving terms in Atlanta Penitentiary for use of the mails to defraud, only his youngest son, Hudson Clarke, Jr., who owes his liberty to his father, was with him when he died.

Death was due to a heart attack after a long illness. The name of the aged father, although mentioned here and there in the investigation of the bank's failure and in the subsequent proceedings, remained clear of the charges to which his sons entered their pleas of guilt. It was said that he had long been dependent upon his sons for his daily needs and for the medical treatment necessary.

Resources of Banking Institutions in Northwest Bancorporation Group Reported in Excess of \$265,000,000.

According to an analysis made public by the Northwest Bancorporation, the banking institutions affiliated therewith have combined resources in excess of \$265,000,000. An item regarding the institutions affiliated with this group appeared in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1390. The following is the announcement by the Bancorporation, dated Aug. 29, received since the issuance of our paper of a week ago:

An interesting recent analysis of the banks and trust companies forming the Northwest Bancorporation discloses the fact that this organization has united into one group, many of the largest banks in the Northwest. One bank in Minneapolis has resources in excess of \$90,000,000 and one in excess of \$22,000,000; one in Duluth with resources of approximately \$40,000,000; one in Omaha with resources in excess of \$23,000,000 and one in excess of \$11,000,000 and one in Mason City with resources in excess of \$10,000,000.

These six of the larger banks have resources averaging well over \$33,000,000 each. Resources of the remaining banks and trust companies average over \$2,600,000 each with the smallest bank in the Bancorporation having resources in excess of \$1,000,000.

Following is a list of banks and trust companies affiliated in the Northwest Bancorporation group, showing combined deposits in excess of \$229,000,000 and combined resources in excess of \$265,000,000.

Name of Bank—	Deposits.	Resources.
First National Bank, Aberdeen, S. Dak.	\$3,143,596	\$3,445,602
First National Bank, Deadwood, S. Dak.	1,764,494	2,140,165
First & American National Bank, Duluth, Minn.	31,986,749	39,159,592
First National Bank & Trust Co., Fargo, N. Dak.	7,298,147	7,919,986
Security National Bank & Trust Co., Fairbault, Minn.	2,268,942	2,603,177
Fergus Falls National Bank, Fergus Falls, Minn.	2,013,011	2,329,259
National Bank of Huron, S. Dak.	3,451,422	3,819,267
James River National Bank, Jamestown, N. Dak.	1,628,701	1,814,955
National Bank of La Crosse, Wis.	5,521,400	7,037,163
First National Bank, Lead, S. Dak.	2,950,806	3,259,468
First National Bank, Mason City, Iowa.	9,053,652	10,081,501
First National Bank, Minot, N. Dak.	4,002,016	4,331,832
First National Bank, Moorhead, Minn.	866,873	1,016,871
U. S. National Bank, Omaha, Neb.	20,261,597	22,772,034
U. S. Trust Co., Omaha, Neb.	-----	1,119,072
South Omaha National Bank, South Omaha, Neb.	8,544,782	11,169,482
South Omaha Savings Bank, South Omaha, Neb.	1,022,177	1,094,310
Security State Bank, Owatonna, Minn.	2,012,550	2,244,144
First National Bank, Rapid City, S. Dak.	2,076,691	2,325,114
Security National Bank, Sioux Falls, S. Dak.	5,815,950	6,465,212
Commercial National Bank, Sturgis, S. Dak.	847,674	1,001,470
Citizens National Bank, Wahpeton, N. Dak.	1,311,190	1,934,044
Citizens National Bank, Watertown, S. Dak.	1,637,948	1,901,802
First National Bank, Watertown, S. Dak.	2,451,281	2,767,299
	\$121,931,679	\$143,355,821
Minneapolis Banks—		
Northwestern National Bank	\$82,469,130	\$92,497,609
Minnesota Loan & Trust Co.	19,416,407	22,741,944
Second Northwestern State Bank	1,221,419	1,315,328
Third Northwestern National Bank	1,073,340	1,305,851
Fourth Northwestern National Bank	3,294,688	3,559,835
Fifth Northwestern National Bank	502,242	617,022
	\$107,977,226	\$122,040,589
Grand Total.	\$229,908,905	\$265,396,410

A study of the list of the directors of the Northwest Bancorporation discloses representative men from every important line of business endeavor. Among them, such leading milling and grain men as: James F. Bell and John Crosby of General Mills, Inc.; Frank T. Heffelfinger, President, F. H. Peavey and Company; John Pillsbury, Vice-President, Pillsbury Flour Mills Company—all of Minneapolis; Ward Ames, Jr., Vice-President, Barnes-Ames Company; Julius H. Barnes, grain exporter, Henry F. Salyards, President, Ely, Salyards and Company; George H. Spencer, Vice-President, Consolidate Elevator Company; A. G. Thomson, Vice-President, A. D. Thomson and Company—all of Duluth.

From the railroad industry: Ralph Budd, President, Great Northern Railway, and H. A. Scandrett, President, Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railway.

From the mining industry: W. P. Chinn, General Manager, Mining Division, Pickands, Mather and Company, T. E. Cole, Edward C. Congdon, George P. Tweed—all of Duluth.

From the lumber and paper industries: E. W. Backus, President, Minnesota and Ontario Paper Company, Backus-Brooks Company, and National Pole and Treating Company; Arthur R. Rogers, President, Rogers Lumber Company; H. B. Waite, President, H. B. Waite Lumber Company.

From the packing and live stock industry: H. G. Black, Assistant Treasurer, Armour and Company; John E. Wagner, Treasurer, Cudahy

Packing Company; Ford E. Hovey, President, Stock Yards National Bank, Omaha.

Other directors on the board, beside bankers, include: Marshall W. Alworth, Capitalist; W. E. Magner, President, Cutler-Magner Company, building material; Seth Marshall, President, Marshall-Wells Company, wholesale hardware; Oscar Mitchell, Washburn, Bailey and Mitchell, Attorneys; N. F. Russell, President, Bridgeman-Russell Company; A. McC. Washburn, Washburn, Bailey and Mitchell, Attorneys; A. C. Weiss, investments; George W. Wells, President, Kelly-Tow-Thomson Company, wholesale hardware—all of Duluth; Joseph Chapman, President, Donaldson Realty Company; Shreve M. Archer, President, Archer-Daniels Midland Company, linseed oil; Albert C. Cobb, Lawyer, Cobb, Hoke, Benson, Krause and Faegre; George D. Dayton, President, The Dayton Company; Frederick E. Kenaston, Capitalist—all of Minneapolis; F. E. Keeler, President, Mason City Brick and Tile Company, Mason City; W. B. T. Belt, President, Northwestern Bell Telephone Company; Edgar M. Morsman, Jr., Attorney—Omaha; Norman B. Black, Publisher, Fargo Forum; C. O. Follett, President, Smith, Follett and Crowl—Fargo; C. F. Michel, President, La Crosse Refining Company, La Crosse; Chambers Kellar, Attorney, Lead.

Altogether there are sixty-nine directors who manage the affairs of the Northwest Bancorporation. Twenty-seven are bankers and forty-two represent important diversified business interests of the Northwest.

Another Minneapolis holding company, organized under the name of the First Bank Stock Corporation was likewise referred to in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1390.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The New York Stock Exchange membership of Harry S. Freeman was reported posted for transfer this week to John T. Meighan the consideration being stated as \$478,000.

Frederick Osborn has been elected a director of The Fifth Avenue Bank of New York. Mr. Osborn is a special partner in the firm of G. M. P. Murphy and Company and a director in many prominent utility and manufacturing companies. He was a director of the Farmers Loan and Trust Company before the consolidation of that company with the National City Bank.

The Boards of Directors of She Chase National Bank of the City of New York and Chase Securities Corporation this week declared quarterly dividends on the \$20 par value stock of the bank and the no par value stock of the securities corporation, aggregating \$1 per share on the 5,250,000 shares of the corporations. These dividends are payable Oct. 1, 1929 to stockholders of record at the close of business Sept. 11, 1929. The transfer books will not close.

Chase Securities Corporation which is affiliated with The Chase National Bank of the City of New York announced on Sept. 3 the opening of a Los Angeles office. The office is located temporarily in the Security Title Insurance Building, and is under the direction of George L. Humphreys.

Percy H. Johnston, Chairman of the Board of the Chemical National Company, Inc., announces that the stockholders of the Chemical Bank & Trust Company of New York have availed themselves of the right to subscribe to the issue of the Chemical National Associates, Inc., and therefore there can be no allotment to the other applicants. The latter was referred to in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1387.

An Albany (N. Y.) dispatch, Sept. 6 to the New York "Sun" says:

The Park Row Trust Company of 154 Nassau Street, New York City, has filed notice of its intention to organize with the State Banking Department. The incorporators are Thomas R. Cowell, Aaron V. Frost, Herbert Turrell, Francis L. Wurzburg, M. H. Cahill, Frank J. Stoltz and Edward Plaut. Capital is to be \$500,000.

Percy R. Pyne II was elected a director of The National City Bank of New York at the regular meeting of the Board on Sept. 3 to succeed his uncle, Percy R. Pyne, who died on Aug. 22 after a long association with the bank. Percy R. Pyne II is a son of Moses Taylor Pyne, a grandson of the Percy R. Pyne who, from 1882 to 1891 was President of the bank, and a great grandson of Moses Taylor, who was President of the bank from 1856 to 1882. For many years he has been a director of The Farmers' Loan and Trust Company, now the City Bank Farmers Trust Company. Mr. Pyne is a director of the Cayuga & Susquehanna Railroad Company, the Princeton Bank and Trust Company and the United New Jersey Railroad & Canal Company; President and director of the Prospect Company of New Jersey and a trustee of Princeton University.

At a regular meeting of the executive committee of The National City Bank of New York, on Sept 3, Harold R. Hayes was appointed an Assistant Cashier.

Announcement was made Sept. 4 of the official change in name of the Lefcourt Normandie National Bank of New York to the Lefcourt National Bank & Trust Company. Officials of the bank stated that they have received permission from the Comptroller of the Currency at Washington, D. C. to absorb the Claremont National Bank of this city. The offices of the Claremont Bank will be maintained as branches of the Lefcourt institution. The proposal to take over the Claremont National Bank was referred to in our issue of July 27, page 578. According to announcement made Sept. 5 by Oscar F. Grad, Executive Vice-President of the Lefcourt National Bank and Trust Company, the directors of that institution have approved a split-up of stock on a 5 for 1 basis and the plan is being submitted to stockholders for ratification.

The Bank of America National Association, New York, announces the opening of its 34th branch office, located at Avenue U and 5th Street, Brooklyn. Aldo Faralla is Manager.

Directors of the Chelsea Bank of New York at a special meeting have approved plans which call for an increase in the capital stock of the bank from 80,000 shares to 100,000 shares of \$25.00 a share par value. This interest in capital of 20,000 shares, if approved by stockholders at a special meeting called for Sept. 25th, will be offered to present stockholders on a pro rata basis at \$80.00 a share or one share of new stock for each four shares now held. Issuance of this stock will increase the capital and surplus account of the Chelsea Exchange Bank from \$3,000,000, of which \$2,000,000 is capital and \$1,000,000 is surplus, to \$4,600,000 of which \$2,500,000 will be capital and \$2,100,000 surplus. These amounts together with approximately \$650,000 of undivided profits will give Chelsea Exchange total capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$5,250,000. The total deposits of the bank amounted to \$20,436,996 on June 29, 1929. Total resources of the bank as of June 29 were approximately \$28,000,000. E. S. Rothchild, President of the Chelsea Exchange Bank, in a letter to stockholders explaining the purpose of the capital increase, in part says:

"The proposed increase of stock is recommended by your Board of Directors because of its expansion program and especially on account of the opening of a new branch at No. 20 East 45th Street, on the site now occupied by the Seaboard National Bank, which bank is vacating the premises because of its merger into the Equitable Trust Company. Later it is proposed to make this the main office of our bank. We believe that the securing of this branch is the most progressive step taken by this bank since its organization and the results necessarily will be of large benefit to stockholders."

This new branch will be occupied about November 1.

Chelsea Exchange at the present time is paying dividends of only \$2.50 per share or 10% annually, on its outstanding \$25.00 per value stock and with the expected increase in business and the contemplated unification of operations with the Chelsea Exchange Corporation, its securities affiliate, it is expected that the improved earnings may in the near future result in the declaration of a high dividend on the capital stock.

At its meeting held on Sept. 5, the Board of Directors of the Banca Commerciale Italiana Trust Company, of New York declared a dividend of \$2.50 per share, payable on Oct. 1, 1929, to stockholders of record as of Sept. 14, 1929, for the third quarter of the current year.

The general public has invested \$3,666,232 in Morris Plan 5% investment certificates during the last six months bringing the total volume invested in these certificates now outstanding to \$95,766,420, it was announced in the mid-year operating statement of the Industrial Finance Corporation, parent company of the Morris Plan Corporation of America. Since the inception of the first Morris Plan Bank 19 years ago it is stated the public has invested more than \$250,000,000 in these certificates which can be acquired on the deferred payment plan.

The plans for the merging of the interests of the First National Bank of Boston and the Old Colony Trust Company of that city were made known this week, the Boston "Transcript" of Sept. 3 announcing that negotiations have been carried to a point where a definite proposal has been submitted for approval to the directors of the two institutions. The account in the "Transcript" says:

The final result will be The First National Bank of Boston, owned by the present stockholders of both banks: the Old Colony Trust Company, operating a trust business under its present charter, owned through trustees by the stockholders of the First National Bank; and

the First-Old Colony Corporation, operating under a separate charter and owned in like manner through trustees by the stockholders of the First National Bank.

The "Transcript" also stated:

Subject to the working out of detail plans and subject to approval of counsel of both banks, the proposal is as follows:

The Old Colony Trust Company will increase its capital from 150,000 to 200,000 shares by the issue to its stockholders of 50,000 shares at \$300 a share, thus adding \$15,000,000 to its combined capital and surplus.

Stockholders of the Old Colony Trust Company will receive four shares of First National Bank stock for each of their 200,000 shares of Old Colony stock. This involves an increase in the capital of the First National Bank of 800,000 shares.

Upon the completion of the exchange the stock of the Old Colony Trust Company will be placed in the hands of trustees and held for the pro rata benefit of all stockholders of the First National Bank, evidence of this ownership to be endorsed upon First National Bank stock certificates.

The Old Colony Trust Company, with adequate capital and surplus, will retain and continue its present trust business and will merge into the First National Bank its commercial business, including its branches. It will take over such trust business of the First National Bank as the bank's customers may desire to have transferred.

The Old Colony Corporation, now owned by the Old Colony Trust Company, will be merged with The First National Corporation and will carry on the securities business heretofore done by the two. The stock of the combined securities corporation will also be held by trustees for the pro rata benefit of all First National stockholders.

It is proposed to merge the two boards of directors, having identical boards both for the bank and the trust company. The combined board will represent almost every important interest in New England.

Daniel G. Wing will continue as Chairman of the Board, B. W. Trafford will become Vice Chairman and Phillip Stockton President of the First National Bank. The officers of the Old Colony Trust Company will continue as at present: Gordon Abbott, chairman of the Board; F. R. Hart, Vice Chairman, and Phillip Stockton, President.

The trust officers of the First National Bank will take like positions in the Old Colony Trust Company. The loaning and other officials having in charge the commercial business of the Old Colony Trust Company will become officers of the First National Bank.

The branches of the Old Colony Trust Company, including the Court Street office, will become branches of the First National Bank but will be operated by their present officers and personnel.

Great Combination of Brains.

The merger will bring together into one group men representing directly and indirectly nearly every ramification of New England interests. It will combine in one organization, each supplementing the other, the two organizations which are today leaders in their special lines of banking business. It will give to New England a banking institution which with its affiliates will have capital assets of more than \$100,000,000; total resources of over \$700,000,000; and ability to take care of the commercial, trust or investment requirements of the New England public, regardless of size. There will be no necessity for New England business interests, so it is said, to go elsewhere either for their commercial need or the financing of their capital requirements.

The Old Colony Trust Company is already pre-eminent in the corporate fiduciary field. With its organization supplemented by that of the trust department of the First National supervised by the combined trust committees of the two institutions and guided by the wisdom and experience of the combined directorates it will conduct a strictly trust and fiduciary business with no interest or connection with any business outside of this particular field. Manned by this highly trained organization and sponsored by the business leaders of New England, it will offer an independent, conservative specialized trust service that should appeal strongly to the public.

After the plan has been adopted by the stockholders it will still take a number of weeks to work out all legal and physical details to make it effective but when the two institutions finally do join forces it is believed that they will merge with no inconvenience to customers or general public.

An item bearing on the proposal to link the two institutions appeared in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1389. The Old Colony Trust has a capital of \$15,000,000 and surplus and profits in the neighborhood of \$19,000,000. The capital of the First National Bank is \$25,000,000 and its surplus and profits are close to \$26,000,000. The following relative to the standing of the institutions following the completion of the present plans appeared in the Boston "News Bureau" of Sept. 4:

The proposed merger of First National Bank of Boston and the Old Colony Trust Co. will furnish New England with a banking institution ranking in point of deposits among the first ten of the country. According to the statements of condition as of June 29, 1929, First National Bank had deposits of \$328,995,520, while the Old Colony Trust Co. had \$177,054,066 giving a combined deposit account of \$506,049,586.

Close behind the Bankers Trust Co. of New York will be the enlarged First National Bank of Boston. Exceeding it in size will be such well-known New York institutions as the National City Bank, Guaranty Trust Co., Chase National Bank, Irving Trust Co., and the Bank of Manhattan; as well as the Continental Illinois Trust Co., of Chicago; Bank of Italy, San Francisco; and the Security First National Bank of Los Angeles.

Adoption of the title "First National Bank of Boston" for the merged institutions is obviously designed not to impair the prestige which the larger bank has enjoyed in its outside banking relations, especially in the foreign field. Retention of the Old Colony Trust Co. name for the trust businesses recognizes the pre-eminence of the state banking institution in the fiduciary field.

With a banking capital of over \$100,000,000 (represented by 2,175,000 shares) New England's biggest bank will be in position to handle any financing in this section of the country. The amalgamation of the two corporations into the First-Old Colony Corp. will supplement the increase in facilities of the commercial institution, and facilitate the handling of large deals that might otherwise flow to New York, Chicago, or elsewhere.

In addition to the head office at 1 Federal Street, First National Bank has five city branches. The suburban branches comprise Allston, Dorchester (three), Hyde Park, Rosindale, and Brighton. In addition to the head office at 17 Court Street, Old Colony Trust Co. has five branches in the city.

Through the Old Colony Associates, controlled by the Old Colony Corp., the new First National Bank of Boston, through its affiliation with First-Old Colony Corp., will extend its sphere of influence in the field of out-of-town banking. The Old Colony Trust Associates own a substantial interest amounting to a virtual managerial control in fifteen banks with resources of over \$100,000,000, viz:

Boulevard Trust Co., Brookline; Cohasset National Bank, Cohasset; Dedham National Bank, Dedham; First National Bank of West Newton; First National Bank of Mansfield; Harvard Trust Co. of Cambridge; Lechmere National Bank, Cambridge; Menotomy Trust Co., Arlington; Needham Trust Co., Needham; Newton Trust Co., Newton; Second National Bank of Malden; Springfield-Chapin National Bank & Trust Co., Springfield (new consolidation); Stoughton Trust Co., Stoughton; Union Market National Bank, Watertown, Winchester Trust Co., Winchester.

It was made known in the Springfield "Republican" of Aug. 30 that the consolidation of the Pittsfield National Bank & Trust Company of Pittsfield, Mass. and the Third National Bank of that city would be effective at the close of business, at noon, on Saturday, Aug. 31. The paper quoted further said:

All the business of the Third will be moved across the hall in the Berkshire Life Building to the Pittsfield National rooms. The Third National securities will be moved over the week end from its vault to that of the Pittsfield. Those who rent safety deposit boxes at the Third bank may keep them there for the present. Most of the grill boxes and cage work in the Third banking rooms will be removed and the space will be taken over by the Pittsfield Securities Corporation, of which Z. Marshall Crane is President and Monture A. Andrew, Treasurer. This corporation is allied with the Pittsfield National Bank and Trust Company.

Ralph B. Bardwell, now President of the Third, is to be Chairman of the board of the consolidated bank and he will have desk room directly opposite to the President, Charles W. Power.

Mention of the plans to consolidate the institutions was made in these columns July 13, page 226.

Action on the question of increasing the capital of the Bank of Commerce & Trust Company of Boston from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000 will be taken at a special meeting of the stockholders to be held on Sept. 10. The question of changing the par value of the stock will also be considered.

Regarding the payment of a dividend of 100% by the City National Bank & Trust Company of Hackensack, N. J. the "Bergen Evening Record" of that city had the following to say in its Aug. 22 issue:

Directors of the City National Bank and Trust Company, of Hackensack, at a recent meeting, confirmed a 100% cash dividend to stockholders of record which was paid July 29.

The City National Bank opened in November, 1921, with capital surplus and undivided profits of \$125,000.

Its most recent report shows this item to be \$354,000 after the payment of the \$200,000 cash dividend.

Within the past few months a trust department was added and the name of the organization changed from the City National Bank to the City National Bank and Trust Company.

Herbert V. Widman, of Hackensack, a former Federal bank examiner, is Cashier of the institution. Dr. George P. Pitkin is President and the members of the board are, for the most part, well-known business men of Hackensack and neighboring communities.

Announcement is made by the directors of the new Bergen County National Bank of Hackensack, N. J., that the property of the Bedell Motor Car Company, at Main and Passaic Streets, Hackensack, has been purchased as a site for the location of the new bank. The interests in the latter expect to take possession shortly, and as soon as the quarters are remodelled, to open the doors of the bank. The "Bergen Evening Record" of Aug. 22, from which this is learned, says:

It was on August 15 that the men interested announced that they had obtained a charter to operate a national bank in Hackensack.

The charter stated the site of the building as Court Street, located near the court house.

An application was made to the Comptroller for permission to change the business location to uptown and this was obtained a few days ago.

Negotiations were started with Eugene C. Bedell, head of the company which bears his name and owns the property at the northwest corner of Main and Passaic Streets.

The contract for the sale of the property has been signed.

Hugh Otis is President, Thomas H. Eckerson, Vice-President, and A. A. Altschuler, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the new bank.

The directors are Hugh Otis, A. A. Altschuler, Thomas H. Eckerson, Clem Plager, Henry Holman, James McGrath, Dr. Michael Sarla, Frank O. Mittag Jr., Spencer D. Baldwin, Howard O. Bullard, all of Hackensack, and Samuel Wilcox, of Ridgewood.

The building committee is composed of T. H. Eckerson, Spencer D. Baldwin, James McGrath and Mr. Otis, as ex-officio member.

The property has a frontage of 141 feet on Main Street and 138 feet on Passaic Street, with a spur to which a lane leads. There is a house which lies between the building proper and the lane.

At a special meeting on Sept. 4 of the stockholders of the Hobart Trust Company of Passaic, N. J. a resolution

to decrease the capital stock from \$1,000,000 and 40,000 shares to \$500,000 and 20,000 shares, with the par value of shares remaining at \$25 was approved. Advices to this effect were contained in a Passaic dispatch to the New York "Times" which added our last reference to the Hobart Trust appears on page 1236 of our issue of Aug. 24:

The action was taken upon the advice of Frank H. Smith, State Superintendent of Banking and Insurance, prior to the reopening which is planned to take place within a week or ten days.

Cornelius Hellegers, President of Donner & Hellegers, Inc., was elected to the board of directors.

The merger of the American Bank and Trust Company of Philadelphia with the Central National Bank of that city became effective on Saturday Aug. 31. Details of the merger proceedings were given in our issue of Aug. 24, page 1237. The enlarged Central National Bank offers the facilities of four centrally located offices—the main office at 5th and Chestnut Streets; the American Bank office at Broad Street and Passayunk Avenue; and two other offices at Broad and Cambrai Streets and the other at 15th and Sansom Streets.

According to the Philadelphia "Ledger" the Philadelphia National Company, organized as an affiliate of the Philadelphia National Bank, opened for business on Sept. 3 at 1416 Chestnut Street. The organization of the company was noted in our issue of April 27 last, page 2750. The item in the "Ledger" this week said:

The company will conduct a general investment security business and will participate in underwriting syndicates. It will be prepared to give extensive service of an investment advisory nature. Irwin A. Steubner will be in charge of a department organized especially to provide this service.

Joseph Wayne, Jr., is President of the company and O. J. Matthews is Vice President and Manager. The company has a combined capital and surplus of \$2,000,000.

A banking merger proposal in Lansdale, Pa., will unite the First National Bank and the Citizens National Bank. From telegraphic advices from Lansdale, Sept. 5 to the Philadelphia "Ledger" we learn that the directors of the two banks approved the plans Sept. 5. The dispatch further reports as follows:

The plan will be submitted to stockholders at meetings to be held Oct. 10. The approval of the stockholders is regarded as virtually certain. Through the merger Lansdale will have the largest as well as the oldest national bank in Montgomery County. The resources of the two institutions are approximately \$6,000,000 and their combined surpluses and undivided profits total \$1,500,000.

The business of the merged institution will be conducted under the charter of the First National Bank in its new banking house. The Citizens Bank Building will be sold. The plan for merger calls for an increase of \$400,000 in capital stock. Irwin G. Lukens, President of First National, will head the merged institution, it is said, with H. L. Ruth, President of Citizens National, as Vice President.

The Union Cleveland Corporation, recently formed by the Union Trust Company of Cleveland for the purpose of underwriting, wholesaling and retailing investment securities has begun operations, it is announced by J. R. Nutt, President of the bank. Mr. Nutt will also be President of the new corporation, which will conduct and develop the business formerly done by the bank's bond department. Organization of the new unit, which was projected some months ago, was completed late last week. Its list of fifteen directors contains names prominent in financial and industrial affairs in Cleveland. Direct management of the corporation will be in the hands of A. C. Coney, Vice-President and General Manager, and C. B. Lincoln, Vice-President. The list of directors as announced by Mr. Nutt follows: W. M. Baldwin, Vice-President, and Executive Manager, Union Trust Company; E. F. Carter, President, Ohio Bell Telephone Company; A. C. Coney; George A. Coulton, Vice-President and Executive Manager, Union Trust Company; H. G. Dalton, Member, Pickands, Mather & Company; G. W. Grandin, Secretary, Missouri Lumber & Mining Company; Warren S. Hayden, Hayden, Miller & Company; John A. Kling, Chairman, Kelly Island Lime & Transport Company; J. R. Kraus, Vice-President and Executive Manager, Union Trust Company; E. J. Kulas, President, The Otis Steel and Midland Steel Products Cos., C. B. Lincoln; W. G. Mather, President, Cleveland Cliffs Iron Company; J. R. Nutt and E. N. Wagley.

The officers of the Union Cleveland Corporation will be J. R. Nutt, President; W. M. Baldwin, Vice-President; A. S. Coney, Vice-President and Manager; C. B. Lincoln, Vice-President; Peter Ball, Assistant Vice-President; C. E. Register, Assistant Vice-President; E. N. Wagley, Secretary; Henry Ranft, Treasurer; L. J. Roeder, Assistant

Treasurer and H. E. McMillan, City Sales Manager. The new corporation is owned by the shareholders of The Union Trust Company, the stock interest of each shareholder being proportionate to his stock interest in the bank. As organized, the new corporation is empowered to meet changing requirements of modern business and to offer a broad and flexible securities service both to corporations and investors. The headquarters of the corporation are located on the second floor of the Union Trust Company in the quarters formerly occupied by the bank's bond department.

From the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Aug. 24 we take the following:

Present directors of the Chicago City Bank and Trust Company, the Guarantee Trust and Savings Bank and the United State Bank will comprise the board of directors of the consolidated institutions, to be known as the Chicago City Bank and Trust Company. Frank C. Rathje, President of the Chicago City Bank, will be President of the merged banks. Other officers and the Chairman of the Board will be named on Sept. 16. The banks involved in the consolidation, three of the largest in the Englewood district of Chicago, will be physically united on Jan. 1, 1930, at West 63rd and Green Streets. Total deposits of the three banks are around \$15,000,000. Capitalization of the consolidated institutions will be \$1,600,000, setting a new record for an outlying Chicago bank.

According to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" the Addison National Bank of Chicago has been merged with the Citizens State Bank of Chicago, all business after Sept. 1, being conducted at 3228 Lincoln Avenue under the name of the Citizens State Bank of Chicago. The merger plans, it is stated, were approved by the directors of the two institutions on July 11, and ratified by the stockholders on Aug. 27. The combined capital it is stated will be \$600,000; surplus, \$600,000; undivided profits over \$500,000; resources over \$11,000,000. J. G. Squires, President of the Citizens State, will continue in that office with the consolidated bank and E. Tessmer of the Citizens will be Executive Vice-President.

An oversubscription is announced of 200,000 shares of capital stock of the First Bank Stock Corporation, offered at \$47.50 per share (par \$25) by the First Saint Paul Company (St. Paul) and the First Minneapolis Company (Minneapolis). The stock is part of an authorized issue of 10,000,000 shares. An item regarding the organization of the First Bank Stock Corporation organized by the First National Bank of St. Paul and the First National Bank in Minneapolis, appeared in our issue of Aug. 31, page 1390.

It was announced in the "Minneapolis Journal" of Aug. 28 that the American National Bank of Helena, Mont., with resources in excess of \$5,000,000, became affiliated that day with the First Bank Stock Corporation, holding company recently formed by the First National banks of Minneapolis and St. Paul. The "Journal" added:

Paul J. Leeman, Vice President and General Manager of the corporation, in announcing the affiliation said the American National had a capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$450,000 and deposits in excess of \$4,200,000.

The bank is the thirty-eighth to join the corporation and brings the total resources of the holding company to more than \$356,000,000. Three banks in Helena now have affiliated with the bank group.

A Newton (Kansas) dispatch Aug. 29 appeared as follows in the Topeka "Daily Capital" of Aug. 30:

The Harvey County State Bank of this city is closed and bank examiners today were checking accounts at the bank.

It was stated by officials of the bank that the action was taken following a steady withdrawal of cash by depositors during the last week, said to have resulted from false rumors set afloat on the street.

O. A. Furman, President of the bank, stated today that depositors need not fear for any financial set-back, as all depositors will be paid in full, and the closing this week was only a means of protection for all depositors until collections can be completed.

On Aug. 30 controlling interest in the Seaboard Bank and Trust Company of Port Arthur, Tex. passed into the hands of Arthur Mauldin, Dallas banker, and a group of Chicago bankers and capitalists, it was announced in Port Arthur advices to the Houston "Post" Aug. 31. These advices also stated:

Mr. Mauldin, who took charge of the bank in the capacity of active Vice President, announced that the capital stock of the bank which is \$100,000 at the present time, would be increased to \$200,000 or \$250,000 by Jan. 1. New owners represent a combined capital of about \$5,000,000 it was stated.

The bank building at Austin and Procter will be remodeled and new fixtures installed throughout at a cost of several thousand dollars.

No important changes are contemplated in the personnel of the bank, it was announced. A stockholders' meeting has been called to elect directors.

Officials of the bank have been E. E. Hartford, President; H. E. Brinkman, Vice President; W. L. Shepard, Vice President; B. D. Logan, Cashier, and T. E. Halsell, Assistant Cashier.

Plans to unite the Commercial National Bank of Sherman, Tex. with the Merchant's & Planters National Bank of that city under the name of the latter institution were announced in the following joint statement issued (according to a Sherman dispatch Aug. 31 appearing in the Dallas "News" of Sept. 1.) by C. B. Dorchester, President of the Merchants and Planters Bank, and of W. R. Brents, President of the Commercial National, follows:

"The Merchants and Planters National Bank and the Commercial National Bank join forces Tuesday, Oct. 1, 1929.

"The Merchants and Planters National Bank was founded fifty-seven years ago and, being the older of the two institutions, perpetuates its name and the consolidation will be under the name and charter of the Merchants and Planters National Bank of Sherman.

"The Commercial National Bank was organized twenty-eight years ago and during all of this time has been under the same management.

"Both banks have long enjoyed the highest confidence and respect.

"The larger resources, broader banking facilities and combined experience and judgment of the executive officers of both institutions, all under the guidance of an enlarged and representative board of directors, will make it possible to serve the public more adequately and efficiently.

"On and after Oct. 1, 1929, the business of the combined banks will be transacted in the present quarters of the Merchants and Planters National Bank."

Capital and surplus of the Merchants and Planters Bank is \$1,200,000, while the capital, surplus and undivided profits of the Commercial Bank amount to \$500,000.

It is announced that negotiations have been completed whereby United National Corporation (Seattle, Wash.), holding company for the United group of corporations in the Pacific Northwest, will acquire a substantial interest in Ferris & Hardgrove, an investment banking house with headquarters in Spokane and offices in Seattle and Portland. United National Corporation and subsidiaries have total consolidated paid-in capital and reserves of over \$19,500,000 and total assets of more than \$27,500,000. United Founders Corporation and the American Founders group have a substantial interest in United National Corporation. The management of Ferris & Hardgrove, which was organized in 1913, will remain in the hands of Joel E. Ferris, George P. Hardgrove, E. B. Sherwin, C. A. Smith, E. M. Adams and Harper Joy. The following three large investment banking houses in the Pacific Northwest will thus be affiliated through United National Corporation—Drumheller, Ehrlichman & White, Murphey, Favre & Company and Ferris & Hardgrove. They have a combined volume of security distributing business of \$75,000,000 annually. Joel E. Ferris will go on the board of United National Corporation and one of its directors will be elected to the board of Ferris & Hardgrove.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market after opening strong and buoyant became reactionary the present week, particularly on Thursday when early strength was followed by a severe setback that carried the greater part of the active list to lower levels. On Friday, however, prices again turned upward and most of the losses were recovered. One of the noteworthy features of the week has been the offering by the U. S. Treasury of \$500,000,000 Treasury certificates of indebtedness of 9 months maturity paying 4 7/8% interest. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank made public after the close of business on Thursday showed a further increase of \$137,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district. Call money renewed at 9% on Tuesday and was unchanged until Friday when it dropped successively from 9 to 6%.

The accumulation of orders over the 3 day holiday brought an avalanche of buying into the market on Tuesday and more than 800,000 shares changed hands during the first half hour of trading. The uprush of prices included practically every active issue in the list which closed from 2 to 5 points higher. Railroad shares, copper stocks and public utilities were the leaders, though industrial issues and specialties attracted considerable speculative attention. The outstanding feature of the railroad shares were the strength of Norfolk & Western and Southern Pacific, both of which sailed over the top to the highest levels on record, the former reaching 290 and the latter 157 1/2. Reading touched a new peak at 139 7/8 with a gain of 7 or more points and Chesapeake & Ohio moved into new high ground at 279 3/4. Other strong stocks in the railroad group were Erie, Western Maryland, St. Paul, Atlantic Coast Line and New York Central & St. Louis. Anaconda was prominent in the copper group and moved up to 130 1/2 on a block of 10,000 shares. In the

public utilities group American Water Works and Public Service of New Jersey were the high spots and both reached new record tops. North American, Consolidated Gas and Columbia Gas also were in active demand at higher prices.

Stocks reacted downward on Wednesday and much of the gain scored by high-priced industrial issues and public utility shares on the preceding day were lost during the early trading, though the market rallied to some extent in the final hour. There were some exceptions in the railroad list, notably Reading RR. which continued its upward swing and registered a 6-point advance to its highest top since 1914. Erie improved and so did Southern Ry. which closed with a net gain of 5 points. Motor shares had another spurt, General Motors moving up about 7 points to 75, followed by sharp improvement in such issues as Chrysler, Packard and Marmon. Auburn, on the other hand, dropped over 19 points. Radio Corp. was one of the important stocks of the day and rushed upward more than 11 points and crossed 109. Amer. Tel. & Tel. was off about 4 points and the loss ranged from 1 to 4 points in such active issues as Montgomery Ward, Johns-Manville, Westinghouse Electric, American Can, Internat. Tel & Tel. and Consolidated Gas.

The market opened strong on Thursday and many substantial gains were recorded in the early trading. As the day advanced prices began to crumble and the large amount of liquidation that came into the market carried prices downward with a crash. Large losses were recorded in practically every active issue, though public utilities were somewhat stronger for a brief period. In the first hour Standard Gas & Electric rushed up more than 4 points to a new top at 171, American Water Works sold up to 179 1/2 and closed at 173 3/4 with a net gain of 4 1/2 points and American Power & Light surged forward close to 169 and closed at 161 3/4 with a gain of four points. Railroad shares were irregular and moved downward. Motor shares, copper issues and some of the industrial stocks were in active demand on the forenoon but slipped back when prices receded. Some of the more important declines were Air Reduction 13 3/8, Allied Chemical & Dye 18 3/4 points, Westinghouse Electric Mfg. Co. 7 points, United States Steel, common 8 points, Columbia Carbon 10 points, Du Pont 8 points, New York Central 6 1/2 points, Radio Corporation 5 3/4 points, Sears-Roebuck 5 1/4 points, General Electric 4 1/2 points and Greene-Cananea Copper 5 points.

Following the drop in call money on Friday from a renewal rate of 9% to 6% the market rebounded from its sharp setback of the preceding day and public utilities, copper shares and railroad stocks moved sharply upward. General Motors assumed the leadership and closed at 78 with a net gain of 5 points. Chrysler sold up to 73 1/2, Packard moved ahead to 153 3/4, Auburn advanced 16 points to 496, and Nash, Marmon and Mack Truck all displayed substantial gains. Radio Corp. was also prominent as it shot ahead 11 points to 113 3/4. Public utilities were again up with the leaders, Consolidated Gas closing at 177 1/2 with a gain of 6 points followed by Columbia Gas with a gain of nearly 3 points and Pacific Light & Power with a gain of 3 points. Standard Gas was at one time about 14 points above its preceding close; American & Foreign Power and American Power & Light were both up about 9 points and American Water Works improved about 7 points. Railroad shares were represented on the upside by New York Central, Atchison, Pennsylvania and Southern Ry., all of which improved from 2 to 4 points over the preceding close. Copper stocks were stronger and specialties like Air Reduction, Allied Chemical & Dye, Otis Elevator and other high priced issues all recovered their losses of the previous day.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Sept. 6.	Stocks,	Railroad,	State,	United
	Number of Shares.	ec., Bonds.	Municipal & Foreign Bonds	States Bonds.
Saturday		HOLI	DAY	
Monday		HOLI	DAY	
Tuesday	4,438,910	\$8,562,000	\$2,501,000	\$655,000
Wednesday	4,691,980	6,776,000	2,456,000	580,000
Thursday	5,565,280	7,675,000	2,795,000	1,273,000
Friday	5,122,610	6,491,000	1,525,000	488,000
Total	19,818,780	\$29,504,000	\$9,277,000	\$2,996,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Sept. 6.		Jan. 1 to Sept. 6.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Stocks—No. of shares.	19,818,780	19,376,950	\$746,770,110	518,567,148
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$2,996,000	\$3,473,000	\$88,422,700	\$140,217,750
State and foreign bonds	9,277,000	9,770,570	424,624,150	550,876,135
Railroad & misc. bonds	29,504,000	24,873,000	1,390,606,900	1,649,256,176
Total bonds	\$41,777,000	\$38,116,570	\$1,903,653,750	\$2,340,350,061

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Sept. 6 1929.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	HOLI DAY		HOLI DAY		HOLI DAY	
Monday	HOLI DAY		HOLI DAY		HOLI DAY	
Tuesday	*81,600	\$14,000	286,375	\$8,800	67,175	\$24,000
Wednesday	*81,660	38,000	285,142	29,100	62,461	34,000
Thursday	*87,523	38,500	291,625	9,200	62,921	22,000
Friday	*65,780	18,000	217,700		68,629	47,000
Total	316,568	\$108,500	280,842	\$47,100	21,186	\$127,000
Prev. week revised	365,905	\$236,000	447,500	\$152,600	23,412	\$73,700

* In addition, sales of rights were: Tuesday, 210; Wednesday, 60; Thursday, 200.
 a In addition, sales of rights were: Tuesday, 33,600; Wednesday, 13,100; Thursday, 18,200; Friday, 5,000.
 a 2 In addition, sales of warrants were: Tuesday, 2,900; Wednesday, 2,200; Thursday, 2,800; Friday, 1,600.
 b In addition, sales of scrip were: Wednesday, 8-5; Thursday, 13-5; Friday, 11-5.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Following the triple holiday the Curb Exchange began the week with a general upward movement but thereafter a heavy liquidating movement set in and prices dropped sharply. To-day after some irregularity there was a rallying movement and the market was strong throughout. In utilities Amer. & Foreign Power warrants were strong, selling down at first from 141 to 133 then up to 145. Electric Bond & Shares com. was conspicuous, losing over 13 points to 173 1/4 it recovered to 184 1/2 and closed to-day at 184 3/4. Electric Investors sold down from 285 to 278 and up to 285 3/4 with the final transaction to-day at 285. Northern State Power, com. advanced from 223 3/4 to 246 3/4. United Gas Impt. dropped from 282 3/4 to 277 1/4 and recovered finally to 280 1/2. Standard Power & Light jumped from 122 3/4 to 155, closing to-day at 154. Investment trusts present some strong features. Elec. Power Associates, com. rose from 73 to 82 and finished to-day at 81 3/4. The class A stock sold up from 65 1/2 to 82 1/4. National Investors, com. from 234 reached 275 1/4 and sold finally at 267. Minneapolis-Honeywell Reg., com. improved from 102 7/8 to 112 1/2, the final figure to-day being 112. Polynest Mfg. improved from 83 to 92 7/8 and sold finally at 91 3/4. Oils were weak though changes were not important.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 1578.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Sept. 6.	Stocks		Bonds (Par Value).	
	(No. Shares).	Rights.	Domestic.	Foreign Government.
Saturday				
Monday				
Tuesday	2,120,300	198,900	\$1,826,000	\$201,000
Wednesday	1,896,400	214,400	1,681,000	343,000
Thursday	1,904,300	214,500	1,582,000	208,000
Friday	1,639,500	203,100	1,546,000	305,000
Total	7,560,500	830,900	\$6,635,000	\$1,057,000

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Aug. 21 1929:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £139,444,263 on the 14th inst. (as compared with £140,180,545 on the previous Wednesday) and represents a decrease of £14,462,052 since April 29 1925, when an effective gold standard was resumed.

The South African gold available in the open market yesterday to the value of about £880,000 was disposed of at the price of 84s. 11 3/4d. Demand from Germany was met to the extent of about £600,000, the Bank of England secured £200,000 and £25,000 was taken on French account. The balance was absorbed by the usual Indian and trade requirements.

The French and German exchanges having been again favorable to the export of gold, substantial withdrawals have been made from the Bank of England for the purpose, the following movements being announced, showing a net efflux of £2,695,237 during the week under review.

	Aug. 15	Aug. 16	Aug. 17	Aug. 19	Aug. 20	Aug. 21
Received	£25	£2,578		£646,197		£110,000
Withdrawn	1,702	5,149	£311,830	£1,711,536	402,278	1,021,542

The receipts yesterday and today were bar gold, £200,000 of which is understood to have been acquired from the South African Consignment whilst the origin of the balance has not been disclosed. Of the withdrawals of bar gold about £2,400,000 was for France and £1,000,000 for Germany.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 12th inst. to mid-day on the 19th inst.

Imports—		Exports—	
British South Africa	£867,355	United States	£1,027,526
France	5,236	Germany	27,257
Other countries	2,567	Switzerland	30,530
		France	9,359
		British India	11,436
		Straits Settlements	14,730
		Other countries	10,364

The composition of the Indian Gold Standard Reserve as on July 31 1929 is detailed below:

In India	Nil
In England—	
Cash at the Bank of England	£1,633
Gold	2,152,334
British treasury bills—value as on July 31 1929	6,043,975
Other British and Dominion Government securities—value as on July 31 1929	31,802,058
	£40,000,000

SILVER.

The silver market has been rather lacking in interest and the small variation in the prices has again been a feature during the past week. Sellers have proved reluctant—American operators showing little inclination to work in this market—and the steady tone has therefore been maintained. The Indian Bazaars have sent buying orders, without, however being disposed to press for supplies. China has shown no particular tendency, having worked both ways with but little activity.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 12th inst. to mid-day on the 19th inst.:

Imports—		Exports—	
Mexico	£152,450	British India	£259,788
British India	42,671	China	91,050
Irish Free State	29,200	France	7,433
United States	16,289	Germany	6,380
Netherlands	10,250	Other countries	3,501
Germany	10,911		
Other countries	6,505		
	£268,276		£368,152

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

(In lacs of Rupees) —	Aug. 15.	Aug. 7.	July 31.
Notes in circulation	18692	18595	18572
Silver coin and bullion in India	10966	10868	10845
Silver coin and bullion out of India			
Gold coin and bullion in India	3221	3221	3221
Gold coin and bullion out of India			
Securities (Indian Government)	4318	4319	4319
Securities (British Government)	187	187	187

The stocks in Shanghai on the 17th inst. consisted of about 82,700,000 ounces in sycee, 127,000,000 dollars and 7,500 silver bars, as compared with 82,400,000 ounces in sycee, 125,000,000 dollars and 9,180 silver bars on the 10th inst.

Quotations during the week:

	—Bar Silver, per Oz. Std.—	Bar Gold per Oz. Fine
	Cash.	2 Mos.
Aug. 15	24 1/2d.	84s. 11 3/4d.
Aug. 16	24 5-16d.	84s. 11 3/4d.
Aug. 17	24 1/2d.	84s. 11 3/4d.
Aug. 19	24 5-16d.	84s. 11 3/4d.
Aug. 20	24 5-16d.	84s. 11 3/4d.
Aug. 21	24 5-16d.	84s. 11 3/4d.
Average	24.291d.	84s. 11.48d.

The silver quotations today for cash and two months' delivery are each 1-16d. above those fixed a week ago.

Course of Bank Clearings

Bank clearings will show a more moderate 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, Sept. 7), bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be 15.9% larger than for the corresponding week last year. The total stands at \$11,475,508,724, against \$9,906,419,221 for the same week in 1928. At this center there is a gain for the five days ended Friday of 31.1%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended September 6.	1929.	1928.	Per Cent.
New York	\$6,387,000,000	\$4,872,000,000	+31.1
Chicago	504,345,294	569,172,719	-11.4
Philadelphia	377,000,000	339,000,000	+11.2
Boston	343,000,000	330,000,000	+3.9
Kansas City	103,552,091	108,378,089	-4.4
St. Louis	90,400,000	94,000,000	-3.8
San Francisco	153,017,000	158,923,000	-4.3
Los Angeles	132,991,000	148,978,000	-10.8
Pittsburgh	131,290,739	114,921,897	+14.2
Detroit	139,707,003	137,302,389	+1.8
Cleveland	102,385,189	84,203,029	+21.6
Baltimore	69,329,335	75,805,016	-8.5
New Orleans	44,868,481	45,438,103	-1.3
Thirteen cities, five days	\$8,578,884,132	\$7,078,122,242	+21.2
Other cities, five days	984,039,805	927,608,320	+6.1
Total all cities, five days	\$9,562,923,937	\$8,005,730,562	+19.4
All cities, one day	1,912,584,787	1,900,688,659	+0.6
Total all cities for week	\$11,475,508,724	\$9,906,419,221	+15.9

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. 31. For that week there is an increase of 20.0%, the 1929 aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$12,716,358,272, against \$10,410,696,287 in the same week of 1928. Outside of this city the increase is only 8.3%, the bank exchanges at this center having recorded a gain of 30.1%. 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) the improvement reaches 30.5%; in the Boston Reserve District 26.1%; and in the Philadelphia Reserve District only 0.2%. The Cleveland Reserve District shows a gain of 8.5%; and the Atlanta Reserve District of 11.3%; but the Richmond Reserve District falls behind 6.1%; the Chicago Reserve District 0.2%; and the St. Louis Reserve District 3.8%. The Minneapolis Reserve District registers an increase of 11.3%. In the Kansas City Reserve District the totals show a diminution of 3.1%; and in the Dallas Reserve District of

11.0%. The San Francisco Reserve District enjoys a gain of 12.5%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week End, 1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec., 1927, 1926. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, etc.) and Total.

We also furnish to-day a summary by Federal Reserve districts of the clearings for the month of August. For that month there is an increase for the entire body of clearing houses of 31.7%, the 1929 aggregate of the clearings being \$60,085,005,608, and the 1928 aggregate \$45,612,687,866.

Table with columns: August 1929, August 1928, Inc. or Dec., August 1927, August 1926. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts and Total.

We append another table showing the clearings by Federal Reserve districts for the seven months back to 1926:

Table with columns: 1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec., 1927, 1926. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts and Total.

The course of bank clearings at leading cities of the country for the month of August and since Jan. 1 in each of the last four years is shown in the subjoined statement:

CLEARINGS FOR AUGUST, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 31.

Large table with columns: Clearings at, Month of August, Eight Months, Week Ended August 31. Rows include various cities like Boston, New York, Philadelphia, etc.

BANK CLEARINGS AT LEADING CITIES.

Table with columns: August (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926), Jan. 1 to Aug. 31 (1929, 1928, 1927, 1926). Rows include New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia, etc.

Total... 56,178 42,016 40,376 36,279 442,367 379,622 330,443 319,197

Table with columns: Description, Month of August (1929, 1928), Eight Months (1929, 1928). Rows include Stock, Railroad and misc. bonds, etc.

The volume of transactions in share properties on the New York Stock Exchange each month since Jan. 1 for the years 1926 to 1929 is indicated in the following:

Table with columns: 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Month of January, February, March, etc.

* Largest single day's transaction in the history of the Exchange took place on Tuesday, June 12 when 5,052,790 shares were traded in.

The following compilation covers the clearings by months since Jan. 1 in 1929 and 1928:

Table with columns: Clearings, Total All., Clearings Outside New York. Rows include Month, 1929, 1928, %.

We now add our detailed statement showing the figures for each city separately for August and since Jan. 1 for two years and for the week ending Aug. 31 for four years:

CLEARINGS—(Continued.)

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Month of August., Eight Months., Week Ended August 31., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926., Inc. or Dec., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include Second Federal Reserve District (Albany to Oranges), Third Federal Reserve District (Altoona to Trenton), Fourth Federal Reserve District (Akron to Wheeling), Fifth Federal Reserve District (Huntington to Washington), Sixth Federal Reserve District (Knoxville to New Orleans), Seventh Federal Reserve District (Chicago to Springfield), and Eighth Federal Reserve District (Evansville to Quincy).

CLEARINGS.—(Continued.)

Main table with columns: Clearings at, Month of August (1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec.), Eight Months (1927, 1926, Inc. or Dec.), Week Ended August 31 (1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec., 1927, 1926). Rows include Ninth Federal Reserve District, Tenth Federal Reserve District, Eleventh Federal Reserve District, and Twelfth Federal Reserve District.

CANADIAN CLEARINGS FOR AUGUST, SINCE JANUARY 1, AND FOR WEEK ENDING AUG. 29.

Table with columns: Clearings at, Month of August (1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec.), Eight Months (1927, 1926, Inc. or Dec.), Week Ended August 29 (1929, 1928, Inc. or Dec., 1927, 1926). Rows include Canadian cities like Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc.

• Manager of clearing house refuses to report clearings for week ended Saturday. • Estimated.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing shares and stocks for Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, including 300 Bankers Trust Co., 200 Bankers Trust Co., etc.

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing shares and stocks for A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo, including 200 Tonahap Midway Consol. Mining Co., 1000 Assets Realization Co., etc.

DIVIDENDS.

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

The dividends announced this week are:

Main table of dividends with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various other companies.

Table listing companies and their dividend details, including Banks (Bank of America N. A., Chase National Bank), Trust Companies (Banca Commerciale Italiana Tr.), Fire Insurance (Rosalia), and Miscellaneous (Acme Steel, Alberta Pacific Grain, etc.).

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Miscellaneous (Continued) and Railroad (Steam).

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes Miscellaneous (Concluded) and Railroad (Steam) sections.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes Railroad (Steam) and Public Utilities sections.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. The table is divided into sections: Public Utilities (Concluded), Miscellaneous (Continued), Banks, Trust Companies, Fire Insurance, and Miscellaneous.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Sept. 5, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 4 1929.

Table with 10 columns representing dates from Sept. 4 1929 to Sept. 5 1928. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES (Gold, Reserves, Bills, Securities) and LIABILITIES (F.R. notes, Deposits, Total liabilities). Values are shown in dollars.

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of Foreign Intermediate Credit Bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption, "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter item was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provision of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which, it was stated, are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS SEPT. 4 1929

Table with columns for Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES (Gold, Reserves, Bills, Securities) and LIABILITIES (F.R. notes, Deposits, Total liabilities). Values are shown in dollars.

Bankers' Gazette.

Wall Street, Friday Night, Sept. 6 1929.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—See page 1545.

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, Amalgamated, etc.

Table with columns: Indus. & Miscell., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various industrial and miscellaneous stocks.

* No par value.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Lists various U.S. Treasury certificates.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists various realty and surety companies.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share.)

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Lists various banks and trust companies.

*State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-stock div. ¶ Ex-rights.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury

Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Aug. 31, Sept. 2, Sept. 3, Sept. 4, Sept. 5, Sept. 6. Lists various bond prices and sales.

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

Table with columns: 2 1st 4 1/4's, 10 4th 4 1/4's. Lists registered bond sales.

Foreign Exchange.—

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange were 4.84 3-16 @ 4.84 1/2 for checks and 4.84 23-32 @ 4.84 1/2 for cables. Commercial on banks, sight, 4.83 15-16 @ 4.84 1/2 sixty days, 4.79 1/2 @ 4.79 5-16 ninety days, 4.77, 4.78 1/2, and train for payment, 4.79 5-16 @ 4.83 1/2. Cotton for payment, 4.78 1/2.

To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs were 3.91 1-16 @ 3.91 1/4 for short. Amsterdam bankers guilders were 40.03 @ 40.05 for short.

Exchange at Paris on London, 123.88 francs; week's range 123.91 francs high and 123.86 francs low.

The range for foreign exchange for the week follows:

Table with columns: Sterling, Actual, Checks, Cables. Lists foreign exchange rates for various currencies.

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

Table with columns for HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous, etc.). Includes sub-columns for Shares, Par, and Price ranges.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-dividend. ‡ 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, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Con.), Par, Range Since Jan. 1., PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928). Rows list various stocks like Austin, Nichols & Co., Bethlehem Steel, 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.

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Gen.) Par, Corn Products Refining, etc.); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend. b Ex-dividend ex-rights.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges (Lowest and Highest) for various periods (e.g., Range Since Jan. 1, Range for Previous Year 1928).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. d Ex-dividend 75% in stock. z Ex-dividend. s Shillings. y Ex-rights.

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

Table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), per share prices, and stock details. Includes sub-headers for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', and 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots'. The table lists various stock companies and their prices on different days of the week.

*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights.

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Aug. 31, Monday, Sept. 2, Tuesday, Sept. 3, Wednesday, Sept. 4, Thursday, Sept. 5, Friday, Sept. 6), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots (Lowest, Highest), and PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1923 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock listings such as Indus. & Miscell. (Con.) Par, Phila & Read C & L., and many others.

* Bid and asked prices: no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. d Ex-div. 200% in common stock.

Jan. 1 1909 the Exchange method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for income and defaulted bonds.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Name, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other details. The table is split into two main sections: U.S. STOCK EXCHANGE and FOREIGN GOVT. & MUNICIPALS.

On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling.

Table with columns for Bonds, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and Bonds Sold. It is divided into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'. Each section contains multiple columns of data for various bond issues, including their names, prices, and trading volumes.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and various other market data.

d Due May. e Due June. & Due August

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Sept. 6.

Table listing various industrial bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, Low, High, No., and Range. Includes entries like Abitibi Pow & Pap, Adams Express, and American Nat Gas.

BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Sept. 6.

Table listing various municipal and utility bonds with columns for Bid, Ask, Low, High, No., and Range. Includes entries like Denver Cons Tramw, Den Gas & E L, and Erie & E L.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE', 'Interest Period', 'Price Friday', 'Week's Range or Last Sale', 'Bonds Sold', 'Range Since Jan. 1', 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE', 'Interest Period', 'Price Friday', 'Week's Range or Last Sale', 'Bonds Sold', 'Range Since Jan. 1'. Includes entries like 'McCroxy Stores Corp deb 5 1/2%', 'Manhat Ry (N Y) cons g 4s', 'Reinebe Union 7s with war', etc.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Aug. 31 to Sept. 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, Preferred unstampd, Series A 1st pf unstp, Series B 1st pf unstp, Ser D 1st pref unstp, Common stampd, Prior preferred stpd, Ser A 1st pfd stpd, Ser B 1st pf stpd, Ser C 1st pfd stpd, Ser D 1st pref stpd, Boston & Providence, Chic Jet Ry & U S Y pf, East Mass St Ry com, E Mass St Ry Co pf B, 1st preferred, Adjustment, Maine Central, N Y N B & Hartford, North New Hampshire, Norwich Worcester pref, Old Colony, Pennsylvania RR, Miscellaneous, Air Investers Inc, Amer Equities Co com, Am Founders Corp com stk, Amer & Gan See Corp, Amer Pneumatic Service, Preferred, 1st preferred, Amer Tel & Tel, Amoskeag Mfg Co, Assoc Telep Utilities, Sigelow-Hartl Corp, 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, 4 1/2% prior pref, 6% cum pfd, Eastern SB Lines Inc, Preferred, Eastern Utility Inv Corp, Economy Grocery Stores, Edgdon Elec Illum, Elec Shareholding Corp pf, Empl Group Assoc, Galveston Hous Elec pf, General Alloys Co, General Capital Corp, Georgian Inc (The) pf A, German Credit & Inv Corp, 25% 1st preferred, Gilchrist Co, Gillette Safety Razor Co, Greenfield Tap & Die, Greif Bros Coop g class A, Hathaway Bakeries class B, Preferred, Hood Rubber, Hygrade Lamp Co, Preferred, Insuranshares Corp cl A, Internat Carriers Ltd com, Internat Com, Intl Hydro Elec System A, Internat Securities Corp B, Jenkins Television com, Kidder Peab accept A pf, Libby McNeill & Libby, Loew's Theatres, Massachusetts Gas Co, Preferred, Mass Utilities Ass, Mergenthaler Linotype, National Leather, Natl Service Co, New Eng Equity Corp, Preferred, New Eng Pub Serv, New Eng Pub Serv pr pfd, New Eng Tel & Tel, North Amer Aviation Inc, Pacific Mills, Ry & Light Sec Co com, Rights, Reese But'n Hole Mach, Reese Folding Machine, Reliance Mngng Corp, See Incorp Eqty com stk, Second Internat Sec Corp, Shawmut Ass'n Con Stk, Shenandoah Corp com, Preferred 6%, Stone & Webster Inc, Swift & Co, Torrington Co, Tower Mfg, Traveler Shoe Stores Corp, Tri Cont Allied Co Inc, Tri-Continental Corp, Ulen & Co com, Union Twist Drill, United Carr Fastener Corp, United Founders Corp, United Shoe Mach Corp, Preferred, U S Brit Inv \$3 pfd all ctf, U S & Int Ser Corp pref, Utility Equities Corp, Common, Preferred, Venezuela Holding Corp, Venezuela Mx Oil Corp, Waldorf System Inc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include Waltham Watch cl B, Preferred, Warren Bros, Westfield Mfg Co com, Whitteley Mfg Co A, Mining, Canadian Cons Min Co, Albion Commercial, Alumet & Hecla, Copper Range Co, East Butte Copper Min, Franklin Mining Co, Hancock Consolidated, Helvetia, Island Creek Coal, The Royal Copper, Keweenaw Copper, Lake Copper Corp, La Salle Copper Co, Mass Valley, Mass Consolidated, Mayflower & Old Colony, Mohawk, New Dominion Copper, Nipissing Mines, North Butte, Oilway Mining, Old Dominion Co, P C Pochontas Co, Quincy, St Mary's Mineral Land, Superior, Apex Mining, Utah Metal & Tml, Victoria Copper Min Co, Bonds, Amoskeag Mfg 6s, Ernesto Breda Co 7s, Chic Jet Ry U S Y 5s, Fox Metro Playhouses Inc 6 1/2, Fox New Engl Theatres 6 1/2, Hood Rubber 7s, Intl Hydro-Elec Syst 6 1/2, Karstadt (Rud) Inc 6s, Mass Gas Co 4 1/2, New Eng Tel & Tel 5s, Ruhr Chemical Corp 6s, Swift & Co 6s, Western Tel & Tel 5s.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, 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, Adnsworth Mfg Corp com, All-Amer Mohawk "A", Allied Motor Ind Inc com, Allied Products "A", Alltor Bros Co conv pfd, Amer Commw Pow "A", Amer Equities Co com, Amer Pub Serv pref, Amer Radlo & Tel St Corp, American Service Co com, Am States Pub Ser A com, Amer Yvette Co com, Art Metal Wks Inc Com, Assoc Appar Ind Inc com, Assoc Investment Co, Assoc Tel Util Co com, Atlas Stores Corp com, Auburn Auto Co com, Autom Wash conv pref, Backstay Welt Co com, Balab & Katz Corp v t c, Bastian-Blessing Co com, Baxter Laundries Inc A, Beatrice Creamery com, Bendix Aviation, Binks Mfg Co cl A conv pf, Birk-Warner Corp com, Borin Wytone Corp pf, Brach & 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, Butler Brothers, Camp Wyant & Can Fdry, Canal Constr Co conv pf, CeCo Mfg Co Inc com, Central Pub Serv pref, Cent Pub Serv (Del), Rights, Class "A" Service com, Prior lien, pref, Common, Chain Belt Co com, Chain Stores pfd, Chery Burrell Corp com, Chic City & Con Ry pf, Chicago Corp com, Convertible preferred, Chicago Flex Shaft, Chic Investors Corp com, Preferred, City Radio Stores com, Citrus Service Co com, Club Alum Uten Co, Coleman Lamp & Stove com, Commonwealth Edison, Community Tel Coopart, Cons Serv Co (The) ctf dep, Construction Material, Preferred.

Table of Baltimore Stock Exchange transactions, including columns for Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Cleveland Stock Exchange transactions, including columns for Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of Pittsburgh Stock Exchange transactions, including columns for Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of Cleveland Stock Exchange transactions (continued), including columns for Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of Cleveland Stock Exchange transactions (continued), including columns for Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of Cleveland Stock Exchange transactions (continued), including columns for Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like White Motor Secur pref 100, Wood Chemical Prod com 100, Widlar 29 1/2, etc.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Large table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Ahrens-Fox A, Aluminum Industries Inc., Am Laundry Mach com, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Bank Stocks— First National Bank, Merch-Commerce, Trust Company Stocks, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Huttig S & D pref, Hydraulic Press Br com, Preferred, etc.

* No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aero Corp of Calif, Aviation Corp of Calif, Bank of America of Calif, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alaska Packers Assn, Anglo & London P Nat Bk, Associated Insurance, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Alaska Packers Assn, Anglo & London P Nat Bk, Associated Insurance, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various stocks like Consolidated Chemical, Eldorado Oil, etc.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (Aug. 31) and ending the present Friday (Sept. 6). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Large table with columns: Week Ended Sept. 6., Stocks—Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists a wide variety of stocks including Indus. & Miscellaneous, Aerial Products, Aeronautical Industries, etc.

Table with multiple columns: Stocks (Continued), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Concluded), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes various stock entries like Pennroad Corp, Pennsylvania Salt Mfg, Peoples Drug Store, etc.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "f".

Main table containing various financial data including Public Utilities, Railroad Equip., Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks, Tobacco Stocks, Water Bonds, and Rubber Stocks. Each section lists securities with their respective bid and ask prices.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purchaser also pays accrued dividend. & Last sale. ¶ Nominal. †† Ex-dividend. ††† Ex-rights. †††† Canadian quotation. ††††† Sale price.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the fourth week of August. The table covers six roads and shows 4.94% decrease over the same week last year.

Table with 5 columns: Fourth Week of August, 1929, 1928, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, Mobile & Ohio, Minneapolis & St. Louis, St. Louis Southwestern, Southern Railway System, Total (6 roads), and Net decrease (4.94%).

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. Rows list weekly earnings from Mar. 1st to Aug. 4th for various weeks.

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class 1 roads in the country.

Two tables comparing monthly totals. The first table shows Gross Earnings and Length of Road for months Jan to June. The second table shows Net Earnings for months Jan to June.

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:

Table with 5 columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, 1929, 1928. Rows list various railroads such as Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe, Gulf Colo & Santa Fe, etc.

Large table with 5 columns: Gross from Railway, Net from Railway, Net after Taxes, 1929, 1928. Rows list numerous railroads including Denver & Salt Lake, Det & Tol Shore Line, Duluth & Iron Range, etc.

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Annual, &c., Reports.—The following is an index to all annual and other reports of steam railroads, public utilities, industrial and miscellaneous companies published since and including Aug. 3 1929.

This index, which is given monthly, does not include reports in to-day's "Chronicle."

Boldface figures indicate reports published at length.

Table listing various companies and their report dates, including Railroads, Public Utilities, and Industrial companies.

Table listing various companies and their report dates, including Industrial companies (Continued).

Anchorage (Alaska) Light & Power Co.—New Unit.—

Test operations are now being made at the Eklutna plant of this company and regular commercial operations are scheduled to start shortly, according to advices received by Russell-Colvina & Co., of San Francisco.

The first unit to be placed in operation will represent approximately one-quarter of the hydro capacity and tentative plans to date call for the installation of the second unit early in 1930. Installation of further units will be dependent upon the definite location of several industrial enterprises which are now inspecting sites.—V. 127, p. 2954.

Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corp.—Deposits.—

The Irving Trust Co., as depositary, is accepting common stock, voting trust certificates for common stock full paid trust subscription receipts for common stock of this corporation and is issuing in lieu separate certificates of deposit for each class of stock deposited under the terms of a plan and agreement dated Aug. 20 1929. All deposits must be made on or before Oct. 1 1929.—V. 129, p. 630.

Commonwealth & Southern Corp.—Progress, &c.—

B. C. Cobb, Chairman in a letter to the stockholders dated Sept. 3, says: This corporation was organized in Delaware, May 23 1929, and has acquired more than 95% of the common stock of the Commonwealth Power Corp., Southeastern Power & Light Co., Penn-Ohio Edison Co., and Columbus Electric & Power Co., and more than 60% of the outstanding option warrants to purchase additional common stock of the Southeastern Power & Light Co. and Penn-Ohio Edison Co.

Combined Earnings Statement 12 Months Ending July 31 1929. Table with columns for Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, and Provision for retirement reserve.

Note.—The foregoing does not reflect the full annual earning power as benefit has been received for only small part of a year on more than \$60,000,000 in cash received in the latter part of the period by the corporation from sale of stock and options and by subsidiaries from exercise of options.

Balance Sheet July 31 1929. Table with columns for Assets (Securities owned, Cash and demand loans, U. S. Gov't secur., etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Capital surplus, Accounts payable, etc.).

As follows: 3,597 shs. Columbus Electric & Power Co., series B 7% pref. stock; 200 shs. Columbus Electric & Power Co., 7% 2nd pref. stock; 282,792 shs. Columbus Electric & Power Co., com. stock; 1,562,028 shs. Commonwealth Power Corp., com. stock; 950,102 shs. Penn-Ohio Edison Co., com. stock; 34,953 Penn-Ohio Edison Co. series A options; 24,275 Penn-Ohio Edison Co. series B options; 2,297,778-95-100 shs. Southeastern Power & Light Co. com. stock; 172,505 Southeastern Power & Light Co. options.—V. 129, p. 630.

Diversified Investments Inc.—Pref. Stock Offered.—

Guardian Detroit Co., recently offered 8,500 shares 7% cumul. 1st pref. stock at 103 and div., yielding 6.80% Preferred as to assets and divs. Red. on any div. date upon 30 days' notice at \$115 a share, plus divs. Cumulative divs. of 7% per annum payable Q-J. Entitled, in voluntary liquidation, to \$115 per share and divs. and in involuntary liquidation, to \$100 per share and divs. Dividends exempt from the present normal Federal income tax. Transfer agent: Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.; Registrar: First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill.

Data from Letter of E. C. Blomeyer, Chairman of the Board. Business.—Company was organized in Sept. 1925, in Delaware, and controls through stock ownership a number of the most prominent independent telephone companies in the Middle West, serving without competition, through 288 exchanges, an estimated aggregate population of 1,000,000.

Capitalization.—The consolidated capitalization (including subsidiaries) to be outstanding upon the completion of the present financing and after giving effect to the recent debenture financing, is as follows: First pref. stock 7% cumul., \$100 par (incl. this issue) \$3,500,000; Class A stock \$4 cumul. particip., no par value 40,000 shs.; Class C stock \$4 non-cumul., no par value 7,000 shs.; Class B stock, no par value 325,000 shs.; 30-year 5% debentures \$6,950,000; Subsidiary companies—Funded debt 4,061,100; Preferred stocks 4,672,950; Minority common stocks 1,545,248.

The 7% cumulative first preferred stock will be followed by junior stocks which at their aggregate issue prices amount to \$5,867,500. Earnings.—Consolidated earnings of the corporation and subsidiary companies for the year ended Dec. 31 1928 were as follows: Gross operating revenue \$6,530,712; Operating expenses and taxes 3,900,757; Depreciation 1,121,571.

Table showing Net earnings from operations, Total net earnings after depreciation, Annual bond interest of corporation and subsidiaries, and Net income available for preferred dividends.

allowance for depreciation, Federal income taxes and all prior charges), were equivalent to over 3 times the annual preferred dividends amounting to \$245,000 on the 35,000 shares of 7% cumulative first preferred stock to be presently outstanding. Depreciation provision of \$1,121,571 was approximately 17% of gross earnings for the year ended Dec. 31 1928.

Assets.—The properties of the corporation and its subsidiary companies were carried on the books as of Dec. 31 1928 at a consolidated gross value of \$26,939,271. In addition the company has other investments with a book value of over \$3,000,000 from which the income for the calendar year 1928 was \$227,247, and which largely represent substantial holdings in important companies in the telephone and allied fields. Consolidated net assets available to the 7% cumulative first preferred stock as of Dec. 31 1928, were more than \$9,206,900, which is approximately \$263 per share on the 35,000 shares of 7% cumulative first preferred stock to be presently outstanding.—V. 128, p. 3184.

Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates.—Capital Structure Explained.—

Kidder, Peabody & Co., who have been identified as bankers with Massachusetts Gas Cos. since the inception of the enterprise in 1902, in a statement point out that if all Massachusetts Gas preferred and common shares are exchanged for shares of Eastern Gas & Fuel, the latter will have outstanding 250,000 shares 4 1/2% cumulative prior preference; 414,167 6% cumulative preferred; 1,658,344 common.

The combined earnings, partly estimated, of the properties controlled by Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates, after all charges including reserves for depreciation, are at the annual rate of approximately \$5,479,000. This amount, after deducting prior preference dividend requirements, is equal to over 1 1/4 times the annual dividend requirement on the 6% preferred stock to be outstanding. In computing these earnings no allowance has been made for economies which will result from the consolidation.

The 1,658,344 shares of common to be outstanding have an aggregate present market value of \$53.50 a share or about \$88,000,000. This is in excess of 200% of the par value of 6% preferred stock to be outstanding, which is now quoted around 92.

Commenting on the outlook for Eastern Gas & Fuel Associates, the bankers say: "The controlled companies, as well as the communities served, will benefit in many ways through association with the Koppers company and there is every reason to expect a steady growth in operations and earnings as a result of the consolidation."—V. 129, p. 1120.

Electric Bond & Share Co.—Obituary.—

Albert E. Smith, Comptroller and Assistant Secretary, died on Sept. 1, in New York City.—V. 129, p. 958.

Federal Water Service Corp. (& Subs.).—Bal. Sheet.—

Table with columns for Assets (Plant, prop., &c., Misc. investm'ts, Cash & receiv., etc.) and Liabilities (Subs. p.stk.out., Cum. pref. stk., Com. stk. & surpb., etc.).

Total 162,982,661 165,304,011 Total 162,982,661 165,304,011 a Represented by 64,957 no par shares of \$6 pref. stock, 74,065 no par shares of \$6.50 pref. stock and 16,478 no par shares of \$7 pref. stock. b Represented by 530,054 no par shares class A stock and 426,015 no par shares of class B stock.—V. 129, p. 1120.

Gary Rys.—Fare Petition.—

The company has filed a petition with the Indiana P. S. Commission asking authority to readjust its fare structure in the City of Gary. The company asks authority to establish a cash fare of 10 cents, a rate of 12 tokens for \$1 and a weekly "nickel" pass for regular patrons to be sold for 40 cents and entitling the holder to ride as often as desired during the week for a 5 cents cash fare. In addition, the company would issue free transfers to connecting street car and motor coach routes to all patrons. School children's tickets would remain at 6 for 25 cents.

The proposed schedule of fares calls for the elimination of the 3 fare zones in Gary, Hammond and East Chicago, thus doing away with the present double fares in these cities. Such a step would reduce the fare between Gary and Hammond, for instance, from 24 cents, or three 8-cent fares, to 20 cents, or two 10-cent cash fares, and would permit Gary passengers to ride anywhere within the city limits for a single fare. Under the rate structure now in effect, street car riders in Gary pay a cash fare of 3 cents. Tokens are sold at 14 for \$1 and a charge of 2 cents is made for transfers between street cars and motor coaches.

No change in present cash or commutation rates on the Hobart, Crown Point and Valparaiso divisions is proposed by the company.—V. 128, p. 3825.

Gatineau Power Co.—Expansion.—

See International Paper & Power Co. under "Industrials" below.—V. 128, p. 4002.

General Gas & Electric Corp.—New Plant.—

The corporation on Aug. 30 announced that it had just completed the third unit of its Parr Shoals (S. C.) steam generating station and had begun operations. This increases the capacity of the plant by 30,000 kilowatts to about 72,500 kilowatts.—V. 129, p. 958, 793.

Gulf Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Calendar Years (1928, 1927) and rows for Gross operating revenue, Oper. exp., incl. maint. & taxes, Net earnings, and Other income.

Balance (before Federal taxes) \$74,864 \$53,087 Earnings per share on 400,000 shs. com. stock (no par) \$0.19 \$0.13 —V. 127, p. 1675.

Hartford Electric Light Co.—Extra Dividend.—

This company has announced that it will share its profits with customers, employees and stockholders. Customers will be rebated 60% of their October bills, employees will receive as extra compensation 60% of their October wages, and stockholders as of Oct. 20 will get, as an extra dividend, 60% of their October dividend accrual. A year ago, similar bonuses were declared.

The total extra payments this year will be about \$536,000, as compared with \$495,000, on the same basis, last year. This year's largest item will be \$350,000 to customers who are advised in a letter from the company that "the results of this year can be duplicated and improved only by continued efforts on the part of the company to make electricity abundantly available to all at low prices and on the part of the public by their willingness to increase their use of our product in every way that is advantageously possible."—V. 128, p. 1053.

Inland Utilities, Inc.—Gain in Water Customers.—

Total water customers totaled 6,740 on Sept. 1, of this year, as compared with 5,691 at the end of 1925, a rise of 18%, according to President Robert Hall Craig. Figures prepared by Mr. Craig also showed that the population served in Pennsylvania rose from 4,000,000 in 1925 to 52,500 by Sept. 1. The 5-year figures for increase in miles of mains, consumers and population follow:

To Sept. 1—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Miles mains	72.5	71.0	69.3	68.4	66.8
Consumers	6,740	6,613	6,588	6,377	5,691
Population	52,500	50,300	47,600	46,100	45,950

The reservoirs of the Inland Utilities water system have a capacity of 278,000,000 gallons while the bulk of the water is fed by gravity, the most economical form of water distribution. The communities served include Mahanoy City, Spangler, Eldred, Galeton, Tunkhannock, Delano, Buck Mountain, New Boston, Morea, St. Nicholas, Shavertown and Dallas. —V. 129, p. 1440.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Settles Dispute with City.

The Transit Commission Aug. 30 settled the dispute over the objections made by the Commission against the company about charging to revenue under Contract No. 3 between the City of New York and the Interborough various items for the period beginning Jan. 1 1919, and ending June 30 1929.

The city received in settlement, of the balance of objections (amounting to \$14,107,373) up to June 30 1929, \$5,291,118.24, which is 76.3% of the total and the full amount of claimed depreciation, \$2,958,881.76, which makes the total of \$9,250,000. Furthermore, the materials and supplies and \$653,000 in securities deposited by the Interborough Co. with the State Industrial Commission to enable the venture to act as self-insurers under the Workmen's Compensation Act, become assets of the enterprise under Contract No. 3. The I. R. T. has yet to pay the city \$2,958,881 on or before Sept. 15 1929. Before July 26, last, the I. R. T. had paid the city \$404,775 and on Aug. 30 paid \$5,886,342.

An agreement was also effected with the company with respect to disputed items charged to results of operation under the elevated extensions certificate. The commission's objections, with interest to June 30 1929, amounted to \$5,299,397.70, of which \$2,039,393.50 involved the matter of the proper accounting by the company for stores of material and supplies required to be carried for the benefit of the enterprise under the elevated extensions certificate.

As in the case of the agreement with respect to contract No. 3, the company will transfer to the enterprise ownership of all unused materials and supplies.

This leaves a balance in dispute of \$3,260,004, which was settled for the sum of \$2,781,760, or 85.3% of the total amount in dispute, thereby reducing the accrued deficits due the company, under the Elevated extensions certificate by that amount.—V. 129, p. 1440.

Lone Star Gas Corp.—New Common Stock Placed on 80c Annual Dividend Basis.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 20 cents a share on the new no par common stock, placing the issue on an 80-cent annual basis. This is equivalent to \$2 a share on the old \$25 par common stock, which was split up on a 2½-for-1 basis. The dividend is payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 19.

The last distribution on the old capital stock was a quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share, paid on June 29 last.—V. 129, p. 795.

Mackay Companies.—Stock Off List of Three Exchanges.

The Committees on Stock List of the Boston, Montreal and Toronto Stock Exchanges have approved the withdrawal of the common and preferred shares of The Mackay Companies from the lists of those Exchanges. —V. 128, p. 1396.

Midland United Co.—New Name.

See Midland Utilities Investment Co. below.

Midland Utilities Investment Co.—Changes Name.

The name of this company has been changed to Midland United Co., effective Aug. 29. Similarity of the former name with other public utility holding companies was given as the reason for the change.

The Midland United Co. is a holding or investment company, controlling a number of public utility companies operating chiefly in Indiana and Ohio. The principal operating companies in the Midland group are Northern Indiana Public Service Co., Interstate Public Service Co., operating subsidiaries of the Central Indian Power Co., Indiana Service Corp., Chicago South Shore & South Bend R.R., West Ohio Gas Co., and Gary Railways Co.—V. 129, p. 1283.

Mountain States Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Acquisition.

The I.-S. C. Commission, Aug. 26, approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Miles City-Broadus Telephone Co.

On May 18 1929, the Mountain company contracted to purchase all the properties of the Miles City company, free from all liens and encumbrances, for \$5,500, payable in cash.—V. 129, p. 631.

New England Public Service Co.—25c Common Div.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 15. Prior to the 100% stock dividend paid on July 18 the company paid quarterly dividends of 45 cents per share.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 per share on the \$7 preferred and adjustment preferred stocks and \$1.50 per share on the \$6 preferred stock, all payable Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 30.—V. 129, p. 1283.

New York & Queens County Ry.—Fare Controversy.

This company, whose 7-cent fare tariffs were rejected by the Transit Commission on July 3 1929, obtained a writ of certiorari on Sept. 3, from Supreme Court Justice Frankenthaler and will make a contest for the higher fare before the Appellate Division.

The writ requires the Transit Commission to submit all its papers, including the testimony, record and decision, for review. The petitioners, Slaughter W. Huff and Robert C. Lee, receivers for the line, alleged that no evidence of valuation, other than the company's, was introduced at the hearings before the Commission.

In asking that the Commission's decision be set aside and a 7-cent fare permitted, the petitioners assert that such a rate would increase revenue 20% and provide enough income to meet operating expenses and taxes, but not enough to provide for reserves and a fair return.

The company's 7-cent fare tariffs were rejected by the Transit Commission on the ground that the procedure to gain a fare rise was brought under the wrong section of the public service commission law and that the present fare was contractual in nature and not subject to change by the Commission.—V. 129, p. 474.

New York Telephone Co.—Purchase of Properties.

The I.-S. C. Commission, Aug. 23, authorized the acquisition by the company of the properties of Our Own Telephone Co.

On May 21 1929, the New York company contracted to purchase all the physical properties of Our Own company, free from all liens and encumbrances, for \$43,000, plus the value at the time of such sale of net additions, if any, in fixed capital assets made by Our Own company, with the consent of the New York company, subsequent to April 4 1929. The purchase price will be paid in cash. Our Own company has bonds outstanding to the amount of \$6,500. These will be taken care of out of the purchase price.

Additional Expenditures.

Important additions to the trunking equipment of various telephone central offices, construction of the local link of a new New York-Albany underground cable and more equipment for the long distance central office at 24 Walker St. are among the appropriations for Manhattan approved by the board of directors at the monthly meeting held Aug. 28.

President J. S. McCulloh announced that of the \$6,518,062 authorized for new construction in various parts of the territory served by the company, \$1,129,625 was set aside for Manhattan. The total amount approved since Jan. 1 is now \$76,172,667 of which \$67,168,885 has been allotted for plant enlargement in the Metropolitan area.

Another giant business structure, 23 stories in height, and in the extent of its floor space one of the largest in Long Island, is to mark the skyline of downtown Brooklyn (N. Y.) as the result of plans announced on Sept. 4 by the company. The new building, to stand on the northeast corner of Willoughby and Bridge Sts., will be the company's headquarters for the Long Island Area. In making known the purchase of the site and the general plans for its improvement, J. J. Robinson, Vice-President and General Manager for this area, which includes a Long Island and Staten Island, pointed to this project as practical evidence of the rapid and substantial growth, present and prospect, throughout these sections of the metropolitan and suburban territory. Completion of the building is scheduled

for the early fall of 1931. The main body of the structure will be of 18 stories, surmounted by a central tower of 5 additional stories, the height from the street level being upwards of 300 ft. The 23 floors will provide 325,000 sq. ft. of space. They will house the executive and staff officers of the Long Island Area, together with approximately 3,500 employees.

Victor E. Cooley, of Albany, N. Y., has been elected a Vice-President effective Oct. 1. In this capacity he will generally direct and coordinate the public relations activities and the publicity of the company. Mr. Cooley, at present the company's general commercial manager for up-state New York, succeeds Keith S. McHugh of Brooklyn, N. Y., who will assume on the same date the position of commercial engineer of the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., succeeding Lloyd B. Wilson, the new president of the Chesapeake & Potomac Telephone Co.—V. 129, p. 795, 129.

Niagara Share Corp.—Acquires Substantial Stock Interest in Title Guaranty Company.

See Lincoln Mortgage & Title Guaranty Co. under "Industrials" below. —V. 129, p. 1122, 631.

Northern Indiana Public Service Co.—New Financing.

An issue of \$15,500,000 1st and refunding mtge. 5% bonds has been sold to Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc. Proceeds from the sale of the issue will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures made for the expansion of its general gas and electric service. The new bond issue will be offered shortly.—V. 129, p. 281.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Rights.

The directors have authorized the issuance to common stockholders of 2 separate rights to purchase additional common stock. The first right will be to purchase 1 additional share at \$25 for each 10 shares held, while the second right will permit the purchase of 1 additional share at \$55 for each 10 shares held. Both rights apply to holders of record at a date still to be determined, presumably about Sept. 30 next.

The first right is designated "par offering No. 5" and is in continuation of the offerings made by the company in the past at approximately annual intervals since 1925. The second right is a special offering. Immediate application will be made to the California RR. Commission for the issuance of the stock covered by these rights.

By exercising both rights a common stockholder owning 10 shares may purchase 2 additional shares at an average price of \$40 a share. In other words, for \$80, the stockholder will receive 2 new shares having a present market value exceeding \$180.

The funds derived from the sale of stock under these offerings will be used in the prosecution of the company's construction program, a major item of which, is the completion of the remainder of the company's natural gas transmission and distribution systems, in conformity with the certificate of public convenience and necessity which has just been granted by the RR. Commission. This calls for an expenditure of about \$12,000,000 to \$13,000,000 and, with the unit from the San Joaquin gas fields to the San Francisco Bay Area, already completed and in operation, will enable the company to supply substantially all of the communities in its territory with natural gas. The present pipeline to the San Francisco Bay Area, estimated to have cost \$13,000,000, has already been financed. The company also has under way a large hydro-electric development on the Mokelumne River and it is equipping its San Francisco steam station with the most modern steam turbines, with an ultimate capacity of 300,000 h.p. Many other extensions throughout the company's territory will also be required during the ensuing year to meet the anticipated growth of business.—V. 129, p. 1441, 960.

Peoples Gas Co., Glassboro, N. J.—Operators Seek to Acquire Paulsboro (N. J.) Gas Works.

The Paulsboro (N. J.) Borough Council on Aug. 27 voted to sell the municipal gas works to the C. H. Geist Co. of Philadelphia, operators of the Peoples Gas Co. of Glassboro, subject to approval of the voters at a special election to be held this month. The Geist company bid \$210,000 for the plant and another Philadelphia concern, William Levering, \$202,568. A year ago the same two concerns submitted bids for \$181,250 and \$166,150, respectively, but these were rejected by the Council.—V. 126, p. 2964.

Puget Sound Power & Light Co.—Tenders.

The Old Colony Trust Co., trustee, 17 Court St., Boston, Mass., will until Sept. 27 receive bids for the sale to it of 1st & ref. mtge. gold bonds to an amount sufficient to exhaust \$247,946 at a price not exceeding par and int.—V. 128, p. 2805.

R.C.A. Communications, Inc.—Radio Service to Syria.

The opening of the first direct radio service between New York and Beyrouth, Syria, has been announced by Vice-President W. A. Winterbottom, previously messages from the United States destined for Syria were relayed through Paris or London. Beyrouth is the capital of Syria, which was separated from Turkey after the World War and placed under French Mandate by the League of Nations. For administrative purposes it is divided into four territories known as the States of the Levant. The other end of the new circuit is operated by Radio-Orient, the French company. Effective immediately, Radiograms to Beyrouth will be accepted at the rate of 46c a word, and deferred messages at 23c a word.

The corporation has also opened the first direct radio service to Costa Rica, Mr. Winterbottom said.—V. 128, p. 2092.

Societe International d'Energie Hydro-Electrique ("Sidro").—Recapitalization.

The stockholders have authorized the recapitalization of the company. The capital will be increased to 250,000,000 francs by the issuance of 13,000 preference shares of 250-franc par value and 23,400 ordinary shares of 1,250 francs par value, which are being subscribed for by the Sofina Co., the former at par and the latter at a price to be fixed later.

The founders' shares are to be exchanged into ordinary shares on the basis of 11 1-5 ordinary shares for 2 founders' shares. The new ordinary shares for this purpose are to be paid out of reserves.

The additional ordinary shares authorized will be ceded later by Sofina to its stockholders in the proportion of one-fifth new share against 8 preference shares or eight-fifths of an old ordinary share. The issue price for these shares will be 1,750 francs for each one-fifth share of a nominal value of 250 francs, the Sidro company to receive 227,500,000 francs from this offering.

The Sofina Co., in return for technical co-operation, is entitled to subscribe at par to 10% of every capital increase of the Sidro company.

President Despret of the Banque de Bruxelles said at the meeting that the orthoming balance sheet of Sidro would show the disappearance of a debt of 48,000,000 francs originating in the purchase of bonds and stock of the Barcelona Traction, Mexican Light and Mexico Tram companies, and that among the assets would figure 50,000,000 francs from guaranteed debtors.—New York "Times."

South Carolina Power Co.—Earnings.

Calendar Years—	1928.	1927.
Gross operating revenue	\$2,372,172	\$1,805,509
Oper. exps., incl. maint. & taxes, except Federal income taxes	1,277,993	1,084,063
Net earnings	\$1,094,179	\$721,446
Other income	67,380	51,110
Total income	\$1,161,559	\$772,556
Interest on funded debt	427,684	285,198
Other deductions	104,813	19,419
Provisions for renewals and replacements	104,507	90,000
Net income	\$524,554	\$377,939
Dividends on 6% preferred stock	135,583	74,892
Dividends on 6% 2nd pref. stock	120,000	150,000
Balance (before Federal taxes)	\$268,971	\$153,047
Earns. per sh. on 300,000 shs. com. stk. (par \$10)	\$0.89	\$0.51

Southern Colorado Power Co.—Acquisition.

Announcement has been made by W. N. Clark, Vice-President and General Manager, of the purchase of the Custer County Electric Co. serving Westcliffe, Colo., and adjacent territory. Several years ago a small steam plant supplied the town of Westcliffe and a line was constructed to the Terrible Mine at Ilse extending through the San Isabel Forest reserve. From Ilse

the line was extended to Querida to supply power for the Bassick Mine. This arrangement permitted the extension of a transmission line to Westcliffe and service was obtained from the Southern Colorado Power Co. and retailed in the town of Westcliffe by the Custer County Electric Co.

Swiss-American Electric Co.—Acquires Interest in Bogota Company.

A Swiss group including the above company, "Motor Columbus" and the South American Electric Co. has recently acquired an interest in the Enterprises Electriques Reunies de Bogota, adding another company to those in which this group is interested.

The Swiss holding companies, through this acquisition have extended their activities into a section of South America in which they have not been previously represented. The steady expansion of the company, in which the City of Bogota also owns an interest, will require large amounts of new capital and it is expected that this will be supplied for the most part by the Swiss interests.—V. 129, p. 281.

Union Traction Co. of Ind.—Minority Group Would Prevent Purchase by Insull.

Suit attempting to block the Insull purchase of the company's bonds at 20 cents on the \$1, as being a price "wholly inadequate and sacrificial," were filed in Marion County (Ind.) Circuit Court Aug. 30, by Gavin L. Payne, Indianapolis securities dealer, who some time ago was made Chairman of a minority bondholders' organization.

On application of Payne's attorney, Judge Harry O. Chamberlin, of the Circuit Court granted a temporary restraining order pending a hearing on a permanent injunction against members of bondholders' protective committees of the Union Traction Co. of Indiana and the Indianapolis & Northern Traction Co. and against the Indiana Trust Co., sub-depository for protective committee bonds.

Payne, acting for protesting bondholders whose investments are reported to exceed \$1,000,000, brought the action in his own name as the owner of \$19,000 of Union Traction of Indiana bonds and \$5,000 of Indianapolis & Northern bonds.

Authority of the Insull controlled Midland Utilities Investment Co. or any other individuals for the sale of bonds was attacked in the Payne suits. The complaints, reciting circumstances under which protective bondholders' committees of the Union Traction Co. were organized soon after the company went into the hands of a receiver, Dec. 31 1924, contends they were formed for the purpose of "protecting" bondholders interests through reorganization of the company or conservation of assets and not for the purpose of negotiating sales. As evidence of this understanding, the suits point to the preambles of the depository agreements of Jan. 15 1924.—V. 129, p. 1442.

United Light & Power Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings, of subs. & controlled companies (after eliminating inter-co. transfers)	\$92,763,132	\$88,154,871
Operating expenses	39,118,039	39,540,824
Maintenance, chargeable to operation	6,254,841	5,139,365
Taxes, general and income	8,731,321	7,954,593
Depreciation	7,170,617	6,009,262
Net earnings of subs. & controlled cos.	\$31,488,314	\$29,510,825
Non-operating earnings	574,257	281,908
Net earnings, all sources	\$32,062,572	\$29,792,737
Int. on bonds, notes, &c., of subs. & controlled companies due public	11,967,290	11,215,574
Amort. of bond & stock disc. of subs. & controlled companies	895,264	878,520
Divs. on pref. stocks of subs. & controlled cos. due public & proportion of net earnings attributable to common stock not owned by company	8,716,326	8,851,311
Gross income, avail. to company	\$10,483,692	\$8,847,332
Interest on funded debt	2,931,256	3,174,715
Other interest	4,818	42,580
Amort. of holding co. bond disc. & expense	121,287	183,378
Net income	\$7,426,331	\$5,446,659
x Class A preferred dividends	989,131	1,043,254
x Class B preferred dividends	289,210	307,080
\$6 cumulative 1st pref. dividends	415,504	
Balance available for common stock divs.	\$5,732,486	\$4,096,324
Earnings per share	\$1.76	\$1.26
x Called for redemption July 24 1929.		

Capitalization Outstanding (No Par). 500,000 shs. Class A common stock. 2,189,741 shs. Class B common stock. 1,060,000 shs.—V. 129, p. 961.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Common Div. No. 2.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend (No. 2) of 25c. per share on the common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10. The holders of common stock have the right and option to accept, in lieu of their cash dividend, common stock of the corporation at the rate of 1-40 of a share for each share of common stock standing of record Sept. 10.

A quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the class B stock was also declared, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10. The holders of class B stock have the right and option to accept, in lieu of their cash dividend, common stock at the rate of 1-40 of a share for each share of class B stock standing of record Sept. 10. Stock distribution at same rate paid on July 1 last.

A quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the class A stock was also declared, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10. The holders of class A stock have the right and option to accept, in lieu of their cash dividend, additional class A stock at the rate of 1-40 of a share for each share of class A stock standing of record Sept. 10. Same paid July 1 last.

A quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the 7% cum. pref. stock was also declared, payable Oct. 1 1929 to holders of record Sept. 10.—V. 129, p. 1442.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Refined Sugar Reduced.—The following companies Sept. 5 each reduced the price of refined sugar 20 points to 5.30c. a lb.: American National and Spreckels. Arbutke Bros. has also reduced the price of sugar to 5.35c. a lb.

Copper Prices Advanced.—Anaconda Copper Co. stated Sept. 4 that the price of copper wire has been advanced $\frac{3}{4}$ cent to 20 $\frac{3}{4}$ ¢.—N. Y. "Post," Sept. 4, p. 21.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Aug. 31.—(a) Tire output and shipments continue ahead of last year—tire inventories reach new high level, p. 1360. (b) Canadian pulp and paper exports in July valued at \$15,384,331—increase of \$262,169, over total for July last year, p. 1361. (c) Shoe workers strike at Lynn, Salem and Beverly, Mass., p. 1363. (d) Raise in pay averts strike of painters, employers grant 10% increase from \$12 a day to \$13.20, p. 1363. (e) Crude oil output in United States at new high level, p. 1364. (f) Coal wages advanced—Western Kentucky miners back on winter scale as demand improves, p. 1366. (g) Internal revenue collections for fiscal year ended June 30 1929 nearly three billion dollars, Federal income tax collections, \$2,331,274,429, p. 1382.

Aero Corp. of California, Inc.—Listing, &c.—The Los Angeles Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 328,038 shares of common stock of no par value out of an authorized issue of 500,000 shares. The listing circular says in part:

Corporation.—Chartered in Nevada on Nov. 15 1928. To conduct an air transport business, a flying school, operate airports, deal in airplanes, motors, and accessories, and to hold the stock of companies engaged in the aviation industry. The original charter authorized the company to issue a

maximum of 200,000 shares of no par common stock and 50,000 shares of preferred stock of \$50 par value.

The new company at once acquired the business and assets of the Aero Corp. of California, a corporation which had been operating an airport and general air transport business since 1926. This company had at the time of its acquisition total tangible assets valued at \$97,006, and total liabilities of \$52,964. It was acquired subject to the liabilities for 150,000 shares of the common stock of Aero Corp. of California, Inc.

All of the capital stock of Standard Airlines, Inc., an air transport company operating between Los Angeles, Phoenix, and other Arizona points, was next acquired by the issuance to the Standard Airlines stockholders of 475 shares of the preferred stock, series A, and 950 shares of the common stock of Aero Corp. of California, Inc.

In order to provide cash for the expansion program contemplated, 5,000 shares of series A preferred stock and 10,000 shares of common stock in units of one share of preferred and two of common stock were sold to the bankers at \$40 per unit.

Subsequently smaller amounts of preferred and common stock were issued for various purposes, up to May 1929. In May 1929 the stockholders of the corporation approved a resolution changing the number of authorized shares of common capital stock from 200,000 to 500,000, thus paving the way for further expansion. The directors in July 1929 authorized the sale of 163,994 shares of common stock to the stockholders of the company at \$2 per share, each share of stock then outstanding receiving the right to purchase one additional share. This sale has been completed.

The original Aero Corp. of California has been dissolved, and at present the Aero Corp. of California, Inc., has but one subsidiary, Standard Airlines, Inc.

Consolidated Income Account (Incl. Standard Airlines, Inc.)

	Mo. of July 1929.	Mos. End. July 31, '29.
Income from operations	\$37,152	\$153,067
Operating, mainten. & administr. expenses	24,705	149,352
Profit before providing for depreciation	\$12,448	\$3,715
Depreciation	3,238	20,283
Operating profit	\$9,209	def\$16,567
Est. liabilities for fire loss & amt. res. for conting.	1,456	8,636
Net profit	\$7,753	def\$25,203

The board of directors includes: Jack Frye (Pres.), Paul E. Richter, Jr. (Vice-Pres. & Treas.), Walter A. Hamilton (2nd Vice-Pres.), Guy Witter, (Nathan Newby, Harris M. Hanshue, L. G. McNeil, Robert L. Chambers, and Frank H. Hitchcock. E. R. Chisholm is Secretary.—V. 129, p. 130.

Airparts & Tool Corp.—Listing.

The Detroit Stock Exchange has accepted for listing 50,000 shares of class A convertible stock (no par value), and 56,900 shares of class B common stock (no par value). The Exchange has admitted to trading 50,000 units consisting of one share class A convertible stock (no par and one-half share class B stock (no par), and 56,900 shares class B stock.

The corporation was incorp. Aug. 9 1929 in Michigan, to acquire all of the assets, including good-will, of the Wayne Tool Co. and H. R. Krueger & Co., both of which are located in Detroit, Mich. (see V. 129, p. 1284.)

Pro Forma Balance Sheet at June 30 1929.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash in banks & on hand	\$66,219	Accounts payable—trade	\$53,681
Accounts receivable	174,218	Accrued charges	18,520
Inventories	79,958	Federal income tax	13,719
Life insurance	917	Capital stock 50,000 shares class A	
Cash available for building	100,000	A pref. stock	475,000
Capital assets	320,951	56,900 shares class B com. stk.	56,900
Real estate not used	1,318	Surplus	130,294
Patents and good-will	1		
Deferred charges	4,533		
Total	\$748,115	Total	\$748,115

—V. 129, p. 1284.

Allen Stockholding Corp.—Stocks Offered.

Allen & Co., Philadelphia recently offered 2,500 shares \$6 cumul. preferred stock (par \$100), 20,000 shares class A stock (no par value) in units of 1 share of pref. and 8 shares of common at \$200 per unit.

Dividends on the \$6 cumulative preferred stock, payable Q-J. Redeemable as a whole or in part at \$105 and divs. Class A stock is non-voting but holders are entitled to receive the same distribution in dividends as the common stock holders receive. In case of distribution or liquidation the class A stock holders and common stock holders shall receive ratably per share without any preference or distinction. The entire voting power is vested in the common stock.

Company.—Incorp. in Delaware in 1929. Upon completion of this financing company will own not less than 55% of the outstanding class A voting common stock and not less than 20% of the outstanding class B common stock of S. L. Allen & Co., Inc. The latter company is a manufacturer of agricultural implements (planet Jr.) and children's sleds (flexible flyer and fire fly), the business being the outgrowth of a partnership established about 50 years ago by S. L. Allen and W. H. Roberts for the manufacture of agricultural implements. The plant is located at Fifth and Glenwood Aves., Philadelphia. The average annual reported earnings of S. L. Allen & Co., Inc., after Federal taxes, for the five fiscal years ended June 30 1928, were \$186,677 equivalent, after provision for dividends at the rate of 7% per annum in \$347,000 par amount of preferred stock, and \$246,500 par amount of class B common stock, to \$32.25 per share of 4,500 shares of class A common stock now outstanding.

Capitalization—

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
\$6 cumulative preferred stock (par \$100)	6,000 shs.	2,500 shs.
Class A stock (no par)	60,000 shs.	20,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)	16,000 shs.	16,000 shs.

None of the common stock will be issued as a bonus for promotion or services, but each share of the common will be issued for cash at \$12.50 per share. The directors, officers and bankers are receiving no bonus or management shares. A three year option on 10,000 class A shares at \$12.50 per share has been given in connection with the issuance of the original shares of common stock.

Allied Kid Company.—Preferred Stock Listed.

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange 25,000 shares (no par value) convertible preferred stock. See also V. 129, p. 1124.

American Austin Car Co.—Production of 500 Cars a Day Planned for Early Next Year.

A Butler, Pa., dispatch Sept. 5 had the following: The local plant of the company will go on large-scale production early next year with a goal of 500 cars a day soon afterward, according to Elias Ritts, director. He added that between 2,000 and 2,500 men would be required and that many refinements of the English model were planned for the American motoring public. The cars are to cost from \$400 to \$500, according to the model.

The deed for the 15-acre site and factory, formerly the property of the Standard Steel Car Co. has passed to the American Austin Co. According to this, the Austin company paid \$1,000,000 and other valuable considerations for the site.

The following is from the London Stock Exchange weekly official "Intelligence":

The company was incorporated on Feb. 28 1929, to acquire from the Austin Motor Co., Ltd., Birmingham, an exclusive licence to manufacture and sell 7 h.p. Austin motor cars in the United States, Mexico, Cuba, North America, and all of the possessions of any country of North America, and the right to manufacture and sell in Canada (subject only to a right reserved to the Austin Motor Co., Ltd., to sell the English manufactured product in Canada). The said licence, which is dated May 18 1929, is for 10 years (subject to termination as therein provided) with the right for the American company, subject to the terms of the licence, to require prolongation for 10 years and reserves to the English company a royalty on all cars produced varying from 2% to 1% on the net selling price as therein defined and is terminable by the English company if the American company fails to produce the minimum number of cars therein provided or to pay the license fee payable on such minimum number. The sum of £2,000 is payable on the license taking effect, which sum includes the royalty on the

first 1,500 cars. The company has entered into a contract with the Standard Steel Car Co. (Pa.) dated June 4 1929, for the purchase of a factory, the price payable being \$250,000 in cash, of which \$100,000 is payable on the execution of the deed and the balance is payable at the expiration of 5 years and is to be secured in the meantime by a bond and first mortgage and the allotment to the sellers of 25,000 non-assessable and fully-paid shares of the company.

There are issued or agreed to be issued 300,000 (part of 1,000,000) shares of no par value. The company offered to sell to Bulkley, Vallance & Co. up to 475,000 shares on or before Sept. 15 1929, at \$9 per share and granted to the purchasers (if they accepted the whole 475,000 shares) an option exercisable on or before Sept. 15 1931, purchasing a further 175,000 shares at \$10.50 per share for the first 125,000, \$11.50 for the next 25,000, and \$12.50 for the remaining 25,000, the number of shares under option to be proportionately reduced if the purchasers did not accept the whole 475,000 shares by Sept. 15 1929; in addition the company agreed to pay the purchasers \$25,000. According to the statement published on Aug. 15, Bulkley, Vallance & Co. have agreed to buy 250,000 shares. A further 75,000 shares are under option (50,000 at \$9 per share until Sept. 15 1932, to the English company and Sir Herbert Austin jointly and 25,000, at \$10.50 per share until Sept. 15 1931, to H. H. Stockfeld.—V. 129, p. 1443.

American Safety Razor Co.—Decision.—

The U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals at Philadelphia, Pa., this week upheld the right of this company to the exclusive use of the names Gen, Eveready and Star on safety razor and blades, reversing the District Court of New Jersey, which had dismissed a suit by the company against the International Safety Razor Corp. and the International Safety Razor Sales Corp. for alleged infringement.

The Circuit directs the District Court to reinstate the American company's case and decide it in its favor.—V. 129, p. 1443.

American Service Co.—Notes Offered.—Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., are offering at 99½ and interest, yielding about 7.20%, \$1,000,000 3-year convertible 7% gold notes.

Dated Sept. 1 1929; due Sept. 1 1933. Interest payable M. & S. without deduction for the normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2% per annum. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500 c.

Data from Letter of J. A. Gibson, Vice-Pres., Kansas City, Aug. 30, 1929.

Company.—A Maryland corporation. Owns and operates, under centralized management 87 ice utility properties located in 13 adjoining southern and south-central states. The aggregate population of these communities is about 2,387,000, while the entire territory served by the plants has a population of approximately 4,800,000. The properties include ice manufacturing plants having a total daily capacity of 4,975 tons of ice, in addition to car icing, cold storage and other service facilities. These properties include land owned in fee, substantial buildings, complete ice-making machinery of standard types, delivery equipment, and cold storage buildings and equipment. Company is without competition in supplying ice in 24 communities, and in the other cities served, the company's plants rank as important units in the ice business.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st mtg. 15-year 6% gold bonds, series A	\$7,000,000	\$7,000,000
Series B	5,000,000	\$1,000,000
3-year conv. 7% gold notes (this issue)	1,000,000	1,000,000
5-year 6½% conv. debentures	3,000,000	2,966,500
Capital stock—		
7% pref. stock (par \$100)	7,500,000	3,526,800
Common stock (no par value)	5,500,000 shs.	225,670 shs.

* Pledged with the trustee as collateral securing 3-year conv. 7% gold notes, a 23,732 shares of authorized pref. stock reserved for conversion of debentures. b 303,330 shares of authorized common stock reserved for exercise of warrants, for conversion of notes and debentures.

Conversion Privilege.—Each \$1,000 of notes is convertible at any time prior to July 1 1932 into \$1,000 of company's 1st mtg. 15-year 6% series B bonds, plus 4 shares of the common stock. Each \$500 note is convertible into a \$500 series B bond, plus 2 shares of common stock. At the time of conversion, a cash adjustment for accrued interest will be made. If called for redemption prior to maturity, these notes are convertible only for a period of 20 days following the first published notice of redemption.

Earnings.—The combined earnings from the properties now owned, upon completion of present financing, for the 12 months ended July 31 1929, are as follows:

Gross revenues	\$4,995,240
Oper. costs and expenses, incl. maintenance and local taxes	3,579,564
Net earnings, before interest, deprec. and income taxes	\$1,415,676
Annual int. requirements of combined ser. A and ser. B bonds, giving effect to the conversion of this issue of gold notes into series B bonds	480,000

Security.—Secured by pledge with the trustee of \$1,000,000 series B 1st mtg. bonds. The series A and B bonds to be outstanding, will be secured by 1st mtg. on all fixed properties of the company now owned, and on all such property hereafter acquired, against which any bonds may be issued under the mortgage. The depreciated reproduction cost of the principal properties of the company, upon completion of present financing, is estimated to be in excess of \$16,600,000, based on appraisals by independent engineers, plus the cost of subsequent additions, and certain purchased properties. The total 1st mtg. bonds to be outstanding, upon the exercise of the conversion privilege, represent approximately 48% of such appraisals, subsequent additions and purchased properties.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be employed to acquire \$635,000 of 1st mtg. bonds and \$400,000 of pref. stock of Community Ice Co. and for other corporate purposes. Upon acquisition thereof the properties of the Community Ice Co. will be merged with the American Service Co. The properties of the Community Ice Co. include 11 ice manufacturing properties in North Carolina heretofore operated under American Service management.—V. 128, p. 1057.

American Wringer Co.—Initial Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial 75-cent cash dividend on the common stock, no par value, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 14.—V. 128, p. 4158.

Appalachian Corp. (Del.)—Stock Sold.—Gillet & Co., Baltimore, announce the sale at \$11 per share of 200,000 shares no par common stock.

Transfer agent, Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, Md. Registrar, The Continental Trust Co., Baltimore, Md.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	To be Presently Issued.
Common stock (no par value)	1,000,000 shs.	200,000 shs.

Stockholders will have no pre-emptive rights to subscribe for additional stock or securities.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this issue of stock on the Baltimore Stock Exchange.

Company.—Has been organized in Maryland to buy, sell, trade in, or hold, stocks and securities of every kind to participate in syndicates and underwritings, and to exercise such other of its charter powers as the board of directors may from time to time determine.

Management.—The investment policy of the corporation will rest in the hands of the board of directors. Corporation will enter into a management contract with Gillet & Co. whereby the latter will agree, under the supervision of the company's board of directors, to supervise its investments for a quarterly fee of ½ of 1% of the average assets of the company, provided, however, that the managers will receive no compensation unless the net profits of the corporation are in excess of 8% per annum on the average total assets. Gillet & Co. will be granted options for the purchase in the aggregate of an amount of common stock equal to 35% of all issued stock (including stock which would be issued pursuant to the exercise of the entire options) at the public offering prices of such stock.

Common Stock.—All common stock now authorized and to be issued is of the same class and all shares have identical rights as to voting, dividends and otherwise. The corporation will receive \$10 on the issue of each share of common stock now offered, with the exception that Gillet & Co. have purchased a substantial interest in the corporation at \$11 per share. The amount received will be net to the corporation, as Gillet & Co. will pay all expenses in connection with the organization, as well as the issuance and distribution of this stock. The corporation may offer time from time, subject to favorable market conditions, such debentures, preferred stock, or other securities carrying such terms and provisions as at the time of their

issuance the board of directors may determine to be for the best interests of the corporation.

Armstrong Cork Co.—New President, &c.—

John J. Evans, former Vice-President and General Manager, has been elected President, succeeding C. D. Armstrong, who resigned to become Chairman of board of directors.—V. 129, p. 634.

Art Metal Works, Inc.—Increases Dividend.—

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15. This places the stock on a regular \$3 annual dividend basis. The dividend heretofore has been on the basis of \$2.40 a year or 60 cents quarterly.

President L. V. Aronson, stated that the working capital position of the company is now so strong that the directors felt a more liberal dividend policy to be justified. He also stated that the outlook for business for the rest of the fiscal year was unusually good, and the monthly earnings of the company continue to show substantial increases.—V. 129, p. 963.

Austin, Nichols & Co., Inc.—Rumors Denied.—

In connection with published reports that a substantial minority interest in this company has been acquired by one of the most prominent food corporations, President T. P. McCarthy stated that the officers know nothing of this acquisition. He further declared, that the company is not planning a system of house-to-house deliveries by truck, does no retail business and contemplates none.—V. 128, p. 4325.

Automatic Washer Co.—Rights.—

Convertible preference stockholders will be entitled to receive on Oct. 1 one share of common stock for each two shares of convertible preference held as of record Sept. 1. (See offering in V. 127, p. 1679).—V. 129, p. 1444

Beneficial Industrial Loan Corp.—Loans Increase.—

This corporation, the largest "small loan" company in the United States, will lend more than \$56,000,000 in amounts of \$300 or less during the current year, according to an estimate by Clarence Hodson & Co., Inc., based on results of subsidiary companies for the first five months of the year. This compares with a total of \$46,735,185 for the calendar year of 1928, during which 331,841 transactions were made and loans averaged slightly more than \$140 each.

The corporation controls a system of more than 250 industrial loan subsidiaries which serve more than 230 cities in 21 states. It was formed as a result of the consolidation of the American Loan Co., Industrial Bankers of America, Inc. and the former Beneficial Industrial Loan Corp. Loans are made "on character" without the necessity for endorsers. It is estimated that more than 80% of the people of the country have need of access to credit facilities of this kind.—V. 129, p. 800.

Bickford's, Inc.—Initial Dividends.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the new common stock, no par value, and an initial dividend of 69 1-3 cents per share on the new preference stock, no par value, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10. The preference dividend covers the period from June 20 to Sept. 30. (See offering in V. 128, p. 3829).—V. 129, p. 284.

Blue Ridge Corp.—Increases Investments.—

The corporation has obtained for its investment portfolio more than \$16,000,000 worth of the common stocks of the 21 leading industrial, public utility and railroad stocks listed on the New York Stock Exchange, for which it offered to exchange its optional 6% convertible preference stock and common stock two weeks ago.

The extent of the exchange became known when it was disclosed that the corporation had applied to the New York Curb Exchange for the listing of an additional 228,591 shares of its preference stock and an equal number of shares of its common stock. All this additional stock is being issued by the corporation in exchange for shares of common stocks of the 21 companies listed in the original offer. The value of this stock, based upon the public prices of \$51.50 for the preference shares and \$20 for the common, figures out as \$10,544,257.

The acquisition of this block of stocks by Blue Ridge Corp. increases the total assets of the corporation, consisting exclusively of cash and listed common stocks, to more than \$143,500,000. The company, which was formed under the joint sponsorship of the Goldman, Sachs and Harrison Williams interests, received at least \$127,500,000 net from the proceeds of the sale to the public by Goldman, Sachs & Co. of 1,000,000 shares each of common and preference stock and to Shenandoah Corp. of 6,250,000 shares of its common stock.

The corporation, within two days of the offering, closed its books for the receipt of tenders under the exchange offer for the 21 stocks, which was made simultaneously with the public offering by the bankers, C. F. Stone, its President, stated at that time that the closing of the books applied only to that specific offer and that the corporation was continuing its policy of exchanging its shares for stocks of corporations in which it desired to make an investment. Such exchange offers are expected to be made from time to time, either publicly or privately.—V. 129, p. 1286.

Bohn Aluminum & Brass Corp.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the capital stock, no par value, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 14. Like amounts were paid on this stock on Jan. 2, April 1, and July 1 last. A quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share was paid on Oct. 1 1928, while from July 1 1927 to July 1 1928 incl., quarterly distributions of 37½ cents per share were made.—V. 129, p. 800.

Borden Co.—Listing.—

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 3,738,244 shares of capital stock, of \$25 par value.—V. 129, p. 964.

Borne-Scrymser Co.—Omits Extra Dividend.—

The regular semi-annual dividend of \$1 per share has been declared on the capital stock (par \$25) payable Oct. 14 to holders of record Sept. 27. In addition to the usual semi-annual disbursement of \$1 per share, an extra 50 cents per share was paid on April 16 and Oct. 15 1928. In both April and Oct. 1927 the company paid an extra dividend of 75 cents per share.—V. 128, p. 1402.

British-American Tobacco Co., Ltd.—Stock Increased—To Offer New Preference Stock.—

At a meeting of the shareholders, resolutions were passed approving an increase in the company's capital stock to £36,000,000, by the creation of 6,000,000 shares of 6% cum. preference stock of £1 par.

Sir H. Cunliffe Owen, Chairman, said: "It is the present intention of the directors to issue these 6,000,000 shares to the public at par early next month. While the shareholders will not be given any rights, it is the intention of the directors to give the common and preference shareholders who apply for the new issue preferential allotment as far as possible on a pro rata basis with their present holdings." "In the past 3 years, the company has invested over £3,000,000 in subsidiaries. In addition, money had to be provided for the erection of new factories to cope with increased sales, and for the enlargement of the head office. No part of the new issue will be required to meet the company's present commitments, but additional money will be required shortly and the directors prefer having the cash in hand to borrowing from a bank."

The chairman also stated that he had no knowledge of any arrangement contemplated or pending with Carreras, Ltd.—V. 129, p. 1287.

(Edward G.) Budd Mfg. Co.—Registrar.—

The Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for 1,100,000 shares of no par common stock.—V. 129, p. 1446.

Canadian Car & Foundry Co., Ltd.—Stock Split-up.—

The shareholders will vote Sept. 26 on approving a resolution ratifying and confirming, with or without modification, by-law B, subdividing the 75,000 shares of cum. preference stock \$100 into 300,000 shares of cum. preference stock (par \$25), and subdividing the 100,000 ordinary shares (par \$100) into 400,000 ordinary shares (par \$25).

Upon approval of the foregoing changes in the capital structure of the company and the issue of the necessary supplementary letters patent to confirm same, each preference shareholder will be entitled to a certificate for 4 new cum. preference shares of the par value of \$25 each for each of the present cum. preference shares, of the par value of \$100 and each ordinary shareholder will be entitled to a certificate for 4 new no par value

shares for each of the present ordinary shares, of the par value of \$100 the whole upon surrender of the outstanding certificates.

President W. W. Butler says: "This action has been taken by the directors after due consideration and follows the practice adopted by many other large industrial corporations, which tends to a wider distribution of the shares of a company and enables the small investor to acquire an interest therein."

At present there are outstanding 75,000 shares of pref. stock and 91,450 shares of ordinary stock, par \$100.—V. 128, p. 2997.

Canadian Dredge & Dock Co.—Earnings, &c.—The directors met on Aug. 30 and considered the statement of operations for the first 6 months of its fiscal year, ending July 31. During that period the company has carried on its operations in Prince Edward Island, Quebec, New Brunswick and at Prescott, Sarnia, Port Arthur, and the Welland Canal in Ontario.

The company has a considerable amount of unfinished work on hand and has extensive operations in view for the future, it is announced.

The statement presented to the directors showed the company's revenue for this 6 months' period, after all charges, including depreciation and ample reserves for contingencies, but not including Federal income tax, to be \$319,916, being a sum in excess of the total dividend requirements for the full fiscal year. Net current assets are shown at \$1,137,251 consisting very largely of cash and government bonds.—V. 128, p. 3689.

Canton Co. of Baltimore.—Pennsylvania RR. Denies Ownership of Canton RR.—

The following is taken from the Baltimore "Sun" of Sept. 3: The Pennsylvania RR. has denied the I-S-C. Commission that it has directly or indirectly purchased the Canton R.R. properties.

The Pennsylvania's denial, made in answer to a petition of the Western Maryland RR. asking for reopening of hearings in the Canton R.R.'s case to obtain higher switching charges, caused general surprise.

With the Pennsylvania officially denying ownership or financial interest in the Canton R.R., railroad men asked who purchased the railroad last June and why. The answer may reveal the undercover movements on the railroad consolidation chess board, it was contended.—V. 128, p. 4326.

Cardon-Phonocraft Corp.—Stock Sold.—W. E. Hutton & Co. have sold at \$24 a share 100,439 shares of no par value capital stock. The stock offered has been acquired from individuals and the sale is not for the account of the company.

Transfer Agents, Guardian Trust Co. of Detroit, and Peoples National Bank, Jackson, Mich. Registrars, Union Trust Co., Detroit, and Peoples National Co., Jackson, Mich.

Capitalization—

Capital stock (no par)	Authorized	Outstanding
Industrial stock (no par)	*2,000,000 shs.	803,512½ shs.
	50,000 shs.	None

Note.—*50,000 shares reserved for conversion of Industrial stock.

Data from Letter of Captain William Sparks, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Organized to succeed the Cardon Corp. and the Phonocraft Corp. and is the result of a consolidation or merger of these two companies. The new company manufactures radio vacuum tubes and automatic radio phonograph combinations. The phonograph instrument has been on the market for some time and is one that automatically changes records that have been put into the machine. This machine is so constructed that from 15 to 20 records may be placed in the machine at one time, and these may be of various sizes. After a record has been played the machine automatically lifts it from its position, carries it out into a drawer constructed for that purpose, and begins playing the next record.

The radio tubes are sold under the trade name of "Cardon" and the phonograph and radio combination is known as the "Sparks Ensemble." Both are being sold through radio distributors and dealers throughout the United States and Canada.

The corporation owns its own land and buildings, having a 3 story, brick sprinkled building at Jackson, Mich., containing approximately 225,000 sq. ft. of floor space. Machinery for the manufacture of radio tubes is of the latest design, much of which is the result of development in the company's plants. The company at the present time is more than doubling its capacity of a year ago and the orders actually in hand show a large increase over the previous year.

Earnings.—The combined net earnings after Federal taxes of the Cardon Corp. and the Phonocraft Corp. (which two companies were acquired by the Cardon-Phonocraft Corp. as of July 1 1929), for the year ended June 30 1929, as shown by the certified report of Ernst & Ernst, were \$1,168,393.

Industrial Stock.—The 50,000 shares of industrial stock authorized but not issued have been authorized for the purpose of providing a stock issue which may be sold to employees at some time in the future under restrictions to be fixed by the directors of the company. This stock, at such time and in such manner as may be determined by the directors and in accordance with the by-laws of the company, may be converted from industrial stock into the no par value shares of the company.

Listing.—Application will be made to list the stock on the Detroit Stock Exchange.

Central Securities Co. of Asheville, Inc.—Bonds Offered.—An issue of \$1,500,000 6% coll. trust gold bonds series B was recently offered at 100 and int. by Mortgage Guarantee Co. of America, Atlanta, Ga.

Dated Feb. 1 1929; maturities: 3, 5, 10, 15 and 20 years. Principal and int. payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, and at principal office of the Central Bank & Trust Co., Asheville, N. C., trustee. Demons \$1,000 and \$500 c*. Int. payable (A. & P.). Company has agreed to refund all State, county or municipal security taxes up to 5 mills or State income taxes not exceeding 6% of the interest thereon in any State upon proper application made within 90 days after due date and payment. Subject to call at the option of the company as a whole or in part on any int. date at 101 and int. to date of redemption.

Security.—Bonds are the direct obligation of the company. In addition to the company's resources they are specifically secured by the deposit of collateral trust certificates, gold bonds or other similar evidences of indebtedness, which are direct obligations of mortgage companies of the highest standing, and/or U. S. Govt. obligations, and/or cash representing at all times an amount equal to not less than 100% of the face amount of the bonds. The obligations of mortgage companies deposited as security for these collateral trust gold bonds are secured by closed first mortgages on improved city and suburban real estate and/or U. S. Govt. obligations and/or cash in an amount equal to not less than 100% of such outstanding obligations.

Excess collateral of 1%, consisting of first mortgages approved by the trustee, and/or U. S. Govt. obligations, and/or cash is required to be deposited by the Central Securities Co. of Asheville, Inc., to further insure the payment of principal and interest, thus the total aggregate face amount of collateral deposited is equal to 101% of the outstanding bonds.

Mortgages.—The mortgages deposited as underlying collateral to secure this issue of bonds never exceed 60% of the appraised value of the property securing same, the average being well under this per cent, and the majority of the loans are subject to amortization payments, resulting in a constant increase in underlying equities. The valuations determining the amount of the mortgages are the result of appraisals made concurrently with the closing of each loan, by independent appraisers. The majority of the mortgages so deposited are secured by owner-occupied residences located in substantial Southern cities.

Guarantees.—Payment of principal and interest on part of the mortgages deposited with the primary trustees to secure the collateral underlying these bonds is irrevocably guaranteed by the Maryland Casualty Co. with \$46,797,003 resources, and on the remainder by the United States Fidelity & Guaranty Co., with \$69,845,139 resources.

Childs Company.—August Sales.—

With sales totalling \$2,478,206, for the month the company established an August record for its chain of restaurants in the United States and Canada, it was announced by Treasurer L. E. Buswell. The increase over August 1928 was \$260,982. Although July had established a record, the August increase was \$12,000 greater than the July increase.

Prospects for September sales, according to Mr. Buswell, are bright, and it is believed a new record may be established. The August record was accomplished with 3 stores fewer than were operated in August 1928. Although several stores have been discontinued, new and elaborate stores are being opened. The most magnificent of these will be the one in the

Savoie-Plaza Hotel to be opened in November. The restaurant will cover 12,000 square feet, will be of early Spanish Renaissance style, and will feature a garden and a fountain with skylight illumination. The sale of the Savoie-Plaza property a year ago brought a million dollar profit to the company. The sale terms called for restaurant space to be leased back to Childs Co., and this lease has been put into effect.—V. 129, p. 966, 286.

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.—Stock Offered.—A. G. Becker & Co. and J. A. Sisto & Co. are offering at \$43 a share 50,000 shares no par value common stock. These shares do not represent any new financing on the part of the company.

Transfer agent: The Equitable Trust Co. of New York. Registrar: The New York Trust Co.

Capitalization	Authorized	Outstanding
5½% sinking fund gold debentures	(Closed) 188,000 shs.	\$2,800,000
Convertible preference stock	*500,000 shs.	188,000 shs.
Common stock		199,469 shs.

*188,000 shares reserved for conversion of convertible preference stock. The convertible preference stock is entitled to cumulative dividends of \$3.50 per share per annum. It is convertible into common stock share for share at any time up to the fifteenth day prior to the redemption date.

Data from Letter of H. A. Jackson, President of the Company.

Company.—Organized in New Jersey in 1901. Was the pioneer in the portable pneumatic tool business. It has always occupied a leading position in this field and is now the largest manufacturer of pneumatic tools in the world. The company also manufactures air compressors, gas and oil engines of the Diesel and semi-Diesel types, rock drills, electric tools and other appliances which are sold to a large number of customers in many different industries. Its products, which are standard throughout the world, are used extensively in structural steel work, in road building and in the railroad, oil and mining industries.

Company's principal plants are located at Detroit, Mich., Cleveland, O., and Franklin, Pa.; additional plants are operated at Montreal, Can., by the Canadian Pneumatic Tool Co., Ltd.; at Fraserburg, Scotland, by the Consolidated Pneumatic Tool Co., Ltd., and at Berlin, Germany, by the Internationale Pressluft & Elektrizitats Gesellschaft, wholly owned subsidiaries of the Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co. Branch offices or selling agencies are maintained in the principal cities of the United States and in foreign countries.

An extension of the facilities of the Company's Franklin plant completed some months ago provides a material increase in air compressor and Diesel engine production and effects a substantial reduction in manufacturing cost.

Earnings.—The consolidated net earnings of the company and subsidiaries for the three years ended Dec. 31 1928, after depreciation, interest and Federal income taxes, available for dividends, as independently certified, and the balance of such earnings available for dividends on the common stock after deduction of an amount equal to the annual dividend requirement of the convertible preference stock are shown below:

Calendar Year	1928.	1927.	1926.
Available for dividends	\$1,272,104	1,210,106	1,226,537
Balance for common stock	614,104	552,106	568,837
Per share common share	\$3.07	\$2.77	\$2.85

Current Operation and Outlook.—As indicated above the company's business has expanded very materially during 1929 and at the present time all of its plants are operating at capacity. The increased demand for all of its products has been due in part to the favorable condition of general business throughout the country and in part to improvement in the company's standard line and the introduction of new products. During the year a number of additions have been made to the company's line of electric tools which have met with general favor and there has also been a very considerable increase in the Diesel engine business of the company.

The outlook is very promising. A new and improved oil well drill bit will be announced in the near future. The very satisfactory tests of this drill bit which have been carried on by several of the largest oil companies in the country indicate that its introduction should result in a material increase in the company's business. Another new development with interesting possibilities is pneumatic equipment for lifting oil in oil wells past the flush stage.

Foreign sales of the company show large gains. Markets abroad for American portable pneumatic tools have been expanding steadily during the past few years and this company is in excellent position to benefit from the increased foreign demand.

The experimental work regularly carried on by the company is an important factor in the development of the business through the improvement of the company's products and the extension of its line.

Listing.—The common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30 1929.

Assets	Liabilities
Capital assets	Convertible preference stock x\$9,400,000
Inv. in affiliated company	Common stock
Funds in hands of trustee	5½% debentures
Inventories	Notes payable
Accounts receivable	Accts. payable, incl. payrolls,
Notes receivable	accc. liab. & prov. for Fed.
Cash in banks & on hand	taxes
Deferred charges	Bond interest accrued
	Reserves for contingencies
	Surplus
Total	Total

x Represented by 188,000 no par shares. y Represented by 199,469 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 480.

City Stores Co.—Earnings.—

Period End	July 31—1929—3 Mos.—	1928.	1929—6 Mos.—	1928.
Net profit after res. for deprec. & conting. & deduct. of minor. stk.	\$25,553	\$61,475	\$46,312	\$302,939

int. but before Fed. tax
—V. 129, p. 966.

Claude Neon Lights, Inc.—New Suit Filed.—The corporation has just filed suit against the Rainbow Light, Inc., and the Rainbow Luminous Products Corp. in the U. S. District Court, Southern district of New York, charging the continued infringement of the Claude Patent 1,125,476, validated by the Circuit Court of Appeals one year ago. The Claude Neon bill of complaint attacks their so-called high-pressure tubes.—V. 129, p. 802.

Cliffs Corp.—\$1 Initial Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the common stock payable Sept. 20 to holders of record Sept. 10. See also Cleveland-Cliffs Iron Co. in V. 128, p. 3832.

Commercial Credit Co., Baltimore.—New Director, &c.—Waddill Catchings, member of the firm of Goldman Sachs & Co. and President of the Goldman Sachs Trading Corp., has been elected a director. The company has entered into a contract with the Carborundum Co. of Niagara Falls, N. Y. for the retail time-sale financing of their oil burner products. The Carborundum company has a capitalization of \$10,000,000 and assets, as of the end of 1928, in excess of \$21,000,000.—V. 129, p. 1128, 1115.

Commercial Investment Trust Corp.—To Increase Capitalization.—The stockholders will vote Sept. 10 on increasing the authorized common stock (no par value) from 2,000,000 shares to 7,500,000 shares, and on approving the issuance of 2½% new shares in exchange for each common share owned.—V. 129, p. 1447.

Consolidated Factors Corp.—New Name, &c.—See Pelz-Greenstein Co., Inc. below.—V. 129, p. 286.

Consolidated Textile Corp.—Earnings.—

Period End	June 30—1929—3 Mos.—	1928.	1929—6 Mos.—	1928.
Operating profit	loss \$3,477	\$251,371	\$284,925	
Net loss after int., depr., reserves & adjust	304,908	49,320	318,252	\$212,880

—V. 129, p. 1447.

Cord Corp.—Organized, &c.— Lyndol L. Young & Co., Los Angeles have issued a circular describing the company from which we take the following:

Company.—Incorp. June 14 1929. Company concentrates control as well as management of various units at present included in the Auburn line-up under one organization. It will act as a financing subsidiary for Cord enterprises, acquiring additional properties and developing additional products closely allied with, although not integral parts of the Auburn production program. Among these the Corman Aircraft Co. is included on which considerable development and experimental work has already been undertaken by the controlling interests in Auburn. It is expected to be motored and single motored airplanes will shortly be produced which will be equipped with Lycoming Radial Aircraft motors, manufactured by the Lycoming Manufacturing Co.

We are informed that the Columbia Axle Co., recently purchased by this corporation, is one of the largest producers in the world of automobile axles.

Priced at around \$3,500, it is apparent that "Cord" is departing from conventional automobile design and aiming for a place in the industry never before occupied by another car. The Cord, for the time being, is a specialty car different from others and without any purpose of displacing rear-drive cars, although its exclusive features in safety, easy handling and outstanding performance suggest a revolutionary development. This is further emphasized by the unusual interests the new design has created in the trade and with the buying public, which has placed upward of 2,000 orders before complete specifications or prices have been announced. We are advised that 6,000 of these cars will be produced before Jan. 1 1930.

Earnings.—Outside the exceptional earnings now being shown by the Auburn Automobile Co. and Lycoming Manufacturing Co., the initial sales of "Cord" front drive cars indicate very large profits for this corporation which cannot help but be reflected in the market price for this stock.

Price of Stock.—Since the formation of the corporation on June 1929, over the counter sales in New York and Chicago ranged between \$20.50 and \$28 per share. This stock has recently been listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange and the Los Angeles Curb Exchange. Trades are now being made on the unlisted department of the New York Curb Exchange. Since listing, the stock has sold as high as \$31 per share.

Directors.—Directors of the corporation include the following: E. L. Cord (President, Auburn Automobile Co.); L. B. Manning (Pres., Manning & Co., Investment Bankers); J. H. McCormick (Pres., Lycoming Manufacturing Co.); Fred S. Duesenberg (Vice-Pres., Duesenberg, Inc.); R. H. Faulkner (Vice-Pres., Auburn Automobile Co.); Ellis W. Ryan (Vice-Pres., Auburn Automobile Co.); B. D. Dewees (Pres., Saf-T-Cab Co.); R. S. Pruitt (Sec. & Gen. Counsel Auburn Automobile Co.); J. D. Bobb (Pres., Limousine Body Co.); and P. P. Willis (Pres., P. P. Willis, Inc., Advertising).

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Common stock 10,000,000 shs. 2,246,486 shs.

Pro Forma Balance Sheet as of Aug. 1 1929. Assets—Cash \$5,391,632; Securities owned—at cost Auburn Auto. Co., com. stock 16,800,800; Auburn Auto. Co., stock purchase warrants 1,063,735; Lycoming Mfg. Co., com. stock 3,348,225; Columbia Axle Co., com. stock 949,987; Other stocks 953,205; Organization expense 35,000. Total \$28,551,635. Liabilities—Provision for Federal inc. tax 20,500; Common stock 2,246,486; Paid in surplus 17,148,642; Earned surplus 150,062. Total \$28,551,635.

Corticelli Silk Co.—Balance Sheet June 30.— Assets—1929, 1928. Real estate, machinery, &c. \$2,588,414; Inventory 4,005,806; Cash 703,916; Investments 54,226; Notes & accts. rec. 1,543,429; Furn., fixt., &c. 659,378; Unexp'd ins., &c. 152,504; Sinking fund 94,676; Good-will 1. Total \$12,638,260. Liabilities—1929, 1928. Preferred stock \$1,500,000; Common stock and surplus 4,698,093; Acc'ts & notes pay. 2,750,727; Accrued wages 102,532; Div. on pref. stock 105,511; Miscell. reserves 150,999. Total \$9,494,447.

Crown Willamette Paper Co.—Balance Sheet July 31 1929. Assets—Cash \$1,241,213; U. S. Government bonds 200,412; Call loans 600,000; Demand loans 2,850,000; Accounts & notes receivable 3,539,760; Inventories 6,351,322; Investments 55,800; Sinking fund 63,647; Land, timberlands 29,520,227; Buildings, machinery 26,609,228; Bond discount 131,195; Unexp'd insurance 127,043; Prepaid expenses 207,511; Miscellaneous 37,714. Total \$71,535,072. Liabilities—Accounts payable 1,741,666; Bond interest 222,064; Real & personal property tax 436,179; U. S. & Canadian inc. taxes 440,419; Dividends declared 11,810; Crown Willamette 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds 18,715,500; Pacific Mills 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds 2,447,000; Guaranteed 1st mtge 6% gold bonds 1,809,950; Notes payable 1930-34 1,020,000; Miscellaneous reserves 525,595; Minority int. in Pacific Mills 1,573,404; Capital & surplus 42,591,485. Total \$71,535,072.

* Represented by 200,000 shares no par value \$7 cumulative first preferred, 41,000 shares no par value \$6 cumulative second preferred and 1,000,000 no par value common.

Our usual comparative income account for the 3 and 6 months ended July 31, was published in V. 129, p. 1449.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—Time for Deposits Extended.— The holders of the convertible debentures, preferred stock and common stock of the corporation are notified by the reorganization committee that the time within which the foregoing securities may be deposited with the respective depositories under the plan and reorganization agreement has been extended to and incl. Sept. 11 1929, and the time within which all holders of the inclusion warrants may exercise such warrants has been extended to and incl. Sept. 18 1929. The Committee states that more than two-thirds of the convertible debentures and more than two-thirds of each class of the capital stock of the company have been deposited but additional deposits must be made before the plan can be declared operative. The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$7,448,900 certificates of deposit for 10-year 7% convertible debenture bonds, due Jan. 1 1930; \$17,551,100 certificates of deposit 10-year 7% convertible debenture bonds, stamped 8%, due Jan. 1 1930; 500,000 certificates of deposit for shares of 7% cumulative convertible preferred stock and 500,000 certificates of deposit for shares of common stock on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding debentures and stock certificates.—V. 129, p. 1449.

Cuban Dominican Sugar Corp.—Meeting Postponed.— A meeting of the bondholders of the Cuban Dominican Sugar Co., called to consider the plan proposed by the company to raise \$4,000,000 to meet current maturities and expenses, was held at the office of The National City Bank of New York, trustee, Sept. 5, as scheduled. More than a majority of the outstanding bonds have been deposited with the committee and were represented by the committee at the meeting. The officers of the company pointed out that the outlook at this time had improved since the plan was originally proposed and that, at the present price of sugar, the \$4,000,000 to be made available by the plan, if approved by 75% of the bondholders, would not merely provide temporary relief but, so far as could now be foreseen, would enable the company to continue to meet its interest payments on its bonds and all other obligations, until the eventual improvement of conditions in the industry.

It was pointed out that even a slight improvement in the raw sugar market would materially increase the company's earnings and consequently the value of the purchase warrants to be attached to deposited bonds. It was emphasized that the plan involved no expense to any bondholder and under it the company would not lose control of its Barahona properties after their transfer to the new subsidiary, Barahona Sugar Corp., as the 40,000 shares of common stock of that subsidiary, having sole voting power, would be owned by the company and pledged as security for the bonds.

While a sufficient number of bonds have already been deposited with the committee to permit, under the terms of the trust indenture, the sale of the Barahona securities as provided in the plan, it was pointed out that the underwriting of the \$4,000,000 provided by this transaction was conditioned upon 75% of the bondholders depositing their bonds under the plan. The meeting voted to adjourn until Sept. 19, in order that the additional amount of bonds requisite to secure this underwriting might be obtained, and in order that all bondholders might have an opportunity to participate in the benefits of the plan.—V. 129, p. 1289.

Curtiss-Wright Corp.—Registrar.— The Central Hanover & Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for 1,200,000 shares of the class A stock.—V. 129, p. 1449.

Durham Hosiery Mills.—Earnings.— Earnings for 6 Months Ended June 30 1929. Gross profit \$248,569; Provision for depreciation 49,916; Interest paid 28,706; Special repairs & change 19,314. Net profit \$150,632. Balance, Jan. 1 1929 (def) 4,562,823; Fixed property adjustment Dr. 59,252. Balance, June 30 1929 (def) \$4,471,442.

Balance Sheet June 30 1929. Assets—Cash \$226,981; Notes receivable 10,457; Accounts receivable 205,156; Inventories 1,343,892; Other notes & accounts receivable 56,044; Real estate, build., mach. & eq. 2,960,574; Deferred charges 27,577; Deficit 4,471,442. Total (each side) \$9,302,123. Liabilities—Notes payable \$699,320; Acceptances payable 97,339; Accounts payable 65,500; Accrued accounts 23,745; Mortgage bonds 12,500; Street assessments 6,829; Accounts payable—machinery 11,891; 6% 1st mtge. serial gold bonds 375,000; Surplus reserves 100,000; Preferred 7% cumulative stk. 2,910,000; Common class A stock 1,250,000; Common class B stock 3,750,000. Total (each side) \$9,302,123. Note.—Accumulative unpaid preferred dividends amounted to \$965,575 on June 30 1929.—V. 128, p. 3520.

Earle Drug Stores, Inc.—Stock Offered.—Warren A. Tyson & Co., Inc., Philadelphia are offering at \$12.50 per share 90,400 shares common stock (no par value).

Free of present Pennsylvania personal property tax. Pennsylvania Co. for insurances on Lives & Granting Annuities, Philadelphia, transfer agent. The First National Bank of Philadelphia, registrar.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Common stock (no par value) 200,000 shs. 105,000 shs. Data from Letter of George G. Barber, Chairman of the Board.

History and Business.—A Pennsylvania corporation. Has arranged to acquire, after completion of this financing, 12 strategically located and successfully operated drug stores in the City of Philadelphia, and one in Camden, N. J., which have been selected out of a group of 78 stores which have been examined and audited. Company will use approved and successfully tested chain store merchandising methods, thereby obtaining various advantages in volume, central warehousing, reduction of distributing costs, and other methods adaptable to economical chain store operation.

Purpose.—Proceeds of the sale of this stock will be used to purchase the stores to be acquired presently, and others on which options will be exercised, and also to provide ample working capital for the successful operation of the stores and other corporate expenses. The right is reserved to reject any stores and to substitute any other stores which meet the approval of the board of directors.

Sales and Earnings.—Based on an examination of the individual store records by Barrow, Wade & Guthrie, certified public accountants after providing for depreciation, state and Federal taxes at 12%, the sales and net earnings accruing to the former owners of the stores proposed to be included in this operating group are as follows:

1929, 1928, 1927. Sales \$1,363,122; Net earnings \$1,182,807; Net per share \$1.628.

Note.—1929 volume and earnings for year estimated on actual first 6 months' performance. Dividends.—It is the intention of the management to declare an initial dividend at the rate of \$1 per annum; first quarterly payment of 25 cents per share for the period from Oct. 1 1929 to Dec. 31 1929.

Pro Forma Balance Sheet August 1 1929. (After this financing). Assets—Cash \$100,000; Inventories 206,000; Furniture fixtures 179,740; Goodwill, leasehold 368,260; Organization expenses 50,000. Total \$904,000. Liabilities—Capital stock issued & outstanding 105,000 shares \$904,000. Total \$904,000.

The initial stores to be acquired by Earle Drug Stores, Inc. have valuable long term leases; the average for this group will be in excess of 9 1/4 years.

Listing.—Company has agreed to make application to list this stock on the Philadelphia Stock Exchange.

El Royale (Apartments), Los Angeles, Calif.—Bonds Offered.—S. W. Straus & Co., Inc., are offering at par and int. \$760,000 1st mtge. fee 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated July 15 1929; due July 15 1944. Bonds are exempt from personal property tax in California.

Security.—This bond issue is secured by a closed first mortgage on the land in fee, the completed building thereon and certain furniture and furnishings situated in the building.

The land is situated at the southeast corner of Rossmore and Rosewood Aves., having a frontage of approximately 218.68 feet on Rossmore and 175 feet on Rosewood, comprising an area of approximately 38,269 square feet.

El Royale, completed in June, 1929 and occupying the northerly half of the land, is a 12 story apartment building, also containing mezzanine floor, basement and sub-basement. It is of reinforced concrete, fireproof construction with exterior of cement-plaster and cast-stone trim, containing 270 unfurnished, rentable apartment rooms divided into suites as follows: 12 of 3 rooms; 1 of 4 rooms; 14 of 5 rooms; 16 of 6 rooms; 2 of 7 rooms; 4 of 8 rooms and 2 of 9 rooms. The basement and sub-basement contain 6 maid's rooms, commissary, supply and storage rooms and a well equipped garage of 80 cars capacity. All apartment rooms will enjoy uninterrupted light, ventilation and view because of the 2 street frontages, and the fact that the southerly half of the property is beautifully landscaped and equipped with tennis court, putting green and gardens.

Valuation.—The value of the mortgaged property has been independently appraised as follows: Land value, Herman Spitzel, appraiser \$275,101; Building value, W. Douglas Lee, Architect and Engineer 960,000; Furniture and furnishings of public space, Herman Spitzel 51,677.

Total \$1,286,778. Based on these appraisals, this bond issue represents less than 60% of the appraised value of the mortgaged property.

Estimated Earnings.—Based on rentals obtained in this vicinity it is estimated this property will yield a net annual income of not less than \$107,270 available for payments required under this bond issue, after making ample deductions for taxes, insurance, operation and vacancies.

This is more than twice the amount of the greatest annual interest charge and is \$40,870 in excess of the greatest combined annual interest and sinking fund payments.

**Etablissements Kuhlmann (Chemicals), France.—
Stock Increased.—**

The shareholders have authorized the immediate increase in capital of the company to 312,500,000 francs from 300,000,000 francs, by the issue of 50,000 ordinary shares of 250 francs nominal value at 725 francs each. They also approved the eventual increase in capital to 400,000,000 francs. The immediate increase is for the purpose of absorbing a small French company.—V. 128, p. 736.

**Ferro Enameling Company.—Earnings.—
Earnings for 7 Months Ended July 31 1929.**

Net sales	\$1,269,177
Operating exp., incl. cost of sales, deprec. & all taxes	1,008,289
Net profit	\$260,888
Earned per class A share (25,000 shares)	\$6.00
Earned per class B share (25,000 shares)	\$4.43
Earnings available for class A stock pref. dividend per share	\$10.43

—V. 129, p. 1450.

**(Marshall) Field & Co., Chicago.—Obituary.—
Kersey Coates Reed, Secretary and director, died at Beacon, N. Y., on Aug. 29.—V. 129, p. 135.**

Fleischmann Co.—Sale Approved.—

The stockholders on Aug. 31 approved the offer of the Standard Brands, Inc., to purchase all of the property and assets of the Fleischmann Co., including good-will. The consideration consists of the assumption by the Standard Brands Company of all the liabilities of the Fleischmann company and the payment to the latter of an amount in cash equal to the par value of the preferred shares plus accrued dividends and 11,250,000 shares of common stock of the Standard Brands, Inc., to be distributed to common stockholders of the Fleischmann company at the rate of 2½ shares of such stock for each share of common stock of the Fleischmann company, owned.

Holders of certificates of deposit for preferred stock who elect to receive 4 shares of common stock of Standard Brands, Inc., for each share of Fleischmann preferred stock in lieu of the 1 share of \$7 cumul. pref. stock, series A, of Standard Brands, Inc., which they will otherwise receive, must surrender such certificates of deposit, with notice of election to take common stock, not later than the close of business on Sept. 14 1929.—V. 129, p. 1450.

Food Machinery Corp.—2% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a 2% stock dividend, payable to stockholders of record Sept. 10.—V. 129, p. 640.

Ford Motor Co. of France (Ford, Societe Anonyme Francaise).—Listed.—

Ford of France American depositary receipts of the City Bank Farmers Trust Co. have been admitted to unlisted trading privileges on the New York Curb Exchange. The stock, 60% of which is held by the Ford interests has been traded in on the Paris Curb Market for some time past and on Sept. 3 was admitted to full trading on the Paris Bourse. The capital stock of the company amounts to 130,000,000 francs, authorized and outstanding, par value 100 francs and of the 1,300,000 shares, 520,000 were offered in France at public subscriptions.

The following is taken from a circular issued by Calvin & Co., New York: History & Business.—Company was formed as a consolidation of "Automobiles Ford" and "Credit Ford." "Automobiles Ford" was established in 1916 as the selling organization for Ford Motor Co. in France, and "Credit Ford" was established in 1925 to finance transactions in connection with the sale of automobiles, tractors, &c., but especially with regard to Ford motor cars, Fordson tractors and Lincoln motor cars.

Ford Motor Co. of France is engaged in the purchase, sale, manufacture, assembling and repairing of automobiles, tractors and aeroplanes, in general, and particularly of the Ford motor cars, Fordson tractors and Lincoln motor cars, as well as the spare parts and accessories of these three makes. &c., connected directly or indirectly with the company.

Capitalization.—In accordance with the authorization of the board of directors at their meeting on April 20 1929, the capital of Ford Motor Co. of France was increased from Frs. 78,000,000 to Frs. 130,000,000 fully paid in, by the issue of 520,000 additional shares of Frs. 100 par value.

Management.—The board of directors of the company is as follows: Edsel Bryant Ford, Sir Percival Lea Dewhurst Perry, K.B.E., L. Carle, J. G. Charpentier, M. Dollfus, Hon. Roland Dudley Kitson, D.S.O., M.C., A. Peytel, Marquis de Solages, Charles Emil Sorensen.

Plant Facilities.—Company owns at Asnières, on the Seine, near Paris, real estate covering 75,000 square meters, on which are situated important industrial buildings, together with railroad terminal, wharfage and warehouse facilities. An additional plant is located at Bordeaux.

Earnings.—It is understood that during the first six months of the current year, earnings after all prior charges averaged over Frs. 3,000,000 per month, exclusive of the Fordson tractor, Lincoln motor car and spare parts divisions. These earnings were, it is reported, made on the production of 55 to 65 cars per day, which, it is understood, can be stepped up to 95 cars per day without increasing overhead.

Balance Sheet.—A consolidated balance sheet as at Dec. 31 1928, of the two constituent companies, "Automobiles Ford" and "Credit Ford" is given below. This balance sheet does not give effect to the increase in capital from Frs. 78,000,000 to Frs. 130,000,000, through the issue, at par for cash, of 520,000 shares of Frs. 100 par value, referred to above.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
	Frs.		Frs.
Areas, buildings, equipment, various installations.	26,225,128	Capital	78,000,000
Cash on hand and in banks	9,140,712	Legal reserve	11,811
Bills receivable	3,234,583	Accounts payable	11,012,668
Bills unpaid & collectible	65,394	Fund for taxes on commercial profits	582,249
Clients & various accts. receiv.	6,527,452	Dividend "credit Ford" 1928	300,000
Stock & merchandise	44,784,008	Profit & loss (balance carried forward)	70,550
Total	89,977,280	Total	89,977,280

(H. H.) Franklin Mfg. Co.—Earnings.—

7 Months Ended July 31—		
	1929	1928.
Net income after charges but before Fed. taxes...	\$1,417,937	\$519,031
Earns. per sh. on com. after pref. divs. & taxes	\$3.77	\$0.72

Despite the usual late summer slump in the automotive industry generally, the Franklin Automobile Co. of Syracuse, N. Y., during August broke all previous shipping and sales records for this month. The company shipped 1,150 cars during the month which compares with shipments of 755 cars during August of last year. The largest previous August was in 1917 when the company shipped 1,133 cars. This year, there were approximately 1,000 Franklin cars sold at retail as compared with 810 cars sold during the largest previous August. The company's total shipments for the first 8 months of the year reached 11,201 cars as compared with 10,566 cars in the largest previous year.—V. 129, p. 1451.

Gadsden (Ala.) Land & Building Corp.—Bonds Offered.—

Ward, Sterne & Co. and Marx & Co., Birmingham, Ala. are offering \$400,000 1st mtg. serial 7% gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated Aug. 1 1929; due serially 1931-1943. Principal and int. (F. & A.) payable at First National Bank of Gadsden, trustee; American-Traders National Bank of Birmingham, or Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York, at option of holder. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Callable, in whole or in part, on 30 days notice, in inverse order of maturity at 105 on or before Aug. 1 1932, and thereafter at 103.

Data from Letter of R. S. Richardson, Gen. Mgr., Dated Aug. 22. Company.—Incorporated in December 1928 for the purpose of carrying out the provisions of certain contracts with Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co., to make available housing for the employees of the Goodyear plants at Gadsden, recently completed at a cost reported to be in excess of \$5,000,000 and expected to employ some 1,800 men. The company has a capital stock of \$1,000,000, of which \$973,000 has been paid in. The balance is represented by solvent subscriptions.

Security.—The company owns 552 acres of land adjoining the Goodyear plant at Gadsden, on which 475 houses, containing 1,836 rooms, have been erected. It also owns 42 lots in the principal residence sections of Gadsden, on which 30 houses have been erected for department heads and others in similar positions. The entire development represents a cost of \$1,337,000. The bonds will be secured, in the opinion of counsel, by a first lien on these properties.

Guaranty.—A group of substantial stockholders of the company, said to represent a net worth of not less than \$3,000,000, jointly and severally guarantee, in the event of foreclosure, to purchase the property at a figure sufficient to pay all outstanding bonds, accrued interest, premium and expenses.

Additional Bonds.—In the event the company is required by the Goodyear company to build additional houses, \$100,000 additional bonds may be issued against an equal amount spent in the construction of new houses on the property.

Income.—The net annual income from the present properties is estimated at \$88,000, which is more than three times the amount required to pay the interest on \$400,000 bonds and more than 50% in excess of the amount required to pay the maximum annual charge for interest and serial payments on \$400,000 bonds. Should additional bonds be issued, it is estimated that the additional annual revenue to be received from the additional houses will be sufficient to pay interest on the necessary bonds and provide for their retirement in 15 years.

General Amer. Investors Co., Inc.—Merger Approved.—

A \$40,000,000 merger of investment trusts was ratified on Sept. 5 at special meetings of the stockholders of this company and of the Second General American Investors Co., Inc., which will be merged under the name General American Investors Co., Inc.

The new company will continue under the same management and sponsorship as the predecessor companies, which were organized and have been directed under the banking auspices of Lazard Freres and Lehman Brothers. The capitalization of the new company will consist of the combined capitalization of the constituent companies, there will be outstanding: \$7,500,000 of 5% debentures due 1952, \$10,000,000 6% cumulative pref. stock of \$100 par, accompanied by warrants entitling the holders to subscribe to two shares of common stock at \$10 per share during 1930, at \$12.50 per share during 1931, at \$15 per share during 1932, 1933 and 1934. There will be outstanding: 1,300,000 shares of common stock of a totaled authorized issue of 3,500,000 shares.

New temporary certificates for shares of stock will shortly be available at the office of the Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York, for exchange for certificates of stock of the constituent companies. See also V. 129, p. 1131.

General Instrument Corp.—Stock Offered.—

Cass, Howard & Co., Inc., Los Angeles, recently offered 15,000 shares class A stock and 15,000 shares class B stock in units of 1 share of each at \$22.50 per unit, substantially all of the remainder of the 100,000 shares having been subscribed directly through Vincent Bendix and associates at \$22.50 per unit.

Class "A" Stock.—\$20 par, callable at \$30, preferred as to \$1.50 dividend per annum; participates with class "B" stock and convertible into class "B" stock.

Class "B" Stock.—Entitled to 50c. per share dividend per annum after class "A" stock receives \$1.50 dividend, after which both share alike in any additional dividends.

Capitalization—	Authorized	Outstanding
Class "A" stock	200,000 shs.	152,000 shs.
Class "B" stock	1,200,000 shs.	711,000 shs.

Company and Business.—Corporation has been organized by Vincent Bendix and associates to acquire James P. Marsh & Co., Chicago; The American Paulin System, Inc., Los Angeles, and Tiffany Mfg. Co., Newark, N. J. The constituent companies manufacture well-known lines of instruments for aircrafts, automobiles, railroad locomotives, steamships, buildings, refrigeration, scientific uses, manufacturing plants, &c.

In addition to co-ordinating the present sales and manufacturing facilities of the constituent companies, Bendix Aviation Corp. will contract to distribute a major portion of the output of aircraft instruments and devices.

As a result of negotiations now pending, it is planned that General Instrument Corp. will be able to offer for sale as complete a line of instruments and allied products for the uses described above as may be had anywhere in the world.

Assets of the consolidated companies will amount to in excess of \$4,500,000 of which approximately \$2,250,000 will be in cash.

Management.—Vincent Bendix, Chairman; Orville W. Thompson, Pres.; C. W. Curtis, Vice-Pres. in charge of production; W. J. Buetner, Sec.-Treas.; Herbert E. Linden, Vice-Pres.; Horace L. Blackman, Vice-Pres. in charge of sales; F. N. Bard.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this stock in Chicago and on the New York Curb Exchange.—V. 129, p. 1132.

Goldman Sachs Trading Corp.—1½% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly stock dividend of 1½%, payable on Oct. 1 1929, to holders of record Sept. 13 1929, in shares of capital stock of the corporation to the extent that full shares are issuable and in cash in lieu of fractions of shares, calculated at the closing bid price of the stock on Sept. 13 1929. A like amount was paid on April 1 and July 1 last.—V. 129, p. 1292.

(B. F.) Goodrich Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 100,000 additional shares of common stock (no par value) upon official notice of issuance and payment in full, pursuant to agreement to purchase the assets of Hood Rubber Co. and 42,500 additional shares of common stock, upon official notice of issuance in conversion of the 10-year 5½% convertible gold notes, due Oct. 15 1936, of Hood Rubber Co. making a total amount applied for 1,196,138 shares.

Hood Rubber Co., Inc. has been incorporated in Delaware to acquire all of the property and assets as a going concern, including the good-will, of Hood Rubber Co. (Mass.) Hood Rubber Co., Inc. is acquiring such property and assets in consideration of the issue of 100,000 shares of the common stock of The B. F. Goodrich Co., and assumption of liabilities of Hood Rubber Co., including liabilities for retirement of preferred and special stocks and liabilities under 2 note issues. Hood Rubber Co., Inc. is acquiring the 100,000 shares of common stock of The B. F. Goodrich Co. in consideration of the issue by Hood Rubber Co., Inc. to The B. F. Goodrich Co. of 10,000 shares of the capital stock of Hood Rubber Co., Inc. Hood Rubber Co., Inc. is a wholly owned subsidiary company of The B. F. Goodrich Co.

Hood Rubber Co. has outstanding \$5,000,000 10-year 5½% convertible gold notes due Oct. 15 1936, which notes are convertible into common stock of Hood Rubber Co. The indenture provides that, in case of sale of all the assets and business of Hood Rubber Co., the purchasing corporation must agree with the trustee that the conversion privileges shall continue effective as to allvert will receive, in respect of shares of Hood Rubber Co. into which he would otherwise be entitled to convert the note, the same consideration in money, securities or property which that number of shares would have received at the time of the sale. Since under the contract of sale the common stockholders of Hood Rubber Co. are to receive in liquidation shares of common stock of The B. F. Goodrich Co. at the rate of one share of common stock of The B. F. Goodrich Co. for each 2 shares of common stock of the Hood Rubber Co., it is necessary for Hood Rubber Co., Inc. and The B. F. Goodrich Co. to enter into an agreement with Bankers Trust Co. as trustee, to carry out the terms of the trust Indenture of Hood Rubber Co. The notes are convertible as follows: Each \$1,000 principal amount of notes is convertible into 17 shares of Hood Rubber Co. common stock if the conversion is made during 1929, into 16 shares if made during 1930 and into 15 shares if made during 1931. After Dec. 31 1931, there is no right of conversion. Accordingly, the conversion rate into common stock of The B. F. Goodrich Co. during said periods, respectively, would be as follows: During 1929, 8½ shares; during 1930, 8 shares and during 1931, 7½ shares for each \$1,000 of Hood Rubber notes. Conversion of such notes may require the issuance by The B. F. Goodrich Co. of a maximum of 42,500 additional shares of the common stock of the B. F. Goodrich Co.

Hood Rubber Co. also has outstanding \$5,200,000 15-year 7% sinking fund gold notes due Dec. 1 1936.

Tentative Pro Forma Balance Sheet June 30 1929.

[After giving effect to the proposed acquisition of the net assets and the retirement of the preferred stocks of the Hood Rubber Co. and its subsidiaries.]

Assets.	
Cash in banks and on hand	\$9,226,603
Trade accounts & notes receivable, after deducting reserve to cover doubtful accounts, discounts and allowances	35,311,177
Other accounts and notes receivable and sundry accounts	1,594,630
Raw materials, supplies, partly manufactured & finished stock	55,175,692
25-yr. 6 3/4% 1st mtge. gold bond sink. fund in hands of trustee	540,375
Due from employees on account of purchase of common stock and treasury common stock	383,979
8,546 shares of 7% cumul. preferred stock in treasury, at par	854,600
Securities of subsidiaries purchased and held for redemption	108,249
Investments and advances to other companies	3,457,675
Real estate, buildings, machinery and sundry equipment, less reserve of \$19,277,999.20 for depreciation and obsolescence	59,268,297
Prepaid insurance, interest, taxes, &c., including portion of preliminary of subsidiary companies	2,496,732
Total	\$168,418,008

Liabilities.	
Bills payable (parent company)	\$11,767,500
Bills payable (issued by subsidiary companies)	8,912,222
Accounts payable	10,998,376
Sundry accrued liabilities	1,398,248
Provision for Federal income tax	854,777
25-yr. 6 3/4% 1st mtge. gold bonds due July 1 1947	22,072,000
Bonded indebtedness and debentures of subsidiary companies	12,341,589
Reserves: For contingencies in connection with affiliated company acquired	1,493,007
For general contingencies	1,000,000
For pensions	600,000
Miscellaneous	331,319
Minority stockholders' interest in subsidiary companies	2,482,253
7% cumulative preferred stock	32,720,000
Common stock	x34,423,187
Surplus	26,735,216
Employees' net credits on subscriptions to 84,700 shares of common capital stock	288,312
Total	\$168,418,008

x Authorized 1,500,000 shares of no par value. Outstanding 1,053,638 shares, \$92,221,188. Less exclusion of intangible capital assets; namely patents, trade-marks and goodwill, per contra \$57,798,001. **Intangible Capital Assets.**—This balance sheet does not take into account the capital assets of goodwill on the books, amounting to \$57,798,001, or the patents or trade-marks carried on the books at \$1, but shows the condition of the company on the basis of tangible capital assets.—V. 129, p. 1291, 1133.

Gorham Inc.—Status Explained.

See Gorham Mfg. Co. below.—V. 129, p. 641.

Gorham Manufacturing Co.—Status Explained.—On account of some confusion in the public mind between the identity of Gorham Manufacturing Co. and Gorham, Inc. and their respective securities, Alfred K. Potter, Vice-Pres. & Treas. of Gorham Mfg. Co., submitted the following information to the stockholders:

Gorham Manufacturing Co. (Incorporated in Rhode Island).

Business.—Manufactures sterling silverware, plated silverware, architectural and statuary bronze, tablets, ecclesiastical wares and silver polish. Sells its product through two wholly owned subsidiary companies through the Gorham Co., that portion of its product bearing the Gorham trade mark, this distribution being primarily through retail jewelry stores; through the Alvin Corp. that portion of its product bearing Alvin trade mark, this distribution being through jewelers, department stores and jobbers.

Securities.—Has outstanding July 1 1929 186,380 shares no par value common stock, principally in the form of voting trust certificates. Admitted to unlisted trading privileges on New York Curb Exchange.

Investments.—Owns entire capital stock the Gorham Co. Owns entire capital stock the Alvin Corp. Owns 25,000 shares (entire issue) common stock class B (which subject to certain restrictions may elect a majority of the board of directors), also 32,383 shares out of a total of 125,000 shares common stock class A of Gorham, Inc.

Dividends.—Current annual rate \$2 in cash, payable 50 cents Q. M. Also paid 5% stock dividend June 3 1929.

Gorham, Inc. (Incorporated in Delaware).

Business.—A holding company owning the entire capital stock of Black, Star & Frost-Gorham, Inc., New York City, and of Spaulding-Gorham, Inc., Chicago, Ill. These subsidiary companies operate retail jewelry stores, the former in New York City, Southhampton, N. Y., and Palm Beach, Fla., and the latter in Chicago and Evanston, Ill., and Paris, France. These stores deal in retail in fine jewelry, gems, silverware, leather goods, stationery, &c.

Securities.—Has outstanding as of July 1 1929 110,000 shares no par value \$3 cumulative preferred stock with warrants attached for purchase of common class A at varying prices up to 1934; 125,000 shares no par value common class A; 25,000 shares no par value common class B similar in all respects to common stock class A, except that it has the right (subject to certain restrictions) to elect a majority of the Board of Directors.

The entire issue of common stock class B is owned by Gorham Manufacturing Co. Both \$3 cumulative preferred and common class A are listed on New York Curb Exchange.

Dividends.—On the \$3 cumulative preferred \$3 per annum payable (Q.-F.) no dividends yet declared on class A common.—V. 129, p. 641.

Gosnold Mills Corp.—Subscription Rights Extended.

The directors have extended the time in which to subscribe to \$330,000 7% notes to Sept. 10. It is stated that between one-half and two-thirds of the issue had been taken up prior to Sept. 1.—V. 129, p. 973.

Greif Bros. Cooperaage Corp.—Earnings.

Period Ended	1929—3 Mos.	1928—3 Mos.	1929—6 Mos.	1928—6 Mos.
Net earnings	\$119,989	\$101,965	\$232,839	\$157,293

—V. 128, p. 4013.

Grocery Store Products, Inc.—Listed.

The stock has been admitted to listing by the Board of Governors of the New York Curb Exchange.—V. 129, p. 1452.

Hambleton Corp.—Stock Offered.—Hambleton & Co., Inc. are offering 100,000 shares participating cumulative \$3 dividend preferred stock and 100,000 shares no par value common stock in units consisting of 1 share of participating preferred and 1 share of common at \$65 for each unit, plus an amount equal to accrued on the pref. stock at rate of \$3 per share per annum.

Transfer agents: Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore; Chase National Bank, New York City; Registrars: Mercantile Trust Co., Baltimore, Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York, and State Bank of Chicago.

Preferred stock is preferred as to \$3 cumulative dividends and as to assets in event of liquidation up to \$55 per share and divs. Non-redeemable. Non-voting. Participates equally with the common stock in any additional dividends paid in any year up to \$5 per share after the common as a class shall have received an amount in dividends equal to the preferred stock dividends paid in that year. Dividends payable March 1 and Sept. 1. After \$3 cumulative dividend has been paid on the participating preferred stock in any year the common shall receive such dividends during that year as the board of directors may declare until an amount has been paid which shall equal the aggregate amount of dividends paid on the preferred stock during such year. Any additional dividends paid will be divided equally between the preferred and common stocks, both as to classes, until preferred stock shall have received \$5. Shall have full voting rights.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Partic. cumul. \$3 div. pref. stock	200,000 shs.	100,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)	200,000 shs.	200,000 shs.

Hambleton & Co. and its associates have purchased 100,000 shares of the common stock for \$1,000,000. On completion of this financing, the corporation will receive in excess of \$7,000,000 in cash, as the initial step in its operations. The corporation will not have outstanding any bonus stocks, options or "rights" of any kind.

Company.—A Delaware corporation. Has been formed for the purpose of acquiring control or substantial interests in banks, public utilities, industrial companies, investment companies, and other concerns in order to bring about consolidations or to engage in development work looking to the creation of seasoned securities for sale to affiliated banking organizations and others.

The corporation is in a position to establish certain financial relations with various companies which should prove of material financial benefit, making initial investments and providing the machinery for consolidations, expansions, &c., preliminary to the development of larger situations and larger profits when, later, securities are offered or when the properties or interests in them are sold without securities being offered.

It may buy, sell or trade in securities, participate in underwritings and syndicates and in such other investment activities as the board of directors may determine.

Management.—Certain executives of Hambleton & Co. will be the executives of the corporation, with T. Edward Hambleton, President of both organizations. Supplementing the executive organization, staffs of both organizations will be drawn from the various branches of business with which the corporation will deal. An engineering staff will support the executive and management branches of the corporation. By reason of the community of interest between the corporation and its banking affiliations, the corporation will be provided with important outlets and markets in the principal cities of the United States, and in London, England, supported by a distributing staff qualified to market investment securities.

One of the corporation's banking affiliations, Hambleton & Co., has been continuously in business since 1865.

Allotment Certificates.—These units are offered for delivery on or about Sept. 15 1929, in the form of allotment certificates, which will be exchangeable for preference stock certificates and common stock certificates on Jan. 1 1931, or earlier at the option of the corporation.

Listing.—Application will be made to list this stock on the New York Curb.—V. 129, p. 1452.

Hayes Body Corporation.—Offering Price Changed.

The stockholders on Sept. 4 approved a proposal to amend the articles of association of the corporation relating to capital stock so as to change from \$60 per share to \$20 per share, the price at which the stockholders may subscribe and pay for their prorate shares of the authorized and unissued stock of the corporation, and at not less than which the balance of said authorized and unissued stock not subscribed by the stockholders may be sold by the directors.

The stockholders also formally approved the issuance of 52,020 additional shares of capital stock. Stock not subscribed for by the stockholders will be underwritten by an Eastern syndicate, a Detroit dispatch says. See also V. 129, p. 1292.

Hercules Motor Corp.—Co-registrar.

The National City Bank of New York has been appointed co-registrar of 312,500 shares of common stock of no par value.—V. 129, p. 974, 486.

Home Mortgage Co., Durham, N. C.—Bonds Offered.

Smith, Hull & Co., Inc., Minneapolis are offering at 100 and int. \$500,000 guaranteed 1st mtge. coll. 6% gold bonds, series "L".

Both principal and interest are guaranteed by endorsement of Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York. Maturities 1931 to 1941, incl. Demom. \$500 and \$1,000. Principal and int. payable at the First National Bank, Durham, N. C., trustee, or at the principal office of the Fidelity Trust Co. of New York. Callable as a whole or in part on or before three years from date at 102 and interest and on any int. date thereafter and not later than 10 years from the date hereof at 101 and thereafter at 100 and int. In event of default all or part of the issue may be called by the Surety Co. at par plus int. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%.

The company with a net worth of over \$1,750,000 is engaged in the real estate mortgage loan business and in the purchasing of first mortgages on improved city real estate in the State of North Carolina. Company operates in the larger cities and towns of North Carolina.

These bonds are the direct obligation of the company and are specifically secured by deposit with the trustee, of real estate first mortgages, trust deeds, &c., obligations of the United States and (or) cash equal in the aggregate to not less than 100% of the principal amount of the bonds outstanding. The first mortgages deposited as security are all on fee simple improved or income producing real estate and are approved as proper collateral for the bonds of this series by the Metropolitan Casualty Insurance Co. of New York, the guarantor.—V. 128, p. 4166.

Hood Rubber Co.—Merger Approved.

The stockholders on Aug. 30 authorized the directors to sell the property, assets and business of this company to the B. F. Goodrich Co. Under the plan, Hood Rubber common stockholders will receive one share of Goodrich common stock for each two common shares held. The 7 1/4% preference, 7% preferred and employees' special stock of the Hood company, will be called for payment in addition to the 7% preferred stock of the Hood Rubber Products Co. See also B. F. Goodrich Co. above.—V. 129, p. 1293.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Shipments Increase.

Shipments of Hudson and Essex cars up to Sept. 1, of this year are announced as 267,341 as against 230,019 in the same period of 1928, a gain of 16.2%. This is the best 8 months record the company ever has known, leaving less than 15,000 Hudson and Essex cars to equal the shipping record of 282,204 for the entire year 1928, the announcement says.

To assure a steady seasonal reduction of car stocks in the hands of its distributing organization, the company is shipping at the rate of around 85% of present retail sales, as reported weekly to the factory by distributors and dealers. On this basis August shipments were 17,309.—V. 129, p. 896.

Humble Oil & Refining Co.—20c. Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 20c. per share, in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 30c. per share, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 11. Like amounts have been paid quarterly since and including July 1 1926.—V. 128, p. 3838.

Hunt's Limited.—Earnings Increase.

Net profits after all charges except income taxes, for the half year ended June 30 1929, were \$57,934. This compares with \$75,482 for the entire year 1928. The increase in earnings was accomplished despite the fact that only one of the four new stores opened since Jan. 1 was operating during the period. As the final half of the year, which benefits from the large Christmas trade, is always productive of greater profits than the first half, it is expected that profits for the full year 1929 will very largely exceed those for 1928.

Three new stores, one in St. Catharines and two in Toronto, on College St., at Dovercourt and at 3210 Yonge St., will be opened early in October, in time to share in the Christmas business. These will bring the total number of stores operated by the company up to 30 as against 23 at the end of 1928.

As at June 30, company had \$125,000 out in call loans in addition to cash in bank of \$16,880, whilst ratio of current assets to current liabilities was 3.2 to 1 as compared with 2.9 to 1 on Dec. 31 last. Earned surplus stood at \$209,229 as against \$171,233 on the earlier date. Goodwill is carried at the nominal sum of \$1. The company has neither bonds, mtges. nor preferred stock outstanding, the 7% 1st and 2nd pref. stock issues having been retired last March.

The capitalization now consists of 33,656 shares of common stock, paying dividends at the rate of \$1 per share per annum. These shares are sub-divided into 18,656 class A and 15,000 class B shares, which are identical in all respects except that only the class B shares have voting rights. Net earnings for the first half of this year, before income taxes, were thus equivalent to \$1.72 on each share of stock outstanding.—V. 128, p. 4331.

Hutchinson Co.—Bonds Offered.—William R. Staats Co., San Francisco, are offering at 100 and int. \$250,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds.

Dated June 1 1929; due June 1 1944. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c*. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at Central National Bank of Oakland, Calif., trustee, without deduction for Federal income tax up to 2%. Red. in whole or in part, at the option of the company, on any interest date on 40 days' notice at 102 and int. Exempt from California personal property tax.

Table with columns: Capitalization, Authorized, Outstandg. Rows include 1st mtge. 6 1/2% sinking fund gold bonds and Capital stock (\$10 par).

Data from Letter of Dwight Hutchinson, President of Company.

Business and Property.—Company was incorp. March 10 1903 in Calif., and since that time has been engaged in the contracting business, mainly railroad construction and all types of street and road pavements.

Company operates four quarries, two of which are located on San Francisco Bay, affording delivery by water to all local points about the Bay, at lower rates than quarries depending on railroad transportation.

Assets.—The pro forma balance sheet as of April 30 1929, after giving effect to this financing, shows current assets of \$585,792; current liabilities of \$203,354 and net current assets of \$380,438; the ratio of current assets to current liabilities being about 2.8 to 1.

Security.—These bonds are to be secured by a direct 1st mtge. on the company's Stege quarry in El Cerrito, Contra Costa County, Calif., and by the buildings, machinery and equipment located on the quarry property and used directly in connection with the quarry operation.

In addition to the mortgage security these bonds are to be the direct obligations of company which owns other valuable properties and has a profitable contracting business in addition to its quarry operations.

Earnings.—Earnings for the calendar years have been as follows:

Table with columns: 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows include Profit before deprec., Fed. tax, Deprec. of plants, etc., and Profit before interest & Federal tax.

Sinking Fund.—A sinking fund is to be provided in the trust indenture requiring the company to deposit annually with the trustee, beginning in 1931, sums of money sufficient to redeem all of this issue by maturity.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used to pay certain of company's unsecured obligations.

Officers.—Dwight Hutchinson, President, and Harry C. Hutchinson, Sec.

Hygrade Food Products Corp.—In Foreign Fields.—

Chairman Frank R. Warton before sailing for Europe said that he was making the trip to follow up the many inquiries the company has had from Europe for its products. Germany particularly was in the market for certain of the company's food products, he said, adding that he anticipated considerable export business during the balance of the year.

Illinois Greyhound Lines, Inc.—Bonds Offered.—Lane Piper & Jaffray, Inc., Minnesota Co., First Minneapolis Co. and Northern National Co. recently offered at 100 and int. \$200,000 1st mtge. 6 1/2% gold bonds (closed issue).

Dated July 1 1929; due July 1 1934. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in United States gold coin at the office of the trustee. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%.

Issue.—Subject to authorization by the Illinois Commerce Commission.

Data from Letter of O. S. Caesar, President of the Company.

Property.—Company, a wholly owned subsidiary of Motor Transit Corp., owns in fee the land at the northeast corner of East 34th Place and Cottage Grove Ave., Chicago, with a frontage of 57 1/2 feet on East 34th Place and 100 ft. on Cottage Grove Ave., on which have been erected two adjoining motor bus garage buildings covering the entire tract.

Illinois Greyhound Lines, Inc., also owns and operates the Greyhound and Yellow motor bus lines on routes between Chicago and St. Louis.

Lease to Motor Transit Corp.—Company has leased the above described real properties to Motor Transit Corp. for a period of 20 years from July 1 1929 at an annual rental of \$32,000. This rental is sufficient to pay 6 1/2% interest upon and amortize a principal amount of \$200,000 during a period of less than nine years.

Security.—These bonds are the direct obligation of the company and are secured by a first closed mortgage on the above described land and buildings.

Valuation.—The net cost of the land and buildings, securing these bonds was \$348,342.

Insurshares Management Co.—Proposes to Merge Five Series of Certificates.—

A plan for the formation of a new \$20,000,000 investment trust, under the sponsorship of the Insurshares Management Co., through the merging of the five existing series of Insurshares trust certificates in one new corporation, will, it is announced, be submitted soon to holders of the certificates.

The announcement, which was signed by Edward B. Twombly, chairman of the board of the Insurshares Management Co., was as follows:

The board of directors has been considering for some time the advisability of incorporating the various series of trust certificates into one substantial corporation.

Insurshares Trust Certificates were issued in 5 series during 1927 and 1928. The certificates represent shares of interest in a fund that is invested in leading insurance and bank stocks.

specialized management type, since the management is limited to the purchase of bank and insurance stocks.—V. 129, p. 1134.

International Paper & Power Co.—Commences Delivery of Additional 50,000 h.p. of Electric Energy to Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.—

The International Hydro-Electric System through its subsidiary, the Gattineau Power Co., commenced delivery on Sept. 3 of an additional 50,000 h.p. of electric energy to the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario.

About Oct. 15 the Gattineau Power Co. will deliver a further 20,000 h.p. to the Commission, raising the total deliveries to 150,000 h.p.

The contract under which these additional quantities of electric energy are now being delivered is one of two contracts which the Gattineau Power Co. has with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, and is one of the largest power contracts ever signed.

This power is to be taken in minimum annual increments of 6,000 h.p. for ten years beginning Oct. 1 1928. The Commission will take the balance of the 100,000 h.p. during the 10 years as far as needed.

Under the second contract with the Gattineau Power Co. has with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario, an additional 100,000 h.p. is reserved for the Commission, which agrees to take at least 60,000 h.p.

Above the 3 plants the company has built a storage dam—creating one of the largest artificial storage reservoirs in the world—and has another under construction nearing completion.

A dividend of 25c. per share has been declared, payable on or after Sept. 16 in respect of the shares specified in any bearer share warrants of the 1929 issue upon presentation and delivery of coupons No. 22 at the following banks:

International Petroleum Co., Ltd.—Larger Dividend.—A dividend of 25c. per share has been declared, payable on or after Sept. 16 in respect of the shares specified in any bearer share warrants of the 1929 issue upon presentation and delivery of coupons No. 22 at the following banks:

International Products Corp.—Back Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of \$1.50 per share on the preferred stock, payable Sept. 30 1929 to holders of record Sept. 14 1929, to apply against the accumulated back dividend for the year 1926.

6 Months Ended June 30—

Table with columns: 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Profit from operations, Depreciation & depletion, Net profit, Interest earned, Total income, Reserve for Federal income tax, Net income, Preferred dividends.

Balance—

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.

Table with columns: 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Assets (Fixed assets, Cash, Accts. receivable, Inventories, etc.) and Liabilities (6% pref. stock, Common stock, etc.).

Total—14,481,664 13,964,655 Total—14,481,664 13,964,655

(The Investment Fund of New Jersey)—15c. Dividend.—

At a meeting of the board of trustees held this week, a dividend of 15 cent a share payable on Sept. 15 to certificate holders of record Sept. 10, was declared. This dividend is the second to be paid by the Fund and is at the rate of 7 1/2% on the \$8 shares.

Investors Equity Co., Inc.—To Absorb Motion Picture Capital Corp.—

The directors of Investors Equity Co., Inc., and Motion Picture Capital Corp., have approved and will recommend to their respective stockholders a merger of the two investment trusts on the basis of an exchange of 5 shares of Motion Picture Capital Corp. common stock for 3 shares of Investors Equity Co., according to an announcement made by Chas. D. Barney & Co. Sept. 5.

The new company will be known as Investors Equity Co., Inc., and will continue under the same management as the two predecessor companies, which have been directed under the banking auspices of Chas. D. Barney & Co., and their associates.

Investors Equity Co., Inc., has been organized as an investment trust for over two years. The original capitalization of the company consisted of 5% debentures, \$6 dividend preferred stock and common stock.

Motion Picture Capital Corp. was originally organized for the financing of motion picture productions. Within the last year, however, the company turned its activities to those of an investment trust.

The directors of the company will include: John W. Hanes, Edwin A. Fish and Charles B. Hardin, members of the firm of Chas. D. Barney & Co.; Theodore Watson of Watson & White; William V. C. Ruxton of

Spencer Trask & Co.; Harry B. Lake of Ladenburg, Thalmann & Co.; R. S. and C. K. Reynolds, Pres. and Vice-Pres. of Selected Industries, Inc.; Lucius H. Beers of the law firm of Lord, Day & Lord; Harry A. Schaffus, Sec. of Investors Equity Co., Inc., and Seymour H. Knox, Pres. of Marine Union Investors.

The combined portfolio of the two companies will consist primarily of high-grade common stocks with substantial holdings of preferred stocks, domestic and foreign bonds, and foreign common stocks.—V. 129, p. 975.

Jantzen Knitting Mills (Ore.)—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. per share, payable Sept. 25 to holders of record Sept. 15.—V. 129, p. 1135.

(G. R.) Kinney Co., Inc.—Earnings.

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Sales	\$9,621,266	\$8,718,140	\$8,249,730	\$8,683,068
Cost of sales & expenses	\$8,773,254	\$8,276,031	7,795,098	8,285,287
Interest	227,361	122,475	119,111	141,251
Federal tax	43,000	22,000	44,506	30,000
Net income	\$377,649	\$297,633	\$291,015	\$226,530
Preferred dividends	212,780	212,598	216,836	217,082
Common dividends	114,963			120,000
Surplus	\$49,906	\$85,035	\$74,179	def \$110,552
Shares common stock outstanding (no par)	160,000	59,980	59,980	59,980
Earns. per share	\$1.03	\$1.41	\$1.24	\$0.15

Balance Sheet June 30.

	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Assets			Liabilities	
Cash	1,037,139	742,926	Notes payable	800,000
Accts receivable	156,528	125,226	Accts payable	801,222
Merchandise, raw			Accrued & miscell.	
materials, &c.	6,701,214	6,696,000	Liabilities	110,142
Employes notes rec	71,147		Prov. for Federal	
15-year 7½% gold			income tax	74,073
notes	2,500		Gold notes outst'g	1,691,700
Investments	122,486	118,659	Res'vc for conting.	31,063
Prepaid expenses	156,350	162,330	Preferred stock	5,316,900
Fixed assets	2,604,574	2,632,224	Common stock	x3,760,596
Deferred charges	341,171	332,140	Surplus	1,172,414
Trade marks	84,950	70,000		
Good-will	2,480,050	2,480,050	Total (ea. side)	13,758,112
x 160,000 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 975.				13,359,557

(S. S.) Kresge Co.—August Sales.

1929—August—1928.	Increase.	1929—8 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$13,001,412	\$11,272,019	\$1,729,393	\$92,315,889
			\$84,645,341

—V. 129, p. 975, 487.

(S. H.) Kress & Co.—August Sales.

1929—August—1928.	Increase.	1929—8 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$5,316,963	\$4,850,125	\$466,838	\$39,184,315
			\$36,736,043

—V. 129, p. 975, 293.

Kreuger & Toll Co.—Debentures Admitted to Paris Bourse.

The 5% secured sinking fund gold debentures have been officially admitted to the Paris Bourse. The securities of this company, the 5% debentures and the participating debentures, are now listed in Stockholm, London, Paris, Amsterdam, Berlin, Hamburg, Frankfurt, Basel, Berna, Geneva, Lausanne, Zurich, New York and Boston.—V. 129, p. 1454.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Sales Higher.

Period End. Aug. 31—	1929—4 Weeks—1928.	1929—35 Weeks—1928.
Sales	\$21,905,167	\$15,197,287
	\$190,084,891	\$129,061,821

—V. 129, p. 1454, 975.

Lake Superior Corp.—To Vote on Agreement Oct. 2.

At the annual general meeting to be held Oct. 2 the stockholders will vote on approving the agreement outlined below. Pres. Frank B. Common in a letter accompanying the agreement says:

Your board is pleased to report that, subject to your approval and the approval of the holders of the bonds of the Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Railway and of the Algoma Central Terminals Ltd., a settlement completely releasing your company from all liability for the principal and interest, accrued and to become due under its guarantee of the bonds of the two above mentioned companies, has been arranged.

For some time past your board has had under consideration a programme calling for extensions to the plant of the Algoma Steel Corp., realizing that such extensions are essential to sound progress and for the protection of your present interests. However, the obligations of your company under its guarantee of the principal and interest of the above-mentioned bonds and the disadvantages and risks of probable litigation resulting therefrom rendered satisfactory financing impossible.

The committee representing the bondholders notified your company that unless a basis of settlement of the guarantee was arrived at prior to October 1929, on which date the outstanding income bonds of your company are due, legal action would be taken against your company for approximately \$9,000,000 arrears of interest on the guaranteed bonds, and that action would at the same time be instituted to restrain your company from paying such income bonds at maturity.

You are aware that your company guaranteed the principal of approximately \$15,000,000 of railway and terminal bonds, maturing 1960 and 1962 respectively, as well as the interest on those bonds to maturity, that interest has presently accrued to the extent of approximately \$9,000,000 that the bondholders claim that such interest is presently payable by your company, and that while an additional \$750,000 of interest accrues yearly the present earnings of the properties, applicable to such interest, is only about \$218,000. The amount of arrears of interest is thus increasing at the rate of approximately \$532,000 per year.

The validity of the guarantee is unquestioned but doubt has arisen as to the time when payment of the accrued interest is enforceable. Opinions of outstanding counsel have been sought on the subject by your directors. These opinions are lacking in unanimity, some of them being to the effect that the arrears of interest are not yet due while others are to the effect that the arrears of interest are now enforceable against the Lake Superior Corp. Those counsel who are of opinion that the arrears of interest are not yet payable under the guarantee have advised that the point is not free from doubt and that a settlement is manifestly advisable.

Influenced by the uncertainty as to what would be the outcome of a legal action, the impossibility of arranging satisfactory financing until this obligation has been finally disposed of, the prejudicial effect of any litigation on financing plans of any kind, and the grave effects of a possible unfavorable decision, your directors were unanimously of the opinion that, rather than further delay necessary extensions and risk all on a decision of the court on a doubtful point, a final release of this obligation should, if possible, be obtained if a settlement on satisfactory terms could be arranged.

It is possible that in the near future the Canadian railroads will follow the recently adopted practice of the principal United States railroads and require heavier rails than the Algoma Steel Corp. is presently equipped to produce, the present equipment of that company being limited to producing a rail of a maximum weight of 105 pounds. If only for this reason, it is essential that financing be arranged at an early date to provide for extensions capable of producing heavier rails and other necessary extensions. A release from the obligation under the guarantee is therefore of vital importance in order that arrangements for such financing may be proceeded with immediately.

Having regard to the legal advice received by your company and to all the circumstances referred to, your board are of the unanimous opinion that the settlement which has been arranged is of distinct advantage to your company. The settlement has accordingly received the unanimous approval of your board of directors and it is submitted to you with their full recommendation for its ratification and confirmation.

Your board further recommends that the 400,000 issued shares of your company having a par value of \$100 each be converted into 400,000 shares without par value, and that the amended certificate of incorporation of your company be further amended by the creation of an additional 400,000 shares without par value to be available for further financing. The law of the State of New Jersey requires that any of such 400,000 additional shares to be issued shall first be offered to shareholders of your company. As forecasted in the last annual report of your directors, the conversion of the

outstanding shares of \$100 par value into shares without par value will permit of the equity behind the outstanding shares of your company being more accurately reflected in the balance sheet.

Digest of Agreement Dated Aug. 1 1929.

The agreement is between the Lake Superior Corp. and Sir Alexander Forbes Procter Roger, Capt. James Cornelius Dalton, Croxton Buckley Bingham Smith-Bingham and Andrew Williamson, the committee representing the holders of the bonds of the Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Ry. and Algoma Central Terminals, Ltd. appointed under the scheme of arrangement which was confirmed by resolution passed at meetings of the bondholders in 1916. Whereas:

(1) The corporation has guaranteed the due payment of the principal and interest of the 1st mtge. 5% 50-year hold bonds of the Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Ry., and the 1st mtge. 5% 50-year gold bonds of Algoma Central Terminals, Ltd.

(2) On June 1 1929 arrears of interest on the railway bonds amounted to \$7,257,600 and on Aug. 1 1929 arrears of interest on the terminal bonds amounted to \$1,734,986 in respect of which arrears the committee contend (though it is not admitted by the corporation) that the corporation are now presently liable to the holders of the said bonds.

(3) The interests of the Algoma Central & Hudson Bay Ry. and Algoma Central Terminals, Ltd. are very closely bound up with the future success and expansion of the Algoma Steel Corp., Ltd.

(4) The corporation is now the holders of \$15,000,000 of common shares (being the whole) and \$10,000,000 7% cum. pref. stock (being the whole) in the capital of the steel company.

(5) The corporation is now the holders of \$1,000,000 of common stock (being one-half of such stock now issued) and \$1,000,000 of preference stock (being the whole) of the Algoma Eastern Ry., Ltd.

(6) The corporation has outstanding approximately \$1,900,000 of income bonds of the corporation which become due and payable on Oct. 1 1929.

(7) The committee contends (though it is not admitted by the corporation) that the claims of the railway and terminal bondholders under the guarantees by the corporation rank pari passu with any claim by the holders of the income bonds of the corporation and that the corporation has no right to apply their available assets or any part thereof in paying the income bonds of the corporation in preference to the claims of the railway and terminal bondholders under the guarantees.

(8) It is believed by the parties hereto that unless the claims of the income bondholders of the corporation be met on Oct. 1 1929 such bondholders will endeavor to put the corporation into liquidation or receivership in America.

(9) The parties hereto are unanimous in thinking that such liquidation or receivership should be avoided and that owing to rapidly changing conditions in Canada and to changes in the nature of the demands for steel products, it is absolutely essential that at the earliest possible moment the plant of the steel company should be improved, modernized and extended, failing which there is grave risk that the business of the steel company will be prejudicially affected.

(10) The corporation has represented to the committee that if the claims of the railway and terminal bondholders can be disposed of, the corporation will be able to meet all claims of the income bondholders which claims will not exceed \$1,925,000 and that there are no other claims against the corporation which it will not be able to meet as they mature.

Now it is hereby agreed as follows:

(1) The corporation shall take all steps necessary to convert the whole of the existing preference and common shares of the steel company held by the corporation into not less than 500,000 common shares of no par value and on such a basis that immediately after the conversion of such shares the common shares of no par value will then represent the whole of the share capital of the steel company outstanding and the entire equity in the steel company's assets and earnings after satisfying the existing bonded indebtedness and other liabilities of the steel company.

(2) Subject to the terms of this agreement the corporation shall without payment transfer 40% of the no par value common shares of the steel company to the railway and terminal bondholders or the committee or their nominees on behalf of the railway and terminal bondholders and the corporation shall in like manner transfer to the railway and terminal bondholders or the committee or their nominees on behalf of the railway and terminal bondholders 40% of the \$1,000,000 of common stock of the Algoma Eastern now held by the corporation.

(3) Subject to this agreement being unconditional, the railway and terminal bondholders shall accept the carrying out by the corporation of the provisions of the last preceding clause in full satisfaction of all claims by them against the corporation in respect of the guarantees of the railway and terminal bonds whether as originally given or as modified by the scheme of arrangement adopted in 1916 and of all interest now due or hereafter to become due and shall effectually cancel the guarantees so as to release the corporation from all liability both present and future thereunder.

(4) In view of the common interest of the parties in the steel company it is agreed that for a period of five years from the date of this agreement or such shorter period as may be mutually agreed by the parties hereto each party hereto shall have the right to have elected to the board of the steel company a proportion of directors equivalent to the proportion of the total voting stock of the steel company outstanding held by such party and that during the period neither party shall nominate or cause to be elected a director any person to whom the other party shall take any reasonable objection and that the committee shall have the right to be represented on the executive of the company by one of the directors nominated by the committee.

(5) The parties hereto agree that it being a matter of primary importance in their common interest that the works and plant of the steel company should be improved, modernized and extended, they will co-operate to enable the necessary additional capital to be found by the steel company on the best terms reasonably possible whether by the issue of funded debt, further shares of the steel company or otherwise, and the parties hereto mutually agree that they will use the utmost good faith towards one another in connection with the formulating and carrying out of any scheme relating to the financing of the steel company so as to preserve as far as may be the respective interests of the parties in the equity of the steel company and that neither party will attempt to secure in connection therewith any advantages or benefits in which the other party does not have an equal opportunity of sharing in the proportions of their respective shareholdings for the time being in the steel company.

(6) Subject to the provisions of Clauses 1, 2, 4 and 5 hereof, the beneficial ownership in the no par value common shares of the steel company shall be vested as to 60% in the corporation and as to 40% in the railway and terminal bondholders or the committee or its nominees on their behalf and each of the parties shall be entitled to deal with the beneficial interest subject to the provisions in such manner as they think fit.

(7) So long as any of the railway and terminal bonds are outstanding, the corporation agrees that it will at all times use such influence and votes in the steel company as it may control to secure that steel company will so far as it may legitimately and properly do so in routing its traffic and conducting its business have regard to the interests of the railway company.

(8) The corporation agrees that it will not make any claim against the railway and terminal companies or the railway and terminal bondholders to be subrogated to the rights of the bondholders in respect of any part of the consideration provided by the corporation hereunder and that it will expressly release the railway and terminal companies from any such claim to the intent that the railway and terminal bondholders shall be entitled to retain their full rights against the railway and terminal companies in respect of all arrears of interest now or hereafter owing without accounting or giving credit either to the railway and terminal companies or the corporation for any benefit that may be received by the bondholders pursuant to the provisions of this agreement.

(9) Pending the carrying out of the terms of this agreement, the corporation undertakes not to do anything which might prejudice or reduce the value of the common shares of the steel company and the Algoma Eastern to be received by the railway and terminal bondholders pursuant hereto.

(10) The preceding provisions of this agreement other than the last preceding clause are conditional upon the same being ratified and confirmed on or before Oct. 31 1929 or such other date as may be agreed upon by the parties hereto by resolution of the shareholders of the corporation in general meeting. If such resolution shall not have been passed by the said date, time being of the essence of the contract, this agreement shall become void and shall be deemed never to have been entered into and the right claimed by the railway and terminal bondholders (though it is not admitted by the corporation) to require payment of and to enforce payment by the corporation of the arrears of interest already accrued or hereafter to accrue on the railway and terminal bonds and otherwise to enforce the said guarantees shall not be in any way affected or prejudiced by the fact that this agreement has been entered into.

(11) The preceding provisions of this agreement except the two last preceding clauses hereof, are also conditional upon the same being approved on or before Dec. 31 1929 or such other date as may be agreed upon by the parties hereto by the necessary majorities of the holders of the railway and terminal bonds and to a scheme having been adopted on or before the said date in such manner as to be binding on all holders of the railway and terminal bonds and in such form as effectively to put an end to the liability of the corporation as contemplated by Clause 3 hereof. If the provisions of this clause have not been complied with on or before the said date time being of the essence of the contract, this agreement shall become void and shall be deemed never to have been entered into and the right claimed by the railway and terminal bondholders (though it is not admitted by the corporation) to require payment of and to enforce payment by the corporation of the arrears of interest already accrued or hereafter to accrue on the railway and terminal bonds and otherwise to enforce the said guarantees shall not in any way be affected or prejudiced by the fact that this agreement has been entered into.

(12) The committee shall not object to the payment at maturity, id est, Oct. 1 1929, of such income bonds of the corporation as have not previously been purchased or acquired and for that purpose to avail the available assets of the corporation (other than such part of the share capital of the steel company and the common stock of the Algoma Eastern as is to be transferred to the bondholders or the committee hereunder) provided that arrangements have been made to pay off all claims by the holders of the income bonds and thereby avoid litigation or receivership proceedings against the corporation by the income bondholders.

(13) Nothing herein contained shall impose any personal liability on any member of the bondholders committee.

(14) The corporation will give the committee every assistance in their power to enable the committee to place this agreement before the railway and terminal bondholders for acceptance and for formulating a scheme for terminating the liability of the corporation in respect of the guarantees and in particular will furnish the committee with accurate information and reports of auditors and other official documents as to the assets and liabilities and present position of the corporation and steel company and the Algoma Eastern and as to the past and present earnings of those companies and estimates of future results.

(15) Any act matter or thing done by the corporation with the written consent of a majority of the committee pending the ratification of this agreement shall not be deemed to constitute a breach of any condition herein contained.

(16) The common stock of the steel company and of the Algoma Eastern to be transferred to the bondholders or the committee pursuant to the terms of this agreement shall be transferred and delivered in Montreal free of expense to the bondholders and committee as soon as possible after the guarantees have been effectively terminated as provided by Clause 11 hereof.

(17) The common stock of the steel company and of the Algoma Eastern to be received by the bondholders or the committee or their nominee pursuant to the provisions of this agreement shall be retained in the hands of the committee for a period of at least three years from the date hereof with full power for the committee to agree to any schemes for amalgamation or merger or reconstruction of either of such companies and to accept in substitution for the stocks thereof such other stocks, shares, securities, cash or rights as the committee may think advisable or to sell such stocks or any part thereof at such price and on such terms and conditions as the committee think advisable.—V. 129, p. 1135, 138.

Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc.—Stocks Offered.
Spencer Trask & Co. are offering 31,535 shares class A stock and 26,500 shares class B stock (prices on application).

The class A stock is entitled to preferential cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2 per share per annum, after which class B stock is entitled to non-cumulative dividends at the rate of \$2 per share per annum both classes participating equally per share in any further dividend distributions.

The B stock has exclusive voting rights until July 15 1930, after which holders of A and B stocks have equal voting rights, each share being entitled to one vote. In event, however, that the corporation is in default in payment on the A stock of cumulative dividends to the extent of \$2 per share, the holders of A stock have the right to elect a majority of directors until accrued dividends shall have been paid. In the event of voluntary or involuntary liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the corporation the A stock has preference as to assets to the extent of \$50 per share and all unpaid dividends, after which B stock is entitled to \$50 per share and divs. for current year at rate of \$2 per share per annum, both classes participating equally per share in any further distribution of assets. All distinctions between the two classes of stock may be eliminated by majority vote of the Board of Directors after twelve consecutive quarterly dividends of 50 cents each have been paid on both classes.

Transfer agents: Bank of America National Association, New York and Wells-Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., San Francisco. Registrars: Guaranty Trust Company of New York and Bank of America of California, San Francisco.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Class A stock (no par).....	200,000 shs.	90,000 shs.
Class B stock (no par).....	300,000 shs.	120,000 shs.

The corporation has no funded indebtedness of any description, except \$200,000 of notes payable due July 26 1931.

Data from Letter of S. S. Langerdorf, Pres. of the Company.

Company.—Organized June 25 1928 to acquire the assets and business of the Old Homestead Bakery, Inc., founded in 1898, and the Langendorf Baking Co. which, through its predecessors, had been in existence since 1895. The Langendorf Baking Co. prior to its consolidation with the Old Homestead Bakery, Inc., had acquired the Grocers' Baking Co. of Berkeley, the Faultless Baking Co. of San Jose, and the McGavin Brothers Co. of Los Angeles. Immediately after the consolidation the California Baking Co. of San Francisco was acquired.

The corporation is now the foremost baking organization operating exclusively on the Pacific Coast. In San Francisco and adjacent territory it controls approximately 70% of the wholesale bread business. Six plants are operated—three in San Francisco and one each in Berkeley, San Jose and Los Angeles.

The business is done almost entirely on a cash basis, the products being manufactured one day and cash from their sale turned in the following afternoon.

Sales.—The sales of the company and its predecessor companies have shown an almost uninterrupted increase during the 6 years and 6 months ended June 30 1929:

Year ended Dec. 31 1923—\$2,936,608	Year ended Dec. 31 1927—\$3,549,116
Year ended Dec. 31 1924—3,072,892	Year ended Dec. 31 1928—4,592,499
Year ended Dec. 31 1925—3,478,376	Year ended Dec. 31 1929* 5,271,111
Year ended Dec. 31 1926—3,467,305	

* First complete operating year following consolidation.

Earnings.—The net profit of the company for the fiscal year ended June 30 1929 (the first year of operation subsequent to consolidation), after depreciation and Federal taxes, as certified to by Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, amounted to \$501,875, equal to over 2½ times the annual cum. dividend requirement of the 90,000 shares of class A stock presently to be outstanding; or at the rate of \$2.39 per share on all A and B stock presently to be outstanding. The California Baking Co. was not acquired until July 1928, the corporation's new San Francisco cake plant was not placed in operation until Nov. 1928, and the late months of 1928 were devoted to effecting the economies made possible by the combination. Therefore it is believed that the earnings this year will materially increase. The earnings for the last quarter of the year ended June 20 1929, after depreciation and Federal taxes, were at the annual rate of \$2.81 per A and B share to be presently outstanding. The foregoing figures of earnings do not take into account the income to be derived from properties proposed to be acquired with part of the proceeds of this financing.

Dividends.—Dividends are being paid on the class A stock at the cumulative rate of \$2 per annum. Payments are made Q.-J. Class B stock was placed on a \$2 dividend basis July 15 1929, by the payment of a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share.

Purpose.—10,000 of the A shares and 10,000 of the B shares offered have been sold by the corporation to provide additional working capital and to place it in possession of funds to permit the acquisition of additional properties. The balance of the stock offered has been secured from individuals.

Listed.—The class A and class B stocks are listed on the San Francisco and Los Angeles Stock Exchanges. Corporation will make application to list the stocks on the New York Curb Exchange

Pro Forma Balance Sheet, June 30 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash on hand & in banks.....	\$628,920	Accounts payable.....	\$102,864
Customers' accounts.....	172,028	Dividends payable.....	95,000
Inventories.....	275,062	Federal income taxes.....	50,893
Merchandise in transit.....	26,035	Notes pay., due July 26 1931.....	200,000
Sundry accounts receivable.....	15,881	Capital stock.....	a2,742,021
Prepaid ins., taxes, &c.....	33,479	Paid-in surplus.....	266,439
Operating supplies at cost.....	18,018	Earned surplus.....	283,007
Leasehold deposits.....	1,990		
Securities.....	18,140	Total.....	\$3,740,226
Plant & equip. at reprod. val. 2,459,739			
Deferred advertising.....	90,932		
Good-will.....	1		
Total.....	\$3,740,226	Total.....	\$3,740,226

a 90,000 shares class A and 120,000 shares class B.—V. 129, p. 1135.

Lefcourt Realty Corp.—Earnings.—

6 Months Ended May 31—	1929.	1928.
Net profit after charges, deprec. & taxes.....	\$1,015,432	\$347,304
Earns. per share on 210,000 shs. com. stock (no par).....	\$4.12	\$0.94

—V. 128, p. 4168.

Libbey-Owens Glass Co.—Registrar.—

The City Bank Farmers' Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of 1,772,050 shares of common stock, no par value.—V. 129, p. 1135

Lincoln Mortgage & Title Guaranty Co.—New Board.—

The following announcement was made this week by George C. Stanley, newly elected President:

"In connection with recent announcements that the Niagara Share Corp. has purchased a substantial stock interest in the Lincoln Mortgage & Title Guaranty Co., a special meeting of the board of directors of the latter company has been held and the following directors were elected: Edward E. Blakeslee, Jr., Henry Boyd, Harry J. Daly, Herbert H. Klein, Percy Mayes, Henry C. Nicholas, George Ramsey, George C. Stanley, Francis W. Towey, Jr., and William B. Weston.

A majority of the above board are already affiliated with the Niagara Share Corp. interests. Mr. Ramsey will continue on the board as the representative of Harris, Forbes & Co., who are the distributors of the bonds of the Lincoln company.

Officers elected are as follows: George C. Stanley, Pres.; Edward E. Blakeslee, Jr., and Harry J. Daly, Vice-Presidents; Percy Mayes, Secretary & Treasurer.

"Harry L. Tepper, who served as President since the organization of the company, was requested by the Niagara interests to continue as President, but due to other business interests has asked to be relieved of continuing in this respect."—V. 127, p. 2968.

McCord Radiator & Mfg. Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

5 Months Ended May 31—	1929.	1928.
Net profit after deprec., int., Fed. taxes, &c.....	\$515,428	\$323,536

—V. 128, p. 3006.

McCrorry Stores Corp.—August Sales.—

1929—August—1928.	Increase.	1929—8 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$3,849,202	\$3,114,928.	\$734,274	\$26,174,474
			\$23,614,743

\$2,559,731
—V. 129, p. 294, 976.

McLellan Stores Co.—August Sales Increase.—

Net Sales for Month and Eight Months Ended Aug. 31.			
1929—Aug.—1928.	Increase.	1929—8 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$2,195,115	\$1,667,435	\$527,680	\$12,923,282
			\$9,859,842

\$3,063,440

Note.—Includes sales of the recently acquired Green Stores, Inc.

New Stock Certificates Ready—Now Has One Class of Common Stock—Acquisition.—

With the unanimous approval of the board of directors at its meeting held Dec. 26 1928, a contract had been entered into between this company and Green Stores, Inc., for the purchase of all the business, property and assets of every description of the latter concern, the consideration including the issue by the McLellan company of 184,500 shares of its authorized new no par value common stock and 7,333 shares of 6% cum. non-conv. pref. stock (new issue). The Green company operated, or had taken leases to operate, 59 stores located in 10 States, viz: 3 stores in Connecticut; 7 in Maine; 28 in Massachusetts; 2 in Michigan; 2 in New Hampshire; 6 in New York; 5 in Ohio; 2 in Pennsylvania; 1 in Rhode Island; and 3 in Vermont.

The company, in a letter to the stockholders, dated July 12 1929, said in substance:

"The company recently amended its certificate of incorporation so as to amalgamate the class A common stock, which previously had no voting power, and the class B common stock into one class henceforth to be designated simply 'common stock.' New stock certificates have been prepared and are now ready for issue in exchange for the old class A and B common stock certificates at the Brooklyn Trust Co., 26 Broad St., N. Y. City.

"In view of the amendment creating the new common stock as stated above, in view of the recent issue of \$733,000 of 6% cum. non-conv. pr. stock, series B, out of an authorized issue of \$750,000 of such stock, and in view of the requirements of the laws of Delaware that stock certificates be issued for the full amount of the rights of all classes of stock, new stock certificates for the pref. stock, series A, have also been prepared and are now ready for issue in exchange for the certificates of pref. stock formerly held."

The stockholders on Jan. 21 1929, approved the above-mentioned amendment to the certificate of incorporation and the acquisition of the Green Stores, Inc. All classes of old common stock have been amalgamated into one class of present common stock exchangeable share for share.—V. 129, p. 1296.

Midland Steel Products Co., Cleveland.—Extra Dividend Declared on Common and Preferred Stocks.—

The directors have declared extra dividends of 72 cents per share on the common and \$1.50 per share on the pref. stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of \$1 per share on the common and \$2 per share on the preferred, all payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 16. Like amounts were paid on these issues on July 1 last. In addition to the regular quarterly distributions, the company on Jan. 1 and April 1 last paid an extra of 48 cents per share on the common and \$1 per share on the pref. stock. On July 1 and Oct. 1 1928, an extra of 49 cents per share on the common and of \$1 per share on the pref. stock were paid. In each of the previous 5 quarters an extra of 48 cents per share on the common and 1 cent per share on the preferred were distributed.—V. 129, p. 1296.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—Sales.—

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Month of August.....	\$24,955,313	\$17,007,642	\$13,825,103	\$12,667,432
First 8 months.....	167,571,196	127,552,116	118,068,027	19,867,695

—V. 129, p. 810 488.

Moody's Investors Service, N. Y. City.—\$1.13 Com. Div.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of \$1.13 per share on the common stock for the second half of the fiscal year ended Sept. 30. This dividend is payable Sept. 14 to holders of record Sept. 10. An initial semi-annual distribution of \$1.12 per share was paid on this issue on June 15 last.—V. 128, p. 4016.

Moon Motor Car Co.—Meeting Postponed.—

The stockholders' meeting scheduled for Aug. 30 for the purpose of approving certain changes in capitalization has been postponed until a later date.—V. 128, p. 4170.

Motion Picture Capital Corp.—To Merge With Investors Equity Co., Inc.—See latter company above.

Debentures Called.—

The corporation has called for redemption Oct. 1 all of the outstanding 6% convertible series A debentures at 105 and int.—V. 129, p. 645.

Motor Wheel Corp.—Change in Dividend Dates.—

The directors have voted to change the record date for payment of cash dividends to the 20th of February, May, August and November, payable on the 10th of March, June, September and December. Previously divs.

were payable on the 20th of March, June, September and December to holders of record the 5th of the respective months. The above change in dates will take effect Nov. 20 and Dec. 10, respectively.—V. 129, p. 1136.

Mullins Mfg. Corp.—Resigns as Treasurer.—W. P. Carpenter has resigned as Treasurer, but still retains his position as Vice-President and director.—V. 129, p. 978.

National Freight Co.—Organized.—This company has been organized to inaugurate, in the near future, a general freight forwarding service, to be operated in conjunction with the Pennsylvania RR. and other railroad lines. Every large city and center of business and industry in the United States, it is announced, will be served by the new company. Not only the standard box car but also the recently developed container car will be utilized in its operations. Officers of the company are E. C. Strohm, Pres.; A. D. Davis, Vice-Pres.; Joseph W. Nichol, Sec. & Treas., and I. Foster Murphy, Auditor. Office, 33 Rector St., N. Y. City.

Mr. Strohm was formerly Chairman of United States Freight Co., while Mr. Davis served as Vice-President of the Universal Carloading & Distributing Co.

Arrangements are being rapidly completed by the company for lease of modern and commodious station and warehouse facilities in larger cities throughout the country, it is said.

It is reported that the company is controlled through ownership of stock by Penroad Corp.

National Grocers, Ltd.—Earnings.—Table showing earnings for years ended June 30, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Includes profit from operation, depreciation, interest, income taxes, dividends, and balance surplus.

National Grocers, Ltd.—Earnings.—Continuation of earnings table showing profit and loss surplus for 1929, 1928, and 1927.

National Grocers, Ltd.—Earnings.—Comparative Balance Sheet June 30, 1929 and 1928. Shows assets like land, buildings, equipment, inventories, and liabilities like 1st and 2nd pref. shares, common stock, and mortgages payable.

Total (each side) \$7,967,099 vs \$8,172,606. x Represented by 295,852 shares of no par value.—V. 127, p. 1687.

Neisner Brothers, Inc.—August Gross Sales.—Table showing gross sales for 1929-Aug, 1928, and 1927. 1929-Aug: \$1,342,557; 1928: \$785,166; 1927: \$557,391.

North American Car Corp.—New Tank Cars.—President Henry H. Brigham on Aug. 29 stated that the majority of the 1,000 new tank cars, which were ordered some months ago, have been delivered to the company and are now in operation.

North American Car Corp.—New Tank Cars.—Earnings for six months ended June 30, 1929. Net profit after charges: \$418,680. Federal taxes (estimated): 50,242.

North Central Texas Oil Co., Inc.—Earnings.—Table showing earnings for periods ended June 30, 1929-3 Mos, 1928, and 1927-6 Mos. Income from all sources: 1929-3 Mos: \$240,227; 1928: \$116,343; 1927-6 Mos: \$456,513.

North Central Texas Oil Co., Inc.—Earnings.—Continuation of earnings table showing balance, surplus, and earnings per share.

North Central Texas Oil Co., Inc.—Earnings.—Comparative Balance Sheet June 30, 1929 and 1928. Assets include fixed assets, cash, securities, and deferred assets. Liabilities include preferred stock, capital stock, and various payables.

Total (each side) \$3,780,245 vs \$2,398,027. x Includes mineral rights and leases (less reserve for depletion), \$2,088,282, lease equipment and furniture, fixtures and autos (less reserve for depreciation), \$20,187. y Authorized, 400,000 shares of no par value; issued and outstanding, 270,000.—V. 128, p. 3693.

(The) Noxzema Chemical Co. (Balt.).—10% Stk. Div.—The directors have declared a 10% stock dividend on the class A stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Aug. 16.—V. 122, p. 894.

(Charles F.) Noyes Co., Inc.—Initial Com. Div., &c.—Col. M. S. Keene, Treasurer, announces that the initial quarterly dividend on the common stock has been declared at the annual rate of \$1.80 a share. There are 120,000 shares of common stock outstanding.

The directors voted to place the new stock on a \$1 annual basis, payable 25 cents quarterly, the first dividend to be distributed Oct. 1, 1929, to holders of record Sept. 18. This rate is equivalent to \$3 a share on the old stock on which a quarterly dividend of 62½¢ a share was paid on July 1.

slightly in excess of \$1,100,000 before payment of Federal and state taxes, reserves and co-operative fund to employees and slightly in excess of \$800,000 with these deductions. Earnings for the first quarter of the present year have exceeded earnings in excess of the earnings of a year ago.

The business is entirely a brokerage business in managing, selling, renting, mortgaging and financing real estate. Entirely owned subsidiaries of the corporation include the company known as "Noyes National" handling the out of town activities of the corporation and "Noyes of Illinois" operating a branch office in Chicago. These offices are complete real estate brokerage units. It is expected the corporation will shortly open a branch at Los Angeles. See also V. 128, p. 3845.

Ogilvie Flour Mills Co., Ltd.—Extra Dividend of \$17.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$17 a share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 a share on the common stock, no par value, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 19. An extra dividend of \$15 per share was paid on Oct. 1, 1928, one of \$10 per share on Oct. 1, 1927, one of \$5 per share on Oct. 1, 1926, and one of \$3 per share on Oct. 1, 1925. In Dec. 1928, the regular dividend was increased on this stock from a \$5 to an \$8 annual basis.—V. 127, p. 3412.

Pan American Western Petroleum Co.—Exchange Offer Expires on Sept. 17.—The offer of the fiscal agents, dated July 11, 1928 (V. 127, p. 272) to accept class B shares of this company in exchange for common stock of Richfield Oil Co. of California, under the terms and conditions set forth in said offer, will be terminated as of the close of business on Sept. 17, 1929.

On or prior to said date the holders of class B shares may deposit same for exchange at either Bancamerica-Blair Corp., 24 Broad St., N. Y. City, or Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, Inc., 458 South Spring St., Los Angeles, Calif. The two latter firms and Hemphill, Noyes & Co. are fiscal agents.—V. 128, p. 3333.

Paraffine Companies, Inc.—Acquis. Investments.—For the past four years the floor coverings of the company have been marketed in the eastern United States through the agency of the Cott-a-lap Co., with offices in New York City and a manufacturing plant at Somerville, N. J. The agreement with this company terminated on Jan. 1, 1929. The Paraffine Companies, Inc., has purchased all of the outstanding 37,205 shares of common stock of the Cott-a-lap Co., and since July 1, 1929, the manufacturing and selling organizations of that company have been operating under its direction.

According to the annual report for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1929, its investments in the stocks of other companies are as follows: 101,817 shares 7% cum. pref. stock (\$100 par value); 33,266 shares "A" common stock (without par value); and 5,000 shares "B" common stock (without par value) of the Fibreboard Products, Inc. 200,000 shares stock (\$1 par value) of Plant Rubber & Asbestos Works; 1,500 shares stock (\$50 par value) of Residential Finance Co.; 5,000 shares "A" common stock (without par value), and 6,186 shares "B" common stock (without par value) of California Ink Co.; 15,000 shares common stock (without par value) of Schumacher Wall Board Corp.; 2,190 shares common stock (without par value) of Vitrefax Corp. Of the latter three companies, less than a 50% interest is owned.—V. 129, p. 1138.

Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.—Stock for Employees.—Employees are to have an opportunity to subscribe to 250,000 shares of the company's stock, according to a plan announced by Adolph Zukor following a special meeting on Sept. 4 of the board of directors.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders in March resolutions were passed setting aside 250,000 shares of the company's stock for the employees at a price to be set by the board of directors but not to be less than \$50 per share. Under the plan approved by the board each department head of the company will select employees who by their length of service, their record and likelihood of future worth to the company might be entitled to subscribe to stock. After such employees have been approved by the board of directors the 250,000 shares of stock will be allotted to those chosen at the rate of \$52 a share, and they will be allowed to pay for the stock over a period of one year beginning next Oct. 15 at the rate of \$1 a share per week.—V. 129, p. 1138, 1299, 1457.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Earnings.—Table showing earnings for 28 weeks ended July 13 '29 and July 14 '28. Gross sales and rentals: \$10,113,055 vs \$8,374,541.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Earnings.—Continuation of earnings table showing operating income, other income, and total income.

Total income: \$803,763 vs \$38,762. Interest on funded debt and amort. of discount: 247,999 vs 263,175. Depreciation on equipment: 31,426 vs 48,112. Profit: \$524,336 loss vs \$350,050.—V. 128, p. 3011.

Pelz-Greenstein Co., Inc.—Changes Name.—On Sept. 3, the company changed its name to Consolidated Factors Corp. The following will comprise the board of directors: Morris H. Adler (Sec., Bonwit Teller & Co.); Benjamin Berk (Vice President); Alfred Bleyer, Oscar Greenstein (President); I. Grossman, Edmund I. Kaufmann, D. Emil Klein (Pres.), D. Emil Klein Co., Inc.; Irving Kohn, Edward Stern, Henry H. Leon, Jacob Manne, Hon. Algeron I. Nova, Albert Newfield, Simon Newman, Leon S. Pelz (Treasurer), William Prager and William Wilhelm.—V. 129, p. 646.

(D.) Pender Grocery Co.—Extra Class B Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25¢ a share on the class B stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25¢ a share, both payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 16. Like amounts were paid on this issue since and incl. April 1, 1928.—V. 129, p. 1138.

Perfect Circle Co.—Earnings.—Table showing earnings for 6 months ended June 30, 1929 and 1928. Net income after charges, deprec. and taxes: \$495,704 vs \$330,887.

Earnings per share on 162,500 shares common stock outstanding (no par): \$3.05 vs \$2.04.—V. 129, p. 646.

Petroleum Rectifying Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—Table showing earnings for 6 months ended June 30, 1929 and 1928. Net income after chgs., deprec. & Federal taxes: \$186,126 vs \$145,227.

Earnings per share on 120,000 shares stock (no par): \$1.55 vs \$1.21.—V. 128, p. 3846.

Polymet Mfg. Corp.—Stock Inc.—Split-Up—New Stock to be Placed on An Annual Dividend Basis of \$1 in Cash and 4% in Stock.—Upon recommendation of the directors, the stockholders at their first annual meeting held on Sept. 3 voted to increase the authorized capitalization from 60,000 shares to 300,000 shares of no par value stock and to split up the stock at present outstanding 3 shares for 1. The shares will be issuable to stockholders of record Sept. 18, 1929.

The directors voted to place the new stock on a \$1 annual basis, payable 25 cents quarterly, the first dividend to be distributed Oct. 1, 1929, to holders of record Sept. 18. This rate is equivalent to \$3 a share on the old stock on which a quarterly dividend of 62½¢ a share was paid on July 1. At the same time, the directors in addition, voted to initiate stock dividends on a 4% annual basis, payable 1% quarterly, the first payment to be made Jan. 1, 1930 to holders of record Dec. 20, 1929.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Crude Oil Shipments.—

Table with columns: In Barrels, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Rows: January, February, March, April, May, June, July, August.

Pirelli Company of Italy (Societa Italiana Pirelli).—

Bonds Called.— J. P. Morgan & Co., as fiscal agent, is notifying holders of sinking fund 7% conv. gold bonds, due May 1 1952, that \$87,000 of these bonds have been drawn by lot for redemption on Nov. 1 1929 at 104.

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. has been appointed depository and transfer agent for the American shares of the Pirelli Co. of Italy.

Prince & Whitely Trading Corp.—Stock Sold.— Prince & Whitely, have sold in units, consisting of 1 share of preferred and 2 shares of common, priced at \$75 per unit, 328,000 shares of \$3 convertible preferred series A and 656,000 shares no par common stock.

The preferred stock, series A, will be entitled to cumulative preferred dividends at the rate of \$3 per share per annum, accruing from Sept. 1 1929 and payable Q.—M., will be entitled in liquidation to the extent of \$50 per share and divs. in preference to the common stock; and, at the option of the corporation, will be redeemable as whole at any time or in part from time to time at \$55 per share and divs. on 30 days' notice.

Transfer agents: pref. stock, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York; common stock, The Equitable Trust Co. of New York; pref. and com. stock, Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Registrars: pref. stock, Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York; com. stock, The New York Trust Co., New York; pref. and com. stock, The First National Bank of Boston.

Table with columns: Capitalization—, Preferred stock (no par value), Common stock (no par value). Sub-columns: Authorized, To be Presently Outstanding.

a Includes 100,000 shares reserved against the exercise of warrants to be presently outstanding.

b Includes 1,070,000 shares reserved for the conversion of the preferred stock, series A, to be presently outstanding and issuable upon the exercise of warrants; and 400,000 shares reserved against the exercise of warrants to be presently outstanding.

Business.—Corporation has been formed in Delaware with broad charter powers authorizing it, among other things, to buy, sell, trade in, or hold stocks and securities of any kind and to participate in syndicates and underwritings.

The corporation will commence business with \$25,000,000 in cash. This amount will be received by it from the sale of the stock comprising this offering and from the sale to Prince & Whitely of 200,000 additional shares of common stock for \$2,500,000 in cash.

Directors.—The board of directors will be composed of partners in the firm of Prince & Whitely and their immediate associates.

Charter Provisions.—The certificate of incorporation will contain provisions to the following effect, among others: If any director shall be elected to the board of directors without the approval of Prince & Whitely the management contract may be terminated by Prince & Whitely.

Listing.—The preferred and common stocks have been listed on the Boston Stock Exchange and have been admitted to listing on the New York Curb Exchange on a when, as and if issued basis.

Public Utility Holding Corp. of America.—Details of Huge New Corporation Announced.—

Details of what promises to be one of the largest public utility holding and investment corporations ever launched became available this week at the offices of the Harris Forbes Corp., who, jointly with American Founders Corp. and the United Founders Corp., is sponsoring this new company.

Warrants.—Each share of common stock will carry a warrant entitling the holder to purchase in perpetuity an additional share of the common stock of the corporation, as from time to time constituted, at a price of \$30 per share.

Company.—Is being organized by The Harris Forbes Corp., American Founders Corp., and United Founders Corp. in Delaware to buy, sell and

(or) hold common stocks and (or) other securities. It will be the present policy of the directorate to limit the investments of the corporation to minority and (or) controlling interests in securities of public utility companies, both foreign and domestic.

Capitalization.—Authorized. Outstanding. Class A stock (no par) 5,000,000 shs. 500,000 shs. Common stock (no par) 25,000,000 shs. 2,500,000 shs.

The corporation will have no funded debt. The charter will authorize the issuance of 5,000,000 shares of pref. stock in the discretion of the board of directors.

The class A and common stocks will participate equally on a share for share basis in all dividend disbursements, there being no preference or priority as to dividends vested in either class of stock.

Directors.—H. M. Addinsell*, C. W. Beall, F. S. Burroughs*, E. C. Granbery*, W. E. MacGregor, M. H. MacLean, and D. C. Wheaton, all of Harris Forbes & Co.; Lawrence P. Carron, George E. Devendorf*, E. Stanley Glines and Louis N. Seagrave*, all of American Founders Corp.

The corporation will enter into an agreement with the organizers whereby the latter will be entitled to receive from time to time in the future one warrant entitling the holder to purchase one share of either class A stock or common stock in perpetuity at \$30 per share upon the issuance for value of each two shares of common stock in excess of the 2,500,000 shares of common stock initially to be outstanding.

Radio Products Corp.—Stock Offered.—Neely & Co. and R. W. Morley & Co. are offering 50,000 shares common stock at \$36.50 per share. This stock has been purchased from individuals and does not represent new financing by the company.

Transfer agent: International Germanic Trust Co.; Registrar: Manufacturers rust Co. Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding. Common stock (no par value) 200,000 shs. 100,000 shs.

Data from Letter of Frank Schultz, President, and D. R. Donovan, Vice President of the Company.

Business.—The name Radio Products Corp. will be assumed by Schultz Machine Co., Inc. (the present name of the company), a corporation organized in New Jersey in 1927.

Earnings.—The combined net earnings of the company and Vacuum Tube Products applicable to the 100,000 shares to be presently outstanding, after all charges, including agreed compensation of executive officers, operating expenses of new building, and Federal income taxes, as certified to by Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery, accountants and auditors, together with the annual rate of such earnings and rate per share, follow:

Table with columns: Periods Ended July 31 1929—, As Certified, Ann. Rate, Per Sh. Rows: Year, 7 months, Month—July.

Dividends.—It is anticipated the management will recommend that this stock be presently placed on a quarterly dividend basis.

Table with columns: Assets—, Liabilities—, Total. Rows: Cash, Accts. rec., less allow. for doubtful accts., Inventories, Fixed assets, Deferred expenses, Accts. pay. & accr. exps., Cap. stk. (100,000 shs. no par), Earned surplus.

Reo Motor Car Co.—Omits Extra Div.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 20 cents per share on the outstanding 2,000,000 shares of capital stock, par \$10, Payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10.

Table with columns: Balance Sheet June 30., 1929, 1928. Rows: Assets—, Liabilities—, Total.

Our usual comparative income account for the 3 and 6 months ended June 30 was published in V. 129, p. 647.

Reynolds Brothers Inc.—Stock Placed Privately.—

Charles D. Barney & Co. have placed privately 250,000 shares of capital stock.

Transfer agent: Bankers' Trust Co., New York; Registrar: The Equitable Trust Co. of New York.

Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding. Capital stock (par \$7.50) 3,000,000 shs. 2,583,334 shs.

History.—Company was organized in Delaware in Feb. 1929, to buy, sell, trade in or hold stocks and securities of any kind, to participate in syndicates or underwritings, and to exercise such other of its charter powers as the board of directors may from time to time determine.

holdings and interests of Reynolds Company, a corporation formed in 1926. Management.—The board of directors includes R. S. Reynolds, Pres., Selected Industries, Inc.; C. K. Reynolds, Vice-Pres., United States Foil Co., Inc.; and John W. Hanes, Chas. D. Barney & Co.
There are no options on any unissued stock or management contracts calling for compensation other than that to be paid to officers and employees in the regular course of business.
Assets.—As of Aug. 22, 1929, the net assets of the company (investments at market value) together with the proceeds of the above sale of stock, amount to approximately \$29,400,000, equivalent to over \$11.35 per share of stock to be presently outstanding. The holdings of the company include substantial amounts of securities of the following companies, with the management of which the directors are associated: The Reybarn Co., Inc., Reynolds Investing Co., Inc., Selected Industries, Inc., United States Foil Co., Inc.

In addition, the company holds a diversified list of investments, including stocks of the following companies: Alleghany Corp., American Bank Note Co., Aviation Corp., Borg-Warner Corp., By-Products Coke Corp., Erie RR., General Realty & Utilities Corp., Gold Dust Corp., Kansas City Southern Ry., Midland Bank, Missouri Pacific RR., National Bank of Kentucky & The Louisville Trust Co., Paramount Famous Lasky Corp., Pennrod Corp., Standard Brands, Inc., Stone & Webster, Inc.

St. Regis Paper Co.—Reclassification Plan.

Holders of common stock of St. Regis Paper Company will receive rights valued at nearly \$14,000,000 under a plan for reclassifying and increasing the company's common stock, approved by the board of directors on Sept. 2. The proposals which will be submitted for vote by the stockholders at a special meeting to be held Sept. 16, 1929, include changing the authorized 1,000,000 shares of no par value common stock into 4,000,000 shares of common stock of \$10 par value each and increasing the authorized number of shares to 7,500,000 of \$10 par value. At the same time the preferred stock of the company, which now has one vote per share, will be given a voting power of four votes per share.

Of the increased common stock, the directors propose to offer to holders of common stock of record Sept. 20, 1929, the right to subscribe to an aggregate of 800,000 shares of the new common stock at \$25 a share. This is at the rate of one new share of stock for each share of old stock then held. Subscription warrants will expire at the close of business Oct. 21, 1929. The 800,000 shares which may not be subscribed for by holders of subscription warrants have been subscribed for by F. L. Carlisle & Co., Inc. at \$25 a share. The St. Regis company will apply the proceeds to the retirement of indebtedness incurred in connection with the acquisition of the business of the Bates Valve Bar Corp. and to increase working capital.

President F. L. Carlisle in a letter to the stockholders notifying them of the proposals, presents a consolidated balance sheet of the company as of June 30, 1929, adjusted to give effect to the proposed 4-for-1 split-up of common shares and the issuance of 800,000 additional shares at \$25 a share. This shows current assets of \$19,017,786, including \$11,381,067 cash, against current liabilities of \$2,101,701 a ratio of better than 9 to 1.

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents a share on the no par value common stock, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 10.

The adjusted balance sheet follows:

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.

Assets		Liabilities	
Fixed assets.....	\$47,035,600	Funded debt.....	\$10,252,302
Investments.....	26,816,200	Notes and accts. payable.....	955,511
Cash.....	11,381,067	Advance rentals.....	24,805
Notes & accts. receivable.....	2,533,143	Stampage guaranty.....	682,943
Dividends receivable.....	388,062	Dividends payable.....	378,504
Inventories.....	4,627,333	Accrued accounts.....	8,102,301
Advances.....	31,209	Reserve for depreciation.....	906,159
Acfr. int., dividends, &c.....	6,972	Depletion.....	2,018,726
Life insur. prem. sink.fds., &c.....	197,725	Contingencies.....	49,741
Deferred debit items.....	2,060,490	Miscellaneous.....	1,381,800
		Minority int. in com. capital stock and surplus.....	70,853
		Preferred stock.....	4,739,900
		Common stock (par \$10).....	40,000,000
		Surplus.....	25,504,408
Total (each side).....	\$95,127,891		

x Includes 4,102,266 shares common stock and 1,025,566 class A option warrants of Niagara Hudson Power Corp. carried at \$24.853,317 which had a market value as of Sept. 3, 1929, of \$115,889,010.—V. 128, p. 3507.

Seaboard Utilities Shares Corp.—Stock Sold.—C. D. Parker & Co., Inc., Boston; R. E. Wilsey & Co., Inc., Chicago; Biddle & Henry, Philadelphia; Joel Stockard & Co., Inc., Detroit; Lorenzo E. Anderson & Co., St. Louis; Yeager, Young & Pierson, Inc., New York; Schultz Brothers & Co., Cleveland; Kalman & Co., St. Paul; Almstedt Bros., Louisville; Link, Petter & Co., Grand Rapids; Reid, King & Co., Hartford; Beyer & Small, Portland, and Richard S. Moore & Co., Providence, announce the sale of 1,000,000 shares common stock of no par value (price at market).

Transfer agent: Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston, and Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago; Custodian: The First National Bank of Boston; Registrar: The National Shawmut Bank of Boston, and Chicago Trust Co., Chicago.

Capitalization.—Authorized 2,500,000 shares; outstanding 1,000,000 shares. The shareholders have full voting rights.
The directors, officers and bankers are receiving no bonus or management shares from the company. An option maturing April 1, 1932 on 500,000 common shares at \$15 per share has been given to the bankers in consideration of their payment of organization, taxes and other expenses having to do with the formation of the company and the issuance of the original shares.

Purpose.—Corporation now owns and will acquire additional securities of electric, power and gas companies and of holding companies owning shares of utility companies serving the territory principally east of the Mississippi River, and all proceeds received from the sale of these common shares by the corporation will be devoted to the purchase of securities of this type.

Assets.—Corporation's portfolio includes, at cost, securities of many of the company's leading utility companies. The corporation is restricted by its charter to invest not over 10% of its assets in the securities of any one company, to make no investments in companies whose only operating property, construction and not to purchase the control of any operating property. Shareholders are assured of the corporation's funds being at all times invested in a well-diversified list of approved utility securities of established standing.

Corporation's Income.—Corporation's income is not subject to any management fee. The income is derived from interest, cash dividends, stock dividends, rights and realized profits, which will accrue to this corporation for the benefit of the common shareholders and which will be distributed in accordance with the dividend policy of the corporation.

Dividend Policy.—The dividend policy of this corporation is to distribute in cash dividends, cash received from cash dividends, interest, and a reasonable proportion of the net trading profits. The balance, together with stock dividends and rights received and realized on, will be used to further build up the surplus of the corporation against which stock dividends may be issued from time to time. An initial dividend of 12½ cents per share was paid July 1, 1929 to shareholders of record June 15, 1929. In addition over 20 cents per share was carried to surplus after a reserve for taxes and expenses.

Portfolio.—Corporation owns shares in more than 75 utility corporations and associations (operating and holding) including the following:

- Allied Power & Light Corp.; American Commonwealth Power Corp.
- American Gas & Electric Co.; American Light & Tract. Co.; American Power & Light Co.; American Super Power Corp.; American Tel. & Tel. Co.; American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.; Associated Gas & Electric Co.; Central States Electric Corp.; Cities Service Co.; Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co.; Columbia Gas & Electric Co.; Commonwealth & Southern Corp.; Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y.; Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore; Detroit-Edison Co.; Electric Bond & Share Co.; Electric Investors; Electric Power & Light; Engineers' Public Service Co.; Innull Utility Investments, Inc.; International Hydro Electric Co.; International Utilities Corp.; Massachusetts Utilities Associates; Middle West Utilities Co.; National Power & Light Co.; New England Power Association; New England Public Service Co.; Niagara Hudson Power Corp.; Northeastern Power Corp.; Northern States Power Co.; Pacific Gas &

Electric Co.; Pacific Lighting Corp.; Public Service Corp. of N. J.; South-eastern Power & Light Co.; Southern California Edison Co.; Standard Gas & Electric Co.; Standard Power & Light Corp.; The Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston; The North American Co.; United Gas Improvement Co.; United Corp.; United Light & Power Co.; Utilities & Light Corp.

Listed on Chicago Stock Exchange.

Directors.—The officers and directors now include:

- Chauncey D. Parker, Pres.; Bowen Tufts, Vice-Pres.; Nicholas P. Zech, Vice-Pres. Merton E. Grush, Treas.; Charles R. Adams; Edward E. Allen, Jr.; Edward L. Bennett; A. Cleveland Bent; Henry G. Beyer; Henry D. Boening; Howard H. Davenport; George R. S. Denton; Charles H. Donnelly; H. L. Farrington; W. C. Fordyce; Leonard B. Gage; Charles F. Gallagher; Harold S. Goldberg; Bernard L. Gorfkink; Edward M. Graham; Charles H. Harvey; J. Lewis Henry; Val B. Holman; Lorne B. Hulsman; Leonard G. Hunt; Louis G. Keyes; Clinton T. King; Harold B. Lamont; Arthur B. Lisle; Edward C. Mason; J. R. McIntosh; Richard S. Moore; Manning W. Morrill; Harry L. Norris; Elmer G. Parsly; H. M. Parsons; Thomas W. Pelham; George W. Perry; Walter S. Perry; Philip B. Somerby; Harold G. Storke; V. C. Bruce Wetmore; R. E. Wilsey; Floyd W. Woodcock; H. C. Yeager.—V. 128, p. 3849.

Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.—Sales.

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Month of August.....	\$35,132,543	\$28,985,684	\$23,969,681	\$19,604,621
First 8 months.....	261,361,920	201,361,086	174,656,950	166,237,920
—V. 129, p. 1300, 1140.				

Second General American Investors, Inc.—Merger.
See General American Investors Co., Inc. above.—V. 129, p. 1140.

Selected Investment Trust, Inc.—New Trust Formed.

A new investment trust has been formed by a group of prominent Philadelphians with the Real Estate Land Title & Trust Co., Philadelphia, trustee. A unit composed of 25 of outstanding corporations totalling 156 shares of stocks is deposited with the trustee against which is certified 1,000 selected trust shares.

This trust differs principally in that management features play an important part. A purely fixed or rigid trust does not permit the trust management to substitute securities to avert loss or to sell securities to take reasonable profit. In Selected Trust Shares the best features of the fixed trust are retained while ample provisions are made for management to meet unforeseen conditions as they may arise, viz.: Sales to avert or minimize loss or sales for profit. A reserve list is set forth showing the stocks which may be substituted for those sold out of the Primary Portfolio.

Bearer certificates in coupon form in denominations of 5, 10, 25, 50, 100, 500 and 1,000 shares. Semi-annual dividends payable March 1 and Sept. 1 at the office of the trustee in Philadelphia or at any other designated paying agency in the United States. Provision for registration as to principal only. Stated termination of the Trust Sept. 1, 1949, with provisions for prior termination or for extension for period not exceeding 5 years. In the opinion of Counsel the certificates are free of normal Federal income tax; free of the state inheritance tax except in State of residence.

Primary List.—Trust Fund Portfolio applicable to one unit.

No. of Shares.	30 2d. International Sec. Corp.—A.
6 American Founders Corp.	20 Sterling Sec. Corp., Pref.
3 American Tel. & Tel. Co.	10 Sterling Sec. Corp., common.
7 Chesapeake Corp.	5 Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.
5 Electric Bond & Share Co.	6 United Aircraft & Trans. Corp., Pfd.
7 General Foods Corp.	5 Anaconda Copper Mining Co.
8 General Public Service Corp.	2 Atholton, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.
5 International Tel. & Tel. Co.	3 Du Pont (E. I.) de Nemours & Co.
10 Kreuger & Toll Co.	5 Fidelity-Phoenix Fire Ins. Co.
8 National Dairy Products Corp.	2 General Electric Co.
3 Newmont Mining Corp.	4 International Harvester Co.
4 North American Co.	8 Standard Oil Co. (Ind.)
5 Public Service Corp. of N. J.	2 Union Pacific RR.
	3 United States Steel Corp.

Also cash and government securities in dividend reserve applicable to one unit. Cash and securities in surplus account applicable to one unit.
Note.—All stocks are common stocks except where otherwise designated. Each Selected Trust Share, irrespective of date of issue, ranks equally with all other shares and each share represents a 1-1000 interest in certain securities and cash as included in the primary list set forth above but as the same may be from time to time, followed with due publicity. Each standard investment unit comprising the securities and cash as above set forth and as the same may be from time to time, is deposited with the trustee, and title to these securities and cash is vested in its name. For each unit of securities and cash thus deposited the trustee issues 1,000 Selected Trust Shares. The holder of these trust shares thus knows in what securities of the primary list his money has been invested. He further has a definite proportionate share in the securities and cash funds contained in the dividend reserve and surplus account.

Directors.—George M. Bridgman, Pres. (Dir., Fidelity Mutual Life Ins. Co.); Vice-Pres., Hajoeca Corp., Dir., Commercial National Bank & Trust Co.; Joseph Bernhard, Vice-Pres. (Dir., Sylvania Ins. Co., Dir., Commercial National Bank & Trust Co.); Vice-Pres., Investment Bond & Securities Corp.; Jeffrey A. Stone, Sec. & Treas. (Treas., Investment Bond & Securities Corp.); John F. Fisher (Pres., Yewald & Jones Co., Dir., Belmont Trust Co.); Theodore J. Grayson (Prof. of Finance, Wharton School, Univ. of Penn., Treas., New Jersey Utilities Assn., Vice-Pres. and Dir., Penn Colony Trust Co.); Morris Wolf (Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen, Dir., Colonial Trust Co., Dir., Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.).

Reserve List.—Under the conditions set forth in the trust agreement, substitutions of securities may be made only from the reserve list. This reserve list has been prepared upon the same principles and in exactly the same way as the primary list. This reserve list may be changed from time to time and subtractions or additions made therein as the trust management, in its discretion, may decide.

Dividend Reserve.—A dividend reserve will be accumulated from any excess of dividends received over dividends paid out as provided in the trust agreement. Appropriations may be made by the trust management from time to time from surplus account to dividend reserve. The purpose of the dividend reserve is to equalize variations in yield and to provide investors with a steady income. Funds in the dividend reserve held by the trustee for the holders of Selected Trust Shares, may only be kept in cash or invested in U. S. Government securities.

Surplus Account.—A surplus account will be accumulated out of the proceeds of the sale of any rights, stock dividends, &c., and also from any profits derived from the sale of securities in the investment unit, and will be held by the trustee for the benefit of the holders of Selected Trust Shares. Selected Investment Trust, Inc., has created an original surplus equivalent to \$1 per share of the first investment unit. The purpose of the surplus account is to furnish additional reserve for the shareholders of the trust, and also to afford a method of obtaining additional profit. The surplus account may be invested by the trustee in the discretion and at the direction of the trust management without restrictions to securities contained in the primary or reserve lists, as provided in the trust agreement.

Compensation of Management.—Included in the price of Selected Trust Shares is a sales charge of less than 8½% of the selling price, which compensation is received by Selected Investment Trust, Inc. Selected Investment Trust, Inc., pays all advertising and administration costs, sales expense, statistical and clerical work, legal fees and other items of overhead and operating expense. To assure holders of Selected Trust Shares of continued careful management and as compensation for the management of the trust, Selected Investment Trust, Inc., also receives a semi-annual management fee of 1-6th of 1% of the total assets of the trust. This fee is deductible from the income received by the trustee as set forth in the trust agreement. The trustee is compensated for its services by a semi-annual fee of 1¼ cents per share, which is paid to it for general administration of the trust securities and includes the receiving and handling of all incoming funds and the payment of all dividends together with the necessary bookkeeping. In addition the trustee is entitled to charge \$1 for all certificates registered, except the original registration thereof. Conversion and redemption fees and fees payable on surrender of Talons and dissolution of the trust are also provided for in the trust agreement.

(Isaac) Silver & Bros. Co.—August Gross Sales.

	1929-Aug.—1928.	Increase.	1929-8 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$718,345	\$459,622	\$258,723	\$4,534,735	\$3,541,668
—V. 129, p. 982.				

Sharp & Dohme, Inc.—Comparative Balance Sheet.—

Assets—		Liabilities—	
June 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	June 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.
Cash.....	\$598,438	Accounts payable.....	\$94,179
Accts. receivable.....	1,063,663	Federal taxes.....	70,303
Notes receivable.....	14,910	Res. Federal tax.....	75,472
Inventories.....	1,358,155	Preferred stock.....	970,000
Investment.....	5,706	Common stock.....	4,000,000
Land, bldgs., &c.....	1,521,309	Paid-in surplus.....	884,677
Prepayments.....	95,645	Earned surplus.....	850,932
Deferred charges.....	100,787		
Tr.-mks., pats., &c.....	1,216,950		
	1,211,122	Total (ea. side).....	\$5,975,564
			\$5,832,660

Our usual income account for the 6 months ended June 30 1929 was published in V. 129, p. 982—V. 129, p. 1301.

Simmons Co.—Earnings.—

6 Months Ended June 30—		1929.		1928.	
Net profit after deprec. & other charges but before Federal taxes.....		\$3,511,675		\$2,501,438	

Consolidated Balance Sheet June 30.

1929.		1928.		1929.		1928.	
Assets—		Liabilities—					
Property & plant.....	27,297,314	Common stock.....	25,082,065	25,082,065		25,082,065	
Pats., goodwill, &c.....	1,265,557	Accts. & notes pay.....	6,382,961	3,221,714		3,221,714	
Investments.....	6,255,090	Res. for deprec., &c.....	11,468,341	10,474,010		10,474,010	
Cash.....	887,012	Surplus.....	7,961,056	6,345,464		6,345,464	
Accts. & notes rec.....	6,769,418						
Inventories.....	7,398,302						
Prepaid ins., &c.....	279,001						
Deferred charges.....	732,730						
		Total.....	50,884,424	45,123,253		50,884,424	45,123,253

x Represented by 1,100,000 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 983.

Sloss Sheffield Steel & Iron Co.—Bal. Sheet June 30 '29.

After giving effect to the sale of \$6,500,000 1-year 6% notes and the application of the proceeds thereof to the payment of \$3,277,000 10-year 6% sinking fund gold notes and \$2,103,000 5-year 6% purchase money lien notes, due Aug. 1 1929, and of \$1,000,000 bank loans and to the increase of working capital.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
June 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	June 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.
Cash.....	\$771,159	Accounts payable.....	\$346,257
Bills receivable.....	66,697	Accrued interest.....	134,500
Accounts receivable.....	723,248	Int. on bonds on prop. purch.....	27,911
Inventories.....	2,598,987	Taxes.....	99,919
Other assets.....	174,124	Federal inc. tax balance 1928.....	28,064
Securities owned.....	504,162	Est. Federal taxes 6 mos.....	47,238
Permanent assets.....	28,824,254	1-year 6% notes.....	6,500,000
Deferred charges.....	137,357	Deferred income.....	25,944
		Reserves.....	694,048
		Preferred stock.....	6,700,000
		Common stock.....	10,000,000
		Surplus.....	9,196,108
Total (each side).....	\$33,799,987		

—V. 129, p. 649

Southern Pacific Golden Gate Co.—Listing, &c.—

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 158,750 shares class A stock, of no par value, and 262,260 shares class B stock, of no par value.

The company has no funded debt, except indirectly in that it owns all of the issued and outstanding stock of the Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, Ltd., which has outstanding \$10,000,000 1st mtge. 5½% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1949. The Southern Pacific Co. owns \$5,000,000 of these bonds.

The holders of class A stock are entitled to cumulative dividends at the rate of, and limited to, \$1.50 a share per annum after all dividends have been paid to holders of preferred stock, and before any dividends on the class B stock are set apart. All or any part of the class A stock may be redeemed at the option of the board of directors on any dividend payment date upon notice of at least 60 days at \$27.50 per share and divs.

The company was incorporated on April 22 1929, in Delaware as a holding company to own all of the issued and outstanding capital stock of the Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, Ltd. This latter company was organized on Feb. 18 1929 in California under a charter with a duration of 50 years. The Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, Ltd., has acquired the properties of the Southern Pacific Co., Central Pacific Ry., South Pacific Coast Ry., and Northwestern Pacific RR, which were used by them exclusively in the vehicular ferry business on San Francisco Bay; and all of the properties of the Golden Gate Ferry Co., Monticello Steamship Co., and Golden Gate San Rafael Ferry Co. The company, therefore, represents a consolidation of all vehicular ferry services now operated between San Francisco and Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley, Richmond, Sausalito, Tiburon and Vallejo, Calif.

The Southern Pacific Golden Gate Co. is a subsidiary of the Southern Pacific Co., which owns 21,000 shares of its class B stock, which constitutes a majority of the outstanding voting stock. The Southern Pacific Co. also owns 23,150, or a majority of the outstanding shares of the Southern Pacific Golden Gate Co. preferred stock.

The company owns no real estate. Its entire capital assets consist of all the issued and outstanding shares of the capital stock of Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, Ltd.

The latter owns terminal property in fee at Vallejo, Sausalito, Berkeley and Oakland, Calif., and has land under lease at Oakland, Alameda, Berkeley and Richmond, Calif.

The annual dividend rate on the class A and class B stock is \$1.50 per share, which is payable quarterly on the 15th day of February, May, August and October. These stocks are ex-dividend on Jan. 31, April 30, July 31 and Oct. 31.

The board of directors consists of S. P. Eastman (President), E. H. Maggard (Vice-President), B. H. Diblee, J. H. Dyer, Milton H. Esberg, E. J. Foulds, F. S. McGinnis, Paul Shoup and A. O. Stewart, all of San Francisco, Calif. G. L. King is Secretary and C. M. Scott, Treasurer. —V. 128, p. 3701.

Sparks Withington Co.—Increased Common Stock Placed on a \$1 Annual Dividend Basis.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25c. a share on the increased common stock, placing the issue on a \$1 annual basis. This is equivalent to \$1 quarterly or \$4 annually on the old common stock and compared with the old rate of 75c. a share quarterly, or \$3 annually, paid before the recent 300% stock dividend.

The dividend just declared is payable Sept. 30 to holders of record Sept. 14.—V. 128, p. 3849, 3701.

(E. R.) Squibb & Sons.—Profit Sharing Plan.—

A plan under which more than 20,000 retail druggists throughout the country will be eligible to share in the profits of this company, internationally known manufacturing chemists, has been developed and is being announced by President Carleton H. Palmer. The purpose of the plan, according to Mr. Palmer, is to bring about a closer alliance through mutual interest between manufacturer and distributors. The company believes that the trend of modern business is definitely in the direction of mutualization of interest and that the future of the distributor and of the independent manufacturer must lie in this closer affiliation, if both are to profit.

Stock ownership in this company, which was founded in 1858, has been confined practically to the officials and members of the organization. In 1920 the company for the first time sold \$1,000,000 of partic. 1st pref. stock to its friends in the drug trade. This stock was re-classified in 1928 at a profit to the druggists of over 100% on their original investment.

For the operation of its plan, the company has formed a Delaware subsidiary to be known as "The Squibb Plan, Inc.," having an equal number of manufacturer's and distributors' shares. Druggists holding Squibb franchises will be invited to subscribe to units of 10 distributors' shares for each retail store owned or operated by them.

For each share of distributors' stock issued, E. R. Squibb & Sons agrees to sell to The Squibb Plan one share of its common stock up to 50,000 shares. In addition, the Squibb company agrees to pay into the treasury of The Squibb Plan, Inc., 10% on the actual purchases of all members of The Squibb Plan, Inc., and 10% additional on the increase in purchases over the preceding year's purchases. These amounts, together with the income from Squibb company common stock, are pooled in the treasury of The Squibb Plan, Inc.

Before any profits can be distributed, the member druggist must receive 6% as a preferred dividend on his preferred shares. The remainder is then

divided into two parts. One part is payable to the manufacturer's shares held by Squibb, and the other part is payable to the druggist members as a participating profit. The druggist share is to be based on the amount of his purchases and not upon the amount of his stock holdings in the plan.

All distributors' shares are preferred as to dividends and as to assets up to \$50 per share and accrued dividends and are entitled to one-half of all surplus assets in the event of dissolution. Druggists, after receiving their 6% dividend, will participate in the profits in direct proportion to their purchases of merchandise.

To insure the closest co-operation between manufacturer and distributor, the Squibb company proposes to elect 4 directors from the retail drug trade to the board of the Squibb Plan.

Through the income on the Squibb common stock, the druggists will participate in the prosperity and development of the Squibb company. Through the shareholders' contract, druggists will participate in profits in direct proportion to their purchases, the amount to be received by the druggists approximating one-half the average profit obtained by the Squibb company on its sales during the year 1928.

At the present time, the Squibb company sells to over 700 physicians' supply houses and wholesalers, to over 700 boards of health and nearly 1,800 medical clinics, and to about 5,000 hospitals, in addition to more than 27,000 retail druggists. Its annual sales are now more than 4 times greater than they were 8 years ago and its net profits in the last fiscal year were some 7 times greater, although in the intervening years the company spent in the neighborhood of \$14,000,000 for scientific research and for educational activities.—V. 127, p. 2551.

Standard Investing Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 147,894 shares, now issued and outstanding; 39,292 shares on official notice of issuance on exercise of warrants attached to shares of preferred stock, \$5.50 dividend series, and 100,000 shares on official notice of issuance on conversion by holders of 10-year 5½% convertible gold debentures, making the total applied for 287,186 shares of common stock.

The statement made to the Exchange contains a list of securities held in the company's portfolio as of July 31 1929, having an approximate market value of \$11,612,630.—V. 129, p. 1301.

Standard Oil Co. of Kansas.—Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
June 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	June 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.
Property, plant & equipment.....	\$3,749,451	Capital stock.....	\$5,000,000
U. S. Govt. bonds.....	2,078,185	Accounts payable.....	591,415
Other investments.....	232,200	Surplus.....	561,347
Crude oil & refined products.....	1,692,797		
Materials & supp.....	277,903		
Cash.....	210,710		
Demand loans.....	100,000		
Accounts receiv.....	811,516		
		Total (each side).....	\$9,152,762
			\$8,830,031

x After depreciation of \$2,888,242.

Our usual income account for the 6 months ended June 30 1929 was published in V. 129, p. 983.

Starrett Corp.—Financing.—

New financing to be undertaken shortly will include an issue of \$15,000,000 6% cumulative preferred stock (par \$50) with common stock purchase privilege, which will be offered for public subscription by G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., Brown Brothers & Co., Edward B. Smith & Co., Janney & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co. After April 30 1930, the holder of each share of this preferred stock will be entitled to purchase one share of common at the following prices: To and including April 30 1931, at \$29 a share; thereafter to and including April 30 1933, at \$35 a share, and thereafter, to and including April 30 1935, at \$50 a share. The stock purchase privilege will be void after the last mentioned date. The common stock is listed on the New York Curb Exchange and the Boston Stock Exchange and is currently selling around 41.—V. 129, p. 983.

Sterling Securities Corp.—Earnings.—

The company has reached a new high earning capacity according to a statement made by Hugh R. Johnston, Vice-President and Treasurer. Mr. Johnston points out that as of Aug. 24 1929, the earned surplus, including a contingent reserve of \$300,000, amounted to \$2,163,440. In addition, the company has in its portfolio unrealized profits amounting to \$5,572,417 so that the total additions to capital, realized and unrealized, amounted to \$7,735,857.

The new realized earnings of the company for the period from Jan. 1 1929 to Aug. 24 1929 after deducting all expenses and taxes and dividends on the preference stock amounted to \$1,762,919, equivalent after participation of the class B stock to \$2.34 per share on the class A common stock. Figuring on an annual basis, the company's cash earnings are at the rate of \$3.62 per share per year on the class A common stock.

During the same period the value of the company's portfolio has appreciated in value \$3,693,150. This increase in the unrealized profit is equivalent, after participation of the class B shares and allowing for taxes as though the profit had been actually taken, to \$4.04 per share on the class A common stock.

The total realized and unrealized earnings on the class A common stock during the period mentioned amounts to \$6.38 per share, or, at the annual rate of \$9.90 per share.—V. 129, p. 1141.

Stutz Motor Car Co. of America, Inc.—Shipments Inc.—

Domestic shipments during August, were 50% greater than during July and 78% more than in August last year. Notwithstanding the fact that Stutz has always exported an extraordinarily large percentage of its output, overseas shipments for August of this year were the largest the company has ever known, a gain of 235% over the preceding month being chalked up in deliveries to foreign markets. Export shipments were also 68% greater than in August 1928.

Unfilled orders on hand to-day are greater than they were the first of August.—V. 129, p. 1141.

Super-Maid Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

6 Months Ended June 30—		1929.		1928.	
Sales.....	\$2,398,255		\$2,442,183		
Cost of sales.....	812,325		936,390		
Gross profit.....	\$1,585,930		\$1,505,793		
Selling & administrative expense.....	881,518		732,302		
Net profit on sales.....	\$704,412		\$773,490		
Other income.....	11,671		10,724		
Total income.....	\$716,083		\$784,214		
Bad debts.....	55,303		58,152		
Bank exchange.....	3,887		2,936		
Discount on sales.....	13,217		14,958		
Interest on notes payable.....	4,356		2,463		
Loss on sale of assets.....	201		619		
Provision for Federal taxes.....	75,000		90,000		
Net profit (adjust. per agreement with John Burnham & Co.).....	\$564,118		\$615,086		
Non-returning items (officers salaries, bond int., & discount).....			34,969		
Net profit per books.....	\$564,118		\$580,117		
Earns. per sh. on 150,000 shs. com. stk. (no par val).....	\$3.76		\$3.87		

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
June 30 '29	Dec. 31 '28	June 30 '29	Dec. 31 '28
Plant & equipment.....	\$760,117	Net worth.....	\$2,506,083
Cash.....	170,191	Accounts payable.....	57,840
Accts. receivable.....	1,282,812	Notes payable.....	150,000
Notes receivable.....	148	Accrued payroll & comm., &c.....	31,400
Inventories.....	650,193	Res. for insur.....	6,984
Cash val. life insur.....	3,425	Res. for taxes.....	153,837
Interest accrued.....	7	Divs. pay. Feb. 1 '29.....	148,974
Prepaid expense.....	30,249		150,000
Deferred charges.....	902		
		Total.....	\$2,906,144
			\$2,600,575

—V. 129, p. 143.

Stewart-Warner Corp.—Balance Sheet June 30.—

Balance sheet for Stewart-Warner Corp. showing assets (Land, bldgs., mach., equipment, etc.) and liabilities (Capital stock, Stock divs. pay., Accts. & vouchers payable, etc.) for 1929 and 1928.

Total. 34,934,302 29,504,873. After deducting reserve for depreciation. y 599,990 shares of no par value. z Par \$10. Our usual comparative income account for the 3 and 6 months ended June 30 was published in V. 129, p. 1460.

345 Madison Avenue, Inc.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 6 1/4% 1st mtg. gold bonds dated April 1 1924, numbered 124 to 935, incl., have been called for redemption on Oct. 1 1929 at 101 1/2 and int. at the Irving Trust Co., 60 Broadway, N. Y. City.

Transcontinental Oil Co.—New Chairman, &c.—

Amos L. Beatty has been elected Chairman of the board of directors, succeeding C. H. Huston, resigned. The following new directors were elected: M. G. B. Whippley (Vice-Pres. of Chase Securities Corp.); Theodore Schulze (Pres. of Theodore Schulze Co., Inc.); and Edward Robinette of Philadelphia (Pres. of Stroud & Co.). They succeeded M. L. Benedum, A. B. Dally, Jr., and J. L. Kirkland, whose resignations were accepted.—V. 129, p. 816.

Triplex Safety Glass Co. of North America, Inc.—Omits Final Dividend.—

The directors have announced that no final dividend on the common shares would be declared. An interim dividend of 5% was declared on this stock in March, while a year ago a final dividend of 15% was declared. It was stated that accounts for the year ended June 30 showed that a considerable loss had been sustained in the development stage of the new factories during their first year of production. The balance of profits after deducting this loss is too small to justify the dividend. The difficulty is expected to be merely temporary, as sales at present are expanding.—V. 128, p. 2107.

United States Electric Light & Power Shares, Inc.—Larger Dividend.—

The corporation announces that the quarterly dividend (No. 11) due Sept. 1 on trust certificates, series A, is payable at the rate of 83 cents per share, with \$56.31 per unit accruing to the reserve fund. The June 1 dividend was payable at the rate of 64 cents per share.—V. 129, p. 1461.

United States Steel Corp.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 10-60-year 5% sinking fund gold bonds have been called for redemption Nov. 1 next at 110 and interest, at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., sinking fund trustees, 23 Wall Street, New York City.—V. 129, p. 1461.

United States Tobacco Co.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 16. This compares with quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share paid on this issue from July 1 1922 to July 1 1929, incl. A 20% stock distribution was made on April 16 1923.—V. 128, p. 1547.

Universal Pictures Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Universal Pictures Co. comparing 6 months ended May 4 1929 and May 5 1928. Shows net profits after charges and Federal taxes.

Utah Radio Products Co.—Earnings.—

The company reports for the 11 months ended June 30 1929, net income of \$617,083 after charges, equal to \$2.46 a share on the 249,000 shares of capital stock outstanding.—V. 128, p. 419.

Warner Co.—Definitive Bonds Ready.—

Dillon, Read & Co. announce that definitive bonds (with warrants) representing \$7,000,000 Warner Co. 1st mtg. 6% sinking fund bonds, due April 1 1944, will be exchanged for interim receipts at the Tradesmen's National Bank & Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa. (See offering in V. 128, p. 2290.)—V. 129, p. 1304.

Warren Bros., Co.—Earnings.—

Earnings table for Warren Bros., Co. comparing 6 mos. ended June 30 1929 and 1928. Shows net profits after all charges except taxes.

Warren Foundry & Pipe Corp.—Earnings.—

Detailed earnings table for Warren Foundry & Pipe Corp. showing sales and r'y. oper. revenue, cost of sales and r'y. oper. expense, selling admin., gen. exp., r'y. tax accruals, &c., net oper. profit, miscel. income, total income, miscellaneous charges, deprec. & deplet., Federal taxes, net profit, and administrative, general expenses, railway tax accrual and inactive expenses.

Balance Sheet June 30.

Balance sheet for Warren Foundry & Pipe Corp. showing assets (Prop., plants, &c., Cash, Call loans, Accts. & notes rec., Cash with trustees, Investments, Deprec. charges, Inventories) and liabilities (Capital stock, Funded debt, Accts. & wages pay, Unmat. int. acc., Reserve for taxes, Other reserve, Surplus) for 1929 and 1928.

Total. 13,797,680 14,158,645. Represented by 231,900 shares of no par value. y After depreciation depletion & development reserve.—V. 128, p. 2654.

Westfield Manufacturing Co.—Over 70% Stockholders Accept Conversion Offer.—

President Wilbur C. Walker early this week announced that more than 70% of the pref. stockholders, representing 7,700 shares, have deposited their shares in accordance with the company's plan announced July 30 1929, under which preferred stockholders were given the privilege of exchanging one share of preferred for 3 shares of common stock plus \$10 per share in cash and accrued dividend to Aug. 15 1929. As a result the directors declared the plan operative.

The directors, however, announced that the time for surrender of the remaining outstanding preferred stock has been extended to and including Sept. 10 1929.—V. 129, p. 1144.

Wextark Radio Stores, Inc.—Dividend Dates.—

The usual quarterly cash dividend of 50 cents per share and the 5% stock dividend, recently declared on the no par value capital stock, are payable on Oct. 1 to holders of record Sept. 16 (not Aug. 15 as previously stated).—V. 129, p. 1304.

Willy-Overland Co.—Correction.—

In the company's semi-annual statement for the six months ended June 30 1929 (not 1928) published in our issue of Aug. 24, p. 1279, the liability side of the balance sheet for 1929 should have included the \$4,000,000 1st mtg. 6 1/4% outstanding. With this figure the 1929 column will foot up \$87,218,483, the amount given.—V. 129, p. 1279, 1304.

(F. W.) Woolworth Co.—August Sales Increase.—

Sales increase table for (F. W.) Woolworth Co. comparing August and eight months for 1929 and 1928.

President Hubert T. Parson said: "Business is well diversified all over the country. Our gain in August was unusually good and came from pretty near all districts. We were affected somewhat in New Orleans, where we have three large stores, by the labor troubles there. But the general trend of business is good. I look for a big fall business starting this month and running to the end of the year. Last year the final 4 months showed sales gains but not as large as in the first 8 months. This year, however, business has a real momentum and our sales to the close of 1929 should show substantial gains over that period last year. Just continuing the 9% gain in sales shown in the first 8 months this year will put us to our anticipated year's business of \$310,000,000."

"Our stores are well stocked with goods this fall for a large shopping season. We have 1,802 stores operating, 77 more than the first of the year. The old stores in August contributed \$1,603,217 of the month's gain, increase in old store sales of 7.40%; for the 8 months they were responsible for \$6,783,657 of the gain, an increase in their sales of 4.11%."—V. 129, p. 985.

CURRENT NOTICES.

Moulding Business Executives.

Representative programs which are being undertaken by several large commercial and industrial establishments for the purpose of developing future department heads, supervisors, and senior officers, have been incorporated into a report entitled "Training Plans for Junior Executives," which has just been published by the Policyholders' Service Bureau of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. The report relates some of the training courses which are finding successful application, and therefore may be of value to those who are dealing with the problem of building up material for executive responsibility. Many of the programs selected are described at some length, and include those which are being employed by the Bethlehem Steel Co., Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Henry L. Doherty & Co., Jordan Marsh Co., R. H. Macy & Co., and General Motors Corp. The foreword to the report states that "Training junior executives for prospective duties is, properly, one of the interests of progressive management." The publication should be of special interest to personnel officers and other industrial executives who are concerned with the working out of comprehensive plans for the education of their future key personnel. Copies of "Training Plans for Junior Executives" may be secured by interested business men on application to the Policyholders' Service Bureau.

Strabo V. Claggett & Co., Inc., of Boston, have completed a program of expansion including the opening of enlarged offices at 120 Broadway, according to an announcement by C. S. Schindler, Executive Vice-President and General Salesmanager, who makes his headquarters in New York. A new office has been established in the Fidelity Philadelphia Trust Building in Philadelphia under the management of Barton B. Quirk. Other offices have been opened in the Liberty Bank Building in Buffalo, N. Y., in charge of Frank C. Diem, formerly Assistant Vice-President of the Liberty National Bank and in the Washington Building, Washington, D. C., under the direction of E. Joseph Aronoff, formerly director of the International Exchange Bank.

Announcement has been made of the election of Robert S. Binkerd to the presidency of the United States Shares Financial Corp., an investing company of the general management type recently organized by United States Shares Corp. The latter company is an investment management organization which is handling the portfolios of nine investment trusts.

Mr. Binkerd was formerly a partner in the New York Stock Exchange firm of James H. Oliphant & Co., and previous to that, was vice-chairman of the Committee on Public Relations of the Eastern Railroads.

In order to serve more efficiently its clientele in New Jersey, Spencer Trask & Co. have established a branch office in the Federal Trust Building, Newark, N. J., under the management of John F. Dolan.

Direct wire connection with the main office at 25 Broad St., New York, will make available to this branch office the firm's private wire system to important financial centers.

Among the current changes of personnel in the securities field, one that is indicative of the widespread interest in New York City bank stocks is the announcement of the resignation of Mark W. Beeks as manager of syndicate activities of Pynchon & Co., to head the syndicate and wholesale department of Ralph B. Leonard & Co., specialists in bank and insurance securities.

Announcement is made of the formation of the co-partnership of F. H. Douglas & Co. as of Sept. 3 1929. The personnel is Frederick H. Douglas, Henry Picoli, Raymond V. Canfield, Joseph E. McKenzie, Charles Picoli, all members of the New York Stock Exchange, and Frederick W. Boehringer. The offices of the new firm are at 61 Broadway, Telephone Whitehall 3750.

Mr. H. W. Garner, President of Garner Investment Co. of Des Moines, Iowa, and J. N. Casady of Chicago, have opened up offices at Suite 911, 19 South La Salle St., Chicago, under the firm name of H. W. Garner & Co., and will deal in the highest type of investment bonds, and specialize in Illinois improvement bonds.

William Schall & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, announce that Robert D. MacMurphy has been admitted as a general partner and Donald A. Muller, formerly with Prince & Whitely, has become associated with them in their Securities Department.

The firm of Ambrose B. Furlong & Co., Inc., has been formed to trade in bank, insurance, public utility and industrial stocks, with offices at 165 Broadway. The partners are Ambrose B. Furlong and Louis Edwin Kesner.

Announcement is made as of Sept. 3 1929 of the formation of William H. Noyes & Co., Inc., with offices at 149 Broadway, New York, Telephone Cortlandt 8734, to deal in Investment Securities.

Richard K. Buechler, formerly with the Bank of United States, has become associated with H. Hentz & Co., in the securities department at the head office, Cotton Exchange Building.

Announcement was made to-day of the retirement of Herman W. Willis from Walker & Willis and a change in the name of the firm to Walker & Co.

Mr. Harold A. Riley, formerly with Redmond & Co., has become associated with Taylor, Bates & Co. at their main office, 48 Wall St.

Prince & Whitely, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the admission to general partnership of Morrison B. Orr.

J. G. White & Co., Inc., announce that Edward W. Rucker, Jr., has been appointed Manager of their Buffalo office.

Bauer, Pogue, Pond & Vivian have prepared an analysis of The Continental Insurance Co. capital stock.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

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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, Sept. 6 1929.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet with Santos 4s, 22 1/4 to 22 1/2c.; Rio 7s, 16 1/4c.; Victoria 7-8s, 15 1/4c. Fair to good Cucuta 21 1/2 to 22c.; Oceana 20 to 20 1/2c.; Buicaramanga, natural 20 1/2 to 21c.; washed 23 1/2 to 24c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot 23 3/4 to 24c.; Medellin 24 3/4 to 25 1/4c.; Manizales 24 to 24 1/2c.; Mexican washed 24 1/2 to 25c.; Surinam 21 1/2 to 22 1/2c.; Ankola 28 1/2 to 34c.; Mandheling 34 to 37c.; Genuine Java 32 to 33 1/2c. Robusta, washed 19 to 19 1/2d.; Mocha 26 1/2 to 27 1/2c.; Harrar 25 to 26c.; Abyssinian 21 1/2 to 22c.; Guatemala, prime 23 1/2 to 24c.; Good 22 1/4 to 22 3/4c.; Bourbon 21 1/2 to 22c. Later Santos 4s were 22 1/4 to 22 1/2c.; Rio 7s 16c.; Victoria 7-8s down to 14 1/4 to 14 1/2c.

On the 3rd inst. cost and freight offers from Santos were noticeably firm. Rio and Victoria offers, however, were more plentiful and lower. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s, were quoted at 22.60c.; 3s, at 22.10c.; 3/4s, at 21.70c.; 3-5s, at 20.90c. to 21.45c.; 4-5s, at 20.30 to 21c.; 5s, at 19.90 to 21 3/4c.; 5-6s, at 19.35c.; 6s, at 18.90c.; 6-7s, at 18.90c.; 7-8s, at 14 1/2c. to 15.90c.; part Bourbon 3-5s, at 20 3/4c.; 6s, at 18 3/4c.; Peaberry 4s, at 21 1/4c.; 4-5s, at 20 1/2 to 20.65c.; rain-damaged 3-5s, at 17 1/4c.; 6-7s, at 15.65 to 17.65c.; 7s, at 16 1/4 to 17 1/2c.; 7/8s, at 14 to 14 3/4c.; Rio 7s, at 14.45 to 14 3/4c.; 7-8s, at 14.15 to 14 1/2c.; Victoria 7s, at 13.70c.; 7/8s, at 13.40 to 13.60c. On the 4th inst. firm offers of well described Santos for prompt shipment cost and freight were about unchanged but Rios were in some instances 50 points lower. The prompt Victorias were unchanged while Oct. 7s, were here at 13.85c. Santos Bourbon 2s, for prompt shipment were quoted at 23.15c.; 2-3s, at 22 1/4 to 22.60c.; 3s, at 22.10 to 22 3/4c.; 3-4s, at 21 1/2 to 22 1/2c.; 3-5s, at 20.40 to 21.45c.; 4-5s, at 20.10 to 21.65c.; 5s, at 19 1/2 to 21 3/4c.; 5-6s, at 19.35 to 21c.; 6s, at 18.80c.; 6-7s, at 18 1/2c. 7s, at 17.80 to 18 1/2c.; 7-8s, at 14 to 17.90c.; 8s, at 17c.; Part Bourbon 3-4s, at 19 1/4c.; 3-5s, at 20 3/4c.; 4-5s, at 21 1/4c.; 6s, at 18 3/4c.; 7-8s, at 15c.; Peaberry 3-4s, at 21 3/4c.; 4s, at 21.15 to 21 1/4c.; 4-5s, at 20 1/2c.; rain-damaged 3-4s, at 16.90c.; 3-5s, at 17 1/4 to 19.35c.; 5s at 18.80c.; 6s, at 17 1/4 to 17.80c.; 6-7s, at 15 3/4 to 17 1/4c.; 7s, at 15 1/4 to 17 1/4c.; 7-8s, at 14 1/2 to 14 3/4c.; Rio 7s, at 14.20 to 14 1/4c.; 7-8s, at 13.95 to 14.00c.; Victoria 7-8s, at 13.40c.

On the 5th inst. cost and freight offers from Santos were practically unchanged. Rios were easier and there were no prompt shipment offers of Victorias. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 22 1/4 to 22.85c.; 3s at 22 1/2 to 27 3/4c.; 3-4s, at 21 1/2 to 22.45c.; 3-5s, at 20 1/2c.; 4-5s, at 20.65c.; 6s, at 19 1/2 to 21 3/4c.; 5-6s, at 19.65 to 20 3/4c.; 6s, at 18.80c.; 6-7s, at 18 1/2c.; 7s, at 17.80 to 18 1/2c.; 7-8s, at 14.40 to 17.90c.; part Bourbon 4-5s, at 20.10c.; Peaberry 4s, at 21.15 to 21 1/4c.; 4-5s, at 20 1/4c.; 5-6s, at 18 1/2c.; rain-damaged 3-5s, at 19 1/4c.; 5-6s, at 18.90c.; 6-7s, at 17.15c.; 7s, at 15 1/4 to 17 1/4c.; 7-8s, at 14 1/2c.; Rio 7s, at 14.10c.; 7-8s, at 13.85c. E. Laneville's monthly statistics were as follows: World's visible supply on Sept. 1, 5,320,000 bags against 5,465,000 on Aug. 1 and 5,576,000 on Sept. 1, last year. Arrivals of coffee in Europe during Aug. of Brazilian were 577,000 bags against 458,000 in same month last year and 577,000 2 years ago; of milds 265,000 against 305,000 in same month last year and 252,000 2 years ago; Arrivals of milds, 2 months. United States 540,000 bags against 426,000 last year and 415,000 2 years ago. Europe 641,000 against 886,000 last year and 551,000 2 years ago. Deliveries during Aug. of all kinds to United States 913,000 against 889,000 last year and 826,000 2 years ago. Europe 881,000 against 838,000 last year and 827,000 2 years ago; total 1,794,000 against 1,707,000 last year and 1,753,000 2 years ago. Total world's deliveries 2 months, United States 1,741,000 against 1,746,000 last year and 1,710,000 2 years ago; Europe 1,713,000 against 1,676,000 last year and 1,539,000 2 years ago; Southern ports 196,000 against 148,000 last year and 201,000 2 years ago; total 3,648,000 against 3,570,000 last year and 3,450,000 2 years ago.

G. Duuring & Zoon cabled: Arrivals of all kinds during August, 833,000 bags, of which 505,000 bags were Brazilian; deliveries of all kinds during August, 867,000 bags, of which 426,000 were Brazilian; stock in Europe on Sept. 1, 2,165,000 bags; world's visible supply on Sept. 1, 5,316,000 bags, showing a decrease of 131,000 bags, and comparing with 5,522,000 last year. Futures on the 3d inst. declined 10 to 20 points on Rio with sales of 16,750 bags. On Santos the ending was 3 to 8 points lower on most months but Sept. closed 2 points higher. Lower cost-and-freight offers in Rio and Victoria coffee depressed Rio futures. Santos was also affected in very light trading, amounting to only about 5,750 bags.

There were no notices on either Rio or Santos. The New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange will be closed on all Saturdays during October. Some say invisible supplies of coffee in the United States have been reduced to a minimum as a result of the trade's protracted abstention from buying on anything like a liberal scale; that visible supplies are also small and that it is expected a better demand will soon set in.

On the 4th inst. Rio futures declined 13 points on Sept. with other months unchanged to 4 points higher and sales of 38,500 bags. Santos futures closed 17 points lower on Sept. and 4 to 13 points net higher on other months, with sales of 14,500 bags. In other words, Sept. coffee, whether Rio or Santos, was not much wanted. Notices were issued for 18 Victoria and 3 Surinam coffee. A good deal of switching was done. Shorts were covering in the later position. The near months were under selling pressure. On the 5th inst. Rio declined 1 to 12 points with sales of 17,500 bags; Santos ended unchanged to 5 points lower with sales of 11,250 bags. It was a small market and Rio and Victoria actual coffee was weaker. The tendency towards lower prices on cost-and-freight offers tended to depress futures. To-day Rio futures ended 1 to 9 points lower with sales of 11,000 bags and Santos futures 5 to 17 lower with sales of 6,000 bags. Final prices show a decline for the week on Rio of 28 to 40 points and on Santos of 9 to 25 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial) 16	Dec	13.66@	May	12.75@
Sept	March	13.07@	July	12.53@

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Sept	March	19.27@ nom	July	18.25@ nom
Dec	May	18.62@ nom		

COCOA to-day closed with Sept. 10.64c., Dec. 9.98c. and March 10.05c.; sales, 74 lots. Final prices are 3 to 17 points lower than a week ago.

SUGAR.—Prompt was quiet at 2 1-16 to 2 1/8c. bid and asked. The balance of sugar under the control of the Single Selling Agency is estimated at 400,000 tons. Havana cabled: "Meeting ended at 12.40 p.m. Decided to postpone the general meeting dated Sept. 7 to 16th. It was recommended not to appoint in that meeting candidates for the executive committee. Refused bid from Cuban-American Sugar to buy 10,000 bags of raws at \$1.85 f.o.b. cars, Cardenas, for refining and export outside United States. They have not announced selling prices either cost-and-freight or f.o.b." On the 3d inst. prices ended unchanged to 6 points net higher with sales estimated at 35,850 tons, nearly one-third switches. Cuban interests covered in Sept., which ended 3 points higher. There were 160 Sept. notices. Lack of official information concerning the single selling plans in Cuban tended to slow up the trading. No definite developments are expected in this connection until after the meeting of the Board of Directors of the Cuban Export Corp., which was to have been held on Saturday next but is postponed. An additional 358 Sept. notices, it turned out, were issued on the 4th inst., making the total to date 1,934, or about 96,700 tons, which, according to some estimates, represents less than half of the total quantity to be liquidated.

Refined on the 4th inst. was reduced to 5.30c. effective at the opening on the 5th inst. Resale has been 5.40c. It was reported on the 5th inst. that the Java Sugar Trust had sold 100,000 tons of whites at 13 florins, unchanged from the last price, with further buyers at 13 florins. There were 53 September notices issued early on the 5th inst. Private cables from Havana on the 5th inst. were to the effect that the Cuban Co-operative Selling Agency appears to have taken over the balance of the unsold Cuban sugar crop and has declared against glutting any market with the surplus, but that nothing further has as yet been definitely settled with the exception of holding daily meetings to receive bids. The committee of the Export Corporation, it is stated, has declined a bid from an operator of 1.97c. f. o. b. equal to about 2 1/8c. c. & f. New York on a block of 7,000 tons of Cuban raw sugars. The committee is said to have intimated that it would not consider bids of less than 2.10c. f. o. b. which is equal to about 2 1/4c. c. & f. New York.

Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 49,850 tons against 61,165 in the same week last year; exports 94,028 tons against 96,706 in the same week last year; stock (consumption deducted) 39,068 tons against 828,391 in same week last year. The exports were divided as follows: Atlantic ports 18,307 tons; New Orleans 9,530 tons; Interior United States 8,336 tons; Galveston 7,690 tons; Savannah 1,324 tons; Panama 42; Europe 48,799 tons. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 60,094 tons against 47,075 in the previous week and 53,510 last year; meltings 58,253 tons against 60,384 in previous week and 59,000 same week last year; exporters' stocks 410,700 against 406,754 in

previous week and 279,318 last year; refiners' stocks 197,434 against 199,539 in previous week and 100,983 last year; total stocks 608,134 against 606,293 in previous week and 380,301 last year. On the 4th inst. futures ended 2 to 5 points higher with sales of 41,300 tons. September notices to the amount of 358 were issued but were promptly stopped. There was considerable covering of shorts. Commission houses and trade interests were buying. Houses with Cuban connections were buying Sept. and Dec. Prompt raws were firmer at 2½¢. Some 4,470 tons of Porto Rico due early Oct. were reported sold at 3.89¢.

On the 5th inst. futures closed 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 38,200 tons about one-third exchanges. The disposition to await new developments kept speculation within comparatively narrow bounds. It appears that on the 4th inst. that 2,500 tons of Philippine raw sugar due Sept. 7 sold at 3.89¢. The Cuban Export Corp. received a bid of 2c. f. o. b. and declined it. Refined 5.30c. with no new developments. The Cuba Export Corp. issued the following statement: Stock 1926-27, 7,953 tons; total crop 1928-29, 5,156,410 tons; total 5,164,363 tons. Exports, crop 1928-29 to United States 2,832,947 tons; to other countries 893,153 tons; total 3,726,100 tons; consumption Jan. 1 to Aug. 24, 85,026 tons; stock in Cuba, Aug. 24, 1,353,237 tons. Total sales to countries outside of the United States to Aug. 24 1929 were 1,083,036 tons, against 1,084,676 tons for the same time last year. To-day futures ended 2 points off to 1 point up with sales of 43,000 tons. Sept. 2.20; Dec. 2.24; March 2.27. Prompt raws were 2½¢. Final prices on futures show an advance for the week of 4 to 14 points. Prices were as follows:

Spot unofficial	2½	Jan	2.24	July	2.39
Sept	2.20	March	2.27		
Dec	2.24	May	2.32		

LARD on the spot was firm; prime Western, 12.45 to 12.55c.; Refined Continent, 13c.; South America, 13½¢.; Brazil, 14½¢. On the 3rd inst. prime Western was 12.60 to 12.70c. Later Prime Western was 12.55 to 12.65c.; Refined Continent, 13½¢.; South America, 13½¢.; Brazil, 14½¢. Futures on Aug. 31st closed unchanged to seven points lower on September, October and December but two points higher on January.

Futures on the 3rd inst. advanced 3 to 10 points on the firmness of corn and hogs. Chicago hogs were 10 to 15c. higher with receipts of 40,000. Total Western receipts of hogs were 103,700 against 93,400 last year. Deliveries on contracts included 2,150,000 lbs. of lard, 50,000 lbs. of ribs and 200,000 of bellies. Futures on the 5th inst. declined 5 to 7 points with corn lower and hogs weaker. Liquidation was scattered. Hogs closed 10 to 20c lower. Ribs were unchanged. Liverpool was unchanged to 3d. lower. Hog receipts at Western points were 78,200 against 67,922 last year. To-day futures ended 7½ to 10 points lower. They are 10 to 13 points lower than a week ago.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
September	11.85-87		11.95	11.95	11.90	11.82
October	12.00	Holt-	12.07	12.07	12.00	11.92
December	12.17	day	12.22	12.22	12.15	12.05

PORK steady; mess \$30.50; family \$37.50; fat back \$24 to \$26.50; Ribs 12.75c. Beef quiet; mess \$25; packet \$26 to \$27; family \$28 to \$29; extra India mess, \$42 to \$44; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3.10; No. 2 six pounds, South America \$16.75; pickled tongues \$75 to \$80. Cut meats quiet and steady; pickled hams 10 to 20 lbs., 20¼ to 22¼c.; pickled bellies 6 to 12 lbs., 18¼ to 22c.; bellies clear, dry salted, boxed 18 to 20 lbs., 15½c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 16½c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring 38 to 46c.; Cheese, flats 23½ to 29½c.; dairies 23 to 28c. Eggs, medium to extra 32½ to 42c.; closely selected heavy 43 to 45c.

OILS.—Linseed was in fair demand and higher at 13.4c. for raw oil in carlots, coopeage basis. For single barrels 14.2c. was quoted, while for 5 to 10-barrel lots 13.8c. was asked. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 6¾ to 6½c.; spot N. Y. tanks 6¾ to 6½c.; Corn, crude, bbls., tanks f.o.b. mills, 8c. Olive, Den. \$1.15 to \$1.30. Chinawood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot, 14c.; Pacific Coast tanks, futures, 12½ to 12¼c. Soya bean, tanks, coast, 9½c. Edible olive, 2.25 to 2.40c. Lard, prime, 15¼c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 12¾c. Cod, Newfoundland, 62c. Turpentine, 52¾ to 57¾c. Rosin, \$9 to \$9.60. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, 9,800 bbls. Prices ended 2 points lower to 1 point higher. Crude S. E. 7¾ to 7½c. Commission houses were buying and shorts covered. Offerings were smaller. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	9.30	Bid	Nov	9.40	9.50	Feb	9.60	9.72
Sept	9.30	9.60	Dec	9.51	9.53	March	9.73	9.74
Oct	9.45		Jan	9.57	9.59	April	9.76	9.85

PETROLEUM.—All refiners were down to the 9c. level for U. S. Motor late last week. The Warner-Quinlan Co. cut the price 2c. a gallon making its new retail price including a State tax, 16c. as compared with the Standard Oil Co.'s price of 18c. Late in the week bulk gasoline was a little easier with rumors persistent that one factor was willing to do business at 8½c. in tank cars on a firm bid. This could not be confirmed, however. There was a noticeable improvement in the inquiry for bulk gasoline but owing to the recent price slashing large independent distributors are not inclined to stock up. The movement of gasoline against old contracts was on a large scale, but new business is confined mostly to immediate wants. Export demand was not large. Bunker oil was in good demand and steady

at \$1.05 for spot grade C at refineries and \$1.10 f. a. s. New York Harbor. Diesel oil was in fair demand at \$2 refineries. Furnace and gas oil was a little more active. Kerosene was firm at 8c. for 41-43 water white in tank cars at refineries and 9c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. Export demand was better. Cased kerosene showed little change. Pennsylvania lubricating oils were rather quiet. Medicinal oils were in better demand.

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 at the end of last week Sept. here was 19.90c., Oct. 20.20 to 20.30c.; Dec. 20.90c.; Jan. 21.10 to 21.20c.; Mar. 21.50c.; May 21.80 to 21.90c. Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and Sept. 20¼ to 20½c.; Oct.-Dec. 20¾ to 21¼c.; Jan.-Mar. 21¾ to 21½c.; Apr.-June 21¾ to 22c. Spot first latex 21¼ to 21½c.; thin pale latex 21½ to 21¾c.; clean thin brown crepe 17¼ to 17½c.; specky crepe 17 to 17¼c.; rolled brown crepe 13 to 13¼c.; No. 2 amber 17½ to 18c.; No. 3, 17¾ to 17½c.; No. 4, 17 to 17½c.; Paras, nominally, Up-river fine spot, 21¼ to 21¾c.; coarse, 11½c.; Acre, fine spot, 21½ to 22c.; Caucho-Ball-upper 11½c. London on Aug. 31st spot and Sept. 10¼d.; Oct.-Dec. 10¾d.; Singapore Sept. 9½d.; Oct.-Dec. 10¼d.; Jan.-Mar. 10¾d. On the 3rd inst. prices declined 10 to 30 points with Malayan exports in Aug. 50,441 tons an increase over July of 4,000 tons. The London stock increased to 35,605 tons last week or a gain of 954 tons in a week. The sales on the 3rd inst. were 167 contracts or 417 tons. Sept. here ended on that day at 19.60 to 19.80c.; Dec. 20.80c.; Jan. 21c.; Feb. 21.20c.; Mar. 21.30 to 21.40c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked sheets spot and Sept. 20¼ to 20½c.; Oct. 20¾ to 20½c.; Oct.-Dec. 20¾ to 21c.; Jan.-Mar. 21¾ to 21¾c.; Apr.-June 21¾ to 22c.; spot, First Latex 20½ to 20¾c.; thin pale latex 21 to 21¾c.; clean thin brown crepe 17¼ to 17½c.; specky crepe 17 to 17½c.; rolled brown crepe 12½ to 12¾c.; No. 2 amber 17½ to 17½c. London declined on the 3rd inst.; spot and Sept. 10 3-16d.; Oct. 10¼d.; Oct.-Dec. 10¾d.; Jan.-Mar. 10 11-16d.; Apr.-June 10 15-16d. Singapore, Sept. 9½d.; Oct.-Dec. 10 1-16d.; Jan.-Mar. 10¾d.

Malayan statistics for Aug. were as follows: Gross exports 50,441 tons against 35,593 in Aug. last year; imports 15,496 tons against 15,114 last year; to United States 24,584 tons against 24,842 last year; net rubber declared 11,759 tons against 5,963 last year. On the 5th inst. prices ended unchanged to 10 points lower with sales of 198 lots against 249 on the 4th. The cables were lower. Some support was given by large trade interests. Standard thick latex was firmer but clean thin brown crepe was lower. Here Sept. ended at 19.70 to 19.80c.; Nov. 20.40c.; Dec. 20.80c.; Jan. 20.90 to 21c.; May 21.70 to 21.80c.; July 22.10 to 22.30c.; Outside prices: Ribbed smoked sheets spot and Sept. 20¼ to 20½c.; Oct. 20¾ to 20½c.; Oct.-Dec. 20¾ to 20¾c.; Jan.-March 21¼ to 21¼c.; April-June 21¾ to 22c.; spot, first latex 21 to 21¾c.; thin pale latex 21¼ to 21¾c.; clean thin brown crepe 16¾ to 17½c.; specky crepe 16½ to 16¾c.; rolled brown crepe 12¼ to 12½c.; No. 2 amber 17¼ to 17½c.; No. 3 amber 17 to 17¼c.; No. 4, 16¾ to 17c.; Paras, upriver fine spot 21 to 21¾c.; coarse 11½c.; Acre, fine spot 21½ to 21¾c.; Caucho, Ball-upper 11½c. London on the 5th inst. Spot and Sept. 10¼d.; Oct. 10 5-16d.; Oct.-Dec. 10¾d.; Jan.-March 10¾d.; April-June 10 15-16d. Singapore, Sept 9 11-16d.; Oct.-Dec. 10¼d.; Jan.-March 10¼d.

To-day prices ended 10 points off to 20 points up with September 19.70 to 19.80c. December, 20.80c. and March, 21.40c. Sales were 352 lots. London ended with spot and September, 10 1-16d.; October, 10 3-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 10 5-16d.; Jan.-Mar., 10¾d.; Apr.-June, 10¾d. Singapore, Sept., 9 11-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 10¾d.; Jan.-Mar., 10½d.; No. 3 Ambers spot, 7¾d. Final prices here show a decline for the week of 10 to 20 points.

HIDES.—On the 3rd inst. early prices declined 36 to 120 points closing unchanged to 40 points net lower after sales of 560,000 lbs. Dec. 18.35 to 18.50c.; Jan. 18.45 to 18.60c.; May 19 to 19.05c. Sales included 17,500 light native cows at 17½c., a decline of ½c. from the recent top price and 1,000 extreme light native steers, July takeoff at 18c. City packer hides remained quiet. River Plate frigorifico were quiet. A sale was reported of 4,000 frigorifico steers at 19 3-16c. Country hides were in rather better demand. Common dry quiet. Cucutas 21c.; Orinocos 20c.; Central American 19c.; Savanillas 18½c. Santa Marta 19c. Packer, native steers, 10½ to 20c.; butt brands 19c.; Colorados 18c. New York City calfskins, 5-7s 1.75 to 1.85; 7-9s, 2.30 to 2.35; 9-12s, 3.10 to 3.15. To-day prices ended 10 points lower to 25 points higher with sales of 13 lots. Oct. ended at 17.50c.; Dec. at 18.65c.; March 18.90c. and May 19.10 to 19.30c. Final prices for the week are 2 points lower on Dec. but 15 to 25 points higher on other months.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Rates declined for clean oil leading to more business. Later petroleum trade was good.

CHARTERS included grain, 35,000 qrs., Montreal, Sept. 25-Oct. 10, Antwerp or Rotterdam, 11c.; Hamburg or Bremen, 12c.; option full barley, 1c. more. Lumber, Goodleigh, Gulf, first half Oct., Montevideo, Rosario, Buenos Aires, one, 152s. 6d.; plus Santa Fe, 153s. 9d. Tankers—Vanja, clean, four years, 8s.; Markland, clean, San Pedro, Nov., U. K.-Continent, 37s. 6d.; Gustav Schindler, Wilhelmshaven, whale oil, to Norway, 10s. 1 Mupton, clean, Oct.-Nov., 24s. 4¼d.; Black Sea to Baltic; Cordella, Oct., 12 months' time at 7s., London; Republic, clean, San Pedro prompt two consecutive trips to north of Hatteras, not east of New York, at 90c., with option of two more; Massis, 7,320 tons, clean, 23s., Gulf to U. K.-Continent, Sept.-Oct.; Madrono, 8,607 tons, cresote, 11s. 6d.; U. K.-Continent to U. S. Gulf, Aug.-Sept.; Valetta, clean, 19s., Gulf to U. K.-

Continent, Sept.-Oct.; Gustav Schindler, 4,500 tons, crude and (er) fuel oil, 25c. Gulf to Copenhagen, Oct.; Spidoleine, 8,960 tons, crude oil, 45c. Tampico to Philadelphia, Sept. Time—Prompt New York, re-delivery U. K.—Continent, \$1.50; 1,128 tons steamer, round trip West Indies trade, \$1.90, delivery Baltimore prompt loading; 3,500 tons, 12 months, Europe-Mediterranean-West Africa trade, £1.150 per month, delivery Mediterranean, Oct. loading; 3,535 tons, nine months European-Mediterranean-West Africa trade, £1.150 per month, delivery Mediterranean, Sept. loading; 3,000 tons, 3, 6 or 9 months, European-Mediterranean-Morocco trade, \$850 per month, delivery Continent prompt; 933 tons, 3 months, Nova Scotia plaster trade, \$2.20 delivery Bathurst last half Sept. Coal—Philadelphia and Hampton Roads to St. Johns, N. F., \$2, Sept. Case oil—170,000 cases Port Arthur first half Sept. to Far East, 30c. one, ¼c. for each additional up to five ports.

TOBACCO.—Prices on Wisconsin and Connecticut advanced 5c. owing to bad crop reports from those States with a good business. Sumatra tobacco suitable for 5-cent cigars was reported to be in only moderate supply and steady. Wisconsin binders 30 to 35c.; Northern, 53 to 55c.; Southern, 40 to 43c.; New York State seconds, 35 to 40c.; Ohio, Gebhardt binders, 25 to 30c.; Little Dutch, 21 to 22c.; Zimmer Spanish, 30c.; Havana first Remedios, 90 to 95c.; second Remedios, 70 to 75c.; Broadleaf filler, 10c.; Pennsylvania broadleaf, 27 to 30c.; Porto Rico, 60 to 80c.; Connecticut top leaf, 36c.; No. 1 second 1925 crop, 75c.; seed fillers, 30c.; medium wrappers, 70c.; dark wrappers, 1925 crop, 50c. Tampa, Fla. to the U. S. Tobacco Journal: "Tampa clear Havana manufacturers are mobilizing forces to combat the last minute amendment to the tariff bill which proposes a duty of 87½ cents per pound on unstemmed and filler mixed which contain from 5 to 35% of wrapper. This duty, if approved, would mean an increase of approximately 100% to the clear Havana cigar manufacturers." The same journal says: "Faith in the immediate future of cigar business will be figures just released for the month of July, indicating an advance of more than 31,000,000 over withdrawals for the corresponding month of last year. After an increase of about 95,000,000 cigars registered during the first six months of this year over the first half of 1928, it was hardly to be thought that the drop in June indicated a setback which would continue during succeeding months. The fact that all manufactures of tobacco products, except large cigarettes, which, of course, represent a negligible portion of the business, showed satisfactory gains in July, was taken as a happy omen for the industry as a whole." Richmond, Va. advices said: "Further reports of last week's hailstorm in the Piedmont section of Virginia reveal that it was far more wide-spread than at first indicated and that a goodly portion of Halifax County, boasting one of the best tobacco crops in years, has been ravaged, the fringe of the storm cutting through a part of Caswell County, N. C." Oxford, N. C. crop is promising. Wisconsin intended acreage this year amounts to 34,104 acres against 34,253 in 1928 and 29,468 in 1927, according to a summary by the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture. Of this total acreage in the southern counties totals 20,845 against 20,748 in 1928 and 17,987 in 1927; Northern Wisconsin acreage is estimated at 13,259 against 13,505 in 1928 and 11,481 the year before. The New Zealand crop is about 500,000 lbs. Hartford, Conn. reports picking of shade grown was about completed on Sept. 2. Havana advices said that exports of unmanufactured tobacco in July were 35,043 lbs. of wrappers, 1,174,263 of fillers in bales, 1,664,500 lbs. of stripped fillers, 213,791 lbs. of scraps a total of 3,087,597 lbs. valued at \$2,318,256. The average price of the various grades per 100 lbs. was: Wrappers, \$218.33; fillers in bales, \$62; fillers (stripped), \$87.19, and scraps, \$29.20.

COAL.—Here at the East there was only a fair business but at the West trade is active in spite of the recent heat. The hot wave here of late has naturally had a tendency to keep business within narrower bounds. Navy standard mines at piers \$5.10 to \$5.25; high volatile steam \$4.30 to \$4.40; high grade medium volatile \$4.50 to \$4.65; Anthracite wholesale at mines, egg \$8.50; stove \$9; chestnut \$8.50 pea \$4.70 to \$4.80. The carloadings for half a week indicate bituminous production in the week ending Aug. 31st of 10,350,000 tons in contrast with 9,974,000 in the previous week. Smokeless lump and egg are quoted at \$3.50 flat in the Chicago wholesale trade.

COPPER.—Reports were rife that sales of copper for the week were upward of 40,000,000 lbs. contrasting with sales for the entire first half year of some 65,000,000 lbs. Total copper sales were estimated to have approximated 200,000,000 pounds in the period, the heaviest without exception for any week in the history of the industry. This was the talk in Wall Street. Domestic sales for the 7 days ending Wednesday were 100,000 tons, a new high record for so short a period of time. The sales on Tuesday of 30,000 to 35,000 tons in the domestic market were also a record for a single day's business. Sales were still being made at 18c. although a large producer was said to have raised his price to 18¼c. In London on the 5th inst. standard dropped £1 to £77 17s. 6d.; futures off 18s. 9d. to £29; sales 1,150 tons futures. Spot electrolytic declined 2s. 6d. to £84 10s, futures unchanged at £85 5s.

TIN of late was quiet and slightly easier. Nearby Straits tin sold at 45¾c. later 45¼c. A car of Dec. was reported sold at 46¾c. Sales of Straits tin and other named brands were 100 tons. On the exchange on the 5th inst. prices declined 25 to 50 points with sales of 35 tons of Oct. London on the 5th inst. advanced 15s. to £206 15s. for spot standard and £210 15s. for futures; sales 30 tons spot and 400 tons futures; Spot Straits ended at £210 15s.; Eastern c.i.f.

London £215 5s.; sales 225 tons. To-day Sept. ended at 45.10c. and Dec. at 45.90c. or unchanged to 20 points higher for the day. March ended at 46.50c.

LEAD was marked up \$3 a ton by the American Smelting Co. to 6.90c. New York the first change in several months. Demand was brisk. In the Middle West prices advanced to 6.65 to 6.70c. East St. Louis. In London on the 5th inst. prices were unchanged at £23 12s. 6d. for both spot and futures; sales 250 tons spot and 400 futures.

ZINC did not share in the activity of copper and lead. There was little pressure to sell and no particular anxiety to buy. The price of prompt was unchanged at 6.80c. East St. Louis. In London on the 5th inst. spot advanced 7s. 6d. to £24 16s. 3d.; futures up 5s. to £25 7s. 6d.; sales 100 tons spot and 300 futures.

STEEL has been in fair demand with production still high and the feeling hopeful that before long autumn will see a revival of business. Some awaited with interest the statistics of steel ingot output, the sales of structural steel in the New York district and the total of unfilled orders. It was believed that unfilled steel orders would make a good showing and also the other features of the statistical position. If the trade in steel scrap is really an indicator or kind of compass, September's business, it is argued, ought to be reasonably satisfactory. Later the story will be still more so. In a country covering 3,000,000 square miles of Continent with a population of fully 120,000,000 the consumption of steel it goes without saying is bound to be large. Lulls in trade mean little. There is always the strong under current of buying power which it would be absurd to disregard. It is a case of cause and effect. It is stated that the sales of steel bars in the month of August were larger than the average. The decrease in purchases by the automobile companies has been a damper but in the nature of things they must increase before long. Such at least is the general assumption. Texas companies it is estimated, will take 250,000 tons of steel pipe for a gas line. Shipments of steel on old orders are good. New business, of course, is another matter. Galvanized sheets prices have admittedly declined recently. But otherwise steel prices are called steady. The output of steel is 90 to 95% of ingots among the big producers and 85% or less among the smaller. There is some new demand for rails and structural steel and there are hopes of a better business with New England in the last quarter. The aloofness of the automobile industry continues to be a damper.

PIG IRON has been quiet but the hope of "springs eternal" is still there. The fall is to bring a better business. Naturally it is too soon to tell whether these hopes are to be verified by the event. No doubt trade will improve as the summer with its heat and its semi-torpor of business is left behind. But Sept. opened with day after day of 90 to 94 degrees of heat, which was not precisely provocative of activity. And it is an interesting question how long the cutting of prices by southern furnaces and the southern invasion of northern markets is to continue. Only the future can clear up that question. Birmingham reported the other day that shipments of pig iron eastward and to Central West will be heavy for the rest of the year as many orders have been taken at the recent low prices favored by reduced freight rates. Several orders of large tonnages, as high indeed as 10,000 tons, are included in the business and one company has intimated that it has about reached the limit of booking at present prices. Another reports its quotations firm, \$14 to \$14.50 on No. 2 foundry. But no doubt such prices apply to the immediate territory. A question of far greater interest is whether price cutting is over in Northern territory. Aug. sales and shipments of merchant iron producers in the Chicago territory were larger than in July, according to early estimates, coincident with quite a decided gain in sales in Aug. on fourth quarter buying. Aug. output was a new high record of 3,738,438 tons and a daily average of 120,594 tons. Aug. shipments are said to have been at least equal to those of July. Whether they set up a new high record or not does not yet appear.

WOOL.—Boston wired a Government report as follows: "A little broader inquiry for wool was manifested as worsted mills that had not been very active came into the market. The greater inquiry was reflected in a strengthening tendency on 56s. to 46s. grades of both fleece and territory lines. Some houses had a larger volume of sales on the Western grown 64s. and finer wools, mostly in original bag lots. Demand continued very good on fleece 64s. and finer strictly combing wools at steady prices. Demand was good on 58-60s. strictly combing wools at firm prices." Government statistics state that at the beginning of the present year the number of sheep in Australia reached 106,115,000 the highest recorded total since 1891, when the figures were 106,421,000 according to information released by the Commonwealth government. Statistician and Actuary and made public by the Department of Commerce. After 1891 the flocks were reduced through drought and other causes to 53,675,000 in 1902. Following a succession of good seasons the numbers fluctuated between 80,000,000 and 90,000,000 from 1905 to 1924 and increased by 10,000,000 in 1925. During the last 5 years more than 100,000,000 sheep have been recorded. The 1928-29 wool clip is estimated at 950,000,000—26,000,000 pounds in excess of the 1926-27 yield and an increase of almost 50% over the production in 1891. The average export price

of Australian wool in the 1928-29 season is estimated at \$0.358 compared with about \$0.157 in 1891.

SILK ended to-day at an advance of 4 to 6 points on old contracts with sales of 156 lots or 780 bales and 4 to 7 points higher on new contracts with sales of 251 lots or 2,510 bales. Closing prices were as follows: Sept. new \$5.01 to \$5.04; Dec. \$5.00; March \$4.98 to \$5.00; Sept. old \$5.01 to \$5.04; Dec. \$4.97 to \$5.00. The volume of trading was the largest on record. The total of 3,290 bales was 375 bales greater than the previous record of Aug. 17th last.

COTTON

Friday Night, Sept. 6 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 254,338 bales, against 183,758 bales last week and 108,086 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1929, 664,508 bales, against 463,194 bales for the same period of 1928, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1929 of 201,314 bales.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Total. Lists receipts for Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Corpus Christi, New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, Boston, Baltimore.

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1928 and stocks to-night, compared with last year

Table with columns: Receipts to Sept. 6., 1929 (This Week, Since Aug 1 1929), 1928 (This Week, Since Aug 1 1928), Stock (1929, 1928). Lists receipts for Galveston, Texas City, Houston, Corpus Christi, Port Arthur, &c, New Orleans, Gulfport, Mobile, Pensacola, Jacksonville, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Lake Charles, Wilmington, Norfolk, N'port News, &c, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia.

On 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. Lists receipts for 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 168,749 bales, of which 20,730 were to Great Britain, 26,598 to France, 67,820 to Germany, 20,302 to Italy, 12,420 to Russia, 5,975 to Japan and China and 14,904 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 143,747 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 356,017 bales, against 404,498 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Table with columns: Week Ended Sept. 6 1929, Exports from—, Exports to— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other), Total. Lists exports for Galveston, Houston, Corpus Christi, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Savannah, Norfolk, New York, San Francisco.

Table with columns: From Aug. 1 1929 to Sept. 6 1929, Exports from—, Exports to— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other), Total. Lists exports for Galveston, Houston, Corpus Christi, New Orleans, Mobile, Pensacola, Savannah, Charleston, Norfolk, New York, Baltimore, Los Angeles, San Francisco.

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 13,295 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—, Sept. 6 at—, Exports to— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Foreign, Coastwise), Total, Leaving Stock. Lists amounts for Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, Other ports.

* Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been brisk at times, but latterly quieter. The really striking thing is that regardless of heavy rains in parts of Texas and throughout Oklahoma the decline is slight. Big liquidation is said to have been offset by big trade buying. On August 31st prices advanced 14 to 18 points on most months, as Texas drought was still unbroken and shorts covered. Concentrated buying of 25,000 bales of December and March contributed to the rise. Calling of cotton by the mills was reported on a larger scale. Fairchild estimated the crop at 15,350,000 bales, a reduction of 92,000 bales as compared with an estimate from the same source a month ago. This decrease was unexpectedly small, but the condition of the crop was stated in the same report as only 57.8% against 69.5 a month previously. Prices showed a rise for last week of some 70 points. They were the highest of the month. That was due to the fact that the condition of the crop in various end-month private reports was stated as much lower than the 10-year average and also lower than a year ago. Also not only the quantity seems to be reduced, but of course the quality, due largely to premature opening. Moreover, spot cotton continued to sell more freely at rising prices. The sales at the South even on a Saturday approximated 43,000 bales. In other words, they continue to greatly exceed those on corresponding days last year. There was said to be considerable hedge selling. Liverpool cables, too, were lower than due. Both Liverpool and New York at times acted tired, but vigorous supporting purchases and the fact that the belt was too dry and the night temperatures too low finally brought about a net rise for the day of 6 to 10 points. The technical position did not seem so strong as it had been.

On the 3rd inst. prices advanced 35 to 42 points as the Texas drought had not been broken over the holidays. Also crop reports continued to be bad. The Giles-Pierce crop estimate was 14,833,000 bales against 15,543,000 the Government estimate on August 1st and 14,478,000 last year. The Southern Cotton Co. estimated it at 14,853,000, the Fossick Bureau at 14,788,000. The average of seven recent reports was 14,956,000 bales against 15,560,000 a month ago. The condition on the 3rd inst. was stated in three reports as 57.9% to 58.6 against 69.6 on August 1st and 67.4 as the 10-year average. Texas was put at 45 to 49; a month ago it was 64. If the decline in condition in Texas in August was to 45 it was a drop of 19%. It is usually about 10 to 12%. The official reports stated that Texas and Oklahoma had little rain over the holidays, and that the temperatures continued hot. Some of the early advance was lost later on realizing and hedge selling. Spot sales at the South reached 49,750 bales against 45,555 on the same day last year at an advance in prices of 15 to 20 points. Liverpool, Alexandria, Bremen and Havre were all higher.

On the 4th inst. prices advanced slightly at first with the Texas drought still unbroken, some rather unwelcome rains in the Atlantic States, and fears of a bad weekly report. When the report came, however, though bullish, it developed that not a few of the longs had determined to

sell on it if it should be unfavorable. That sent prices down some 30 to 35 points from the early top. The closing was at a moderate net decline. The market had become a little overbought. Wall Street, the South and local interests sold. There was more or less hedge selling. Texas and Oklahoma had temperatures of 100 to 106 degrees, but that fact, as well as the weekly report, fell flat. A reaction was due after a recent continuous advance. Liverpool cables called the market a more two-sided affair. Many were still bullish, however, considering the reaction merely natural and in no way contravening the fundamental facts favoring, as they contended, an ultimate further advance. Not a few, however, looked for a further setback on the eve of next Monday's Government report. It was contended that the market was "long," and that many would prefer not to go through the Washington report committed to that side of the market. In the meantime there were predictions of showers in Texas.

The weekly summary said: "The weather in general continued unfavorable for the cotton crop, principally because of unrelieved droughty conditions over the Western portion of the belt, where high temperatures intensified the lack of moisture. In Texas progress of cotton was good in parts of the Panhandle and the extreme West, while the crop is made in the South. Elsewhere rather general deterioration continued, with plants shedding and opening prematurely. General deterioration continued also in Oklahoma, with further complaints of shedding, blooming nearly stopped, bolls small and opening prematurely. The general condition of the crop is uneven, ranging from poor to good. Rainfall is needed in some interior sections, especially in Northwestern South Carolina, Northern Georgia and some interior sections of Alabama and Mississippi, while in a few Southwestern districts there were further rains which were not needed. In Arkansas progress continued fairly good to very good in most of the Eastern half, but unfavorable drought continued in the West, where there is but little blooming. In Louisiana there was little change in conditions with drought continuing in the North. East of the Mississippi River conditions continued largely as last week. In general, progress in the Carolinas and Virginia continued fair to very good, with plants beginning to open and picking begun as far North as North Carolina. Picking and ginning made excellent progress, quite generally under highly favorable weather, except in a few Southeastern districts, while conditions mainly favored the checking of weevil activity, especially in the warm, dry Western portion of the belt."

On the 5th inst. prices declined 15 to 20 points on rains in parts of Texas of 1 to 2 3/4 inches, and in Oklahoma of 1 to 2 inches over much of the State. Further showers were predicted. Concentrated sales estimated at 50,000 bales by big interests were, however, partly offset by buying of 50,000 March attributed to the trade. And some are inclined to think the rains had come too late to do much good. Some good, however, they are bound to do. But offerings were, on the whole, well taken. The technical position was better.

To-day prices advanced 15 to 20 points on the idea that the Texas and Oklahoma rains had done no particular good, copious as they were, especially in Oklahoma. The theory is that they came too late to be of any material benefit. They would help growing bolls to mature in a normal manner. They would stop premature opening. They would help the staple. But as to adding very markedly to the quantity of cotton produced in Texas and Oklahoma which last year raised 7,300,000 bales, it is doubted whether any such result is likely to follow the rains of late of roughly 1 to 3 inches. To-day there were big rains in parts of Texas and the belief is that they will do some good. Also Oklahoma throughout its area had a good deal of rain. The suggestive fact, however, is that neither New York nor Liverpool paid much attention to these precipitations. The technical position was better. Offerings were light. "A good deal of liquidation has been done in the last few days. Many had cleared up their accounts on the eve of the Government report, which will appear on the 9th inst. To-day spot markets were more active at some advance. In Liverpool futures ended slightly higher. Alexandria was higher coincident with some unfavorable reports about the Egyptian crop. Manchester reported a better business. Worth Street had a fair trade, but in some cases it is said that prices were eased a little, although in other quarters there was no giving way. Exports increased to-day. They make a better showing for the week. Spinners' taking made a fair exhibit.

The Dallas "News" of to-day said that belated rains in North and Northwest Texas are probably too late to aid the cotton crop materially, but broke a four months' drought, accompanied by excessive temperatures, which reduced crop expectations, much below last season's. By far the heaviest precipitation was in North Texas, with Northwestern counties reporting widely scattered rains of mostly small volume. Where the moisture is sufficient it will aid growing bolls to mature more normally, but at this late date little is to be expected of blooms. Studies of the Spur Agricultural Experimental Station in Northwest Texas show that blooms after September 5th cannot be counted on to make open

bolls. Killing frost on the high plains is due about Oct. 26th, while in North Texas the date is about Nov. 2nd. Final prices were 6 to 16 points lower for the week. Spot middling fell 5 points to 19.20c.

Staple Premiums 60% of average of six markets quoting for deliveries on Sept. 12 1929.

Differences between grades established for delivery on contract Sept. 12 1929. Figured from the Sept. 5 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Table with columns for inch measurements (15-16 inch, 1-inch & longer) and various cotton grades (Middling Fair, Strict Good Middling, etc.) with corresponding prices.

* Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Table showing official quotation for middling upland cotton from Aug. 31 to Sept. 6, with prices for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Sept. 6 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

Table showing historical quotations for middling upland cotton from 1929 back to 1900, listing prices for each year.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing highest, lowest, and closing prices for cotton futures from Saturday, Aug. 31, to Friday, Sept. 6, for various months from August to July.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Sept. 6 1929 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing the range of future prices at New York for week ending Sept. 6 1929 and since trading began on each option, listing the option for, range for week, and range since beginning of option.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday) we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

Sept. 6—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Stock at Liverpool.....bales	714,000	633,000	1,055,000	804,000
Stock at London.....	12,000			
Stock at Manchester.....	69,000	54,000	99,000	70,000
Total Great Britain.....	795,000	687,000	1,154,000	874,000
Stock at Hamburg.....				
Stock at Bremen.....	174,000	272,000	312,000	59,000
Stock at Havre.....	106,000	155,000	177,000	93,000
Stock at Rotterdam.....	5,000	9,000	9,000	1,000
Stock at Barcelona.....	50,000	69,000	87,000	37,000
Stock at Genoa.....	36,000	23,000	15,000	6,000
Stock at Ghent.....				
Stock at Antwerp.....				
Total Continental stocks.....	371,000	528,000	600,000	196,000
Total European stocks.....	1,166,000	1,215,000	1,754,000	1,070,000
India cotton afloat for Europe.....	101,000	61,000	69,000	50,000
American cotton afloat for Europe.....	225,000	251,000	322,000	299,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c, afloat for Europe.....	125,000	104,000	130,000	128,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	157,000	150,000	261,000	151,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	843,000	970,000	442,000	356,000
Stock in U. S. ports.....	6712.686	6525.637	6188.406	690.288
Stock in U. S. interior towns.....	6239.407	6251.324	6371.411	6490.340
U. S. exports to-day.....	1,800		1,541	
Total visible supply.....	3,570,893	3,527,961	4,539,388	3,234,628

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—				
Liverpool stock.....bales	293,000	356,000	733,000	399,000
Manchester stock.....	40,000	33,000	85,000	48,000
Continental stock.....	279,000	465,000	554,000	139,000
American afloat for Europe.....	225,000	251,000	322,000	299,000
U. S. port stocks.....	6712.686	6525.637	6188.406	690.288
U. S. interior stocks.....	6239.407	6251.324	6371.411	6490.340
U. S. exports to-day.....	1,800		1,541	
Total American.....	1,790,893	1,881,961	3,255,388	2,065,628

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock.....	421,000	277,000	322,000	405,000
London stock.....	12,000			
Manchester stock.....	29,000	21,000	14,000	22,000
Continental stock.....	92,000	63,000	46,000	57,000
Indian afloat for Europe.....	101,000	61,000	69,000	50,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c., afloat.....	125,000	104,000	130,000	128,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt.....	157,000	150,000	261,000	151,000
Stock in Bombay, India.....	843,000	970,000	442,000	356,000
Total East India, &c.....	1,780,000	1,646,000	1,284,000	1,169,000
Total American.....	1,790,893	1,881,961	3,255,388	2,065,628

Total visible supply.....3,570,893 3,527,961 4,539,388 3,234,628

Middling uplands, Liverpool.....	10.6d.	10.62d.	12.67d.	10.16d.
Middling uplands, New York.....	19.20c.	19.40c.	22.60c.	18.50c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool.....	18.50d.	20.10d.	22.40d.	19.15d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool.....	14.50d.	12.75d.	13.75d.	14.50d.
Broach, fine, Liverpool.....	8.70d.	9.20d.	11.45d.	8.80d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool.....	9.85d.	10.15d.	11.85d.	9.35d.

a Houston stocks are now included in the port stocks; in previous years they formed part of the interior stocks.

Continental imports for past week have been 75,000 bales. The above figures for 1929 show an increase over last week of 112,417 bales, a gain of 42,932 over 1928, a decrease of 968,495 bales from 1927 and a gain of 336,265 bales over 1926.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Sept. 6 1929.				Movement to Sept. 7 1928.					
	Receipts.		Shtp-ments.	Stocks.	Receipts.		Shtp-ments.		Stocks.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Week.	Week.	Season.	Week.	Week.	Week.	Season.
Ala., Birmingham	71	119		196		35	202	604		
Eufaula	1,305	2,732	914	2,136	274	451	200	916		
Montgomery	3,920	6,702	1,606	9,472	235	395	392	4,544		
Selma	7,099	10,008	963	10,344	486	1,450	694	3,600		
Ark., Blytheville	26	197	317	2,160	20	20	105	2,462		
Forest City	220	220	203	1,234			93	2,036		
Helena	250	311	33	1,496	22	30	19	2,762		
Hope	1,826	2,529	464	2,255	823	904	320	1,466		
Jonesboro	5	6	70	658	1	1		409		
Little Rock	467	542	86	3,225	107	237	715	4,110		
Newport	60	62		198		10	3	413		
Pine Bluff	615	735	1,151	2,674	17	522	452	4,589		
Walnut Ridge				158		1	18	310		
Ga., Albany	875	2,871	625	2,280	143	143	82	1,638		
Athens	20	35	50	1,172	3	15	50	779		
Atlanta	485	1,835	935	5,097	105	901	287	10,140		
Augusta	15,803	35,715	5,562	38,258	2,892	9,062	1,461	12,633		
Columbus		458	1,200	4,380	86	832	412	409		
Macon	4,192	8,724	3,395	2,221	1,024	1,181	726	1,736		
Rome	5	6		2,011	1	381	250	7,115		
La. Shreveport	4,322	5,955	1,598	10,448	2,086	2,198	168	10,633		
Miss., Clarkdale	9,125	11,619	1,241	13,358	972	1,273	802	12,268		
Columbus	505	552	34	589	8	11	27	285		
Greenwood	5,771	6,688	471	10,883	1,127	27	917	21,327		
Meridian	3,412	4,702	1,445	2,959	144	177	58	480		
Natchez	1,281	2,995	905	3,145	316	559	1	11,175		
Vicksburg	1,027	1,332	100	1,510		63		1,216		
Yazoo City	1,938	2,639	177	2,822	898	1,078	171	5,004		
Mo., St. Louis	627	7,074	1,323	5,992	1,731	11,416	1,826	2,013		
N.C., Greensboro	110	707	1,012	6,308		161	425	3,001		
Oklahoma—										
15 towns.....	1,239	2,464	480	4,204	165	543	769	6,567		
S. C., Greenville	2,000	12,665	2,000	13,275	1,077	13,956	2,665	8,402		
Tenn., Memphis	6,469	27,408	6,545	37,186	3,970	24,572	7,382	57,108		
Texas, Abilene				467		110		216		
Austin	1,169	1,922	529	984	6,061	7,101	4,053	3,236		
Brenham	500	867	322	2,280	2,000	5,017	1,000	11,926		
Dallas	4,278	6,344	4,117	1,864	265	2,602	591	12,588		
Paris	2,122	2,632	1,225	1,209	1,020	1,143	703	1,037		
Robstown	6,391	19,211	4,690	10,598	1,029	12,508	1,651	4,489		
San Antonio	2,645	11,978	2,186	4,228	3,656	14,902	2,565	4,693		
Texarkana	667	789		1,474	200	356	100	797		
Waco	10,825	23,785	6,434	11,999	7,175	11,586	3,193	10,124		
Total, 56 towns	103,969	228,165	54,408	239,407	40,139	129,854	35,548	251,324		

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 45,145 bales and are to-night 11,917 bales less than at the same time last year. The

receipts at all the towns have been 63,830 bales more than the same week last year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

	Spot Market Closed.	Futures Market Closed.	SALES.		
			Spot.	Contr't	Total.
Saturday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady	400	—	400
Monday		HOLIDAY.			
Tuesday	Quiet, 20 pts. adv.	Steady	500	—	500
Wednesday	Quiet, 30 pts. decl.	Barely steady		200	200
Thursday	Quiet, 15 pts. decl.	Steady		100	100
Friday	Quiet, 10 pts. adv.	Steady		100	100
Total Since Aug. 1			900	300	1,200
			5,323	1,000	6,323

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Sept. 6—	1929		1928	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Shipped—				
Via St. Louis.....	1,323	10,211	1,826	11,576
Via Mounds, &c.....	270	1,595	75	545
Via Rock Island.....				
Via Louisville.....	326	1,281	149	1,584
Via Virginia points.....	4,353	16,154	4,070	20,499
Via other routes, &c.....	7,775	23,747	5,300	29,975
Total gross overland.....	14,047	52,988	11,420	64,179
Deduct Shipments—				
Overland to N. Y., Boston, &c.....	403	2,091	65	1,943
Between interior towns.....	304	1,714	297	1,986
Inland, &c., from South.....	10,972	37,673	10,038	51,309
Total to be deducted.....	11,679	41,478	10,400	55,238
Leaving total net overland *.....	2,368	11,510	1,020	8,941

* Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 2,368 bales, against 1,020 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 2,569 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings	1929		1928	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Sept. 6.....	254,338	664,508	222,173	463,194
Net overland to Sept. 6.....	2,368	11,510	1,020	8,941
Southern consumption to Sept. 6.....	124,000	652,000	100,000	540,000
Total marketed.....	380,706	1,328,018	323,193	1,012,135
Interior stocks in excess.....	45,145	30,488	5,753	*63,176
Came into sight during week.....	425,851		328,946	
Total in sight Sept. 6.....		1,358,506		948,959
No. spinn's takings to Sept. 6.....	34,485	123,590	22,260	92,012

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1927—Sept. 6.....	413,071	1927.....	1,571,906
1926—Sept. 7.....	282,332	1926.....	1,021,803
1925—Sept. 9.....	494,333	1925.....	1,190,257

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended Sept. 6.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday.	Monday.	Tuesday.	Wednesday.	Thursday.	Friday.
Galveston.....	19.05	19.25	19.25	18.95	18.75	18.85
New Orleans.....	19.15	19.33	19.02	18.83	18.83	18.93
Mobile.....	18.50	18.65	18.35	18.20	18.25	18.25
Savannah.....	18.55					

homa has been broken by rains the latter part of the week. Picking and ginning have made good progress. The condition of the crop ranges from poor to very good depending on locality.

Texas.—The crop is made in the southern part of this State. Rains the latter part of the week broke the dry spell in many localities. Progress of cotton in the extreme west and in the Panhandle has been good.

Mobile, Ala.—Scattered showers in the interior interfered but little with farm work. Cotton is opening rapidly. Gins are keeping up and cotton is being freely marketed. Usual amount of shedding.

Table with columns: Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Lists weather data for various locations like Galveston, Texas; Abilene, Texas; Brenham, Texas; Brownsville, Texas; Corpus Christi, Texas; Dallas, Texas; Henrietta, Texas; Kerrville, Texas; Lampasas, Texas; Longview, Texas; Luling, Texas; Nacogdoches, Texas; Palestine, Texas; Paris, Texas; San Antonio, Texas; Taylor, Texas; Weatherford, Texas; Ardmore, Okla.; Altus, Okla.; Muskogee, Okla.; Oklahoma City, Okla.; Brinkley, Ark.; Eldorado, Ark.; Little Rock, Ark.; Pine Bluff, Ark.; Alexandria, La.; Amite, La.; New Orleans, La.; Shreveport, La.; Columbus, Miss.; Greenwood, Miss.; Vicksburg, Miss.; Mobile, Ala.; Decatur, Miss.; Montgomery, Ala.; Selma, Ala.; Gainesville, Fla.; Madison, Fla.; Savannah, Ga.; Athens, Ga.; Augusta, Ga.; Columbus, Ga.; Charleston, S. C.; Greenwood, S. C.; Columbia, S. C.; Conway, S. C.; Charlotte, N. C.; Newbern, N. C.; Weldon, N. C.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table with columns: Location, Sept. 6 1929, Sept. 7 1928. Lists river heights for New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, Vicksburg.

COTTON GRADE AND STAPLE CARRYOVER.—The annual report of the grade and staple of cotton carried over in the United States on Aug. 1 1929 was issued on Sept. 6 by the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, of the U. S. Department of Agriculture at Washington, as follows:

The total carryover of cotton as of July 31 1929 was 2,313,000 bales. Of this amount 2,123,700 bales were American upland cotton and 189,300 bales were foreign cotton. Of the total carryover 1,748,400 bales or 82.3% was classed as tenderable of which 1,251,600 bales or 58.9% was from 1/8 to 1-1/2 inch staple and 496,800 bales or 23.4% was over 1-1/2 inch staple. The remaining 375,300 bales or 17.7% was classed as untenderable.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports (1929, 1928, 1927), Stocks at Interior Towns (1929, 1928, 1927), Receipts from Plantations (1929, 1928, 1927). Rows include May, June, July, August, and September.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1929 are 704,306 bales; in 1928 were 406,886 bales, and in 1927 were 876,891 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 254,338 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 299,483 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 45,145 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 227,926 bales and for 1927 they were 296,300 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1929 (Week, Season), 1928 (Week, Season). Rows include Visible supply Aug. 30, Visible supply Aug. 1, American in sight to Sept. 6, Bombay receipts to Sept. 5, Other India ship't to Sept. 5, Alexandria receipts to Sept. 4, Other supply to Sept. 4*0, Total supply, Deduct—Visible supply, Total takings to Sept. 6 a, Of which American, Of which other.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 652,000 bales in 1929 and 540,000 bales in 1928—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 1,118,770 bales in 1929 and 1,207,678 bales in 1928, of which 679,570 bales and 768,478 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table with columns: Receipts at— (Week, Since Aug. 1), 1929, 1928, 1927. Includes Bombay, Exports from— (Great Britain, Cont., Japan & China, Total), 1929, 1928, 1927.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 17,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 1,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show an increase of 55,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, Sept. 4, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Receipts (cantars) and Export (bales).

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Sept. 4 were 5,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 14,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is firm and in cloths steady. Demand for both yarn and cloth is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those for previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1929, 1928. Rows include May, June, July, August, and September with various cotton specifications like 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shrtins, Cotton Midd'l g, etc.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 168,749 bales.

Table of shipping news listing destinations (GALVESTON, SAVANNAH, MOBILE, SAN FRANCISCO, CORPUS CHRISTI, NEW ORLEANS, NORFOLK, HOUSTON, NEW YORK, PENSACOLA) and bales shipped with dates.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port: Table with columns for Aug. 16, 23, 30, and Sept. 6.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table showing market conditions (Spot, Futures, Market, P.M.) for various days (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) with descriptions of business and prices.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table of futures prices for September, October, November, December, and January (1930) from August 31 to September 6, listing p.m. and a.m. prices.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Sept. 6 1929.

Flour met, if possible, with a smaller demand than ever, but prices were steady. It was said that there were bids slightly under the market for not inconsiderable quantities, but of actual business, the real test, there was little. Wheat was irregular and ended with no marked change, but with September higher. Argentina's drought is a

factor that restrains selling, but on the other hand Canadian crop news is better and export business is slow. On August 31st prices advanced 1 1/4 to 2c., with drought in Argentina a leading factor. Australia was also said to need rain. And export sales were reported as 1,000,000 bushels. It is said that the crop in Eastern Australia will be only half the normal size. The yield in Canada will be, it is assumed, anywhere from 200,000,000 to 300,000,000 bushels against 506,000,000 in 1928.

On the 3rd inst., after prices had advanced 1 1/2 to 2c., with Argentina still dry, came a reaction. Later rumors of rain in Argentina caused selling, and a net final decline on that day of 1/4 to 1c. Some export demand was reported, but the sales proved to be less than 500,000 bushels in all positions. That was a bit chilling. The United States visible supply increased 5,693,000 bushels against 3,776,000 last year.

Washington wired, Sept. 3rd: "Twenty thousand farmers are planning a total acreage increase of Winter wheat and rye, amounting respectively to 1.2 and 4.9% above last year's sowings, according to their reports as of Aug. 15, to the Crop Reporting Board of the Department of Agriculture, made public to-day. Should these intentions be carried out by all Winter wheat growers, the Department estimates the total intended area of Winter wheat at 43,271,000 acres, as compared with 42,744,000 acres sown last fall. The Department says its report is not a forecast of the acreage that will be planted, but is merely a statement of farmers' intentions, and is published so that growers may modify their plans if they find a change to be desirable." Buenos Aires cabled the New York "Times," Sept. 2nd "Unless the prolonged drought in the Argentine is broken by heavy rains within the next two weeks, this year's crop will be small and of poor quality. Disastrously low prices a few months ago caused the farmers to plant 10% less wheat than last year. The reduced acreage alone would reduce this year's crop by about 7,000,000 bushels, but reports from the cereal belt show damage already reached from 30 to 30% over wide areas. The stand is dried beyond saving in many localities. Immediate rain could save the crop in many parts of the country, although the head is unlikely to be of the usual high quality."

Wheat traders who were extremely bearish owing to the large visible supply and the disappointing export demand modified their views later. With farmers getting loans from the government it is not expected that there will be a big rush of Spring wheat in the Northwest, or even in Canada, where there is a short crop. Winter wheat farmers in the Northwest and Southwest are understood to be holding it back and asking for assistance so that they can keep their grain. On the 4th inst. prices declined on lower cables and talk of possible rains in Argentina. On the 5th inst., after some irregularity, prices ended 1/2c. lower to 1/4c. higher. Winnipeg made a small net advance of 1/8 to 1/4c. Opinion was a good deal divided. No rains fell in Argentina, or at any rate they were only partial, and did not relieve the drought. Liverpool cables, too, were much better than due. Buenos Aires at one time was 1 1/4 to 1 3/4c. higher. Hedge selling was not large. The cash demand at the Southwest was better. Shorts were covering in September. Bad reports were received about the Chinese rice crop and the German crop of potatoes owing to heat and drought. Later on, however, there was a disposition to liquidate. It was very noticeable in the Northwestern markets. Eastern interests were selling there. Canadian marketings were large.

To-day prices ended at an advance of 1 1/2 to 1 3/4c. Minneapolis and Winnipeg were 1 1/4 to 1 3/4c. higher. Commission houses were good buyers and shorts covered. The strengthening factors were the stronger cables, dry weather in Argentine, and unfavorable crop advices from Australia. A lack of foreign demand and not a little pressure early in the day caused a fractional decline. Some advices from Argentine state that even with rains only two-thirds of last year's crop is expected. Southern hemisphere shipments this week were again large. Bradstreet's domestic exports were rather small at 4,000,000 bushels, indicating world's shipments this week of 11,754,000 bushels. The Northwest had some snow, and it was colder there. Cash markets were

small, but the demand was rather light. Country offerings were small. Rumors were afloat that there was a good export business in American wheat, but they could not be confirmed. A statement by a leading Canadian authority that early threshing returns are largely representative of the best yields have resulted in opinions that the crop is turning out better than expected. The Italian crop was estimated at 257,000,000 bushels against 229,000,000 last year. Final prices show an advance of 1c. on September, but are 1/2 to 3/4c. lower on December and March.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.
 No. 2 hard.....140 3/4
 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol.
 139 1/4 137 1/2 137 1/2 137 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
 September.....134
 December.....143 3/4
 March.....149 3/4
 May.....153 3/4
 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.
 134 131 1/2 132 1/2 133 1/4
 142 3/4 140 3/4 140 3/4 141 1/2
 148 1/2 146 3/4 146 3/4 147 3/4
 152 3/4 150 3/4 150 3/4 151 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.
 October.....154 3/4
 December.....154 3/4
 May.....160 3/4
 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol.
 154 151 1/2 152 1/2 153 3/4
 155 1/2 153 153 1/2 154 3/4
 160 3/4 158 3/4 158 3/4 160 3/4

Indian corn advanced on dry weather and a tendency to reduce crop estimates, and then reacted on rains only to rally on snow in Nebraska and South Dakota, and frosts at the Northwest. On August 31st prices advanced 1c. early with the weather too dry and crop reports threatening. Some fear that the yield may be the smallest with one exception in 10 years; possibly not over 2,500,000 bushels or two or three hundred thousand bushels less than in recent years. But later in the day liquidation on the eve of a double holiday and selling against offers caused a reaction which left prices unchanged to 1/2c. lower. On the 3rd inst. prices ended 3/4 to 1 1/4c. higher, even with wheat about that much lower. That looked like inherent strength of corn. It looked like cutting loose from wheat. The explanation is bad crop reports and a probably reduced yield. Private estimates averaged 2,509,000,000 bushels against 2,754,000,000 a month ago and 2,836,000,000 last year. The loss for the month is far greater than the normal. The crop is the smallest since 1913, with one exception. That was in 1924, when it was 2,309,414,000 bushels. The belt needs good copious soaking rains. Hot weather is the bane of the season. The forecast on the 3rd inst. was for rain and cooler weather, or the advance would have been greater. As it was, the forecast caused a reaction after an early advance of 1 1/2 to 2 1/2c. The United States visible supply decreased last week 381,000 bushels against an increase last year of 912,000 bushels. This brought the total down to 5,417,000 bushels against 9,516,000 a year ago. Kansas City reported a better cash demand, and the price was adjusting itself to the September quotation.

On the 4th inst. prices dropped on reports of beneficial rains in many parts of the belt and the decline in wheat. On the 5th inst. prices declined 3/8 to 1 3/8c. net. September was the best sustained month, as deliveries were still small. Renewed selling weakened the later months owing to rains in Kansas, Oklahoma, Nebraska and the Central belt. Corn is largely a weather market. Country offerings of cash corn, however, were small. To-day prices ended 3/4 to 1 3/4c. higher, owing to fears that the crop may be damaged as a result of snow in Nebraska and South Dakota, and frost in parts of the Northwest. The forecast pointed to further frosts overnight and lower temperatures were predicted for the next few days. Country offerings were small. There was good buying by industries. Final prices show an advance for the week of 7/8 to 1 1/2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.
 No. 2 yellow.....119 1/4
 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol.
 119 1/4 119 1/4 119 1/2 118 1/2 119 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
 September.....103
 December.....100 1/4
 March.....104 1/4
 May.....107 1/2
 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol.
 103 103 3/4 104 1/2 103 3/4 104 1/4
 101 1/4 101 1/2 101 1/2 101 1/4 101 3/4
 105 1/2 105 103 3/4 105 1/4
 108 3/4 108 106 3/4 108 3/4

Oats advanced on the sharp demand at times from September shorts, light country offerings, and colder weather at the Northwest. On August 31st prices ended 1/4c. lower to 3/8c. higher on pre-holiday liquidation. But the inherent merits of this grain are considered suggestive of higher prices later in the year. Early in the day they were 3/4 to 1c. higher. On the 3rd inst. prices ended 3/8 to 1 1/8c. higher on poor crop advices, with the cash market rather firmer. Crop estimates averaged 1,207,000,000 bushels against 1,449,000,000 harvested last year. Speculation was active. The trading basis was steady to 1/2c. better. The United States visible supply increased 4,428,000 bushels against an increase last year of 2,412,000. The total is now 23,488,000 bushels against 13,376,000 a year ago. At one time on the 3rd inst. prices were 1 1/4 to 2c. higher. On the 5th inst. prices ended 3/8c. lower to 1/8c. higher, as a reflection of other markets. At the same time it will be seen that no marked change occurred. There was a good cash demand. The country movement was very moderate. Not a few are disposed to buy oats on any decline.

To-day prices ended at an advance of 5/8 to 3/4c., owing to the colder weather in the Northwest, light country offerings. Commission houses bought and shorts covered. Cash

markets were stronger and there was a fair demand for the cash article. Final prices show an advance for the week of 7/8 to 2 1/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.
 No. 2 white.....58 1/2
 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol.
 58 1/2 58 58 58 58 59 1/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
 September.....48 3/4
 December.....53 3/4
 March.....56 1/2
 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.
 48 3/4 49 3/4 49 3/4 50 3/4 50 3/4
 53 3/4 53 3/4 53 3/4 53 3/4 54 1/2
 56 1/2 57 1/2 57 1/2 57 3/4 57 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.
 October.....66 3/4
 December.....68 1/2
 May.....71
 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol.
 66 3/4 67 3/4 68 3/4 68 3/4 69 3/4 69 3/4
 68 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2 68 1/2 69 1/2 69 1/2
 71 71 71 71 71 71 72 3/4

Rye advanced slightly with a good demand from domestic mills, though export business remained quiet. On August 31st prices ended 3/8c. lower to 1/4c. higher. At one time on that day they were 3/4 to 1 5/8c. higher, but later on pre-holiday selling caused a setback. It is said a little export business was done. On the 3rd inst. prices advanced 1/2 to 1 1/4c.; at one time on that day they were 1 3/4 to 2 3/4c. higher, with rather good buying for a time and crop prospects being dubious. The trouble is there is no export demand or very little. The United States visible supply increased last week 288,000 bushels against 937,000 last year. The total is 8,392,000 bushels against 3,475,000 last year. In barley there was an increase for the week in the United States visible supply of 2,152,000 bushels. That made the total 9,766,000 bushels against 2,130,000 last year. On the 5th inst. prices ended 1/8c. lower to 1/2c. higher in sympathy with other grain markets, especially wheat. The trading, however, was light. No export demand appeared. The demand from domestic mills, however, was quite good, and, like other grain markets, rye showed no marked change. To-day prices followed those of wheat, winding up 1/2 to 1 3/8c. higher. Final prices show an advance for the week of 1/4 to 3/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.
 September.....101 3/4
 December.....111
 March.....116 3/4
 Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri. Hol.
 101 3/4 103 102 1/4 102 1/4 102 3/4
 111 111 110 110 110 112
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Closing quotations were as follows:
GRAIN.
 Wheat, New York—
 No. 2 red, f.o.b.....1.41 1/2
 No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.....1.37 3/4
 Corn, New York—
 No. 2 yellow.....1.19 3/4
 No. 3 yellow.....1.18 3/4
 Oats, New York—
 No. 2 white.....59 1/4
 No. 3 white.....58 1/4
 Rye, New York—
 No. 2 f.o.b.....1.12 3/4
 Barley, New York—
 Maltling.....81 3/4

FLOUR.
 Spring pat. high protein.....\$7.25 @ \$7.75
 Spring patents.....6.75 @ 7.25
 Clear, first spring.....6.10 @ 6.50
 Soft winter straights.....5.75 @ 6.25
 Hard winter straights.....6.25 @ 6.60
 Hard winter patents.....6.65 @ 7.15
 Hard winter clears.....5.50 @ 6.00
 Fancy Minn. patents.....8.85 @ 9.35
 City mills.....8.80 @ 9.50
 Rye flour, patents.....\$6.35 @ \$6.75
 Semolina No. 2, pound.....4 3/4
 Oats goods.....2.70 @ 2.75
 Corn flour.....2.75 @ 2.80
 Barley goods.....
 Coarse.....3.80
 Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4.....6.50 @ 7.00

All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c.—are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange. First we give the receipts at Western Lake and river ports for the week ending last Saturday and since Aug. 1 for each of the last three years:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
Chicago	270,000	876,000	1,765,000	1,726,000	249,000	205,000
Minneapolis	-----	2,832,000	160,000	897,000	902,060	151,000
Duluth	-----	4,625,000	-----	354,000	1,677,000	760,000
Milwaukee	49,000	203,000	216,000	1,674,000	578,000	47,000
Toledo	-----	193,000	12,000	215,000	1,000	8,000
Detroit	-----	25,000	4,000	15,000	-----	6,000
Indianapolis	-----	191,000	924,000	308,000	-----	-----
St. Louis	154,000	1,072,000	657,000	346,000	54,000	24,000
Kansas City	40,000	20,000	555,000	174,000	44,000	-----
Omaha	-----	1,841,000	477,000	302,000	9,000	-----
St. Joseph	-----	986,000	354,000	210,000	-----	-----
Wichita	-----	207,000	168,000	22,000	-----	-----
Sioux City	-----	764,000	11,000	6,000	-----	-----
Sioux City	-----	22,000	114,000	120,000	-----	-----
Total wk. '29.	513,000	13,857,000	5,417,000	6,669,000	3,514,000	1,201,000
Same wk. '28.	509,000	15,520,000	4,419,000	5,444,000	6,024,000	813,000
Same wk. '27.	489,000	15,590,000	5,456,000	7,036,000	3,931,000	1,732,000
Since Aug. 1—						
1929	2,156,000	119,414,000	21,307,000	37,302,000	18,127,000	4,981,000
1928	2,422,000	95,106,000	24,894,000	29,520,000	21,793,000	2,095,000
1927	2,234,000	89,421,000	19,431,000	26,859,000	11,607,000	4,178,000

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 31, follow:

Receipts at—	Flour.	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Barley.	Rye.
New York	230,000	1,366,000	5,000	182,000	212,000	-----
Philadelphia	39,000	72,000	2,000	18,000	-----	-----
Baltimore	33,000	571,000	13,000	38,000	2,000	1,000
Newport News	1,000	2,105,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Norfolk	3,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Orleans*	67,000	477,000	50,000	24,000	-----	-----
Galveston	-----	490,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Boston	35,000	-----	-----	13,000	-----	1,000
Total wk. '29.	408,000	5,081,000	70,000	275,000	214,000	2,000
Since Jan. 1 '28	17,271,000	129,931,000	15,732,000	12,671,000	21,549,000	3,271,000
Week 1928	528,000	9,186,000	83,000	1,604,000	1,187,000	710,000
Since Jan. 1 '28	15,795,000	151,133,000	9,855,000	23,275,000	22,045,000	12,971,000

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several eastboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Aug. 31 1929, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from—	Wheat.	Corn.	Flour.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	Bushels.	Bushels.	Barrels.	Bushels.	Bushels.	Bushels.
New York	738,000		51,239			52,000
Boston	4,000		10,000			
Philadelphia			6,000			
Baltimore	88,000		7,000			
Norfolk			3,000			
Newport News			1,000			
New Orleans	104,000	14,000	41,000	9,000		
Galveston	1,426,000		15,000			
Montreal	985,000		56,000	20,000	116,000	407,000
Houston	558,000		1,000			
Total week 1929	3,903,000	14,000	191,239	29,000	116,000	459,000
Same week 1928	7,019,058	28,000	235,527	420,241	625,646	1,221,751

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1929 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to—	Flour.		Wheat.		Corn.	
	Week Aug. 31 1929.	Since July 1 1929.	Week Aug. 31 1929.	Since July 1 1929.	Week Aug. 31 1929.	Since July 1 1929.
United Kingdom	82,348	574,679	2,329,000	15,152,000		
Continent	79,811	633,073	1,555,000	19,871,000		
So. & Cent. Amer.	10,000	67,000		72,000	1,000	23,000
West Indies	8,000	85,000			13,000	108,000
Other countries	11,080	83,996	19,000	87,000		
Total 1929	191,239	1,443,748	3,903,000	35,184,000	14,000	131,000
Total 1928	235,527	1,771,437	7,019,058	59,096,930	28,000	1,077,576

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Aug. 31, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

United States—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
New York	414,000	41,000	113,000	47,000	52,000
Boston			5,000	2,000	
Philadelphia	1,076,000	4,000	131,000	11,000	6,000
Baltimore	5,157,000	30,000	82,000	5,000	15,000
Newport News	584,000				
New Orleans	2,577,000	73,000	216,000	7,000	416,000
Galveston	2,607,000	58,000			269,000
Fort Worth	6,735,000	73,000	285,000	5,000	196,000
Buffalo	9,614,000	2,143,000	3,606,000	119,000	219,000
" afloat	619,000			241,000	400,000
Toledo	3,921,000	19,000	198,000	2,000	10,000
Detroit	211,000	8,000	42,000	12,000	16,000
Chicago	27,524,000	1,323,000	5,964,000	3,080,000	993,000
Hutchinson	2,061,000				
Milwaukee	1,595,000	434,000	2,454,000	59,000	790,000
Duluth	27,339,000	50,000	587,000	2,885,000	1,232,000
Minneapolis	31,165,000	77,000	4,939,000	1,778,000	3,918,000
St. Louis	928,000	61,000	693,000	12,000	60,000
Sloux City	24,559,000	128,000	342,000	8,000	107,000
St. Joseph	8,202,000	2,000			
Wichita	8,124,000	168,000	6,000		58,000
St. Joseph, Mo.	63,000	4,000	1,041,000		321,000
Indianapolis	2,323,000	409,000	1,224,000	3,000	
Omaha	10,920,000	149,000	813,000	95,000	232,000
On Lakes	327,000		685,000		117,000
On Canal and River	697,000		44,000		134,000
Total Aug. 31 1929	182,400,000	5,417,000	23,488,000	8,392,000	9,766,000
Total Aug. 24 1929	176,707,000	5,798,000	19,060,000	8,104,000	7,614,000
Total Sept. 1 1928	87,914,000	9,516,000	13,376,000	1,383,000	6,194,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 96,000 bushels; Baltimore, 4,000; Buffalo, 221,000; Duluth, 17,000; total, 338,000 bushels, against 123,000 bushels in 1928. Barley, New York, 758,000 bushels; Baltimore, 944,000; Buffalo afloat, 9,000; on Lakes, 203,000; total, 1,914,000 bushels, against 222,000 bushels in 1928. Wheat, New York, 3,861,000 bushels; Boston, 1,235,000; Philadelphia, 3,249,000; Baltimore, 3,376,000; Buffalo, 8,250,000; Buffalo afloat, 69,000; Duluth, 66,000; on Lakes, 200,000; Canal, 711,000; total, 21,017,000 bushels, against 5,777,000 bushels in 1928.

Canada—	Wheat.	Corn.	Oats.	Rye.	Barley.
	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.	bush.
Montreal	7,065,000		250,000	457,000	1,155,000
Pt. William & Pt. Arthur	43,244,000		7,721,000	2,005,000	4,688,000
Other Canadian	11,335,000		4,557,000	599,000	530,000
Total Aug. 31 1929	61,644,000		12,528,000	3,061,000	6,373,000
Total Aug. 24 1929	62,157,000		12,145,000	3,696,000	6,055,000
Total Sept. 1 1928	20,395,000		1,285,000	292,000	365,000

Summary—
 American 182,400,000 5,417,000 23,488,000 8,392,000 9,766,000
 Canadian 61,644,000 12,528,000 3,061,000 6,373,000
 Total Aug. 31 1929 244,044,000 5,417,000 36,016,000 11,453,000 16,139,000
 Total Aug. 24 1929 238,864,000 5,798,000 31,205,000 10,800,000 13,669,000
 Total Sept. 1 1928 108,309,000 9,516,000 14,661,000 1,675,000 6,559,000

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Aug. 30, and since July 1 1929 and 1928, are shown in the following:

Exports.	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1928-29.		1927-28.	1928-29.		1927-28.
	Week Aug. 30.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Aug. 30.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.						
Black Sea	7,593,000	66,080,000	91,472,000	90,000	983,000	2,137,000
Argentina	184,000	960,000	192,000	17,000	324,000	1,437,000
Australia	5,106,000	41,066,000	17,080,000	5,439,000	45,949,000	74,180,000
India	800,000	10,984,000	10,512,000			
Other countr's	192,000	280,000	1,040,000			
Total	14,283,000	124,718,000	128,648,000	6,209,000	53,839,000	85,557,000

FARMERS' INTENTIONS TO SOW WINTER WHEAT AND RYE AS OF AUG. 15 1929.—Reports received by the U. S. Department of Agriculture from about 20,000 farmers' reporting for their own farms as of Aug. 15, show intentions to sow an acreage of winter wheat this fall 1.2% larger than that sown last fall. If these reports are representative, they indicate that farmers intend to sow about 43,271,000 acres of winter wheat this fall. As weather conditions and other causes have usually prevented some farmers from carrying out their plans, the acreage sown during the last six years has averaged about 4 1/2% below reported intentions.

The unusual dryness existing over a large part of the winter wheat belt at the time farmers were reporting intentions this year has continued and has become more serious. These drought conditions are at present in-

terfering seriously with the preparation of the ground and the seeding of the crop, and the acreage finally sown will be more than usually dependent on adequate rainfall during the remainder of the planting season. The States of Ohio, Indiana, Minnesota, Iowa, South Dakota, Texas, Montana, Colorado, Washington, Oregon and California show increases, but Missouri, Illinois, Nebraska, Virginia, Tennessee and Oklahoma show decreases. Kansas shows the same acreage as planted last year.

The intended acreage of winter rye for grain is reported by farmers at 4.9% greater than that sown last fall. Moderate increases are reported as intended in all important rye States west of the Mississippi River.

This report is not a forecast of the acreage that will be planted, but merely a statement of farmers' intentions as of Aug. 15. It is published in order that growers may modify their plans if they find a change to be desirable.

Details by States for wheat are shown in the following:

FALL SOWINGS OF WINTER WHEAT.

State.	Five-Year Averages.			1927.	1928.	Intended 1929.
	1909-1913.	1914-1918.	1919-1923.			
New York	357	423	414	326	254	105
New Jersey	85	89	75	63	62	100
Pennsylvania	1,329	1,448	1,319	1,210	1,137	1,160
Ohio	2,167	2,235	2,454	2,400	1,745	1,885
Indiana	2,385	2,486	2,112	2,260	1,695	1,831
Illinois	2,555	2,774	3,088	3,318	2,467	96
Michigan	954	917	961	980	936	100
Wisconsin	92	99	90	62	43	100
Minnesota	52	81	112	300	158	105
Iowa	382	575	563	527	428	105
Missouri	2,412	3,078	2,880	2,190	2,015	85
South Dakota	90	136	117	175	127	130
Nebraska	3,171	3,296	3,679	3,880	3,567	98
Kansas	7,236	9,409	11,201	12,296	12,084	100
Delaware	117	133	113	103	101	103
Maryland	619	695	591	546	546	99
Virginia	778	1,165	831	716	723	93
West Virginia	245	319	226	144	142	105
North Carolina	627	881	581	477	455	90
Kentucky	792	922	586	348	258	105
Tennessee	737	800	450	584	440	93
Oklahoma	1,918	3,660	3,877	4,745	4,508	96
Texas	848	1,879	1,769	2,629	2,576	103
Other Southern	369	881	406	225	217	108.8
Montana	391	826	713	988	543	140
Idaho	342	383	458	480	536	103
Wyoming	34	71	31	69	67	125
Colorado	213	653	1,459	1,538	1,307	120
New Mexico	35	110	153	273	329	100
Arizona	28	41	43	47	43	110
Utah	183	199	153	165	154	107
Nevada	17	11	3	4	4	105
Washington	1,040	956	1,483	1,515	1,266	114
Oregon	608	658	858	863	924	109
California	471	635	806	857	857	103
United States	33,594	42,929	44,685	47,303	42,744	101.2

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED SEPT. 3.—The general summary of the weather bulletin, issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Sept. 3, follows:

High pressure prevailed during most of the week over central and eastern portions of the country, attended by a continuation of generally fair weather and moderate to rather low temperatures. Early in the period showers occurred in the far Southwest, and local rains were reported in other limited areas, but, in general, rainfall was of a very local character, with much the greater part of the country continuing dry. High temperatures prevailed in the East toward the close of the week.

Chart I shows that the week was abnormally warm in most sections west of the Mississippi River. Temperatures were especially high in the far Northwest and nearly everywhere between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains, with the weekly means in most of the area ranging from 4° to as much as 12° above normal. South of the Ohio and Potomac Rivers comparatively cool weather prevailed, with the temperature averaging from 2° to 6° below normal in most sections. In the middle Atlantic area and much of the far southwest nearly normal warmth prevailed.

Chart II shows that rainfall was again scanty over most of the principal agricultural sections of the country. Some rather heavy rains occurred in the more southeastern areas, and scattered, generous showers were reported from South Atlantic sections, and also in southern Rocky Mountain districts. There were also some helpful rains in the north-central Plains States, but generally throughout the area from the Appalachians to the Rocky Mountains, rainfall was very scanty, with most sections having no appreciable amount.

While a few local showers were beneficial in widely separated areas, the widespread droughty conditions that have developed over most agricultural sections east of the Rocky Mountains have been unrelieved. In the middle Atlantic area showers were helpful in a few places, but there is still a wide and urgent need of rain rather generally north of central Virginia. In the more southeastern districts rainfall continued and there was again too much moisture in a few sections, but inland areas of the Southeast are still unfavorably dry.

In parts of the Lake region the drought is unusually severe, being the worst in some places in 35 years, but in the upper Ohio Valley and middle Appalachian Mountain sections soil conditions, because of recent showers, are more favorable than in other parts of the East.

In the trans-Mississippi States droughty conditions were intensified by high temperatures and much sunshine; they are widespread over practically the entire area between the Mississippi River and the Rocky Mountains, with some east-central sections reporting the most severe drought in 10 years.

Showers were quite general over the Northwest at the close of the week, but were generally light and insufficient to relieve the drought up to Tuesday morning. In most Rocky Mountain sections conditions continued generally favorable, especially in central and southern parts where summer rains have been more frequent than in many other sections of the country.

SMALL GRAINS.—The weather was generally favorable for late harvesting and threshing in the spring wheat areas and the Northwest, with cutting nearly done in most parts and threshing well along and nearly finished in places. Showers were of benefit for late oats in parts of Wyoming, but it was too dry for the late oat and wheat crops in the northern part of the State.

Plowing is still retarded by dry, hard soil in most sections of the winter wheat area, although considerable was accomplished in the eastern and lower Ohio Valley; sowing has begun in the western third of Kansas and is expected to begin in a week or 10 days in central and northeastern parts of that State.

The weather favored harvesting rice in the west Gulf area, but it was too dry for grain sorghums in the southern Great Plains, although the crop is expected to be safe from frost by September 15-25 in Kansas.

CORN.—Droughty conditions continued quite generally over the Corn Belt, with most parts having no rain during the week. In the western belt temperatures were high, but in the east they were moderate. In the eastern Ohio Valley, especially in Ohio and northeastern Kentucky, corn made fair progress, though in the northern part of the former State it was poor because of insufficient moisture. In Indiana and Illinois progress ranged from deterioration to fair, with considerable

complaints of firing, especially the late-planted; some early has matured in the lower Ohio Valley, but much of the crop is very uneven.

In Iowa considerable deterioration was reported on thin soil and the bulk of the crop is maturing too rapidly, but would still be helped by rain; some is now fit for seed. Elsewhere west of the Mississippi River corn has suffered severely from the droughty conditions, though much in eastern Nebraska is still fair and some is yet doing well in eastern South Dakota. In this area the crop is maturing very rapidly, with reports from Kansas indicating that from 50 to 75% has passed the stage where rain would be beneficial; in Oklahoma late corn is badly fired and is nearly a failure on uplands.

COTTON.—The weather, in general, continued unfavorable for the cotton crop, principally because of unrelieved droughty conditions over the western portion of the belt where high temperatures intensified the lack of moisture. In Texas progress of cotton was good in parts of the Panhandle and the extreme west, while the crop is made in the south; elsewhere rather general deterioration continued, with plants shedding and opening prematurely. General deterioration continued also in Oklahoma, with further complaints of shedding, blooming nearly stopped, bolls small, and opening prematurely; the general condition of the crop is uneven, ranging from poor to good. In Arkansas progress continued fairly good to very good in most of the eastern half but unfavorable drought continued in the west where there is but little blooming. In Louisiana there was little change in conditions, with drought continuing in the north.

East of the Mississippi River conditions continued largely as last week. Rainfall is needed in some interior sections, especially in northwestern South Carolina, northern Georgia, and some interior sections of Alabama and Mississippi, while in a few southeastern districts there were further rains, which were not needed. In general, progress in the Carolinas and Virginia continued fair to very good, with plants beginning to open and picking begun as far north as North Carolina.

Picking and ginning made excellent progress quite generally under highly favorable weather, except in a few southeastern districts, while conditions mainly favored the checking of weevil activity, especially in the warm, dry western portion of the belt.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Temperatures below normal until latter part of week; local showers, except in extreme west and north-central where droughty conditions continue and crops short. Corn good other parts and cutting begun. Cotton good. Late potatoes need rain. Apples maturing rapidly; picking early fall varieties begun. Considerable plowing in south.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Somewhat cool; light to heavy rains first part. Generally favorable for corn, tobacco, sweet potatoes, peanuts, truck, and forage crops, except that more rain is needed in west. Progress of cotton fair to good; weather first of week favored weevil activity in east and central; beginning to open and first bales reported; top crop mostly light.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Drought continues in northwest where corn, sweet potatoes, truck, and late crops need rain badly. Considerable shedding of cotton in dry northwest, but elsewhere crop situation better, with general progress of cotton fair to excellent and picking and ginning general. Corn fodder pulling and peanut harvests practically completed.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Drought persists in north; further rains in south. Much shedding of cotton; rains in south favored weevil activity; general condition still shows decline; picking and ginning progressing well. Late crops need rain in north where corn firing. Sweet potatoes, sugar cane, and minor crops still promising.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Good progress in picking cotton in west. Rains over much of peninsula on last days of week unfavorable for harvesting corn, hay, and peanuts, and too wet on some lowlands for strawberries. Cane and sweet potatoes doing well, but need cultivation in some districts. Setting tomatoes begun in middle east coast.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures averaged nearly normal; scattered showers on last three days, but crops need rain quite generally. Progress and condition of corn, truck, pastures, and minor crops poor to good. Progress of cotton varied from badly deteriorated to fair; condition average fair; picking and ginning good progress in south and picking becoming general in central and beginning in north; crop continues to shed badly in many sections, mostly on account of dry weather; some complaints of opening prematurely and small bolls drying up.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Fairly good to good progress in picking and ginning early-planted cotton, with the crop opening earlier than the seasonal average. Progress of late cotton and corn mostly poor and rain needed in interior. Early corn generally mature.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Excellent weather in most of south, but unfavorable drought continued in north. Cotton opening rapidly and progress in picking and ginning excellent; no new growth or top bloom reported; dry, warm weather holding weevil in check. Rice harvest made fine progress. Excellent for cane, which needs dry weather for maturing.

Texas.—Houston: Warm days, but cool nights; scattered showers along coast and in extreme west and northwest, but dry elsewhere. Progress of pastures and minor crops good where effective rains, but deteriorated elsewhere, with condition poor to fair; stock water scarce in some localities. Weather favorable for harvesting rice and citrus development. Progress of cotton good in portions of Panhandle and extreme west and crop made in south; mostly deteriorated over remainder of State, with shedding, premature opening, and many small and imperfect bolls; picking and ginning made rapid progress, with labor ample.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Week hot and dry. Drought very severe and rapid deterioration of all crops continued. Early corn matured fair crop; late deteriorated and burned and mostly failure on uplands; condition very poor to only poor. Cotton deteriorated generally account drought; crop shedding, and blooming mostly stopped, with premature opening of small bolls; picking and ginning begun in all sections; condition ranges from poor to good.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress of cotton fairly good to very good in most of eastern half; fair to deteriorated in most western portions where six to eight weeks' drought; weevil effectively checked by dry, warm weather; little shedding and few blooms in west; still blooming in east; picking and ginning becoming general in south and some central portions. Progress of corn fair in some northeastern portions; poor or deteriorating elsewhere, due to dryness, and most other crops suffering or destroyed, except in northeast.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Mostly dry, except light showers on one day, proving serious and late corn deteriorated rapidly and some being cut for fodder; early mostly excellent. Cotton maturing hastened and picking begun; cool nights and dryness unfavorable; considerable shedding. Weather ideal for cutting and curing tobacco and hay crops.

Kentucky.—Louisville: No rain of consequence; temperatures moderate. Late crops show further improvement in extreme north and west, but needing rain badly. Early corn drying and large proportion in central and east without ears; condition poor to fair and very irregular. Tobacco cutting advanced rapidly; crop good in dark district, but plants dwarfed and cutting forced by drought in most burley districts. Some plowing in west; otherwise too dry.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Sept. 6 1929.

Although actual sales in most divisions of the textile markets failed to reach expectations now that the vacation period has ended, sentiment continues confident concerning

the future. Business during the earlier part of the week was disappointing, owing to the excessive heat which served to retard distribution, especially in consuming channels where the new Fall styles had been prepared. However, later in the week, when the weather was more reasonable, buyers were disposed to consider offerings and, as a result, sales were on a larger scale. Active buying of youths' apparel coincident with the reopening of schools was one of the features. In the cotton goods division, prices for the raw material registered further advances to the highest level in approximately five months on continued drought in the Southwestern cotton growing States, and reduced estimates of the probable yield. It is expected that the Government crop estimate due next Monday will be several hundred thousand bales below the previous forecast. This served to encourage a better sentiment in Worth Street, and prices have been on a firmer basis. As to floor coverings, early sales of household furnishings have served to accentuate retail distribution. Unusual Summer activity in this division of the textile industry throughout the country has substantially reduced stocks and buyers are now re-entering the market to replenish their needs and are requesting immediate deliveries. Prospects for the coming season are held to be exceedingly favorable, and it is predicted that new sales records will be established. Rayons are also enjoying a good volume of business and according to statistics published by the Government, the industry now occupies a position of major importance as a textile producer.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Strengthening prices for raw cotton coincident with expanding sales of the finished product featured the markets for domestic cotton goods. In fact, business for the week, especially during the latter part, has been so satisfactory that it is held probable that when sales totals are compiled they will prove to be larger than the week previous. A large majority of the current business has been for early delivery, especially print cloths, sheetings and drills. Besides this, sales of bleached muslins, colored goods and some special cloths have been on a broader scale. Prices generally have appeared to be much more stable, and while they are still far from satisfactory, according to sellers' ideas, they have shown no signs of weakness. As a result, factors believe that the coming season will be more profitable than has been the case for some time past. In addition to the current stability of prices, style forecasts indicate that a larger percentage of goods will be necessary in the production of clothing. It is believed that the latter, coupled with reduced estimates of the cotton crop, should help to put the industry in a stronger position. The recent programs of curtailed production schedules so patiently practiced by the trade are apparently beginning to bear fruit. It is now noticed that concessions are increasingly hard to uncover, and that in instances where new prices are being established old quotations are being continued, such as in the case of fourth quarter denims which, it was announced, will be the same as those which ruled during the previous three months. Thus, it is reasoned, that with prospects of a much smaller crop yield than last year, and with stocks of finished goods relatively light in nearly all sections of the trade, price advances more in keeping with costs are only a matter of time. Print cloths 28-inch 64x60's construction are quoted at 5½c., and 27-inch 64x60's at 5¼c. Gray goods 39-inch 68x72's construction are quoted at 8½c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 10½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—In the woolen markets, mills which failed to open their men's wear fancy Spring lines before the Labor Day holiday showed their new goods to the trade this week. Prices averaged about 3c. a yard below those of the same season a year ago, and at these levels appeared to be quite stable, with producers stating that their price policy will remain unchanged. Buying activities on the new lines, however, were not as brisk as had been expected. Buyers returning from their holidays and vacations were not inclined to rush business during the early part of the week, but sales increased later on when a number of mills were said to have booked encouraging orders on the standard lines.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—While the volume of sales in the local linen market remains about unchanged, sentiment continues optimistic concerning future prospects. Factors view sales possibilities for the coming season with particular favor, and now that the vacation season is over, buyers are expected to enter the market in increasing numbers and place orders in anticipation of their needs. Women's dress goods, and especially handkerchiefs, are held to be the most promising, although other lines are expected to participate to a larger extent than has been the case during recent years. Burlaps continue quiet, with prices substantially unchanged. Varying reports received during the week concerning labor conditions at the jute mills in Calcutta only served to discourage buying operations locally. Light weights are quoted at 6.75-6.80c., and heavies at 8.80-8.85c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN AUGUST.

State and municipal long-term bond disposals during August totaled \$77,045,631. This figure compares with \$82,759,747 for the previous month and with \$68,918,129 for August 1928.

The largest award during the month, consisting of \$9,500,000 4% improvement bonds, was made by the Chicago South Park District, Ill. The issue was awarded at a price of 92.91, an interest cost basis of about 4.92%, to a syndicate headed by the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago. The bonds mature \$425,000 on Sept. 3 from 1930 to 1949 incl.—V. 129, p. 1320.

A \$10,650,000 issue of 4½% bonds of the Chicago Sanitary District, Ill., was offered without success on Aug. 29. The proposals received, submitted by syndicates headed by the National City Co. of New York and the Continental Illinois Co. of Chicago, respectively, were rejected. An unconditional tender of 92.50 was offered by both groups. The City company group also bid 93.468 for the bonds, conditioned upon the abstention of the district from any further financing for 60 days, and an offer of 93.787 was made with a 30-day option on the rest of the authorized issue of \$27,000,000 bonds—V. 129, p. 1157—at the same price. The Continental Illinois group also made an offer of 93.214 for \$5,600,000 of the bonds, with the provision that a 60-day option on the remaining \$5,050,000 at the same price be granted. The entire issue of \$10,650,000 bonds is being reoffered for sale, sealed bids for which will be received until Sept. 12—V. 129, p. 1620. The only bid received on Aug. 10 for the \$3,100,000 State of New Mexico highway bonds was rejected. The offer was for \$500,000 of the bonds with an option of 90 days on the remainder. The rate of interest was to be named in bid—V. 129, p. 1163. The usual table of the issues offered unsuccessfully during the month is given below.

A compilation of other municipal bond sales of \$1,000,000 or over during August is given herewith:

\$4,270,000 bonds of Cleveland, Ohio, consisting of \$2,350,000 4½s due from 1931 to 1957 incl., and \$1,920,000 4½s due from 1930 to 1954 incl. The bonds were sold at a price of 100.04, an interest cost basis of about 4.64%, to a syndicate headed by the Bancamerica-Blair Corp. of New York.

4,116,400 coupon bonds of Cuyahoga County, Ohio, maturing serially from 1930 to 1939 incl., sold as 5½s to a syndicate managed by Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago. Price paid was 100.056, a basis of about 5.24%.

4,000,000 State of Tennessee 6% highway notes sold as 6s to a group headed by the Bankers Co. of New York at 100.24, a basis of about 5.83%. The notes are due on April 11 1930 and April 29 1932.

3,600,000 Mahoning Valley Sanitary Sewer District No. 1, Ohio, 4½% bonds, due on Oct. 1 from 1933 to 1952 incl., reported sold privately at a price of 90 to Blanchett, Bowman & Wood of Toledo.

2,000,000 bonds, bearing 5% int., of the Los Angeles County Flood Control District, Calif., sold at a price of 101.80, a basis of about 4.86%, to a syndicate headed by R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles. The bonds mature annually on July 2 from 1930 to 1964 incl.

1,250,000 Brevard County, Fla., bonds, reported sold to Wright, Warlow & Co. of Orlando, as follows: \$1,000,000 bridge bonds at a price of 95, and \$250,000 highway bonds at 96.

1,200,000 general fund warrants of the City of Dallas, Tex., bearing 5% int., sold to the Republic National Co. of Dallas at a price of 95, a basis of about 5.15%. Warrants mature from 1930 to 1949 incl.

1,000,000 bonds of King County School District No. 1, Wash., sold at 4½s, at par to the State of Washington. The bonds mature in from two to 25 years. A number of banking syndicates submitted proposals for the issue to bear 5% int.

1,000,000 Springfield, Mass., 4½% bonds, due from 1930 to 1959 incl., sold to a syndicate managed by Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., of Boston, at a price of 101.17, a basis of about 4.155%.

1,000,000 Oakland, Calif., harbor improvement bonds sold as 4½s to Eldredge & Co., New York, and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, of Los Angeles, jointly, for a premium of \$1,950, equal to a price of 100.195, a basis of about 4.73%. The bonds mature annually on July 1 from 1930 to 1966, inclusive.

1,000,000 Ocean County, N. J., road bonds reported sold to the First National Bank, and the Toms River Trust Co., both of Toms River, jointly.

As was the case in preceding months, a considerable number of municipalities were unsuccessful in disposing of their offerings in August. In the following table we give a list of the municipalities which failed to market their offerings during the month, also showing the amount of the offering, the interest rate specified and the reason, if any, assigned or the failure to award the obligations:

ISSUES WHICH FAILED OF SALE.

Page.	Name.	Int. Rate.	Amount.	Report.
1475	Basset S. D., Calif.	5½%	\$5,000	No bids
1158	Boone Co., Iowa	Not exc. 5%	250,000	No bids
1475	Bremerton, Wash.	Not exc. 6%	90,000	No bids
1319	Buchanan County, Iowa	Not exc. 5%	125,000	No bids
1475	Burlington, Iowa	x	21,500	No bids
1319	Butler County, Iowa	5%	70,000	Bid rejected
1476	Chicago San. Dist., Ill.*	4½%	10,650,000	Bids rejected
1159	Clayton County, Iowa	5%	235,000	Bid rejected
1476	Columbus, Ga. a	4½%	385,000	Bids rejected
1320	Dodge County, Wis.	4½%	172,000	No bids
1160	Dothan, Ala. (2 iss.) b	Not exc. 6%	80,000	No bids
1001	Fall River, Mass.	4½%	70,000	No bids
1321	Fall River, Mass., tem. l'n.		300,000	No bids
1001	Florida Inland Navigation District, Fla. c	4%	1,887,000	No bids
1322	Grosse Pointe Twp. Rural Agric. S. D. No. 1, Mich.	4¾%	360,000	Bids unopened
1001	Guadalupe Gr. S. D., Calif.	5%	105,000	No bids
1161	Hamtramck, Mich. (2 iss.)	Not exc. 6%	229,781	Bids rejected
1001	Hattiesburg, Miss.	x	250,000	Bids rejected
1322	Hillsdale Twp., N. J.	x	500,000	No bids
1479	Hoquiam, Wash.	Not exc. 6%	600,000	Bids rejected
1001	Hood River, Ore.	4½%	25,000	Bids rejected
1479	Iowa County, Iowa	Not exc. 5%	150,000	No bids
1161	Kittitas Co. S. D. No. 24, Wash.	Not exc. 6%	44,000	No bids
1162	Lansing, Mich. (2 iss.)	4½%	225,000	No bids
1324	Marion County, Iowa	Not exc. 5%	200,000	Bonds not sold
1323	Mahaska County, Iowa	Not exc. 5%	200,000	No bids
1324	Middletown, Conn.	4%	274,000	No bids
1480	Middletown S. D., Ohio. d	5%	900,000	Bids rejected
1162	Mobile County, Ala. e	5%	600,000	Bonds not sold
1162	Mobile County, Ala.	5%	100,000	Bid rejected
1163	Morrow County, Ore.	4¾%	60,000	Bids rejected
1163	New Mexico (State of)	x	3,100,000	Bid rejected
1325	Oconto County, Wis.	4½%	102,000	No bids
1163	Peekskill Union Free Sch. District, N. Y.	Not exc. 5%	50,000	No bids
1482	Scott County, Tenn.	5½%	250,000	Bid rejected
1482	Shelby County, Iowa	Not exc. 6%	250,000	Bids rejected
1326	South Euclid, Ohio	6%	242,300	No bids
1165	Warren County, Iowa	x	120,000	Bonds not sold
1007	Winneshiek County, Iowa	Not exc. 5%	325,000	Bid rejected
1165	Wayne County, Iowa	Not exc. 5%	225,000	No bids

x Rate of int. was to be named in bid. a Bonds re-offered to be sold on Sept. 5; int. rate is to be named in bid—V. 129, p. 1476. b Issues re-offered to be sold on Sept. 16; rate of int. is not to exceed 6% and must be named in bid—V. 129, p. 1476. c Bonds re-offered to be sold on Oct. 15; int. rate 4%—V. 129, p. 1478. d Bonds re-offered to be sold on Sept. 18; int. rate 5%—V. 129, p. 1480. e These bonds are the unpled portion of a \$1,500,000 issue offered on Aug. 12—V. 129, p. 1162. * Bonds are being re-offered to be sold on Sept. 12.

Temporary loans negotiated during the month aggregated \$91,245,000, of which \$70,850,000 was borrowed by the City of New York.

Canadian bond disposals during August reached \$578,347, none of the securities were placed in the United States. No financing during August was undertaken by any of the United States Possessions.

A comparison is given in the table below of all the various forms of securities placed in August in the last five years:

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Perm't loans (U.S.)	77,045,631	68,918,129	92,086,994	71,168,428	83,727,297
*Temp. loans (U.S.)	91,245,000	61,183,000	57,565,000	38,560,000	46,741,645
Canadian loans (perm't):					
Placed in Canada.	578,347	402,210	743,373	1,310,214	1,560,624
Placed in U. S.	None	None	None	None	70,000,000
Bonds U.S. Possess.	None	76,500	None	None	125,000
Gen. fd. bds. (N.Y.C.)	None	3,350,000	2,000,000	None	None
Total.	\$168,868,978	133,929,839	152,395,367	111,038,642	202,154,566

* Including temporary securities issued by New York City: \$70,850,000 in August 1929, \$34,050,000 in August 1928, \$40,650,000 in August 1927, \$25,940,000 in August 1926, and \$37,000,000 in August 1925.

The number of places in the United States selling permanent bonds and the number of separate issues made during August 1929 were 348 and 516, respectively. This contrasts with 394 and 533 for July 1929 and with 383 and 547 for August 1928.

For comparative purposes we added the following table showing the aggregates for August and the eight months for a series of years. In these figures temporary loans, New York City's "general fund" bonds and also issues by Canadian municipalities are excluded.

Year	August		For the Eight Months		
	Month of August	For the Eight Months	Month of August	For the Eight Months	
1929	\$77,045,631	\$825,048,636	1910	\$14,878,122	\$213,567,021
1928	68,918,129	928,136,644	1909	22,141,716	249,387,680
1927	92,086,994	1,060,936,272	1908	18,518,046	208,709,303
1926	71,168,428	909,425,840	1907	20,075,541	151,771,887
1925	83,727,297	980,196,064	1906	16,391,687	144,171,927
1924	108,220,267	1,014,088,919	1905	8,595,171	131,196,527
1923	56,987,954	709,565,710	1904	16,124,677	187,220,986
1922	69,375,996	819,07,237	1903	7,737,240	102,983,914
1921	94,638,755	665,366,366	1902	0,000,256	108,499,201
1920	59,984,048	439,355,455	1901	15,430,390	84,915,945
1919	59,185,857	448,030,120	1900	7,112,834	93,160,542
1918	38,538,221	213,447,413	1899	5,865,610	87,824,844
1917	32,496,308	346,903,907	1898	25,029,784	76,976,894
1916	25,137,902	346,213,922	1897	6,449,536	97,114,772
1915	22,970,844	389,789,324	1896	4,045,500	52,535,959
1914	10,332,193	394,666,343	1895	8,464,431	80,830,704
1913	19,801,191	262,178,745	1894	7,525,260	82,205,489
1912	15,674,855	292,443,278	1893	2,734,714	37,089,429
1911	22,522,612	288,016,280	1892	4,408,491	57,430,882

Owing to the crowded condition of our columns, we are obliged to omit this week the customary table showing the month's bond sales in detail. It will be given later.

NEWS ITEMS

Connecticut.—State Concludes Fiscal Year With \$1,700,000 Deficit.—The Hartford "Courant" of Aug. 24 reported that for the twelve month period ending with June, the books of the State showed a deficit of \$1,700,000 for the fiscal year.

Expenditures of more than \$15,500,000 for permanent improvements during the 12 months ended with June 1928, caused the State of Connecticut to close its books for the fiscal year "in the red" to the extent of about \$1,700,000, it is disclosed by figures made public to-day by the United States Census Bureau summarizing the financial situation of the State Government.

Had it not been for \$15,753,695 spent on road projects, of which \$12,475,527 was for construction and \$3,278,168 for maintenance, the bureau shows, the State's revenues would have exceeded expenditures by some \$13,000,000 for the year.

Revenues for the year, according to statistics furnished the bureau by J. G. Bryson of the State Comptroller's office, totaled \$33,796,159, or \$20.45 per capita, while total expenditures were \$35,514,072. Operation of the various general departments of the State Government cost \$19,319,797, or \$11.69 per capita, this including \$1,769,774 apportioned for education to the minor civil divisions of the State.

Maintenance Cost Reduced.

The cost of maintaining the general departments was reduced materially during the year, on a per capita basis, the comparative figure for 1927 having been \$12.40. Interest on debts in 1928 amounted to \$656,865.

Property and special taxes represented 27.5% of the total revenues of the State last year, against 25.2% in 1927, amounting to \$5.63 per capita, against \$5.07. Earnings of the general departments, or compensation for services rendered by State officials, represented 7.8% of the total revenue, against 9.8% the year before, while business and non-business licenses constituted 5.3%, against 5.4% in 1927. Receipts from business licenses consist chiefly of taxes exacted from insurance and other incorporated companies and the sales tax on gasoline, while those from non-business licenses comprise chiefly taxes on motor vehicles and amounts paid for hunting and fishing privileges. The gasoline tax brought in revenue in 1928 of \$3,098,686, against \$2,840,361 in 1927, an increase of 9.1%.

The total funded or fixed debt outstanding June 30 1928, was \$16,291,100. The net indebtedness (funds or fixed debt less sinking fund assets) was \$2,522,603, or \$1.53 per capita. This was a material reduction from 1927, when it was \$1.90 per capita and was only about 1/4 of the per capita of \$6.56 reported for 1917.

The assessed valuation of property in Connecticut subject to ad valorem taxation was \$2,656,322.911; the amount of State taxes levied was \$1,859,495, or \$1.12 per capita.

Oklahoma City, Okla.—Suit Brought to Prevent Bond Sale.—We are informed by our Western correspondent that a suit has been instituted by a local taxpayer to restrain the city authorities from turning over the \$425,000 of coupon park bonds to the Prescott, Wright, Snider Co., of Kansas City, who purchased the bonds on Aug. 20—V. 129, p. 1481—on the ground that the bonds were issued and sold under an ordinance which is technically illegal.

Quebec, Province of.—Financial Report Shows Surplus Funds.—The annual financial report of the Province for the year ended June 20, shows a surplus of \$4,011,775 for the fiscal year, according to a Montreal dispatch to the New York "Times" of Sept. 5. The newspaper goes on to state:

Ordinary receipts are shown at \$39,976,283, with ordinary expenditures at \$35,964,487. As has been the case for the past three years, \$1,000,000 is included in the expenditure for reduction of the funded public debt, while by virtue of legislation enacted last session a further \$1,000,000 is included in expenditures, having been transferred from the trade account of the Quebec Liquor Commission to the Public Charities Fund, which is one of the trust funds and does not form part of the ordinary revenue of the Province. The actual expenditure was therefore only \$33,964,487.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

Akron, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$73,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds offered on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 834—were awarded as 5 1/8 to Otis & Co., of Cleveland, for a premium of \$745, equal to a price of 101.02, a basis of about 5.31%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929 and mature on Oct. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1931 to 1937 incl.; and \$8,000, 1938 to 1940 incl. E. C. Galleher, Director of Finance, sends us the following list of the bids received:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Premium, Rate Bid. Includes Otis & Co. (\$745.00, 101.02), W. L. Slayton & Co. (616.00, 100.84), The Herrick Co. (468.00, 100.64), Strahanan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. (467.20, 100.63), Ryan, Sutherland & Co. (227.00, 100.38), Seasongood & Mayer (77.00, 100.10), Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc. (60.00, 100.08).

AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Summit County, Ohio.—PARTIAL AWARD.—Only two of the three issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$881,500 offered on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1475—were awarded. The \$380,000 issue was not sold as a question arose regarding the contract for which the bonds were to be awarded. The successful bidders for the other two issues aggregating \$501,500, which are listed below, were Otis & Co., of Cleveland, and Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co., of New York, jointly, at a price of 100.15, a basis of about 4.98%. The purchasers bid 100.15 for each issue separately.

300,000 bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$15,000 on Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1949, incl. Said bonds were authorized by the electors at a general election held Nov. 6 1928 and are issued under authority of the Laws of Ohio, particularly the Uniform Bond Act of the General Code of Ohio, and in accordance with resolutions of the Board of Education of said school district passed May 13 1929, and Aug. 5 1929, for the purpose of erecting and furnishing a school-house.

201,500 bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$500. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$10,500, 1930; \$10,000, 1931 to 1948, incl. and \$11,000, 1949. Said bonds were authorized by the electors at a general election held Nov. 4 1924 and are issued under authority of the Laws of Ohio, particularly the Uniform Bond Act of the General Code of Ohio, and in accordance with resolutions of the Board of Education of said school district passed Jan. 7 1929 and Aug. 5 1929, for the purpose of purchasing school sites, purchasing and erecting portable schoolhouses and purchasing equipment for schoolhouses.

Interest is payable on the first day of April and October.

ANDERSON COUNTY (P. O. Palestine), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An \$83,000 issue of 5% road and bridge funding, series A bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on Aug. 28. Due serially.

ANTONITO, Conejos County, Colo.—BONDS CALLED.—The entire issue of 6% water extension bonds, dated Sept. 1 1919, optional on Sept. 1 1929 and due on Sept. 1 1934; has been called for payment as of Sept. 1, payable at the office of Kountze Bros. in New York City.

ARAPAHOE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Denver, R. F. D.), Colo.—PRE-ELECTION SALE.—A \$17,300 issue of 5 1/4% school-building bonds has been purchased by Gray, Emery, Vasconcelis &

Co. of Denver, prior to an election to be held on Sept. 23. Due \$1,000 from 1944 to 1958 and \$2,300 in 1959.

ASSUMPTION PARISH (P. O. Napoleonville), La.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—A \$50,500 issue of 6% parishwide school board certificates has been purchased by the Canal Bank & Trust Co., of New Orleans. Denom. \$500. Dated May 1 1929. Due from May 1 1930 to 1951, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the Parish Treasurer or at the Canal Bank & Trust Co. in New Orleans. Legal opinion furnished by Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago.

AUDUBON COUNTY (P. O. Audubon), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by the County Treasurer until 2 p. m. on Sept. 19 for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$25,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944 incl. Optional after May 1 1935. Blank bonds to be furnished by the purchaser. The county will furnish the legal approval of Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

BARTHOLOMEW COUNTY (P. O. Columbus), Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Clarence A. Brooks, County Treasurer, reports that the \$8,700 4 3/4% road bond issue offered on Aug. 31—V. 129, p. 999—was not sold. The bonds mature semi-annually in from 1 to 10 years.

BAUDETTE, Lake of the Woods County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of coupon refunding bonds offered for sale on Aug. 31—V. 129, p. 1319—was awarded to the State of Minnesota, as 4 1/4, at par. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1942 and \$3,000 in 1943.

BELOIT, Rock County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The four issues of 4 3/4% semi-ann. bonds aggregating \$54,000, offered for sale on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1475—were awarded to A. C. Allyn & Co., of Chicago. The issues are divided as follows:

- \$25,000 park improvement bonds, city's share. Due from 1930 to 1939, incl. 15,000 storm sewer improvement bonds, city's share. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1944 incl. 10,000 street improvement bonds, city's share. Due \$1,000, 1930 to 1939, incl. 4,000 sanitary sewer improvement bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1933, incl.

BENSON, Swift County, Minn.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$27,000 issue of refunding bonds that was awarded to the Swift County Bank, of Benson, as 5, at a price of 100.427—V. 129, p. 1475—is more fully described as follows: Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due from 1932 to 1944, incl. Basis of about 4.96%. Int. payable on Feb. & Aug. 1.

BLACKHAWK COUNTY (P. O. Waterloo), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Sept. 28, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 annual coupon primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$10,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944 incl. Optional after May 1 1935. Prin. only of bonds may be registered.

BLOOMFIELD, Knox County, Neb.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$13,000 issue of 5 1/2% street graveling bonds that was reported sold—V. 129, p. 1475—was purchased at par by the Omaha National Co., of Omaha. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Int. payable annually on Aug. 1. We are also informed that the above named company has purchased at par two issues of bonds aggregating \$30,000, divided as follows: \$23,000 5 1/4% sewer bonds. Due in 20 years and optional after 10 years. 7,000 5% intersection bonds. Due in 10 years.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Boone), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by M. Abrahamson, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on Sept. 21 for the purchase of an issue of \$125,000 annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on May 1, as follows: \$13,000, 1931 to 1939 and \$8,000 in 1940. Optional after May 1 1935.

BOONVILLE, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,500 paving bonds offered on Sept. 2—V. 129, p. 1475—were awarded as 5 1/4, at par, to the First National Bank, of Boonville. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Due \$500 on July 1, from 1930 to 1946, incl.

BREMER COUNTY (P. O. Waverly), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by the County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on Sept. 24 for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of coupon annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. The bonds are registerable as to principal. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due as follows: \$4,000 from 1935 to 1939 and \$5,000, 1940 to 1944 all incl. Optional after May 1 1935.

BRIDGEPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Belmont County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon school bonds offered on Aug. 26—V. 129, p. 1319—were sold as 5 1/4 to the Central-Illinois Co., of Chicago, for a premium of \$110.00, equal to a price of 100.05, a basis of about 5.24%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929, and mature \$5,000 on March and Sept. 1, from 1930 to 1949 inclusive.

BRIDGMAN, Berrien County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by G. W. Baldwin, Village Treasurer, until 7.30 p. m. on Oct. 1, for the purchase of \$45,000 coupon water works system bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6% and is to be stated in bid. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$500. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1937 incl.; and \$1,500, 1938 to 1959 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in Bridgman. Legality has been approved by K. D. Williams, of St. Joseph.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of revenue notes offered on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1475—was awarded at a 5 3/4% discount to the First National Bank of Boston. The notes are dated Sept. 3 1929 and mature on Dec. 5 1929. The following other bids were received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Discount Basis. Includes F. S. Moseley & Co. (5.45%), Shawmut Corp. (5.58%), Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (Plus \$7.00) (5.77%).

BROWN COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Brownwood), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The State Comptroller registered on Aug. 29, a \$2,500,000 issue of 5 1/2% water bonds. Due serially.

BROWNFIELD, Terry County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of paving bonds offered for sale on Aug. 27—V. 129, p. 1158—was awarded at par to the Panhandle Construction Co., of Lubbock.

BROWNFIELD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Brownfield), Terry County, Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$75,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered on Aug. 27—V. 129, p. 1319—was not sold as no par bid was received. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1934; and \$2,000, 1935 to 1969, all incl.

BROWNSVILLE, Heywood County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,500 issue of 5 1/2% coupon public school refunding bonds offered for sale on Aug. 30—V. 129, p. 1319—was awarded to Saunders & Thomas, of Memphis, at par and expenses. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1934 to 1944 and \$500 in 1945. No other bids were received.

BUCHANAN COUNTY (P. O. Independence), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 27 by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$125,000 coupon annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$12,000 from 1935 to 1943 and \$17,000 in 1944. Optional after May 1 1935. Prin. only of bonds may be registered.

BURTON TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 school bonds offered on July 17—V. 129, p. 315—were awarded as 5 1/4 to Bumpus & Co., of Detroit, for a premium of \$75, equal to a price of 100.12.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Swenson), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by the County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on Sept. 20, for the purchase of a \$70,000 issue of coupon annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. The bonds are registerable only as to prin. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$7,000 from 1935 to 1944 incl. Optional after May 1 1935.

CALCASIEU PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Vinton), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 issue of drainage bonds offered for sale on July 1—V. 128, p. 4190—was awarded at par to the Calcasieu National Bank, of Lake Charles.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BOND SALE.—The \$800,000 issue of 4% harbor improvement bonds offered for sale on Aug. 29—V. 129, p. 1158—was awarded to a syndicate composed of R. H. Moulton & Co., and the American National Co., both of Los Angeles, the California National Bank, of Sacramento, and the Security First National Co., of Los Angeles, at public auction, at a price of 90.96, a basis of about 4.42%. Dated July 2 1915. Due on July 2 1989 and optional after 1954.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above bonds are now being offered for public subscription by the successful bidders priced at 92.50 (accrued interest to be added). The offering circular states that these bonds are as follows:

Interest entirely exempt from Federal income taxes legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, California, Massachusetts and other States exempt from personal property taxes in California eligible as security for deposit of public moneys in California.

Table with columns for Bidder, Amount, and Rate. Includes Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc. at 100.65; Eastbrook & Co. at 100.529; Harris, Forbes & Co. at 100.31.

CARBON COUNTY (P. O. Price), Utah.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$150,000 tax anticipation bonds has recently been purchased by the Edwin S. Felt Co., of Salt Lake City, as 4s, at a price of 97.91.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Carroll), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 25, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$140,000 annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$14,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944 incl. Optional after May 1 1935.

CARTER COUNTY (P. O. Elizabethton), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until Oct. 7 by J. B. Deal, County Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of semi-annual bonds aggregating \$523,500, as follows: \$25,000 jail and \$498,500 road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Due in not to exceed 30 years.

CASS COUNTY (P. O. Logansport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$59,000 4 1/2% road construction bonds offered on Aug. 19—V. 129, p. 999—were awarded at par to the Fletcher-American Co., of Indianapolis. The bonds are dated May 1 1929 and mature as follows: \$3,000 on May 1 and \$2,900 on Nov. 1, from 1930 to 1939 incl.

CEDAR RAPIDS, Linn County, Iowa.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The following details are furnished in connection with the offering schedule for Oct. 1—V. 129, p. 1476—of the \$500,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon waterworks bonds:

Financial Statement. Estimated actual value of all taxable property—\$120,487,619. Assessed value of all property for taxation as equalized for year 1928—64,492,758. Total bonded indebtedness not including this issue—2,132,700. Floating debt—None. Value of property owned by City—\$734,612.

Outstanding Bonds September 1 1929. Table with columns for Date of Issue, Kind, Rate, Amount, and Maturing.

Total \$2,132,700. *Denominations of \$1,000. A paid from receipts of plant.

CEREDO ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. Ceredo), Wayne County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 issue of 6% road improvement bonds that was voted on June 8.—V. 128, p. 3558—has since been sold to the State Sinking Fund Commission.

CHESTERHILL, Morgan County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—W. T. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Sept. 20, for the purchase of \$750,000 6% street impt. bonds. Dated March 1 1929. Denom. \$250. Due \$250 on Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1935 incl. Int. payable on the first day of March and September. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

CHICAGO SANITAR DISTRICT (P. O. Chicago), Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Harry E. Hoff, Clerk of the Sanitary District, at Room 600, 910 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, until 11 a. m. (standard time) on Sept. 12, for the purchase of \$10,650,000 4 1/2% sanitary district bonds which were offered without success on Aug. 29 (V. 129, p. 1476). Coupon bonds with option of registration as to principal only. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due \$32,500 on Aug. 1, from 1930 to 1949 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (P. & A.) payable at the office of the District Treasurer. Proposals will be received for the entire issue or any portion thereof. Approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will be furnished by the district. A certified check for 3% of the bid, payable to the above-mentioned clerk, must accompany each proposal. The offering notice states that no further financing will be undertaken by the district for a period of 90 days following the date of

the sale of this issue. A detailed statement of the financial condition of the district appeared in V. 129, p. 1158.

The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Aug. 30 summarized the bids submitted for these bonds on Aug. 29 which were rejected, as follows: "The identical banking groups which submitted bids for the Chicago South Park Commissioners issue last week, headed by the Continental Illinois Co. and the National City Co., respectively, were the only two bidders for the sanitary district 4 1/2%. Each syndicate made an offer of 92.50 for the issue on an "all-or-none" basis. The Continental Illinois group also made an offer of 93.214 for \$5,600,000 principal amount of bonds, with the provision that a 60-day option on the remaining \$5,050,000 at the same price should be given the syndicate.

"In addition to its bid of 92.50 for all or none of the bonds, the National City group offered 93.465 for the entire issue, with the provision that the district would sell no more bonds within 60 days, and offered 93.787 for the issue, provided that a 30-day option on the remaining \$16,350,000 at the same price be given.

Interest Cos 5.48%. "Based on the unqualified price of 92.50 submitted by both syndicates, the interest cost to the district would be approximately 5.48% as compared with an interest basis of 4.86% on the South Park bonds sold last week."

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,800 4 1/2% coupon Pearl Wallace et al. Posey Township road construction bonds offered on Sept. 2—V. 129, p. 1320—were awarded at par to the Brazil Trust Co., the only bidder. The bonds are dated Aug. 6 1929 and mature semi-annually as follows: \$440 on July 5 1930, \$440, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$440 on Jan. 15 1940.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,800 4 1/2% coupon road bonds offered on Aug. 30—V. 129, p. 1159—were sold at par to the Brazil Trust Co. The bonds are dated Aug. 6 1929, and mature \$140 on July 15 1930, \$140, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$140, Jan. 15, 1940. The Fletcher-American Co., of Indianapolis, offered to take the issue at a discount of \$75.00.

CLAYTON COUNTY (P. O. Elkader), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 26, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$235,000 issue of coupon annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due as follows: \$23,000, 1935 to 1943 and \$28,000 in 1944. Optional after May 1 1935. Prin. of bonds may be registered.

CLEVELAND, Bradley County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$150,000 street improvement bonds has recently been purchased at par by Caldwell & Co., of Nashville.

CLIFFSIDE PARK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cliffside), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—The District Clerk, John F. Kelly, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on Sept. 13, for the purchase of \$320,000 5, 5 1/4, 5 1/2, 5 3/4 or 6% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1932 incl.; \$5,000, 1933 to 1936 incl., and \$10,000, 1937 to 1963 incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) payable in gold at the Cliffside Park Title Guarantee & Trust Co., of Cliffside Park. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount stated above. The Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York, will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, is required. Legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

CLINTON, Custer County, Okla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$615,000, offered on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1159—were not sold as all the bids were rejected. The issues are divided as follows: \$600,000 water works extension bonds. Due \$26,000 from 1932 to 1953 and \$28,000 in 1954. 15,000 fire fighting equipment bonds. Due \$1,000 from 1932 to 1946 incl.

COLUMBIA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Columbia), Richland County, S. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 6 p. m. on Sept. 19, by Sarah F. Fickling, Secretary of the Board of School Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of coupon school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Int. rate is to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1% and must be the same for all of the bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1934 to 1938; \$7,000, 1939 to 1943; \$10,000, 1944 to 1948; \$12,000, 1949 to 1953; and \$15,000 in 1954 and 1955. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the Board of School Commissioners, is required. The above Secretary will furnish the require bidding blanks.

COLUMBUS, Muscogee County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—The \$275,000 4 1/2% bonds offered for sale on Sept. 5—V. 129, p. 1476—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Trust Co. of Georgia, of Atlanta; Andrew Prather, of Columbus; and Robinson-Humphrey Co., of Atlanta, at a price of 100.31, a basis of about 4.47%. The issues are divided as follows: \$150,000 sewer; \$65,000 incinerator; and \$60,000 street improvement bonds. Due from Sept. 1 1930 to 1959 incl.

CONCORD, Merrimack County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—A \$35,000 issue of school bonds was awarded on Sept. 5 to Harris, Forbes & Co., of Boston, at a price of 98.18. The bonds bear 4 1/2% int., payable semi-annually, and mature serially.

COOK COUNTY (P. O. Chicago), Ill.—NOTE SALE.—The \$1,550,000 6% highway fund tax notes offered on Sept. 5—V. 129, p. 1476—were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Chicago, at a price of 99.35, a basis of 6.49% to maturity date. The notes are due on March 15 1931; optional on and after May 1 1930. The next highest bid was 98.56, submitted by a Chicago bank.

COQUILLE, Coos County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 issue of coupon water bonds offered for sale on Aug. 26—V. 129, p. 1320—was awarded to the Bank of Powers, of Powers, as 5 1/4s, at a price of 94.25, a basis of about 5.99%. Denom. \$500. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,500, 1948; \$5,500, 1949; \$6,000, 1950 and 1951; \$7,000, 1952 to 1954. Int. payable on April and Oct. 1.

CRAWFORD COUNTY (P. O. Denison), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 24, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$475,000 issue of annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on May 1, as follows: \$47,000, 1935 to 1943 and \$52,000 in 1944. Optional after May 1 1935.

DAVIDSON COUNTY (P. O. Lexington), N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$82,000 issue of coupon or registered school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1159—was awarded to Caldwell & Co. of Nashville as 5 1/4s, for a premium of \$602.70, equal to 100.735, a basis of about 5.18%. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due from Aug. 1 1932 to 1959 incl.

DAYTON, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—At the election to be held in November, the voters will pass on a proposal to issue \$540,000 storm water sewer bonds to cover the cost of a program of sewer construction to extend over a period of several years.

DEARBORN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Inkster), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.—The sale of the following bonds aggregating \$37,000 at a price of 100.40 to the First National Co., of Detroit—V. 129, p. 1477—was not consummated. According to the report the bonds are to be reoffered.

\$28,000 special assessment Water Main District No. 9 bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 and 1932, and \$3,000, 1933 to 1940 incl. 9,000 special assessment Water Main District No. 8 bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1938 incl., and \$500, 1939 and 1940. Both issues are dated Sept. 1 1929.

BOND OFFERING.—William G. Querfeld, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Sept. 10, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$37,000: \$28,000 special assessment Water Main District No. 9 bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1931 and \$6,000, 1932 to 1935 incl. 9,000 special assessment Water Main District No. 8 bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1931, and \$2,000, 1932 to 1935 incl.

Both issues are dated Sept. 1 1929. Bids to specify rate of interest, not to exceed 6%, and where payable. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denoms. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

DEKALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—NO BIDS.—The County Treasurer reports that no bids were received on Aug. 24 for the \$14,920.87 6% drain construction bonds offered for sale—V. 129, p. 1000. The bonds are dated Aug. 15 1929 and mature in equal annual amounts on Nov. 15, from 1930 to 1934 incl.

DIAMOND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Ana), Orange County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 27—V. 129, p. 1159—was awarded at par to the First National Bank of Santa Ana.—Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due \$500 from 1930 to 1937 incl. No other bids were received.

DIANA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Harrisville), Lewis County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry T. O'Hare, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Sept. 16, for the purchase of \$15,000 5% coupon school bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930, and \$2,000, 1931 to 1937 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the First National Bank, Harrisville, or at the Chase National Bank of New York.

DOBBS FERRY, Westchester County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATES SOLD.—The Dobbs Ferry Bank is reported to have purchased an issue of \$20,000 certificates of indebtedness on Aug. 22, at a price of par. The certificates are dated Aug. 22 1929, bear 6% interest, and are payable in 6 months.

EAGLE BUTTE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Eagle Butte), Dewey County, S. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$31,500 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 30—V. 129, p. 1160—was awarded to the Drake-Jones Co., of Minneapolis, as 6s, for a premium of \$105, equal to 100.33, a basis of about 5.97%. Due from Sept. 1 1932 to 1946, inclusive.

EAST CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. D. Green, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Sept. 19 for the purchase of \$20,000 5% bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due \$2,000 on Sept. 1, from 1931 to 1940 incl. If desired, bids may be submitted for bonds bearing an interest rate other than stated, provided that where a fractional rate is bid, such fraction shall be in multiples of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

EASTON, Northampton County, Pa.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received on Sept. 3 for an issue of \$70,000 4% coupon or registered sewer bonds offered for sale. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1949 incl. and \$3,000, 1950 to 1959 incl.

EMMETSBURG INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Emmetsburg), Palo Pinto County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$130,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1477—was awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., of Davenport, as 5s, for a premium of \$2,600, equal to 102, a basis of about 4.79%. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due from 1933 to 1948, incl.

EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—R. L. Day & Co., of Boston, bidding 100.09, were the successful bidders on Sept. 5 for the \$27,500 4½% coupon or registered Stadium bonds offered for sale. Interest cost basis about 4.49%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929, and mature on Sept. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1937 incl., \$2,000 in 1938 and \$1,500 in 1939. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable at the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Legality is to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

FAIRFIELD, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$105,000 issue of 6% sanitary sewer, series A bonds offered for sale on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1001—was sold to the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati, for a premium of \$36, equal to 100.03, a basis of about 5.99%. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due from Sept. 1 1930 to 1939 incl.

The other bidders and their bids were as follows:

Bidder	Price Bid
Caldwell & Co. of Nashville	98.25
General Securities Corp. of Birmingham	97.93
Steiner Bros. and Ward, Sterne & Co.	97.50

FEATHER RIVER ASSESSMENT DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Sacramento), Sacramento County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$497,183 issue of 6% improvement bonds was purchased on Aug. 28 by the California National Bank of Sacramento, for a premium of \$130,347.40, equal to 126.31, a basis of about 4.07%. Due in 20 years.

FENTRESS COUNTY (P. O. Jamestown), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 issue of 5% coupon funding bonds that was offered without success on June 1—V. 128, p. 3877—has since been purchased at par by the Bank of Jamestown, of Jamestown. Dated Apr. 1 1929. Due in 20 years.

FINLAY, Hancock County, Ohio.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The First-Citizens Corp., of Columbus, paid a premium of \$390.00 on Aug. 23 for the following bonds aggregating \$227,216, reported sold in V. 129, p. 1478.

- \$134,000.00 sewer improvement bonds sold as 5s. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000, except bonds Nos. 1 and 2, which will be of the denom. of \$1,025.77 and \$1,374.23, respectively. The issue matures as follows: \$14,000, 1930; \$13,000, 1931 to 1936, incl.; and \$14,000, 1937 to 1939, incl.
- 56,440.56 street improvement bonds sold as 6s. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$1,440.56. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,440.56, 1930; \$5,000, 1931 to 1933, incl.; and \$6,000, 1934 to 1939, incl.
- 28,581.00 bonds sold as 6s. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$581. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,581, 1930; and \$3,000, 1931 to 1939 inclusive.
- 7,994.44 sanitary sewer construction bonds sold as 5s. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$994.44. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$994.44, 1930; \$1,000, 1931, and \$2,000, 1932 to 1934, incl.

The price paid per \$100 bond was 100.17, a basis of about 5.33%. Bids were also submitted by the American-First National Bank, of Findlay, for the \$7,999.04 issue as 5% bonds, par plus a premium of \$5.00; the Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit; the First-Citizens Corp., Columbus; C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago; Otis & Co., Cleveland; Ryan, Sutherland & Co., and W. L. Slayton & Co., both of Toledo.

FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$49,000 5% coupon road bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 129, p. 1160—were awarded to the Inland Investment Co., of Indianapolis, the only bidder as follows: \$29,000 road improvement bonds sold for a premium of \$145,000, equal to a price of 100.50. Due \$725 on May 15 1930, and bond each six months thereafter. 20,000 gravel road bonds sold for a premium of \$100, equal to a price of 100.50. Due \$500 on May 15 1930, and a \$500 bond each six months thereafter. Both issues are dated Aug. 31 1929.

FOND DU LAC, Fond du Lac County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by C. J. Fay, City Clerk, until 10 a. m. on Sept. 11, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$80,000, as follows: \$50,000 street bonds. Due from March 1 1930 to 1949 incl. 30,000 bridge bonds. Due from March 1 1930 to 1949 incl. Denom. \$1,000. A certified check for 5% of the bid is required. The purchaser is to furnish the legal opinion and printed bonds.

FREMONT COUNTY (P. O. Sidney), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 27, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$190,000 annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$19,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944 incl. Optional after May 1 1935.

FULTON, Fulton County, Ky.—BOND SALE.—A \$55,576 issue of 6% coupon improvement bonds has recently been disposed of at par to the contractor. Interest payable on February and August. 1

GALLIPOLIS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Gallia County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 6% school building construction bonds offered on Aug. 30—V. 129, p. 1321—were awarded at par to the Commercial and Savings Bank, of Gallipolis. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929, and mature \$1,000 on Sept. 1, from 1930 to 1933 incl.

GARDEN CITY, Wayne County, Mich.—NO BIDS.—No bids were received for the \$274,176.65 general obligation water mains construction bonds offered for sale on Aug. 29—V. 129, p. 1321. Rate of interest was not to exceed 6%. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1929 and mature on Aug. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1940 incl.; \$10,000, 1941 to 1945 incl.; \$10,176.65, 1946; \$11,000, 1947 to 1950 incl.; and \$15,000, 1951 to 1958 incl.

GASTONIA, Gaston County, N. C.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$75,000 issue of coupon memorial auditorium bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 129, p. 1321—was not sold as all the bids were rejected. Int. rate not to exceed 6%. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due from Feb. 1 1932 to 1960 incl.

GATES, Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds offered on Sept. 4—V. 129, p. 1321—were awarded as 6s to George B. Gibbons & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.695, a basis of about 5.84%. The bonds are dated April 1 1929, and mature on April 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1941 incl., and \$1,000 in 1942. Edmund Seymour & Co., of New York, the only other bidders, offered 100.4889 for the bonds as 6s.

GOSHEN, Elkhart County, Ind.—WARRANT SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 6% time warrants offered on Aug. 22—V. 129, p. 1160—was awarded to the City National Bank of Goshen. The warrants are dated August 22, 1929.

GRAHAM, Young County, Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$78,000 issue of 5% street improvement and paving bonds offered on Aug. 29—V. 129, p. 1160—was not sold. Dated March 1 1929. Due from March 1 1930 to 1949 inclusive.

GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUE.—Preliminary steps for the forthcoming offering of \$302,000 street and sewer improvement bonds are now being made by the City Attorney, says the Grand Rapids "Press" of Aug. 28.

GREENSBORO, Guilford County, N. C.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—We are informed that the City Council has authorized the issuance of \$1,370,000 in various improvement bonds, divided as follows: Water department, \$125,000; underpass, \$500,000; street paving, \$50,000; street widening, \$175,000; storm sewers, \$30,000; public improvements, \$90,000, and sewerage disposal plant, \$400,000. P. C. Painter is the city manager.

GREYBULL, Big Horn County, Wyo.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$20,000 issue of water works system bonds that was purchased by Peck, Brown & Co. of Denver—V. 129, p. 1478—bears interest at 5¾%. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due in 30 years and optional after 15 years. Price paid was par. Int. payable on Feb. & Aug. 1.

GUTHRIE COUNTY (P. O. Guthrie Center), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 20, by A. M. Crabb, County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$15,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944 incl. Optional after May 1 1935.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Webster City), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 19, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of annual coupon primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$20,000 from 1935 to 1944 incl. Optional after May 1 1935. Prin. only of the bonds may be registered.

HAMLIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hamlin), Jones County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 issue of 5% school bonds that was offered without success on June 27—V. 129, p. 1001—has since been disposed of at par. Due serially in 40 years.

HERMOSA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. Hermosa), Custer County, S. Dak.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$10,000 issue of school bonds that was awarded at par to the Hermosa Savings Bank of Hermosa—V. 128, p. 3720—bears interest at 5%. Due as follows: \$3,000 in two and four years and \$4,000 in six years.

HOLLIS, Hermon County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 9, by Clifford Thompson, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$48,000 issue of water works bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due \$2,500, 1934 to 1951 and \$3,000 in 1952. Prin. and int. is payable in New York.

HOOKER, Texas County, Okla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$55,000 issue of 6% semi-annual sanitary sewer bonds offered on Aug. 21—V. 129, p. 1001—was not sold as no bids were received. Due in 25 years.

INDEPENDENCE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—ELECTION.—The following election notice appeared in the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" of Aug. 31:

Notice is hereby given that pursuant to a resolution of the Board of Education of Independence Village School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio, passed on the 26th day of June, 1929, there will be submitted to the qualified electors of said School District at the regular election to be held in said school district at the usual places of holding elections therein, and between the hours fixed by law, on the 5th day of Nov., 1929, the question of issuing bonds of said school district in the sum of \$150,000.00, for the purpose of erecting a fireproof school building and furnishing the same.

Said bonds shall run over a maximum period of 23 years, and the estimated average additional tax rate outside of the fifteen mill limitation, as estimated and certified by the County Auditor is 2.4083 mills, which shall be used for the purpose of paying interest on and retiring said bonds as they shall mature.

By order of the Board of Education of Independence Village School District, Cuyahoga County, Ohio. ARTHUR J. GOUDY, Clerk.

INDIAN LAKE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, Hamilton County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph Bonestell, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Sept. 18, for the purchase of \$165,000 coupon or registered school bonds. Rate of interest is to be named in bid, stated in multiples of $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% and is not to exceed 6%. The bonds are dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; \$2,000, 1935 to 1939 incl.; \$3,000, 1940 to 1944 incl.; \$4,000, 1945 to 1949 incl.; \$5,000, 1950 to 1954 incl.; and \$6,000, 1955 to 1969 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & D. 1) payable at the Hamilton County National Bank, Wells. No bids for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to H. A. Palmater, District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Caldwell & Raymond of New York, will be furnished the purchaser without charge. These bonds were offered without success on June 27. A list of the bids rejected appeared in—V. 129, p. 161.

These bonds are issued to provide funds for the erection of a central school house in said school district and are authorized by vote of a majority of the legal voters of said school district at a special district meeting held on Nov. 5 1928 and by resolutions of the Board of Education of said school district adopted Nov. 5 1928 and May 28 1929.

Financial Statement and Statistics.

Central District now includes former Common School Districts 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8.

Assessed valuation	\$1,535,869
Bonded debt of Central District	None
Outstanding indebtedness of common school districts composing the Central District:	
Former District No. 1	12,000
Former District No. 2	6,000
Former District No. 4	2,400

Estimated value of the school properties of the several districts other than the building to be erected from proceeds of this issue, \$60,000. Area of district in acres, 163,165. Acres of State land on assessment roll, 89,881. State funds received by the school, approximately \$12,000. Miles of paved road in district, 35. Principal industries, lumbering and summer resort. Permanent population, 1,200. Summer population, 2,000. Under Section 185 of the Education Law, the State of New York contributes each year one-quarter of the principal and interest of the bonds paid by the district.

IOWA COUNTY (P. O. Marengo), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by the County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on Sept. 26, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$15,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944 incl. Optional after May 1 1935.

JACKSON COUNTY (P. O. Maquoketa), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 27, by Glen F. Bailey, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$230,000 issue of annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$23,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944, incl. Optional after May 1 1935.

JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,760 5% coupon bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 129, p. 1161—were awarded to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$53.00, equal to a price of 100.33, a basis of about 4.93%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929. Due \$788 on July 15 1930; \$788 on Jan. 15 1931, and one bond each six months thereafter. The Inland Investment Co., of Indianapolis, offered a premium of \$23.50 for the issue.

BOND SALE.—An issue of \$9,760 road construction bonds was sold on the same date to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$33.00, equal to a price of 100.35. The bonds bear 5% int. payable semi-annually.

JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Birmingham), Ala.—WARRANT SALE.—Two issues of 6% semi-annual warrants have recently been purchased by Rogers Caldwell & Co. of New York. The issues are described as follows: \$115,000 refunding warrants. Dated May 1 1929. Due on May 1 1934. 211,000 refunding warrants. Dated Aug. 15 1929. Due on Aug. 15 1934. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and int. is payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York.

JERSEY CITY, Hudson County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William B. Quinn, Director of the Department of Revenue and Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (daylight saving time) on Sept. 19 for the purchase of \$6,503,000 coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows: \$3,553,000 general improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$94,000, 1930 to 1948 incl., and \$93,000, 1949 to 1967 incl. 2,950,000 school bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$90,000, 1930 to 1942 incl., and \$89,000, 1943 to 1962 incl.

All of the above bonds will be of the denom. of \$1,000 each. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Coupon bonds, registerable as to prin. only or as to both prin. and int. The bonds will bear int. at one of the following rates: 4½%, 4¾% or 5%. Rate of interest must be named in bid and is to be the same for both issues. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. Principal and semi-annual int. (A. & O. 1) payable in gold at the office of the City Treas. The bonds will not be sold for less than par and accrued int. All proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for.

The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, that the bonds are valid and legal obligations of the city. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the Trust Co. of New Jersey, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon.

JOHNSTOWN, Cambria County, Pa.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—We are now informed that the sale of the \$250,000 4¾% coupon boulevard improvement bonds scheduled to be held on Sept. 16—V. 129, p. 1479—has been indefinitely postponed. The City Council voted to change the issue from 20-year bonds to serial obligations, which necessitated the repeal of the ordinance authorizing the former.

JOHNSTOWN TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Farmdale, R. F. D.), Trumbull County, Ohio.—BIDS REJECTED.—The District officials rejected all of the bids received on Aug. 26 for the \$110,000 5% school bonds offered for sale—V. 129, p. 1322. The bonds are dated March 1 1929, and mature \$2,000 on April 1 and \$3,000 on Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1951 inclusive.

KNOX COUNTY (P. O. Knoxville), Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. Sept. 16 by S. O. Houston, County Judge, for the purchase of three issues of 4¾% bridge bonds aggregating \$950,000, as follows: \$500,000 Henley Street bonds. A \$5,000 certified check is required. 250,000 McBee Ferry bonds. A \$2,500 certified check is required. 200,000 Solway Ferry bonds. A \$2,500 certified check is required.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due on Sept. 1 1949. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. in New York City. Successful bidder to pay for the legal opinion and also to prepare bond blanks without cost to the County. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will be obtained.

LAFAYETTE, Lafayette Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of semi-annual civic improvement bonds offered for sale on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1002—was awarded to the First National Bank of Lafayette, for a premium of \$25, equal to 100.10. Due from Oct. 1 1930 to 1959, incl.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$20,000 5% coupon road construction bonds offered on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1479—were awarded to the Commercial Bank, of Crown Point, for a \$10 premium, equal to a price of 100.05. The bonds mature semi-annually in from 1 to 10 years.

LAKELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of street improvement bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 129, p. 1162—was awarded as 5¼% to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, for a premium of \$15, equal to a price of 100.46, a basis of about 5.20%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929, and mature \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1954, incl. An official list of the bids received follows:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Prem.
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein	Cincinnati 5¼%	\$267.83
Guardian Trust Co.	Cincinnati 5¼%	87.00
Otis & Co.	Cleveland 5¼%	70.00
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.	Cincinnati 5¼%	115.00
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.	Toledo 5¼%	53.00
Seasongood & Mayer	Cincinnati 5¼%	67.00
W. L. Slayton & Co.	Toledo 5¼%	146.00
Well, Roth & Irving Co.	Cincinnati 5¼%	4.00

LE SUEUR COUNTY (P. O. Le Sueur), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 issue of 4¾% refunding bonds offered for sale on Aug. 30—V. 129, p. 1323—was awarded at par to local investors. Dated Sept. 1 1929.

LIBERTY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairfield), Solano County, Calif.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$15,000 issue of 5% school bonds that was purchased by the Bank of Rio Vista, at a price of 100.06—V. 129, p. 1323—is dated July 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1944 incl. Basis of about 4.99%. Int. is payable Jan. & July 1.

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. North Platte), Neb.—MATURITY.—We are now informed that the \$480,000 issue of 4¾% school building bonds that was purchased at par by C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago—V. 129, p. 1003—matures in from 5 to 30 years.

LINCOLN PARK, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following bonds aggregating \$87,800 are reported to have been sold at par on Aug. 26, as stated herewith: \$81,432 special assessment bonds sold to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., of Detroit.

6,368 special assessment bonds sold to the Sinking Fund Commission. The bonds mature annually in from 1 to 5 years.

LOS ANGELES, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—Three issues of bonds aggregating \$280,000, were awarded on Aug. 30, as follows: \$140,000 6% street improvement bonds to the Angelus Securities Corp., of Los Angeles, for a premium of \$421, equal to 100.3007; \$100,000 5¾% Reseda Park bonds to Wheelock & Co., of Des Moines, for a premium of \$105 and \$40,000 6% city hall bonds to the Elliott-Horne Co. of Los Angeles, for a premium of \$1, equal to 100,0025.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 115 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$367,586.78 issue of 5% paving bonds has recently been purchased by the District Bond Co. of Los Angeles. Denoms. \$500 and \$1,000. Dated Aug. 5 1929. Due \$24,500 from 1934 to 1948, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 2) payable in gold coin at the office of the County Treasurer. Legal approval of Arthur M. Ellis, of Los Angeles.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% school bonds aggregating \$660,000, offered for sale on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1479—were awarded as follows:

\$335,000 Huntington Park Union High School District bonds to R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles, for a premium of \$2,890, equal to 100.85, a basis of about 4.92%. Dated May 1 1927. Due from May 1 1933 to 1962 incl.

325,000 Glendale City School District bonds to a syndicate composed of the National City Co. of New York, Bond & Goodwin & Tucker of Los Angeles, and E. R. Gundelfinger & Co. of San Francisco, for a premium of \$747.50, equal to 100.23, a basis of about 4.97%. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Due from Mar. 1 1930 to 1949.

LUCAS COUNTY (P. O. Chariton), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by J. R. Barnett, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on Sept. 20, for the purchase of an issue of \$177,000 annual primary road bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on May 1 as follows: \$17,000, 1935 to 1943, and \$24,000 in 1944. Optional after May 1 1935.

McNAIRY COUNTY (P. O. Selmer), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$120,000 5¾% school bonds has recently been purchased at par by the Commerce Securities Co. of Memphis.

MAHASKA COUNTY (P. O. Oskaloosa), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 17, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$20,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944, inclusive, and optional after May 1 1935.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Knoxville), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed and open bids will be received by F. T. Metcalf, County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on Sept. 15 for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$20,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944, inclusive. Optional after May 1 1935.

MARYSVILLE, Union County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—A proposal to issue \$150,000 bonds to finance the election of a new high school building will be placed on the ballot at the election to be held in November.

MEDFORD, Middlesex County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids for the purchase at a discount of a \$400,000 temporary loan, will be received by John J. Ward, City Treasurer, until 9 a. m. (daylight saving time) on Sept. 10. The loan is dated Sept. 10 1929. Denoms. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due \$200,000 on Nov. 11 and on Dec. 10, both maturities in 1929. Legality has been approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

MELVINDALE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Sylvester A. Mable, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Sept. 18, for the purchase of \$55,000 general obligation paving bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 5½%. The bonds mature in 15 years. All bids must be accompanied by a certified check for \$1,000.

MEMPHIS, Shelby County, Tenn.—OFFERING DETAILS.—In connection with the offering on Sept. 24 of the \$865,000 improvement bonds—V. 129, p. 1480, we are now informed that the bidder will name the interest rate using either 4½, 4¾, 5, 5½ or 5¾%. Coupon bonds, registerable as to principal only. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the City Hall or at the fiscal agent of the city in New York. No bid below par can be accepted. The legal approval of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City, will be furnished. All bonds prepared by the city. A certified check for \$8,650, payable to the City, must accompany each bid.

MENANDS, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John J. Mooney, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on Sept. 17 for the purchase of \$108,000 coupon or registered water supply bonds. Dated April 1 1929. Denomination \$1,000. Due \$3,000 on April 1, from 1933 to 1968 incl. Rate of interest is to be named in bid, not to exceed 6%, and to be stated in a multiple of 1/10th or 1/4 of 1%. Prin. and semi-annual interest (Apr. 1 and Oct. 1) payable in gold at the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Albany. Each proposal must be accompanied by a \$2,000 certified check payable to the order of the Village. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. No bids were received for these bonds when they were previously offered on July 16—V. 129, p. 518.

MIDDLETOWN, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—I. B. Taylor, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (daylight saving time) on Oct. 8, for the purchase of \$63,000 5% garbage and refuse incinerator bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Coupon in \$1,000 denoms. Due \$3,000 on Sept. 1 from 1930 to 1950, inclusive. No split interest rates will be considered. A certified check for 5% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York.

MILFORD, Worcester County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The \$70,000 4¾% street construction bonds offered on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1480—were awarded to R. L. Day & Co., of Boston, at a price of 100.29, a basis of about 4.65%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929, and mature annually from 1930 to 1934 incl. Estabrook & Co., of Boston, the only other bidders, offered 100.04 for the issue.

MILWAUKEE, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BONDS PARTIALLY AWARDED.—Of the nine issues of bonds aggregating \$8,381,000 offered for sale on Sept. 4—V. 129, p. 1324—seven of the issues aggregating \$5,626,000, were awarded to a syndicate composed of White, Weld & Co., Banc-America-Blair Corp., Kissel, Kinnick & Co., Stone & Webster & Blodgett, Inc., Geo. B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., Eldredge & Co., Kean, Taylor & Co., Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co., and Dewey, Bacon & Co., all of New York, for a premium of \$7,313.80, equal to 100.13, a basis of about 4.78% on the bonds as follows:

- \$950,000 4% school bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$9,000 from July 1 1930 to 1948, incl.
- 456,000 4% street widening bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$24,000 from July 1 1930 to 1948.
- 2,000,000 5% sewer bonds. Dated July 1 1929.
- 1,000,000 5% permanent harbor improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1929.
- 600,000 5% park bonds. Dated July 1 1929.
- 500,000 5% grade crossing abolition bonds. Dated July 1 1929.
- 120,000 5% electric light bonds. Dated July 1 1929.

The following two issues aggregating \$2,775,000 were not sold:

- \$2,090,000 4% sewer bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$110,000 from July 1 1930 to 1948, incl.
- 665,000 4% park bonds. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$35,000 from July 1 1930 to 1948, incl.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above bonds are now being offered for public subscription by the purchasers priced as follows: the 4% bonds are to yield from 5.00 to 4.50% according to maturity while the 5% bonds will yield from 5.50 to 4.50%. The official offering circular reports that: These bonds, issued for school, harbor improvement, sewer, electric lighting, street widening and grade crossing purposes, are direct obligations of the city and are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Milwaukee had a

population of 457,147 at the time of the 1920 U. S. census. Assessed valuation, as of 1928, was \$944,157,658 and total debt including this issue, is \$43,681,000.

The following is an official tabulation of the bidders and their bids: All or None. Alternate Bid.

Table listing bidders and their bids for \$4,220,000 5% bonds and \$1,406,000 4% bonds. Bidders include White, Weld & Co., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Kissell, Kinnicut & Co., etc.

\$5,000. Due on Dec. 21 1929. Bids to be made on forms furnished by the City Comptroller. Principal and interest payable at the Merchants National Bank, and the Delaware County National Bank, both of Muncie. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the bid, payable to the City Treasurer, is required.

MUSKEGON HEIGHTS, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit & Security Trust Co., of Detroit, is reported to have purchased an issue of \$185,000 bonds to finance the construction of an addition to the sewage disposal plant and lay storm sewers in three sections of the city.

NAMPA, Canyon County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$50,000, offered for sale on Sept. 4—V. 129, p. 1324—were awarded to the First Security Corp., of Nampa, as 5 1/2% for a premium of \$550, equal to 101.10. The issues are divided as follows: \$30,500 airport and \$19,500 park bonds.

NASSAU COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Fernandina), Fla.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 6% school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 31—V. 129, p. 1324—were awarded as follows: \$20,000 Special Tax School District No. 1 bonds to Mr. W. S. Whitney, of Fernandina. Due \$1,000 from 1932 to 1951 incl. 15,000 Special Tax School District No. 3 bonds to the First National Bank of Fernandina. Due from 1932 to 1957 incl.

NEWARK, New Castle County, Del.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 4 1/2% bonds offered on July 25—V. 128, p. 4361—were awarded to Laird, Bissel & Meads, of Wilmington, at a price of 96.875, a basis of about 4.84%. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denominations, registerable as to principal. The bonds are callable at the Town Council, at par and accrued interest, on any interest period after five years from the date of issue.

NEW BEDFORD, Bristol County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Sealed bids for the purchase of a \$500,000 temporary loan will be received by the City Treasurer until 11 a. m. on Sept. 10. The loan is payable on March 6 1930 and is to be sold at a discount.

NEW BOSTON (P. O. Portsmouth), Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 bonds offered on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1163—were awarded as follows: \$10,000 sewer. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 1, in 1931, 1933, 1935, 1937, 1939, 1941, 1943, 1945, 1947 and 1949. 5,000 water mains. Due \$500 on Sept. 1, every two years commencing with 1931, the last maturity being in 1949.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Bidders include N. S. Hill & Co., Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., etc.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, State of (P. O. Concord).—BOND OFFERING.—Henry E. Chamberlain, State Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on Sept. 13, for the purchase of the following 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,770,000: \$1,500,000 permanent highway bonds. Due \$150,000 on Dec. 1, from 1934 to 1943 inclusive.

270,000 Highway Trunk Line completion bonds. Due \$30,000 on Dec. 1, from 1934 to 1942 incl. Both issues are dated Dec. 2 1929. Separate bids may be submitted for each issue or for both issues combined. All proposals to be for all or none of each issue. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable at the National Shawmut Bank, Boston. The opinion of the State Attorney-General as to the legality of the bonds will be furnished.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—AUGUST SHORT-TERM FINANCING.—The following short-term issues, aggregating \$70,850,000 were sold by the City during August:

Table with columns: Various Municipal Purposes, Amount, Maturity, Int. Rate, Date Issued. Includes Water Supply, Rapid Transit Railroads, School Construction, etc.

NITRO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Nitro), Kanawha County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of school bonds has been purchased at par by the State Sinking Fund Commission.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—NOTE OFFERING.—The County Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Sept. 10, for the purchase of \$40,000 Tuberculosis Hospital notes. Dated Sept. 10 1929 and payable on April 16 1930.

NORTH YORK SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. York), York County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—A. H. Lehr, Secretary of the Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until Oct. 1, for the purchase of \$5,000 5% school bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000 in 1930 and \$2,000 in 1932 and 1933. Prin. and int. payable at the North York State Bank.

OAKLAND, Alameda County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 issue of harbor improvement bonds offered for sale on Aug. 29—V. 129, p. 1325—was awarded jointly to Eldredge & Co., of New York, and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, of Los Angeles, as 4 3/4%, for a premium of \$1,950, equal to 100.195, a basis of about 4.73%. Dated July 1 1926. Due on July 1, as follows: \$56,000, 1930; \$27,000, 1931 to 1938 and \$26,000, 1939 to 1966 all inclusive.

The San Francisco "Chronicle" gave the list of other bidders as follows: All other bids received were for 5% bonds, and were as follows: Anglo-London Paris Co., Dean Witter & Co., American National Co., Securities Division National Bankitaly Co., Heller, Bruce & Co., Weeden & Co., William Cavalier & Co. and Detroit Co., \$18,900; R. H. Moulton & Co., \$15,200; Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Old Colony Corp., \$14,390; National City Co., \$10,399, and Anglo California Trust Co., \$7,500.

OCEAN COUNTY (P. O. Toms River), N. J.—BOND SALE.—A \$1,000,000 issue of road bonds is reported to have been sold on Aug. 20 to the First National Bank and the Toms River Trust Co., both of Toms River, jointly. The bonds are sold to be in \$5,000 denominations.

ORANGE COUNTY (P. O. Paoli), Ind.—NO BIDS.—Jesse L. Wells, County Treasurer, reports that no bids were received on Sept. 2 for the \$11,000 4 1/2% road construction bonds offered for sale—V. 129, p. 1325. Mr. Wells says that an effort is to be made to dispose of the bonds to local investors.

PAGE COUNTY (P. O. Clarinda), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 26, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$5,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944, incl. Optional after May 1 1935. Purchaser to furnish the blank bonds.

PEPPER PIKE (P. O. Cleveland), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,540 coupon special assessment street improvement bonds offered on July 10—V. 128, p. 4362—were awarded as 5 3/4% to the Herrick Co., of Cleveland, for a premium of \$39.00, equal to a price of 100.07, a

MINNEAPOLIS, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1.30 p. m. on Sept. 13, by Geo. M. Link, Secretary of the Board of Estimate and Taxation, for the purchase of the following bonds and certificates aggregating \$1,743,000: \$1,500,000 5% certificates of indebtedness. Dated Sept. 16 1929. Due in 90 days.

243,000 coupon municipal airport bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$15,000 in 1930 and \$12,000, 1931 to 1949 incl. No bids for less than par can be accepted.

Obligations issued pursuant to Sections 9 and 10 of Chap. XV of the City Charter. Registerable as to both principal and interest. Prin. and int. of said obligations payable at the fiscal agency of the City in New York or at the office of the City Treasurer. The certificates will be sold subject to the approving opinion of the purchaser. The bonds will be accompanied by the opinion of Thomson, Wood, & Hoffman, of New York. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, is required. (The official advertisement of this offering appears at the end of this section.)

Financial Statement as of August 28 1929.

Table with columns: Description, Assessed Valuation 1928, Full and True Valuation 1928. Includes Real property, Personal property, Money and credits, Sinking fund liability, etc.

MISSOURI, State of (P. O. Jefferson City).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Sept. 13, by Henry S. Caulfield, for the purchase of a \$7,500,000 issue of 4 1/2% highway bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,000,000 in 1948; \$2,000,000, 1949 to 1951 and \$500,000 in 1952.

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by S. H. Hendrix, City Clerk, until noon on Sept. 10, for the purchase of a \$17,000 issue of 5% public works, series KL bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1932 and \$2,000, 1933 to 1939 all incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Irving Trust Co. in New York City. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City will furnish the legal approval. No bid is to contain any provision as to the bank or place where the proceeds of said bonds shall or may be deposited. A \$250 certified check, payable to the City, must accompany the bid.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Monroe), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following bond issues aggregating \$256,000 offered on Aug. 30—V. 129, p. 1324—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co., of Toledo, and the First National Bank, of Monroe, jointly, as 6s, for a premium of \$663.50, equal to a price of 100.259: \$137,300 Cousino Kelley Road District No. 59 bonds. \$106,000 Lambertville Road District No. 56 bonds. \$12,700 Rauch East Road District No. 66 bonds.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Woodsville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following 6% coupon bonds aggregating \$8,400 offered on Aug. 31—V. 129, p. 1324—were awarded to the First National Bank, of Clarington, at a discount of \$260.80, equal to a price of 96.89, a basis of about 6.90%. \$6,500 road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1936 incl., and \$500 in 1937. 1,900 road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$400, 1930 to 1933 incl., and \$300 in 1934. Both issues are dated July 1 1929. Only one bid was received.

MONROE COUNTY (P. O. Key West), Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$75,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school refunding bonds offered on July 23—V. 129, p. 330—was not sold. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$5,000 from July 1 1940 to 1954 incl. Optional after 1939.

MONTICELLO, Sullivan County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Charles G. Royce, Village Clerk, reports that an issue of \$21,000 paving bonds was sold on July 15 to the National Union Bank of Monticello, for a premium of \$15.00, equal to a price of 100.07.

MUNCIE, Delaware County, Ind.—WARRANT OFFERING.—John B. Lupton, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Sept. 10, for the purchase of \$60,000 6% Time Warrants. Denomination

basis of about 5.74%. The bonds are dated June 1 1929 and mature on Oct. 1, as follows: \$5,540, 1930; \$5,000, 1931; \$6,000, 1932; \$5,000, 1933; \$6,000, 1934; \$5,000, 1935; \$6,000, 1936; \$5,000, 1937, and \$6,000, in 1938 and 1939. Only one bid was received.

PICKAWAY COUNTY (P. O. Circleville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Bryce Briggs, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) on Sept. 30, for the purchase of \$72,996.60 5% road improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due as follows: \$2,996.60 on March 1 and \$4,000 on Sept. 1 1930; \$3,000, March 1 and \$4,000 on Sept. 1 1931; \$3,000, March 1 and \$4,000 on Sept. 1 1932 to 1936 incl.; and \$4,000, March and Sept. 1, 1937 to 1939 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (M. & S. 1) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

PLYMOUTH COUNTY (P. O. Le Mars), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 17, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 coupon semi-annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$10,000 from 1935 to 1944 incl. The bonds may be registered as to principal.

PONTIAC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—C. K. Patterson, Secretary of Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Sept. 10, for the purchase of \$465,000 school bonds. Rate of interest is to be named in bid and is not to exceed 5%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929, are in \$1,000 denoms., and mature on Sept. 1, as follows: \$9,000, 1930 to 1932 incl.; \$10,000, 1933 and 1934; \$12,000, 1935 to 1939 incl.; \$14,000, 1940; \$15,000, 1941 to 1950 incl.; \$17,000, 1951; \$18,000, 1952; \$23,000, 1953; \$25,000, 1954; \$26,000, 1955; \$28,000, 1956; \$30,000, 1957, and \$27,000, 1958. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the Treasurer of the School District. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, as to the validity of the bonds, will be furnished the successful bidder.

POPULAR BLUFF, Butler County, Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of water works bonds offered for sale on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1325—was awarded to the Boatmen National Co., of St. Louis, as 5/8s, at a price of 100.93, a basis of about 5.15%. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due from Aug. 1 1931 to 1949.

POTTAWATTAMIE COUNTY (P. O. Council Bluffs), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by the County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on Sept. 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$15,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944 incl. Optional after May 1 1935.

RAPIDES PARISH (P. O. Alexandria), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Sept. 17, by Clyde D. Durham, Secretary of the Police Jury, for the purchase of three issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$129,000, divided as follows: \$50,000 sub-road B of road district No. 21; \$75,000 road district No. 36 and \$4,000 road district No. 37 bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$500. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the office of the Parish Treasurer or at the Guaranty Trust Co. in New York City. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due variously from 1930 to 1959 incl. Certified checks, payable to the Parish Treasurer, are required.

RED LODGE, Carbon County, Mont.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,000 issue of funding bonds offered for sale on Aug. 31—V. 129, p. 840—was awarded to the State Board of Land Commissioners, as 5/8s, at par.

RICHLAND, Lexington and Saluda Counties (P. O. Columbia) (Joint Obligations), S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 issue of coupon highway bonds offered for sale on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1325—was awarded to Eldredge & Co., of New York City, as 5/8s, for a premium of \$4,155, equal to 100.831, a basis of about 5.16%. Dated July 20 1929. Due from Jan. 20 1931 to 1945.

RIPLEY COUNTY (P. O. Versailles), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 4 1/4% coupon John Selke et al., Adams Township highway improvement bonds offered on Sept. 2—V. 129, p. 1325—were awarded at par to the Ripley County Bank. The bonds are dated Aug. 15 1929, and mature as follows: \$550 on July 15 1930; \$550, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1949 incl., and \$550 on Jan. 15 1950. The Farmers' National Bank, the only other bidder, offered to take the bonds at a discount of \$300.

ROACHE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Cruz) Santa Cruz County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. E. Miller, County Clerk, until 10 a. m. on Sept. 7, for the purchase of a \$15,750 issue of 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$1,750. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1943 and \$1,750 in 1944. Prin. and int. (M. & S. 1) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. Legality approved by Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist, of San Francisco.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTE OFFERING.—C. E. Higgins, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 2:30 p. m. (eastern standard time) on Sept. 9, for the purchase of the following notes, aggregating \$700,000:

\$400,000 Overdue tax notes. Due on Dec. 12 1929.
 300,000 School construction notes. Due on March 12 1930.
 Both issues are dated Sept. 12 1929. Notes will be drawn with interest and payable at the Central Union Trust Co., New York. Bidders to state rate of interest, denoms., desired, and to whom, not bearer, notes shall be payable. No bids will be accepted at less than par.

ST. LOUIS, Mo.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Sept. 26, by Louis Nolte, City Comptroller, for the purchase of a \$6,000,000 issue of 4 1/2% public improvement bonds.

ST. PETERSBURG, Pinellas County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$25,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual municipal improvement bonds offered on Sept. 2—V. 129, p. 1326—was not sold as there were no bids received. Dated April 1 1926. Due on April 1 1956.

SALINA, Saline County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 issue of 4 3/4% school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 6—V. 129, p. 1326—was awarded to Stern Bros. & Co. of Kansas City, at par and interest. Dated July 1 1929. Due in from 1 to 20 years. No other bids were received.

SAN ANTONIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. San Antonio) Bexar County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—On Aug. 26 the State Comptroller registered the \$1,700,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds that was sold on July 23—V. 129, p. 677. Due from 1930 to 1969, inc

SAN DIEGO, San Diego County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$2,350,000 offered for sale on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1326—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the American National Co. of San Francisco, the Continental Illinois Co. of Chicago, the Foreman National Corp. of Chicago, and Dean Witter & Co., Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, and Heller, Bruce & Co., all of San Francisco, for a premium of \$10,402, equal to 100.44, a basis of about 4.85%, on the bonds divided as follows:
 \$2,100,000 pipe line and reservoir bonds. Due \$52,500 from Sept. 1 1930 to 1969.
 250,000 acquisition and investigation water bonds. Due \$6,250 from Sept. 1 1930 to 1969, incl.

The bonds maturing from 1930 to 1959 were awarded as 5s and those that mature from 1960 to 1969 were sold as 4 1/4s.

SCHLESWIG, Crawford County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,800 issue of 5% coupon town hall site purchase bonds offered for sale on Aug. 27—V. 129, p. 1326—was awarded to Mr. E. A. Boock, of Schleswig, for a premium of \$108, equal to 102.84, a basis of about 4.50%. Denoms. \$500 & \$300. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due on Sept. 1 1940 and optional after Sept. 1 1934. Int. payable on March & Sept. 1.

SEA ISLAND CITY, Cape May County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William F. Jocker, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (standard time) on Sept. 17, for the purchase of \$66,500 6% coupon or

registered consolidated bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1930 to 1946, incl., and \$3,000, 1947 to 1954, incl. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount stated above. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York.

SEATTLE, King County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Sept. 6, by H. W. Carroll, City Comptroller, for the purchase of four issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$5,720,000, as follows:

\$4,000,000 light and power, 1927, series L U bonds. Due in from 6 to 30 years.
 1,100,000 bridge, series E, 1928 bonds. Due in from 2 to 30 years after date.
 500,000 bridge, series F, 1928 bonds. Due in from 2 to 30 years after date.
 120,000 municipal improvement bonds. Due in from 2 to 20 years after date.

Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the fiscal agency of the city in New York, or at the office of the City Treasurer. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will furnish the approving opinion.

(This report supplements that given in V. 129, p. 1164.)

SENECA FALLS, Seneca County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$435,000 coupon Water Plant bonds offered on Sept. 3—V. 129, p. 1326—were awarded as 5/8s to Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., of New York, at a price of 101.57, a basis of about 5.12%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929, and mature as follows: \$11,000, 1931 to 1963 incl., and \$12,000, 1964 to 1969 inclusive.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Harlan), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 18, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$25,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944, incl., and optional after May 1 1935.

SHEPHERD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Shepherd) San Jacinto County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$45,000 issue of 5% serial school bonds was registered on Aug. 26 by the State Comptroller.

SOUTH BURLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Burlington), Chittenden County, Vt.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman of the Board of School Directors, until 10 a. m. on Sept. 7, for the purchase of \$12,000 5% school bonds. Denom. \$600. Due \$600 from 1930 to 1949 incl. Int. payable semi-annually.

SOUTH WHITEHALL TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lehigh County, Pa.—NO BIDS.—There were no bids received on Aug. 30 for the following 4 1/4% bonds aggregating \$95,000 offered for sale.—V. 129, p. 1326:

\$50,000 series 1929 "AA" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1934; \$6,000, 1939; \$7,000, 1944; \$9,000, 1949; \$10,000, 1954; \$14,000, 1959.
 45,000 series 1929 "A" bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1934; \$5,000, 1939; \$6,000, 1944; \$8,000, 1949; \$10,000, 1954; \$12,000, 1959.
 Both issues are dated Sept. 1 1929.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$1,000,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered water bonds sold on Aug. 23 to a syndicate headed by Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., of Boston, at a price of 101.17, a basis of about 4.15%—V. 129, p. 1326—were re-offered for public investment by the successful bidders at prices to yield from 5.00 to 4.10%, according to maturity. A list of the other bids submitted for the bonds appeared in V. 129, p. 1482.

Financial Statement.
 Assessed valuation, 1928 \$315,663,180
 Total bonded debt (incl. this issue) 15,760,500
 Less water bonds 5,038,000
 Less sinking funds 172,658
 Net bonded debt 10,549,842

STOCKTON, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—A \$250,000 issue of dam construction bonds has recently been jointly purchased by Dean Witter & Co., and Bond & Goodwin & Tucker, both of San Francisco, for a premium of \$13,031, equal to 105.212. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1924. Due as follows: \$38,000, Aug. 1 1959 and \$53,000, 1960 to 1963 inclusive. Prin. and int. (F. & A. 1) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Other bidders were as follows:

Bidder—Premium.
 Wells Fargo Bank & Union Trust Co., Heller, Bruce & Co. \$12,661
 American National Co. 10,858
 National City Co. and Weeder & Co. 10,797
 Stockton Savings & Loan Co. 9,009

SYLVAN LAKE (P. O. Pontiac, R. F. D. No. 3), Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—L. F. Owen, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Sept. 9, for the purchase of \$100,000 Village bonds. The bonds mature \$10,000 in from 1930 to 1939 incl. The cost of printing the bonds and securing legal opinion is to be borne by purchaser.

TEMPLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles) Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, until 2 p. m. on Sept. 10, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of 6% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 1 1930 to 1934, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the County Treasury. A certified check for 3% of the bonds, payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, is required. (These bonds were mentioned in V. 129, p. 1482.) The following statement accompanies the offering notice:

Temple School District has been acting as a school district under the laws of the State of California, under the name of La Puente School District, continuously since Aug. 15 1863. The name of said school district was changed to Temple School District March 14 1921.
 The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1928 is \$4,044,390, and said district has no outstanding indebtedness.
 Temple School District includes an area of approximately 4.70 square miles, and the estimated population of said school district is 2,070.

TETON COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Alta), Mont.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$5,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds offered on Aug. 24—V. 129, p. 1006—was not as yet been sold. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from Aug. 1 1940 to 1944, incl.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following minor issues of bonds were registered by the State Comptroller during the week ending Aug. 31:

\$1,200 5% Henderson County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 27 bonds. Due in 10 to 20 years.
 3,000 5 1/2% Farmer County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 13. Due serially.
 1,200 5 1/2% Goliad County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 10. Due serially.
 5,000 5% Brown County Road Dist., series A bonds. Due in 20 years.
 2,000 5% Comanche County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 38 bonds. Due serially.
 2,500 6% Overton Indep. Sch. Dist. bonds. Due serially.

TIOGA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tioga), Tioga County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,500 5% school bonds offered on Aug. 31—V. 129, p. 1006—were awarded to G. L. Abrams, of Tioga. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929, and mature \$500 on Aug. 31, from 1932 to 1938 incl.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Creston), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 25, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$165,000 annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on May 1, as follows: \$16,000, 1935 to 1943 and \$21,000 in 1944. Optional after May 1 1935.

UPPER ARLINGTON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—On the 5th day of November the voters will be asked to pass on a proposal to issue \$75,000 bonds for the purpose of constructing a fire-proof addition to the present High School

building. The maximum number of years during which the bonds are to run is 24 years. The estimated average additional tax rate outside of the 15 mill limitation as certified by the County Auditor is .528 mills.

UPPER SANDUSKY, Wyandot County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—James R. Snyder, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Sept. 16, for the purchase of \$1,440 6% street improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. The bonds are payable in from 1 to 3 years from date of issue. Interest is payable semi-annually. Anyone, desiring to, may present a bid or bids for such bonds, based upon their bearing a different rate of interest than specified, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or multiple thereof. Said bonds will be for delivery and must be taken up on or before the first day of Oct. 1929.

VALHALLA FIRE DISTRICT (P. O. Valhalla), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Richard Dirksen, Clerk of the Board of Fire Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (daylight saving time) on Sept. 16, for the purchase of \$15,000 coupon or registered fire apparatus bonds. Rate of interest is to be named in bid, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$1,500 on Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1939 incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest (April and Oct. 1) payable in gold at the Mount Pleasant Bank & Trust Co., Pleasantville. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Fire Commissioners, must accompany each proposal. The successful bidder will be furnished with the opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, that the bonds are valid and legal obligations of the Fire District. These bonds were originally scheduled to have been sold on Aug. 23.—V. 129, p. 1006.

VAN BUREN SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Grant County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Clinton R. Witmer, Township Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Sept. 20, for the purchase of \$50,000 5% school bonds. Dated June 26 1929. Denom. \$500. Due as follows: \$500 on June 26 and \$2,000 on Dec. 26 1930; \$1,500 on June and Dec. 26 1931 to 1935 incl.; \$1,500 on June 26 and \$2,000 on Dec. 26 1936; \$2,000, June and Dec. 26 1937 to 1941 incl.; and \$2,500 on June and Dec. 26, in 1942 and 1943. Interest payable on the 26th day of June and December. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable at the Farmers' Trust Co., of Van Buren.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 33 (P. O. De Land), Fla.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—We are now informed that the sale of the \$27,000 issue of 6% semi-annual school bonds that was also scheduled for July 11.—V. 128, p. 4049—has been indefinitely postponed. Dated April 1 1929. Due from April 1 1932 to 1938.

WACO, McLennan County, Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The four issues of 4 1/2 or 4 3/4% bonds aggregating \$600,000, offered on Sept. 3.—V. 129, p. 1006—were not sold as no bids were received. The issues are described as follows:

- \$75,000 sewage disposal and sanitary sewer bonds. Due \$2,000 from 1930 to 1944 and \$3,000, 1945 to 1959 all incl.
- 200,000 school improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1939; \$4,000, 1940 to 1949; \$6,000, 1950 to 1959 and \$8,000, 1960 to 1969, all inclusive.
- 225,000 city hall bonds. Due as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1934; \$4,000, 1935 to 1939; \$5,000, 1940 to 1949 and \$7,000, 1950 to 1969, all incl.
- 100,000 street improvement bonds. Due \$2,000 from 1930 to 1949 and \$3,000 from 1950 to 1969 incl.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. in New York City.

WAKEFIELD, Middlesex County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur H. Boardman, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (daylight saving time) on Sept. 10, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 3/4% bonds aggregating \$123,000:

- \$64,000 sewer bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1933 incl. and \$4,000, 1934 to 1944 incl.
- 59,000 Montrose Schoolhouse bonds. Due Sept. 1, as follows: \$6,000, 1930 to 1938 incl. and \$5,000, 1939.

Both issues are dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual interest (March and Sept. 1) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. The offering notice says:
These bonds are exempt from taxation in Massachusetts and are engraved under the supervision of and certified as to genuineness by the First National Bank of Boston; their legality will be approved by Messrs. Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. All legal papers incident to these issues will be filed with said bank where they may be inspected at any time.

Financial Statement September 1 1929.

Net valuation for year 1928	\$22,497,152.00
Average net valuation for years 1926-1927-1928	21,632,500.00
Debt limit 3% of average valuation	648,975.02
Total gross debt, including these issues	1,401,500.00
Exempted debt—water bonds	\$261,000.00
Municipal Light bonds	153,000.00
Sewer and School bonds	486,000.00
	900,000.00
Net debt	\$501,500.00
Borrowing capacity	147,475.02
Population, about 16,000.	

WALLINGTON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds offered on Sept. 4.—V. 129, p. 1327—were awarded to the Linden National Bank, of Passaic, for a premium of \$700.00, equal to a price of 102.7% on basis of about 4.74%. The bonds are dated Aug. 15 1929, and mature on Aug. 15, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1944 incl., and \$1,000, 1945 to 1949 incl. The following other bids were received:

Bidder—	Premium.
H. B. Hand & Co., Newark	\$10.00
Passaic National Bank	35.00
Prudden & Co., New York	37.00

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$204,062.9 special assessment coupon bonds offered on Aug. 30.—V. 129, p. 1165—were awarded as follows:

To the Detroit & Security Trust Co., of Detroit:
\$169,850.00 street improvement bonds sold as 5 1/4's for a premium of \$273.00 equal to 100.16, a basis of about 5.215%. Due \$8,500 on April 1 and \$9,000 on Oct. 1 1930; \$8,000, April 1 and \$9,000, Oct. 1 1931 to 1933 incl., and \$8,000, April and Oct. 1 1939.

To the Second National Bank, of Warren, at a price of par:
\$16,161.47 5 3/4% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$161.47. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$2,161.47 March and \$2,000 Sept. 1 1930 and \$2,000 March and Sept. 1 1931 to 1933.
\$169,850.00 5 1/4% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$850. Due \$8,500 April and \$9,000 Oct. 1 1930; \$8,000, April and \$9,000, Oct. 1 1931 to 1938, and \$8,000, April and Oct. 1 1939.

3,966.49 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$966.49. Dated Sept. 1 1928. Due \$1,966.49, March and \$2,000, Sept. 1 1930.

7,480.00 6% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$748.00. Due \$1,480, April and \$2,000 Oct. 1 1930, and \$2,000 April and Oct. 1 1931.

6,605.00 6 street improvement bonds. Denom. \$500, one for \$105. Due from April 1 1930 to Oct. 1 1934.

Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the Sinking Fund Trustees. An official tabulation of the bids received follows:

Bidder—	Amt. of Bonds		Premium.	Int. Rate
	Bid On			
Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit	\$169,850.00	\$273.00	5 1/4%	
The Herrick Co., Cleveland	204,062.96	461.00	5 1/4%	
Otis & Co., Cleveland	169,850.00	713.37	5 1/4%	
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo, O.	169,850.00	777.00	5 1/4%	
Davis-Bertram Co., Cincinnati	204,062.96	245.00	5 1/4%	
C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago	169,850.00	170.00	5 1/4%	
Second National Bank, Warren	169,850.00	Par	5 1/4%	
Second National Bank, Warren	16,161.47	Par	5 3/4%	
Second National Bank, Warren	3,966.49	Par	6%	
Second National Bank, Warren	7,480.00	Par	6%	
Second National Bank, Warren	6,650.00	Par	6%	

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Indianola), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Both sealed and open bids will be received by the County Treasurer until 2 p. m. on Sept. 19, for the purchase of an issue of \$120,000 annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$12,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944, incl. Optional after May 1 1935.

WASHINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Salem), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following 4 1/2% bonds aggregating \$15,460 offered on Aug. 31.—V. 129, p. 1165—were awarded at par to the Inland Investment Co., of Indianapolis the only bidder.

\$8,800 Washington Township bonds. Due \$440 on July 15 1930; \$440, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$440, Jan. 15 1940.
6,610 Jefferson Township bonds. Due \$333, July 15 1930; \$333, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 inclusive, and \$333 on Jan. 15 1940.
Both issues are dated Aug. 5 1929.

WATERTOWN, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$200,000 temporary loan offered on Sept. 4.—V. 129, p. 1483—was awarded at a 5.27% discount to Faxon, Gade & Co., of Boston. Due \$100,000 on Jan. 21 and \$100,000 on March 15 1930. The following bids were also submitted:

Bidder—	Discount Basis.
F. S. Moseley & Co.	5.28%
Merchants National Bank	5.29%
Union Market National Bank	5.32%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (Plus \$5.00)	5.34%
First National Bank of Boston	5.35%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.	5.36%
Shawmut Corporation	5.57%

WAUSHARA COUNTY (P. O. Wautoma), Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 13, by J. J. Johnson, County Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$178,000 4 1/2% highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Mar. 1 1929. Due on March 1, as follows: \$38,000, 1935; \$90,000, 1936 and \$50,000 in 1937. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer, Chapman and Cutler, of Chicago will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 1% of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required. (These bonds were unsuccessfully offered on July 13.—V. 129, p. 1483.)

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Corydon), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 24, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$225,000 issue of annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on May 1, as follows: \$22,000, 1935 to 1943 and \$27,000 in 1944. Optional after May 1 1935.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry I. Dingeman, County Drain Commissioner, will receive sealed bids until 11:30 a. m. (Eastern standard time) on Sept. 17, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$148,000:

\$132,000 Grosse Ile No. 9 Tile Drain construction bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1934 incl.; \$12,000, 1935, and \$20,000, 1936 to 1939 inclusive.

16,000 Grosse Ile No. 8 Tile Drain construction bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1935 incl.; \$2,000, 1936, and \$3,000, 1937 to 1939 inclusive.

Both issues are dated Sept. 1 1929. Denomination \$1,000. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6% and must be named in bid. The bonds will be issued in coupon form and may be registered at the office of the County Treasurer of Wayne County as to the principal only. The principal and interest payable in lawful money of the United States of America at the County Treasurer's office. These bonds are said to be issued in full compliance with the provisions of Act 316 of the Public Acts of 1923 of the State of Michigan and the Acts amendatory thereof and supplemental thereto. Proposals to be conditioned upon the successful bidder, furnishing the lithographed bonds ready for execution and the necessary approving opinion as to the legality of said issue, without charge.

Tenders must be accompanied by a deposit in money, or a certified check on any National Bank of the United States for 2% of the amount of the bonds bid for.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$216,000 tile drainage district bonds offered on Sept. 3.—V. 129, p. 1327—were awarded as 5 1/2's to Prudden & Co., of Toledo. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1929, and mature on May 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1933 incl.; \$15,000, 1934 to 1940 incl.; \$20,000, 1941 to 1943 incl., and \$21,000, 1944.

WEBSTER COUNTY (P. O. Fort Dodge), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 18, by the County Treasurer, for the purchase of an issue of \$125,000 coupon annual primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on May 1, as follows: \$12,000, 1935 to 1943 and \$17,000 in 1944. Optional after May 1 1935. Principal only of bonds may be registered.

WEBSTER COUNTY (P. O. Dixon), Ky.—BOND SALE.—A \$250,000 issue of 5% road and bridge bonds has been purchased by an unknown firm. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due from Aug. 1 1934 to 1959. Prin. and int. (F. & A. I.) payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. in New York.

WEST RIDGEWAY, Hardin and Logan Counties, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry A. Smith, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Sept. 20, for the purchase of \$10,227.40 6% bonds, divided as follows: \$5,877.40 special assessment bonds and \$4,350 Village's portion bonds. The village's portion issue matures \$435 on Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1939 incl.; the special asst. bonds are due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$590 from 1930 to 1939 incl., and \$607.40 in 1940.

Principal and semi-annual interest of both issues payable at the Ridgeway Banking Co. Bidders will be required to satisfy themselves as to the validity of the bonds.

WHITLEY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia City), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$19,520 4 1/2% bonds offered on July 22.—V. 129, p. 324—were awarded as follows:

\$11,040 road bonds sold to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati. Due \$552 on July 15 1930; \$552, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$552, Jan. 15 1940.
8,480 road bonds sold to Walter L. Schaper, of Columbia. Due \$424 on July 15 1930; \$424, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$424, Jan. 15 1940.

Both issues are dated June 15 1929.

WHITNEY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia City), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,760 4 1/2% bonds offered on Aug. 28.—V. 129, p. 1328—were sold at par as follows:

\$7,680 A. W. Hart et al., Smith Twp. road construction bonds awarded to the Provident Trust Co., of Columbia City. Due \$384, July 15 1930; \$384, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$384, Jan. 15 1940.

6,080 Etna Twp. road construction bonds awarded to the Columbia State Bank, of Columbia City. Due \$304 on July 15 1930; \$304, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$304 on Jan. 15 1940.

Both issues are dated Aug. 15 1929.

WINNESHIEK COUNTY (P. O. Decorah), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING. Bids will be received by the County Treasurer, until 2 p. m. on Sept. 25, for the purchase of a \$325,000 issue of annual coupon primary road bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Bonds are registerable as to principal only. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$32,000, 1935 to 1943 and \$37,000 in 1944. Optional after May 1 1935.

WINDSOR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Windsor County, Vt.—NOTE SALE.—The \$59,500 6% refunding notes offered on Aug. 30.—V. 129, p. 1328—were awarded at par and accrued interest to the National Life Insurance Co., of Montpelier. The notes are dated Sept. 3 1929 and mature on Sept. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1930 to 1938 incl., and \$5,500 in 1939.

WOODVILLE FIRE DISTRICT, Grafton County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$150,000 water bonds was sold on Aug. 30 to E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Boston, at a price of 95.10, a basis of about 5.15%. The bonds bear 4 1/2% interest and mature serially in 20 years. The only other bidder was Harris, Forbes & Co., also of Boston, offering to take the issue at a price of 94.92.

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WOODWORTH, Stutsman County, N. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Sept. 9 by N. A. Nelson, Village Clerk, for the purchase of a \$3,000 issue of semi-annual electric light system bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$200. Dated Feb. 1 1929. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.

WYANDOTTE COUNTY (P. O. Kansas City), Kan.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on Sept. 5, by William Beggs, County Clerk, for the purchase of six issues of 4½% coupon road bonds aggregating \$679,792.92. Dated July 1 1929. Due from July 1 1930 to 1944.

WYOMING COUNTY (P. O. Warsaw), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles B. Smallwood, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. (Eastern Standard time) on Sept. 14, for the purchase of \$130,000 coupon or registered highway bonds. Rate of interest is not to exceed 5% and is to be stated in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on Sept. 1, from 1935 to 1947 incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest (March and Sept. 1) payable in gold at the Wyoming County National Bank of Warsaw. A certified check for \$3,000, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official must accompany proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser without charge.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, of New York, have purchased an issue of \$800,000 local improvement notes maturing on March 4, 1930.

YORKVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., of Cincinnati, were the successful bidders on Sept. 3 for an issue of \$135,000 school building bonds offered for sale. The purchasers agreed to take the bonds as 5½s, paying a premium of \$555.50, equal to a price of 100.41. The Weil, Roth & Irving Co., also of Cincinnati, offered 100.03 for the bonds as 5½s.

The following other bids were submitted:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Prem.
Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati	5½%	\$40.80
C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago	5¼%	\$45.50
Davis-Bertram Co., Cincinnati	5¼%	50.00
Davis-Bertram Co., Cincinnati	6%	1,000.00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo	5¼%	779.50

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ANTIGONISH, N. S.—BONDS OFFERED.—H. R. Chisholm, Town Clerk, received sealed bids until 5 p. m. on Sept. 3, for the purchase of \$40,000 5% paying debentures. Dated July 2 1929. Int. rate 5%. Denom. \$1,000. Payable in 30 years.

BURNABY DISTRICT, B. C.—BOND ELECTION.—On Sept. 7 the rate-payers will be asked to vote on two by-laws aggregating \$45,500 for street paving and water works purposes.

CAP DE LA MADELINE, Que.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$19,100 improvement bonds is reported to have been sold on Aug. 26 to the Banque Canadienne Nationale, of Montreal, at a price of 94.84, a basis of about 6.18%. The bonds bear 5% interest and mature annually on May 1, from 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

DALHOUSIE, N. B.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The Eastern Security Co., Ltd., of St. John, is offering an issue of \$160,000 5½% sewer debentures for public investment, at a price of 97.01, to yield 5.68%. The securities mature in 40 years and were awarded to the above-mentioned concern on July 31.—V. 129, p. 1007.

DRUMMONDVILLE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—J. Marier, Secretary-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Sept. 10, for the purchase of \$15,000 improvement bonds. Interest rate 5%. The bonds are to be dated Aug. 1 1929 and will mature serially in 30 years. Payable in Montreal and Drummondville.

KELVINGTON, Sask.—BOND SALE.—A \$1,000 issue of 7% sidewalk bonds was sold on June 1 to the Kern Agencies, of Regina, at a price of par. The bonds mature in 5 years. Interest payable annually on June 1.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURES SOLD AND AUTHORIZED.—The following is a tabulation of the debentures reported sold and authorized by the Local Government Board during the week ended Aug. 17, as it appeared in the Aug. 30 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto:

DEBENTURES SOLD.—School Districts: Iris, \$3,500, 6¼%, 15½-yrs. to Sovereign Life Insurance Co.; Govan, \$3,500, 6%, 20-yrs. to Kern Agencies Ltd.; Anglia, \$6,000, 6%, 30-yrs. to K. Dingwall, Rosetown; Edelaue, \$4,800, 6%, 15-yrs. to H. M. Turner & Co.; Brampton, \$2,000, 6%, 10-yrs. to Melfort Sinking Fund; Rillington, \$3,600, 5½%, 15-yrs. to H. LeCain, Grenfell.

Village of Amulet, \$2,000, 7%, 10-yrs. to Kern Agencies, Ltd.
DEBENTURES AUTHORIZED.—School districts: Bounty, \$7,000, not exceeding 7%, 15 years; McPhail, \$4,700, not exceeding 7%, 15 years; Dodsland, \$8,000, not exceeding 7%, 20-years; Acadia, \$1,200, not exceeding 7%, 10-installments. Town of Unity, \$25,000 6½%, 15 years.

SASKATOON SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sask.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by William P. Bate, District Treasurer, until 12 m. on Sept. 16, for the purchase of \$90,000 school bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Int. rate either 5 or 5½%. Due in 30 years. Bids are requested for bonds payable both in Canada and the United States and Canada only.

WELLAND, Ont.—BOND SALE.—Dymont, Anderson & Co., of Toronto, are reported to have purchased a \$194,215 issue of 5% paying debentures at a price of 96.55, a basis of about 5.41%. The debentures are payable in 20 instalments. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	96.41
Wood, Gundy & Co.	96.18
Bank of Montreal	93.00
C. H. Burgess & Co.	92.97

WALKERVILLE, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—A. E. Cock, Clerk-Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on Sept. 9, for the purchase of two bond issues. The following information describing the bonds has been taken from the official offering notice:

\$232,970.17 10-year, 5% installment bonds for local improvements.
 59,860.36 15-year, 5% installment bonds for local improvements.
 The foregoing issues carry the legal opinion of Messrs. Long & Daly, Toronto, as to their validity.
 Debentures are coupon, bearer, issuable in \$1,000 and odd amounts, and carry interest from the 14th day of December, 1928. Prin. and int. payable in Canadian Currency at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Walkerville, on the 14th day of December in each year.
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On Friday, the 13th day of September, A. D. 1929, at 1:30 o'clock P. M., the Board of Estimate and Taxation of the City of Minneapolis, Minnesota, will offer for sale \$1,500,000.00 Certificates of Indebtedness and \$243,000.00 Municipal Airport Bonds.

Said Certificates of Indebtedness will be issued to finance the operating activities of the City of Minneapolis, pending and in anticipation of the collection of taxes duly levied, and payable on or before October 31, 1929; will be dated September 16, 1929, and will be payable ninety days thereafter.

Said Municipal Airport Bonds will be issued to finance improvements at the Municipal Flying Field of the City of Minneapolis, pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 379, Session Laws of Minnesota for 1929; will be dated October 1, 1929; and will be due serially as follows: \$15,000.00 thereof on the first day of October, 1930; \$12,000.00 thereof on the first day of October, 1931, and \$12,000.00 thereof on the first day of October of each and every year thereafter to and including the year 1949.

Said Certificates of Indebtedness will bear interest at the rate of five per cent (5%) per annum.

Said Municipal Airport Bonds will be issued as coupon bonds, will bear interest payable semi-annually at a rate or rates not to exceed five per cent (5%) per annum, which rate (or rates) shall be a multiple of one-fourth of one per cent, and will be sold to the bidder offering a bid complying with the terms of this sale and deemed most favorable, subject to the provision that the Board of Estimate and Taxation reserves the right to reject any or all bids.

Bidders are required to specify separately the amount offered for the Certificates of Indebtedness and the amount offered for the Municipal Airport Bonds, in order that there may be separate awards. Bids offering an amount less than par cannot be accepted.

Each proposal is to be accompanied by a certified check payable to C. A. Bloomquist, City Treasurer, for an amount equal to two per cent (2%) of the certificates, or of the bonds, bid for, to be forfeited to the city in case the purchaser refuses to pay for the certificates, or the bonds, when ready for delivery.

The Certificates of Indebtedness will be sold subject to the approving opinion of the purchaser. The Municipal Airport Bonds will be accompanied by the opinion of Messrs. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, attorneys and counselors at law, of New York City, that the bonds are valid and binding obligations of the City of Minneapolis.

Further information and forms on which to submit bids will be furnished on request.

By order of the Board of Estimate and Taxation at a meeting thereof held August 28, 1929.

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