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### The Financial Situation.

It does not detract from the seriousness of the situation which developed on the Stock Exchange the present week, or minimize its importance or significance, to say that what has happened has long been inevitable. The panic, as a result of which values have melted away to an extent and to a degree which has no parallel in all the numerous stock panics of the past, except that which came with the outbreak of the World War in 1914, was long since a foregone conclusion. The havoc which it has created, the destruction it has wrought, the losses which it has inflicted on so many ill able to bear them, the all-around distress which it has caused, are a train of circumstances that are the unescapable consequences of the deplorable state of things which has existed on the Stock Exchange for a period of considerably over two years.

Never before in all the annals of the human race has there been such an unbridled speculation as this country has had in recent years; never before has there been a speculation that has had such a prolonged period of existence, during which it kept expanding and ever widening in character; never before has any such speculation obtained such a firm grip on the entire world, abroad as well as at home, and never before has there been a speculation which so fired the popular imagination everywhere, and never before has such a speculation held the entire world spellbound, nor had such all pervading and all embracing influence, nor been so far reaching in its effects, the final result being that all trade and all the ordinary activities of business to the farthest corners of the earth, fell under complete subjection to it, as witness the compulsion under which the Bank of England was brought in having to raise its discount rate first from  $4\frac{1}{2}\%$  to  $5\frac{1}{2}\%$  last February,

and then to  $6\frac{1}{2}\%$  the latter part of September. In the last analysis its influence was for evil and it could eventuate only in the disastrous way which has now happened.

As prices under speculative manipulation rose higher and still higher, as fortunes were made through the prodigious appreciation in market values, old reckonings were cast aside, all reason abandoned, and it seemed as if all economic law had been suspended and a new era had opened up in which success and prosperity could be attained without any aid or endeavor except speculation on the Stock Exchange. Everyone became seized with the idea that it was possible to get rich overnight by simply taking flyers in the stock market. Accordingly, everyone became fascinated by the fluctuations on the Stock Exchange, and everyone a participant therein. Scrubwomen, porters, elevator boys, typists, bootblacks, soda fountain attendants, clerks, statisticians, actors and actresses, business executives—in fact, all classes of the population from the highest to the lowest, the humblest as well as those most elevated in station, one and all became a prey to the consuming speculation craze. Some put only a little at stake, others their all. And now the sad awakening has come, whether the lesson it teaches has been learnt or not.

The country will now get back to a normal basis, and it is well that it should, for only in that way can there be a return to the sound conditions essential to enduring prosperity and the preservation of financial and industrial health. The process will necessarily be slow. It will, however, be beneficial. We are told that underlying conditions both in the financial world and in trade and commerce are sound, and there can be no question as to this. Nevertheless, we have been living in a state of illusion. The stock market gains which kept so steadily piling up led to extravagant spending and extravagant living, everyone feeling while stock prices were rising that he could afford to be generous with his supposed gains. As a result, luxuries have been thriving as never before. All this will have to be changed and unquestionably will involve a considerable slowing down of trade.

Corporation earnings will be on a smaller scale, and so will be individual earnings. Perhaps all this has been discounted in the great crash in prices which has occurred this week, but at all events the new situation will have to be faced. It seems doubtful if in the near future plasterers and other unskilled labor can continue to get \$15 a day and make \$75 by simply working five days a week, but that also is of the old order and will have to yield to the new order.

In the meantime it should not be forgotten that speculation could never have attained the unfortunate

heights it did, had it not been for the easy money policy of the Federal Reserve System inaugurated in 1927 for the supposed benefit of the outside world, but which in the end proved as harmful there as it did at home; in other words, the speculation could never have thriven the way it did except for the unlimited supplies of Reserve credit that were ever on tap. In the end the Reserve authorities undertook to apply a check, but it was then too late. Here also there ought to be a change, to the end that the same debacle may never again recur.

In the general confusion sight should not be lost of the fact that the Federal Farm Board thus early in its career has gone into the price-fixing business—not in the case of wheat and grain as yet, but in that of cotton. A plain and unequivocal statement has been issued declaring that the planter is entitled to 16c. a pound for his cotton on the farm, and that the Farm Board is prepared to assist him in obtaining loans up to that figure. Here is the statement of the Board, issued on Monday, Oct. 21:

The Federal Farm Board believes that the present prevailing prices for cotton are too low. The total supply of American cotton is less than last year, consumption continues at a world rate equal to that of last year, unfilled orders and actual sales of cotton goods are more, and stocks are smaller than last year, yet the price of the raw product is less. The Board believes that this unsatisfactory price level is chiefly due to the open Fall weather which, in most of the Southern States, has led to exceptionally rapid marketing by producers in amounts much greater than the markets of the world can temporarily absorb. This, in turn, has led to lack of confidence in cotton values.

The Board believes that the remedy lies in more orderly marketing. In order to assist cotton farmers to hold back their crop and at the same time have money with which to pay their obligations, the Board proposes to lend to cotton co-operatives, qualified as borrowers under the Capper-Volstead Act, sums sufficient to bring the total amount borrowed from all sources by such associations to 16c. per pound on graded and classed cotton, basis middling  $\frac{7}{8}$ -inch staple, less proper deductions to cover freight to port concentration points.

With respect to the ten designated Southern spot markets the loan per pound will be approximately as follows: Norfolk, Va., 16.54c.; Augusta, Ga., 16.35c.; Savannah, Ga., 16.28c.; Montgomery, Ala., 15.64c.; New Orleans, La., 16.59c.; Memphis, Tenn., 15.39c.; Little Rock, Ark., 15.41c.; Dallas, Tex., 15.34c.; Houston, Tex., 16.19c.; Galveston, Tex., 16.39c., and at all other concentration points on the same basis, less proper freight and other expense adjustments.

The cotton co-operatives are now borrowing certain sums for advances to members from commercial banks, the Federal Intermediate Credit Banks, and the Federal Farm Board. *The Board will make supplemental loans to the co-operatives in amounts sufficient to make the average total loan, with differentials as stated, 16c. a pound for the entire cotton belt.*

The Board is confident that, considering the soundness of underlying conditions which affect the price of cotton, the plan described above furnishes a completely safe basis for the making of loans from the Board's revolving fund. The Board places no limit on the amount of Government money to be so loaned. *Nearly \$100,000,000 is available for the purpose, and, if necessary, the Board will also ask Congress to appropriate more.*

*The Board is prepared to take similar action on wheat, on a plan to be announced later.*

Let the reader note well the fact that the Federal Farm Board announces its complete readiness to extend loans to the co-operatives "in amounts sufficient to make the average total loan 16c. a pound for the entire cotton belt." Furthermore, that the Board takes pains to state that it "places no limit on the amount of Government money to be so loaned." As if this were not enough, the Board goes on to declare that "nearly \$100,000,000 is available for the purpose," and follows with the remarkable additional declaration that "if necessary, the Board will also ask Congress to appropriate more." It winds up with the final statement that "the Board is prepared to take similar action on wheat, *on a plan to be announced later.*" In the endeavor to extend relief, are we not here storing up troubles as serious as those which have this week caused the upheaval on the Stock Exchange? Concurrently, the United States Senate has the present week undertaken to graft the export debenture provision on the pending tariff bill. What a future for business all this opens up at a time when the stock market is in a state of great convulsion!

The Federal Reserve statements this week meet expectations, brokers' loans this time showing reduction of \$167,000,000. This is not as large as would be expected considering the extent of the liquidation on the Stock Exchange and it still leaves these loans on securities to brokers and dealers by the reporting member banks in New York City at the huge total of \$6,634,000,000 as against only \$4,772,000,000 a year ago on Oct. 24 1928; but this liquidation to its full effect could not be reflected in this week's return, and in all probability a large further reduction will appear in next week's return. In the week's contraction of \$167,000,000 loaning under each of the three great categories shared. The loans for own account decreased during the week from \$1,095,000,000 to \$1,077,000,000; the loans for account of out-of-town banks fell from \$1,831,000,000 to \$1,733,000,000, and the loans "for account of others" from \$3,875,000,000 to \$3,823,000,000.

Concurrently with this contraction in brokers' loans there has been further diminution in borrowing by the member banks at the Federal Reserve institutions. The discount holdings of the twelve Reserve Banks stand this week at \$796,358,000 against \$848,935,000 last week. Of course, entirely apart from the contraction in brokers' loans, the member banks would be disinclined to borrow at the Reserve institutions unless there was a profit in the operation, and obviously there is no profit in borrowing when the discount rate at the New York Reserve Bank is 6% and at the other Reserve Banks is 5%, while call loans on the Stock Exchange have each day this week been down to 5%.

The Reserve Banks, however, have continued their policy of adding to their holdings of acceptances purchased in the open market, and as a result these holdings this week stand at \$379,383,000 as against \$360,110,000 last week. They have also still further enlarged their holdings of acceptances purchased for foreign correspondents; the total of these has risen during the week from \$463,153,000 to \$486,856,000. Altogether, therefore, it will be seen, they have enlarged their holdings of acceptances in the two ways combined in amount of no less than \$43,076,000. No wonder, under these circumstances, that the discount rates for acceptances could be reduced, as has

happened the present week. As a matter of fact, the Federal Reserve Banks have this week also marked down their purchasing rate for acceptances from  $5\frac{1}{8}$  to 5%, in the case of bills running from 30 to 90 days.

The twelve Reserve Banks have reduced their holdings of United States Government securities during the week from \$137,628,000 to \$135,704,000, but, on the other hand, have still further increased their holdings of "other securities," whatever these may embrace, from \$23,755,000 to \$25,211,000. Altogether, the total of bill and securities holdings, which represents the amount of Reserve credit outstanding, stands at \$1,336,656,000 compared with \$1,370,428,000 last week. As against this reduction, however, of \$33,772,000 in the amount of Reserve credit outstanding the foreign bill holdings have increased during the week as already noted in amount of \$23,803,000.

The stock market this week passed through what may accurately be described as the worst panic in its entire history—barring the collapse which occurred in 1914 at the outbreak of the World War, when the Stock Exchange was kept closed for several months. No such utter and complete collapse in market values as has occurred this week has ever previously been witnessed, with the exception noted. Nor does it seem likely that a similar experience in that respect, at least in the magnitude and extent and widespread character of losses sustained will again be encountered for a long time to come. When the panic was at its height, which was on Thursday, perfect hysteria prevailed and stocks were thrown over with reckless abandon, and in such overwhelming volume that the downward movement became irresistible and efforts to check it, even of a most determined character, seemed puny. The collapse was progressive in character, and except for occasional interruptions to the downward movement, never of an enduring character, kept steadily gaining momentum from day to day until on Thursday, when it ended in utter disaster.

Last week, it may be recalled, was a period of steady shrinkage in values, the aggregate of the losses sustained up to Friday night having reached huge proportions. But these losses were hardly a circumstance alongside of the still greater collapse that has since been experienced. In continuation of the downward plunge the market at the half-day session on Saturday last was so weak as to furnish occasion for the gravest anxiety; prices tumbled in startling fashion. The drop ran all the way from five to 40 points, and the aggregate depreciation in values was estimated at \$1,000,000,000 or more. The sales for the day closely approached  $3\frac{1}{2}$  million shares, and the ticker was so far behind that the last of the sales did not appear on the tape until an hour and twenty-three minutes after the closing hour of 12 o'clock. J. I. Case Threshing Machine suffered a shrinkage of 40 points, Auburn Auto of 25 points, Columbian Carbon of 21 points, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing of  $18\frac{1}{4}$  points, Eastman Kodak of  $12\frac{5}{8}$  points, General Electric of  $9\frac{1}{4}$  points, American Can of 11 points, Simmons Company of  $10\frac{3}{8}$  points, while losses on the Curb Exchange were equally pronounced.

Monday proved another exceedingly weak day, with distress selling on a huge scale. Many traders were wiped out. Auburn Auto suffered a further

drop of 40 points, and Commercial Solvents old stock (before the split in the shares on the basis of 10 for 1) 145 points, Stone & Webster 16 points, and so on through the whole list. Sales on the Stock Exchange aggregated 6,091,870 shares, while on the Curb Exchange they reached 3,715,400 shares, the total for the two exchanges combined thus falling but little short of 10,000,000 shares. The sales on the Curb established a new high record for a full day's business, the previous high record having been 3,584,700 shares, on July 28 1929. No less than 920 separate issues were dealt in on the Stock Exchange, against the previous record of 890 shares set on Oct. 4. At the close of the day the Stock Exchange ticker was 1 hour and 41 minutes late, and the Curb ticker 1 hour and 23 minutes late. On Tuesday the market rallied and assumed a more composed appearance; sales on the Stock Exchange fell to 4,129,820 shares and on the Curb Exchange to 1,945,300 shares. An interview with Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman of the National City Bank, on his return from Europe, in which he declared that conditions were sound and intimated that the break in the market had gone beyond reasonable limits and spoke of the possibility of a reduction in the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York helped to give tone and strength to the market and caused an upward rebound of from one to 30 points. However, the recovery was not fully maintained, and renewed weakness developed in the closing hour.

This weakness extended into the trading on Wednesday, on which day selling pressure again proved overwhelming and brought about a new break in prices more severe than any previously recorded. Sales for the day again exceeded 6,000,000 shares, reaching 6,374,960 shares. Public Utilities and other high-priced issues suffered the severest fall of all, the declines running all the way up to 96 points, this last being in the case of Adams Express. Commercial Solvents (old stock) again distinguished itself and suffered a break of 70 points, while Auburn Auto dropped 77 points; American & Foreign Power  $23\frac{1}{4}$  points, Western Union Telegraph 33 points, Westinghouse Electric 25 points, &c., &c. There were also severe breaks on the Curb Exchange, Aluminum Company, Ltd., dropping 40 points, American Gas & Electric  $14\frac{1}{2}$  points, Commercial Edison  $20\frac{1}{4}$  points, Electric Bond & Share  $14\frac{1}{4}$  points, &c., &c. The New York "Times" average of fifty representative stocks showed a decline for the day of 18.24, marking the largest drop since the start of the compilation of these records in 1911. This, it was estimated, represented a depreciation of \$4,000,000,000. The Stock Exchange ticker was 1 hour and 44 minutes behind in recording the closing transactions.

It remained, however, for dealings on Thursday to show how utter the collapse was, and how completely confidence in values had been undermined, or perhaps it would be more accurate to say how universal the selling pressure was becoming. Bear attacks may have played some part in the further shrinkage in values which occurred, but the truth is that liquidation now proceeded on a scale that it is safe to say has never previously been witnessed. Orders to sell came from every quarter and proved of overwhelming volume. The market drifted into a state of panic that threatened to become alarming. At the noon hour such was the situation that a gath-

ering of leading bank executives at the office of J. P. Morgan & Co. took place. Among those attending were Charles E. Mitchell of the National City Bank, Albert H. Wiggin of the Chase National Bank, W. C. Potter of the Guaranty Trust, and Seward Prosser, head of the Bankers' Trust Co. No formal statement was given out as a result of the meeting, but Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co. (Mr. Morgan being in Europe), told newspaper men that as there appeared to be much distress selling on the Stock Exchange a meeting of the heads of several institutions had taken place to discuss the situation. Since rumors of impending failures had gained currency, Mr. Lamont took occasion to say that so far as could be ascertained no houses were in difficulty, while reports from brokerage concerns indicated that the margin position was satisfactory. Mr. Lamont added that it was the consensus of opinion among those at the conference that many of the prices reached in the break did not set forth the situation fairly, because of the numerous "air pockets" which sellers found in many stocks, in which bids were utterly lacking. "We consider the situation," Mr. Lamont said, "which arose on the floor late on Wednesday and to-day more in the nature of a technical situation rather than a fundamental one." This had an assuring effect, and more or less support was extended to the market, with the result that an appreciable upward rebound in prices occurred. The recovery, however, was not fully maintained, and later in the day another sharp downward plunge occurred, after which, however, the tone improved and in the closing half hour a rally occurred all around, so that the close showed more or less recovery from the extreme low figures of the day, though leaving prices heavily reduced from the close on Wednesday, which itself had suffered such a great shrinkage, as noted above.

Among the big net losses on Thursday were 14 $\frac{1}{2}$  points by American & Foreign Power; Air Reduction, 3 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; American Tel. & Tel., 3; Int. Tel. & Tel., 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Auburn Auto, 25; Baldwin Locomotive (new stock), 2; Burroughs Adding Machine, 19 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Commercial Solvents (old stock), 25; Consolidated Gas of N. Y., 3; General Electric, 6; Houston Oil, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Johns-Manville, 10; Ludlum Steel, 7 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; People's Gas of Chicago, 13; Public Service of N. J., 2 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Standard Gas & Elec., 27; Westinghouse Electric, 5. The Curb Exchange suffered as badly as the Stock Exchange, and one spectacular feature on that exchange was the overnight loss of 5 $\frac{3}{8}$  points in City Service at the opening on sales of a block of 150,000 shares; the stock sold down to 45 during the day, as against a high for the week on Saturday last of 67 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and closed at 51 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Electric Bond & Shares was also very erratic in its fluctuations on large trading. It sold down to 91, but closed at 107 $\frac{1}{2}$  against a high of 136 $\frac{1}{8}$  on Saturday last. The Stock Exchange ticker was 4 hours and 8 $\frac{1}{2}$  minutes behind in recording the closing transactions, and the Curb ticker 2 hours and 48 minutes behind. All records for a day's transactions were left far behind, both on the Stock Exchange and on the Curb Exchange, the sales on the Stock Exchange reaching the huge total of 12,894,650 shares, and those on the Curb Exchange 6,337,400 shares, making the combined total, it will be seen, 19,232,050 shares. On Friday the market displayed very pronounced rallying tendencies, both because of the reduction of \$167,000,000 in the total of brokers' loans in the statement of the Federal

Reserve Bank, issued on Thursday evening, and because the low figures to which prices had dropped induced investment buying on an extensive scale. It deserves to be noted that ease prevailed in the money market throughout the whole week, the renewal rate for call loans on the Stock Exchange each day having been at 6%, and some new loans having been made each day, except on Friday, at 5%, while outside the Stock Exchange even lower figures prevailed at times.

As already indicated, trading has been of unprecedented magnitude, reaching such proportion indeed in the general smash on Thursday, when the sales on the Stock Exchange and the Curb Exchange combined exceeded 19 million shares, that the record then established seems unlikely to be again reached during the present generation. Sales on the New York Stock Exchange at the half-day session on Saturday were 3,488,100 shares; on Monday they were 6,091,870 shares; on Tuesday, 4,129,820 shares; on Wednesday, 6,374,960 shares; on Thursday, 12,894,650 shares, and on Friday, 5,922,220 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales last Saturday were 1,685,100 shares; on Monday they were 3,715,400 shares; on Tuesday, 1,945,300 shares; on Wednesday, 1,793,400 shares; on Thursday, 6,337,400 shares, and on Friday, 2,731,900 shares.

As compared with Friday of last week, the declines are of appalling magnitude, even after Friday's recovery, and they derive additional significance from the fact that they follow very extensive declines in the previous week. United Aircraft & Transport closed yesterday at 74 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 108 on Friday of last week; American Can at 155 against 167; United States Industrial Alcohol at 197 against 221; Commercial Solvents new at 45 against 58 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Corn Products at 115 against 121; Shattuck & Co. at 48 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 60 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Columbia Graphophone at 32 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 52; Brooklyn Union Gas at 162 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 198; North American at 116 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 133; American Water Works at ex-div. 104 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 149; Electric Power & Light at 49 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 55; Pacific Gas & Electric at 65 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 66; Standard Gas & Electric at 146 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 189 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Consolidated Gas of New York at 119 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 135 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Columbia Gas & Electric at 95 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 111 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Public Service of N. J. at 99 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 110; International Harvester at 103 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 108 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 130 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 143 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 75 against 99; Woolworth at 86 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 90; Safeway Stores at 149 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 168 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Western Union Telegraph at 241 against 248; Amer. Tel. & Tel. at 265 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 286 $\frac{5}{8}$ , and Int. Tel. & Tel. at 106 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 121 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 286 against 307 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 41 against 52; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 167 against 183 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Radio Corporation at 60 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 84 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; General Electric at 305 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 348 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; National Cash Register at 96 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 117 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; International Nickel at 46 against 50 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; A. M. Byers at 115 against 146; Timken Roller Bearing at 108 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 131 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Warner Bros. Pictures at 49 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 52; Mack Trucks at 86 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 94; Yellow Truck & Coach at 161 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 221 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; National Dairy Products at 57 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 65 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Johns-Manville at 169 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 188; National Bellas Hess at 17 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 26 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Associated Dry Goods at 43 against 47 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Lambert Company at 115 against 125;

Texas Gulf Sulphur at 63 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 67 $\frac{1}{8}$ , and Kolster Radio at 11 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 16 $\frac{1}{8}$ .

Extensive though these declines are they furnish no idea of the depths to which prices for many shares fell when the market plunged so violently downward. To bring out this feature we have compiled the following table, which shows the low figures for the week on a number of selected stocks as well as the closing yesterday and on Friday of last week. It is impossible to enumerate here all the stocks which reached new low figures for the year this week, as there were no less than 553 of them. By contrast, however, in the case of the bond market, which was strong, except for those with convertible features, 65 bonds established new *high* figures for the year the present week:

	Closing Price Oct. 18.	Low for Week.	Closing Price Oct. 25
<b>Railroads—</b>			
Chesapeake & Ohio.....	266 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale	231 Oct. 24	239 Sale
Hocking Valley.....	565 590	515 Oct. 24	540 Sale
St. Louis-Southwestern.....	88 Sale	60 Oct. 24	77 Sale
New York Central.....	220 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale	197 Oct. 24	210 Sale
Baltimore & Ohio.....	132 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale	117 $\frac{1}{4}$ Oct. 24	127 $\frac{5}{8}$ Sale
Canadian Pacific.....	213 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale	200 Oct. 24	210 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
<b>Industrial &amp; Miscell.—</b>			
Allied Chemical & Dye.....	311 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale	265 Oct. 24	286 Sale
American Chiclé.....	61 Sale	45 Oct. 24	47 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
American & Foreign Power.....	140 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale	88 Oct. 24	102 Sale
American Mach. & Foundry.....	263 264 $\frac{1}{4}$	215 $\frac{1}{4}$ Oct. 25	220 Sale
American Tel. & Tel.....	291 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale	245 Oct. 24	265 $\frac{3}{4}$ Sale
American Water Works.....	101 $\frac{5}{8}$ Sale	93 Oct. 24	104 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale
Auburn Auto.....	400 Sale	190 Oct. 24	225 Sale
Bethlehem Steel.....	113 $\frac{3}{8}$ Sale	92 $\frac{1}{2}$ Oct. 24	102 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale
Brooklyn Union Gas.....	198 Sale	162 $\frac{1}{2}$ Oct. 25	162 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
Burroughs Adding Mach.....	88 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale	59 Oct. 24	68 Sale
Canada Dry Ginger Ale.....	86 Sale	60 Oct. 24	74 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
Columbian Carbon.....	290 Sale	210 Oct. 24	229 $\frac{3}{4}$ Sale
Commercial Solvents.....	615 620	425 Oct. 24	445 Sale
Congress Cigar.....	66 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale	50 Oct. 24	59 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
Crown Cork & Seal.....	69 Sale	52 $\frac{1}{4}$ Oct. 24	53 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale
Cutler-Hammer.....	115 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale	89 $\frac{1}{8}$ Oct. 24	93 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
Cuyamel Fruit.....	122 Sale	99 Oct. 24	117 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
Detroit Edison.....	360 Sale	330 Oct. 25	340 Sale
General Motors.....	63 $\frac{3}{8}$ Sale	49 Oct. 24	54 Sale
Follansbee Bros.....	70 Sale	52 Oct. 24	55 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
General Electric.....	359 Sale	283 Oct. 24	305 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
Goodyear Tire & Rubber.....	101 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale	75 $\frac{1}{2}$ Oct. 24	83 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale
Internat. Business Mach.....	241 Sale	201 Oct. 24	219 $\frac{3}{4}$ Sale
International Tel. & Tel.....	124 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale	79 Oct. 24	106 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
Kennecott Copper.....	79 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale	67 Oct. 23	77 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
Laclede Gas.....	230 240	198 $\frac{1}{2}$ Oct. 24	180 200
Montgomery Ward.....	99 Sale	50 Oct. 24	75 Sale
National Supply.....	130 Sale	110 Oct. 24	121 Sale
Peoples Gas, Chicago.....	359 Sale	305 Oct. 24	308 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
Purity Bakeries.....	133 Sale	114 Oct. 25	116 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
Radio.....	84 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale	44 $\frac{1}{2}$ Oct. 24	60 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale
Republic Iron & Steel.....	115 Sale	90 Oct. 24	98 Sale
Standard Gas & Electric.....	189 $\frac{3}{4}$ Sale	134 $\frac{1}{4}$ Oct. 24	146 $\frac{3}{4}$ Sale
Standard Oil of New Jersey.....	78 Sale	61 $\frac{1}{2}$ Oct. 24	72 Sale
U. S. Industrial Alcohol.....	221 Sale	169 Oct. 24	197 Sale
United States Steel.....	211 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale	193 $\frac{1}{2}$ Oct. 24	204 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale
Vulcan Detinning.....	115 Sale	72 Oct. 24	80 Sale
Ward Baking Co.....	42 43 $\frac{1}{4}$	27 Oct. 24	40 Sale
Warren Brothers.....	199 $\frac{3}{4}$ Sale	160 Oct. 24	174 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale
Webster Eisenlohr.....	69 71	15 Oct. 25	18 Sale
Westvaco Chlorine.....	68 $\frac{1}{4}$ Sale	50 Oct. 24	50 $\frac{1}{2}$ Sale

The steel shares have been conspicuously weak, with U. S. Steel the special object of attack. U. S. Steel closed yesterday at 204 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 211 $\frac{1}{4}$  on Friday of last week; Youngstown Sheet & Tube closed at 125 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 131 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Republic Iron & Steel at 98 against 115, and Ludlum Steel at 62 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 85 $\frac{1}{2}$ . The motor stocks have tumbled with the rest. General Motors closed yesterday at 54 against 62 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at 65 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 76 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; Chrysler at 45 against 56 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Packard Motors at 20 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 25 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Hudson Motor Car at 63 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 73, and Hupp Motors at 31 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 40 $\frac{1}{8}$ . In the rubber group Goodyear Rubber & Tire closed yesterday at 83 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 101 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 60 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; United States Rubber at 46 against 51 $\frac{1}{8}$ , and the preferred at 70 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 77.

Railroad stocks have been no exceptions to the rule. Pennsylvania closed yesterday at 96 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 100 $\frac{1}{2}$  on Friday of last week; New York Central at

210 against 220 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Erie RR. at 68 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 78; Delaware & Hudson at 185 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 195; Baltimore & Ohio at 127 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 131 $\frac{5}{8}$ ; New Haven at 123 against 126 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Union Pacific at 255 against 266; Southern Pacific at 134 against 139; Missouri Pacific at 86 against 93 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Kansas City Southern at 82 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 96 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; St. Louis Southwestern at 77 against 88; St. Louis-San Francisco at 115 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 120 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 49 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 54 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Rock Island at 128 $\frac{3}{4}$  against 135; Great Northern at 108 against 112 $\frac{1}{4}$ , and Northern Pacific at 98 $\frac{7}{8}$  against 101.

The oil shares have shared in the general break. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 72 against 78 on Friday of last week; Simms Petroleum at 25 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 31 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Skelly Oil at 34 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 39 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Atlantic Refining at 48 $\frac{5}{8}$  against 58; Pan American B at 63 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 64 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Phillips Petroleum at 37 against 40 $\frac{1}{8}$ ; Texas Corporation at 59 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 62 $\frac{3}{4}$ ; Richfield Oil at 31 against 38 $\frac{3}{8}$ ; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 39 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 43 $\frac{7}{8}$ , and Pure Oil at 26 $\frac{3}{8}$  against 28 $\frac{7}{8}$ .

The copper stocks in some instances suffered most violent breaks. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 101 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 110 on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 77 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 79 $\frac{1}{4}$ ; Calumet & Hecla at 36 $\frac{1}{4}$  against 39 $\frac{7}{8}$ ; Andes Copper at 44 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Inspiration Copper at 35 $\frac{1}{2}$  against 39 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; Calumet & Arizona at 113 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 122; Granby Consolidated Copper at 70 $\frac{1}{8}$  against 80 $\frac{1}{2}$ ; American Smelting & Refining at 98 against 107 $\frac{1}{2}$ , and U. S. Smelting & Refining at 41 against 46 $\frac{1}{2}$ .

Stock markets in the important European centers were irregularly weaker in most sessions of the current week, largely in reflection of the continued drop at New York. There were periods of recovery on the London and Continental exchanges, but as the decline at New York reached near-panic proportions, selling became heavy in Europe as well, and the lists on all important markets reacted. The international group of shares was of course most immediately affected, but the strictly European industrial stocks, mining shares, oils, rubbers and others all participated in the recession. Government loans and the gilt-edged securities generally formed an exception to this rule, prices moving slowly upward in this department, just as bonds have moved upward at New York. European markets were perturbed this week not only by the developments at New York, but also by the political uncertainties in Europe as a whole. The distraught political temper of Europe was illustrated by the untimely fall of the Briand Cabinet in France at the opening session of the French Parliament. The Berlin Government, in addition, is anything but firmly anchored, while at London politics may well dominate the situation with the reopening of Parliament early next week. On the other hand, gratification was caused in all the larger markets this week by the continued improvement of the several currencies in relation to the dollar.

The London Stock Exchange was weak in the opening session of the week with prices lower in virtually every department. A general feeling of nervousness was evident and this was attributed mainly to the break in Wall Street prices on the preceding Saturday. British funds advanced slightly because of the continued gain in sterling exchange. In Tuesday's market a rally occurred in the Anglo-

American issues and this gave a measure of buoyancy to other sections of the list. British Government securities were in large demand and prices were further marked up. The improvement extended also to the Horne group of shares, which had been under pressure for several weeks because of rumors of unfavorable developments. Business, however, was not on a large scale. More irregularity was again apparent in Wednesday's session at London, particularly in the international stocks. A smart jump in tin prices brought improvement in the mining section, but other groups held barely steady. The improvement in the gilt-edged list was checked by a resumption of gold shipments to Paris. Thursday's session was marked by a severe slump in industrials and in international securities. The New York drop made itself heavily felt in this trading period, and the entire London market was gloomy. Only the gilt-edged securities stood out against the selling. The London market showed some improvement yesterday, but an easier tendency was again evident at the close.

The Paris Bourse also was severely affected in the opening session of the week by depressing news from New York. Stocks were sold heavily on foreign orders and the French public also appeared anxious to lighten commitments. The effect was particularly noticeable in government securities and stocks of leading banks. Buying was resumed in a small way in Tuesday's session of the Bourse, bringing about a slight recovery. Bank stocks made the best showing, but some chemical shares, electricals and other industrial issues also were marked upward. The fall of the Briand Cabinet late the previous evening brought out some heavy selling in Wednesday's market at Paris and all French stocks declined. Toward the close there was somewhat of a rally and many groups recovered portions of their losses. The tone of the market was irregular Thursday, with the political crisis and the heaving selling in Wall Street affecting many issues. Strength and weakness followed each other in rapid succession throughout the day. At the close, however, many local issues were up a little from previous levels. The Paris market was firm in yesterday's session.

The Berlin Boerse veered about in the opening session Monday, initial firmness being succeeded by a sinking spell that wiped out most of the early gains. Artificial silk shares turned conspicuously weak, Glanzstoff dropping 16 points and Bemberg 11. Tuesday's session was extremely nervous and weak, with Reichsbank shares, artificial silks and Siemens falling heavily. The selling extended throughout the list and the banking consortium in Berlin again intervened to prevent too sharp a decline, but its efforts were only partially successful. The trend was sharply reversed in Wednesday's session at Berlin and the issues that had been hardest hit on the previous day were marked steadily upward. Reichsbank shares, mining issues and artificial silk stocks all bounded forward and the session ended in a generally confident mood. The Boerse experienced another lightning-like change overnight, and Thursday's opening was very weak. As the session progressed some improvement was manifested in individual issues, but for the most part the Boerse was dominated by nervousness induced by banking failures in Kiel and Copenhagen. Yesterday's session at Berlin was again irregular.

Formal arrangements having been completed for the five-power naval limitation conference which is to meet at London, Jan. 20 1930, attention was turned this week to the personnel of the delegations and to the series of diplomatic exchanges that are to precede the London meeting. Secretary of State Henry L. Stimson has definitely been chosen to head the American delegation to the conference, according to Washington reports, and he will probably have four or five civilian associates and a number of naval advisers. Senatorial representation on the American delegation has been assured through the selection as associates of Mr. Stimson of Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, Democratic leader in the Senate, and David A. Reed of Pennsylvania, Republican. It is believed that Ambassador Charles G. Dawes and Hugh S. Gibson, Ambassador to Belgium, will be members of the delegation. The technical advisers to the American negotiators will be headed by Admiral William V. Pratt, Commander-in-Chief of the United States Fleet, and Rear Admiral Hilary P. Jones, retired, who was a delegate to the Geneva Naval Conference of 1927. Owing to unsettled political conditions, it will probably be some time before all the delegations of the five powers are named. In France, particularly, this matter will necessarily have to wait upon the formation of a new Cabinet, that of Premier Briand having fallen Tuesday.

In accordance with the terms of the invitations to the conference extended by the British Government on Oct. 7 to the United States, France, Italy and Japan, diplomatic exchanges between the powers are to take place before the meeting, much in the fashion that a preliminary agreement was arrived at between Great Britain and the United States in the London conversations of last summer. These exchanges are to take place not only in London, but also in other capitals, where particular problems affecting the several nations will be considered. Frank personal conversations between the accredited ministers will be utilized in these exchanges, in preference to formal diplomatic note writing. Prime Minister MacDonald, in an address at Ottawa, remarked late last week that he is going back to London, "to begin conversations with France, with Italy and with Japan in the same frank and free and open way that has characterized the conversations between the United States and ourselves." The possibility was suggested in an Ottawa press conference that Mr. MacDonald may go personally to Paris or Rome to help settle any difficult points. It was explained that he intended to leave no stone unturned to make the conference successful.

The preliminary discussions on various phases of the naval limitation problem will include at least three sets of exchanges, in each of which two nations will participate. It is understood that the Japanese delegates will proceed to London via Washington, and they will stop in the American capital for a talk on cruiser ratios and possibly also on submarines. The cruiser problem will form the chief point of discussion, with especial reference to Japanese disinclination to accept a limitation of less than seven-tenths of the tonnage of 10,000 ton cruisers allotted to the United States. Japan has already notified both the United States and the British Governments of her intention to insist on the higher ratio of 10,000 ton cruisers, as compared with the six-tenths ratio on capital ships accepted by her at the Washington conference of 1921. This point is especially

weighty, since the preliminary undertaking between Britain and the United States is chiefly concerned with 10,000-ton cruisers, Britain proposing that she have fifteen of these vessels to eighteen for the United States, while this Government sought twenty-one against Britain's fifteen. Japanese insistence on the higher ratio would probably upset the Anglo-American preliminary agreement to some extent, as a concession on the point would enable Japan to maintain a fleet of 10,000 ton cruisers almost equal to the British fleet of similar craft. In view of the cordial relations now existing between Japan and the United States, it is very possible that the matter will be settled in the Washington talks to the satisfaction of all three Governments. It was remarked, however, in a dispatch of last Saturday to the New York "Times," that the British Government "does not relish" having the Japanese maintain a fleet of 10,000-ton cruisers only a little smaller than the quota of fifteen which the British have indicated they would accept.

The other preliminary discussions on points of especial importance will be conducted between Britain and France on the one hand, and between France and Italy on the other. An attempt will be made by London and Paris to adjust some of their differences over the disarmament problem, with particular attention given to submarines. The preliminary agreement between Britain and the United States proposes the abolition of the submarine as a weapon of warfare, but France has made clear on innumerable occasions that she will not agree to abolition and probably not even to limitation of submarine construction. A further matter of great delicacy in the Anglo-French conversations will concern the place of the proposed new agreement on naval limitation in the work of the League of Nations' Preparatory Commission for a Disarmament Conference. In the French acceptance of the British invitation it was emphasized that the discussion has "expressly for its object" the facilitation of the task of the Preparatory Commission. The difficulties that may be encountered in that regard are apparent from the fact that an agreement linked in any way with the League of Nations or its commissions would almost certainly be rejected by the United States Senate.

Finally, France and Italy are to have separate exchanges of their own based on divergent views as to their naval needs in the Mediterranean. Italy is disposed to claim parity with any other Continental nation, but France, with both a Mediterranean and an Atlantic Coast, is not likely to concede absolute parity to the Italians. Paris dispatches suggest with a good deal of persuasiveness that an attempt may be made to overcome such difficulties by the establishment of a close Italo-French accord on naval matters, in opposition to "the new Anglo-American friendship." Here again difficulties may follow, for Britain would view with grave concern any close naval co-operation between the two Mediterranean powers. Thus the whole question remains studded with national and regional problems that will undoubtedly try the skill not only of the preliminary negotiators, but also of the delegates to the main conference in London next January.

Prime Minister Ramsay MacDonald of Britain concluded his epochal visit to this Continent late yesterday, when he sailed from Quebec on the steamship *Duchess of York*. He is expected to arrive at

Liverpool Nov. 1, and as Parliament will have re-assembled on Oct. 29, he will have to plunge into Parliamentary matters without delay. The last week of his stay was spent in Ottawa, Montreal and the Canadian woods, where the Prime Minister secured a much needed rest. Little has been disclosed of Mr. MacDonald's discussions with Canadian Government leaders, although on his arrival he declared that he hoped to make his stay in the Dominion "practically profitable." There were some suggestions that the Labor Premier would discuss the dismantling of the Halifax naval base but nothing has so far developed on this point, and in press dispatches from Ottawa it was reported that Canadian sentiment is much opposed to any such procedure. In regard to closer business relations between Canada and the mother country, it was remarked in an Ottawa special of last Saturday to the New York Herald Tribune that "neither Prime Minister MacDonald nor J. H. Thomas, British Cabinet Minister, has been able to make much progress, it was said here tonight, in selling British steel and Welsh coal to Canada in order to relieve British unemployment." Canadian business men were said to have insisted that they must buy coal and steel where they can get them cheapest, with sentiment playing no part in the placing of orders.

In an address at Montreal Monday the Prime Minister again spoke on the theme of peace and naval disarmament that occasioned his visit to the United States. He asked the peoples of North America to help outlaw war in this generation so that generations to come might not have to experience the horrors and pains of conflict in order to appreciate the "romance of sacrifice." "This generation is called upon to lay the foundations of peace," he said. "The next generation will not have had our experience, and now, by honoring our dead and holding them in great reverence there is just the danger that a new generation rising up, without our knowledge of the horror of war and the sacrifice made by the dead, may translate what is in our hearts—the romance of sacrifice—into what is not in our hearts—the romance of war." The duty of this generation, he added, was to "translate moral obligations into political fact." The Prime Minister paid eloquent tribute to the men who have been associated with him in the work for peace, including Aristide Briand, the late Gustav Stresemann, President Hoover, Ambassador Charles G. Dawes, and Mr. Dawes' predecessor at the Court of St. James, Alanson B. Houghton.

The Cabinet formed in France last July by Premier Aristide Briand met quick defeat on a question of procedure in Tuesday's opening session of the French Parliament, upsetting to a very considerable extent the negotiations on important international questions now in progress. The Premier and his Cabinet went at once to the Elysee Palace and handed their resignations to President Gaston Doumergue, who promptly instituted political conferences for the formation of a new government. Widespread misgivings were caused by the French upset, as it indicates a refractory political temper among the Deputies and an absorption in domestic party machinations at a time when world questions are under discussion and French leaders need to be spared any undue concern with such considerations. The defeat of the Government was not unexpected, as the Gov-

ernment parties have not been in control of the Chamber of Deputies for a long time. It was generally assumed, however, that the Chamber would grant somewhat more time for the settlement of international questions to M. Briand, who held the post of Foreign Minister as well as that of Premier. The important negotiations in which France is intimately concerned are chiefly those relating to the new Young plan of German reparations payments, the Rhineland evacuation, and the naval disarmament discussions. Progress on these matters will be delayed ten days to two weeks by the fall of the Briand Cabinet.

No question of policy was involved in the adverse vote of the Chamber of Deputies, and it is assumed for this reason that M. Briand will either head the succeeding Cabinet or at least take the portfolio of Foreign Affairs under the new chief and thus continue his labors for settlement of outstanding world problems. M. Briand fell while attempting to avoid a vote on any question that might bring an upset. He had asked the Chamber to continue to discuss next year's budget until the time was ripe for ratification of the Hague settlement and he promised in his opening speech that he would make no attempt to prolong the life of his Government beyond the time necessary to complete the work of the Young plan settlement. Thereafter, he indicated, the Chamber would be free to do as it wished in determining upon a new Cabinet or retaining the old. Fifty-five interpellations were before the Government, but M. Briand would permit discussion on only a few relatively unimportant ones. This aroused both sides of the Chamber and both the Right and the Left insisted on immediate discussions of The Hague settlements, the Saar and Rhineland evacuations and other matters of foreign policy. Leaders of the Right, toward which M. Briand's Cabinet leaned, declared that the Chamber would once more, as in the matter of interallied debts, be faced with an accomplished fact which it could discuss but could not change.

Discussion on these delicate matters having once been opened, nothing could stop the storm. M. Briand reminded the Chamber that it had given his Government a vote of confidence to enable it to go to The Hague conference of governments on the Young plan. The party leaders continued the attack, however, and one Deputy asked: "If the Chamber does not approve the Hague settlements, how are you going to reoccupy the Rhineland?" M. Briand was then asked to fix a date for the opening of debate on these matters, but again he asked the Chamber to wait the result of the negotiations, which he promised to submit to the Chamber in any event. The Premier flatly posed the question of confidence, and when the votes were counted it appeared that he had been defeated by 288 votes against 277. The adverse balloting consisted of a combination of Right and Left votes. "M. Briand and his Ministers filed out almost in silence, and both sides of the Chamber seemed stupefied for the moment by what they had done," a Paris report to the New York Times said. In other dispatches it was recalled that the Chamber, less than three months ago, gave Premier Briand a vote of confidence by 325 votes to 136, with 139 abstentions. "Today," a report to the Herald Tribune said, "the Chamber presented the astonishing spectacle, without ever having had another opportunity of registering a vote for or against the

Government since that day, of refusing a vote of confidence to the Briand Ministry."

The Briand Cabinet was formed July 29, last, after M. Poincare had resigned his Cabinet posts of Premier and Finance Minister because of serious illness. The Ministers were virtually the same as those who served under Premier Poincare, but of course a new Minister of Finance had to be appointed and for this post M. Henri Cheron was chosen. M. Briand referred to his Government as a "Vacation Cabinet," as he did not expect it to last. He asked, however, for a truce in internal politics to permit the settlement of the highly important international affairs. In France generally the Government was dubbed, when constituted, the "Cabinet of the 100 days", but it did not even live out this short term. French governmental heads will now necessarily direct their attention to the internal political situation in an attempt to satisfy the aspirations of the various parties. This matter, however, is one of peculiar difficulty as the Chamber of 606 members contains more than a dozen well-defined groups, of which the largest consists of 125 Deputies. Moreover, the Deputies who voted against M. Briand do not form anything like a composite group which could assume the reins of Government. President Doumergue, therefore, will have difficulty in reconciling the conflicting political viewpoints and naming a Premier who will prove acceptable to the Chamber as a whole. These considerations, coupled with the importance of the international negotiations now in progress, caused much concern in informed quarters not only in Paris, but also in London, Berlin and Washington.

An invitation to form a new Government to succeed that of M. Briand was offered by President Doumergue yesterday to Edouard Daladier, newly re-elected head of the Radical-Socialist party in the Chamber. M. Daladier spent almost an hour with the President yesterday morning and the announcement was made thereafter that he would try to get a Cabinet together. The leader of the Radical-Socialists immediately left for Rheims, where his party is holding a congress. He promised to inform M. Doumergue at 3 o'clock this afternoon whether he considered it possible to form a Government. The attitude of the other Socialist parties will probably determine whether M. Daladier will be able to form a Ministry, as a coalition is indicated in any event. In a late dispatch to the Associated Press yesterday it was remarked that the feeling prevails in Paris that even if M. Daladier does manage to get a Ministry together, it probably will prove short-lived, with a series of weak Governments following. The Radical-Socialist leader has frequently held Cabinet posts in other Ministries, but he has never been Premier. It was suggested in the report that M. Briand may yet be induced to step into the breach and form his twelfth Ministry if M. Daladier fails to organize a Government. M. Briand in any event is expected to continue his labors in the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as this portfolio will probably be offered to him in any combination that may be effected.

A direct war reparations agreement between the United States and Germany, which would be independent of the Young plan, is envisioned in negotiations between the two countries which were started in Berlin five weeks ago at the instance of United



States Ambassador Jacob Gould Schurman. Disclosure of these important conversations was made in a Berlin dispatch of Thursday to the United Press and they were confirmed in Washington late the same day. The agreement would provide direct payments by Germany on her debt to the United States and would divorce such financial operations between the two nations from the Young plan and from the Bank for International Settlements which is to be established under that plan. The conversations, according to a Washington report to the New York "Herald Tribune," have reached the point where the Treasury Department is engaged in drawing up the agreement itself. It will be submitted to Germany first and, if ratified, brought before Congress. The desire of the United States Government to establish financial relations with Germany on its own account, Washington officials said, was due to the policy of maintaining a strictly unofficial part in the reparations situation between Germany and the former Allies. Under the proposed agreement, moreover, the United States Government will be able to adopt an attitude of neutrality toward the Young plan, without signing or ratifying it. The change in the Dawes plan contemplated by the Young plan would otherwise require the consent and signature of the United States Government, since 2 1-4 per cent of the Dawes plan payments were made to this Government. The German reparations debt to the United States now totals approximately \$240,000,000, most of which has grown out of mixed claims and army of occupation costs.

Disposition was made this week of some of the more difficult questions before the organizing committee of bankers which is consulting in Baden-Baden, Germany, in an effort to draw up a set of statutes to govern the new Bank for International Settlements. The bankers apparently found at least one of the questions before them unsuitable for adjustment by such a committee as their own. After considering for some weeks the matter of incorporating in a trust agreement the reparations payments by Germany to the institution and the distribution of such payments to the creditor powers, the trust subcommittee reported back to the main body this week its inability to arrive at a satisfactory compromise. At a plenary session held Wednesday, the committee as a whole decided to refer this question back to the governments concerned and therefore ultimately back to the second Hague conference. Meanwhile, the committee considered such points as the safety of the bank's funds in time of warfare, and the limitations to be imposed on some of the institution's functions. There was also some talk of appointing an American to the presidency of the bank, and in that regard, Jackson E. Reynolds, President of the First National Bank of New York and Chairman of the present committee, was said to have been mentioned. The rumor about Mr. Reynolds was discredited, however, the committee spokesman pointing out that the present organizing committee cannot do more than make recommendations to the central banks, which will name the directors who in turn will choose the presiding officer.

Plans for safeguarding the funds of the new bank in time of war occupied the organizing committee late last week. Announcement was made by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank and head of the German delegation at Baden-Baden, that

a new international pact to guarantee the deposits against confiscation in case of war will be necessary before the bank comes into existence. A statute was approved, Dr. Schacht said, which provided for such an international understanding, to be signed by all member States as well as the nation in whose territory the bank will be situated. Certain immunities also are to be asked of the nation in which the bank will be located, although these, according to Dr. Schacht, will not be in the nature of "special privileges or favors that are not wise, reasonable and desirable." It is provided that the bank's own shares are to be tax free in the country in which the bank is situated, and also that no tax is to be put upon its profits or reserves. Such funds as reparations annuities and special deposits to cover possible postponements also will be exempt.

The question of domicile also is being considered by the organizing committee, but no hint regarding the location has yet been given out, beyond the acknowledgment that a small country will be chosen in accordance with the recommendations of the Experts' Committee of Paris. This question remains one of the stubborn points of conflict within the committee, a dispatch to the New York "Times" points out. Dr. Schacht indicated, however, that the committee was attacking this and all other questions before it as though its decisions were final. Changes may possibly be made at the second Hague conference of governments, but only after consultation with the organizing committee, which intends to consider itself in being and competent to be reassembled at any time until the bank has been constituted and has begun to function. A departure from the Young Plan was announced late last week, when the committee decided the rules as to the bank's liquidity. In view of the restriction which prohibits the bank from issuing obligations, it was declared necessary that the bank's assets be nearly all liquid, and an article will accordingly be framed that will insure that the reserve will afford practically 100% liquidity. Although progress has been rapid on these and other matters, members of the committee were of the opinion that the labors of the gathering will not be completed until well into November. With a treaty still to be written between the governments, incorporating the bank feature of the Young Plan, it was thought probable that the second Hague meeting will be held up until December.

The work of the trustee subcommittee, which was appointed to fix details of Germany's annuity payments, was again held up this week by disagreement between the German and French delegates regarding important aspects of the question. The delegates went to their own capitals over the last week-end for further instructions on the disputed points, but an accord was apparently too far off, and the entire matter was postponed for the consideration of the second Hague conference. The basis of the conflict in the subcommittee, according to a report to the New York "Times," is that the French were anxious to create the trust deed as a document which will bind Germany to a definite scale of payments. The Germans, on the other hand, were anxious to have the terms broadened, with liberty left to the bank to alter conditions in the future with room for an eventual radical reduction in the sum paid over to the bank. "The problem is complicated," a dispatch of Tuesday to the "Times" said, "because of the nature of the agreements incorporated in the Young

Plan, which became further involved by additional accords at The Hague. The details of these decisions regarding the cash payments and the dates are open to several interpretations, and reference to the several national treasuries results in just so many conflicting interpretations." The subcommittee, accordingly, was instructed, Wednesday, to eliminate all questions of Germany's relations with the bank from consideration and to draw up a deed which would be an agreement merely between the bank and the creditor powers, which would regulate the bank's administration of the funds it receives.

As to the bank's ultimate powers, one report said, it has been pretty well agreed to make the bank a great world institution which will survive the final liquidation of reparations, but it is planned to restrict its power so as to prevent all possibility of its superseding the central banks. The general plan, it is strongly emphasized, is to make it primarily a deposit bank and a bank for exchange—not a bank of issue. "The bank," a "Times" report of Wednesday said, "seems to be shaping definitely toward the hopes of those who conceived it originally as a purely commercial institution. Thanks to the firm stand of the Americans, led by Mr. Traylor, the European scheme for rotating the board of directors, with authority shifting from one nation to another, definitely has been abandoned and it has been decided to set up the bank upon a purely business basis with a responsible executive named for a long term as officer in charge. The committee is now ready to tackle the question of whether the bank can eventually grow into an important world institution with a salutary influence on world finance. This, it appears, can only be accomplished if the executive chosen is of strong enough personality to avoid possible danger of the bank's powers being diverted to serve national ambitions."

Agitation in Germany for a referendum against the Young Plan of reparations payments and the "war-guilt lie" became somewhat of a national issue in the Reich last week, but President Paul von Hindenburg took a hand in the matter on Oct. 18 and he appears to have brought the plan to a sudden halt by issuing a public rebuke to the promoters of the referendum. The plan for a referendum was fostered jointly by Dr. Alfred Hugenberg and Adolph Hitler, leaders, respectively, of the Nationalists and the Fascists in the Reich. Under the German Constitution, a plebiscite on any question must necessarily be considered by the Reichstag if a petition is presented containing 4,000,000 or more signatures. The agitation for the referendum promised to become very embarrassing to the Coalition Government headed by the Socialist Chancellor, Herman Mueller. The present Cabinet has been shaky from the start, and it became even more uncertain of political life after the death of Foreign Minister Stresemann. In this situation President von Hindenburg dealt a severe blow to the Nationalist-Fascist plans and gave a measure of support to the Coalition Government by authorizing Chancellor Mueller to make public an announcement of his displeasure with certain provisions of the proposed new law. Penal servitude is suggested by the referendum for officers of the Reich who pledge Germany to reparations payments under the Young Plan. The President bluntly stated that he considered the proposal a "personal and irrelevant political attack," which he both de-

plored and condemned. Signatures in favor of the referendum came in very slowly after the President issued his statement, and the collapse of the campaign is now considered imminent.

Difficulties experienced by the German Government in balancing its budget have resulted in an agreement whereby the Swedish Match Company will advance \$125,000,000 to the Reich on a long-term basis in return for a part interest in a general German match monopoly. Negotiations for the loan were apparently instituted as a sequel to the failure of a 300,000,000-mark internal loan which Minister of Finance Rudolph Hilferding attempted to float in June. The discussions continued for several months with final consummation of the loan delayed by opposition at home and also by protests from the Soviet Government. Soviet matches have been sold in great numbers in the Reich recently, and the Moscow Government promptly charged that the concessions which it is proposed to grant to the Swedish firm represent a discrimination against Soviet matches. By the terms of the agreement the German Match Syndicate, organized several years ago through the participation of the Reich Government, will have complete control of the sale, import and export of matches. The entire German industry, in which Swedish interests already have a 65% control, will now be formally linked with the Swedish interests through a board of six German and five Swedish directors. The German Government will retain the right to determine retail prices for the thirty-two-year period of the agreement. The loan contract has been signed contingent upon German acceptance of the Young Plan, and it must also be ratified by the Reichstag. This transaction recalls many others by means of which loans have been made to foreign governments by the Swedish match interests in connection with match concessions. The largest previous loan of this kind was made two years ago to the French Government, an analogous agreement having been made at that time providing for co-operation in the French match industry of Swedish and French interests. The loan to the French Government amounted to \$75,000,000, and the proceeds were applied by France to retire the balance of a dollar bond issue carrying a coupon rate of 8%. Earlier this year the Swedish Match Company obtained control of the Rumanian match concession in return for a loan of \$30,000,000 to the Bucharest Government.

There have been no changes in central bank rates the present week. Rates continue at 8½% in Austria; at 7½% in Germany; at 7% in Italy; at 6½% in London; at 6% in Norway; at 5½% in Holland, Denmark, Sweden and Spain; 5% in Belgium, and 3½% in France and Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills yesterday were 5⅞% against 6@6 1/16% on Friday of last week, and 6% for long bills against 6 3/16@6¼% the previous Friday. Money on call in London yesterday was 5%. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3½%, and in Switzerland at 3⅞%.

The Bank of England statement, for the week ended Oct. 23, shows a further gain in gold holdings but only of £88,155. As this was accompanied by a loss in circulation of £2,858,000, reserves increased £2,946,000. Total gold holdings now amount to

£133,021,044 as against £166,736,795 the corresponding week last year. Proportion of reserves to liabilities rose this week to 31.80% in comparison with 28.04% last week and 47.47% a year ago, deposits in the aggregate, having decreased. A decline amounting to £10,753,653 was shown in other deposits while an expansion of £6,238,000 occurred in public deposits. Other deposits include those for the accounts of bankers which decreased £10,764,569 and those for the account of others which increased £10,916. Loans on government securities declined £6,615,000 and those on other securities, £819,583. The latter consists of "discounts and advances" and "securities" which fell off £736,652 and £82,931 respectively. The bank rate remains 6½%. Below we furnish comparison of the different items of the Bank's return for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1929.		1928.		1927.		1926.		1925.	
	Oct. 23.	Oct. 24.	Oct. 26.	Oct. 27.	Oct. 27.	Oct. 27.	Oct. 27.	Oct. 28.	Oct. 28.	Oct. 28.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	133,021,044	133,179,000	135,772,670	139,069,370	142,540,595					
Public deposits.....	15,788,000	10,123,000	20,966,329	17,756,002	19,618,418					
Other deposits.....	96,247,990	102,171,000	90,845,320	104,850,009	109,182,246					
Bankers' accounts.....	59,111,334									
Other accounts.....	37,136,656									
Government securities.....	69,461,855	37,300,000	40,689,619	36,715,435	32,378,644					
Other securities.....	24,640,597	39,391,000	52,998,318	70,093,701	74,111,101					
Disct. & advances.....	4,199,821									
Securities.....	20,440,776									
Reserve notes & coin.....	35,633,000	53,307,000	35,778,145	33,495,570	29,950,161					
Coin and bullion.....	133,021,044	166,736,795	151,810,810	152,814,940	152,740,756					
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	31.80%	47.47%	32.00%	27.31%	25¼%					
Bank rate.....	6½%	4¼%	4¼%	5%	4%					

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

In its statement for the week ending Oct. 19, the Bank of France reports another decrease in gold holdings, this time of 5,412,241 francs. Gold now totals 39,771,079,525 francs which compares with 30,751,350,426 francs the corresponding week last year. Bills bought abroad increased 23,000,000 francs while credit balances abroad decreased 25,000,000 francs. French commercial bills discounted and advances against securities register increases of 52,000,000 francs and 7,000,000 francs respectively. A decrease of 575,000,000 francs is shown in note circulation bringing the total of the item down to 66,325,636,100 francs, as compared with 61,440,166,255 francs the corresponding week last year. Creditor current accounts expanded 501,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past two weeks as well as for the corresponding week last year:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.		Status as of	
	Oct. 19 1929.	Oct. 19 1929.	Oct. 12 1929.	Oct. 20 1928.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings.....	5,412,241	39,771,079,525	39,776,491,766	30,751,350,426
Credit bals. abr'd.....	25,000,000	7,163,817,272	7,188,817,272	14,092,228,900
French Commercial bills discounted.....	52,000,000	8,061,225,504	8,009,225,504	3,060,236,252
Bills bought abr'd.....	23,000,000	18,650,612,266	18,627,612,266	18,485,447,083
Adv. agt. secur. ....	7,000,000	2,475,736,342	2,468,736,342	2,102,471,422
Note circulation.....	575,000,000	66,325,636,100	66,900,636,100	61,440,166,255
Cred. curr. acct. ....	501,000,000	19,172,335,530	18,671,335,530	17,605,379,423

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the third week of Oct. shows an increase in gold and bullion of 7,134,000 marks, bringing the total of the item up to 2,218,953,000 marks. Total gold in the corresponding week last year amounted to 2,510,710,000 marks and in 1927 to 1,851,514,000 marks. Another decrease appears in bills of exchange and checks, this time of 105,362,000 marks. Reserve in foreign currency increased 1,618,000 marks, while deposits abroad remained unchanged. Notes in circulation show a contraction of 239,063,000 marks, reducing the total of the item to 4,785,007,000

marks, which compares with 4,034,747,000 marks last year. Silver and other coin increased 12,551,000 marks and notes on other German banks 5,675,000 marks. A decrease is recorded in advances of 92,191,000 marks and in investments of 18,000 marks, while a gain is shown in other assets of 35,427,000 marks, in other daily maturing obligations of 101,904,000 marks and in other liabilities of 1,993,000 marks. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.			
	Oct. 23 1929.	Oct. 23 1928.	Oct. 22 1927.	Oct. 22 1927.
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion.....	7,134,000	2,218,953,000	2,510,710,000	1,851,514,000
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	149,788,000	85,626,000	66,543,000
Res'v'e in for'n curr. ....	1,618,000	354,128,000	163,189,000	160,849,000
Bills of exch. & checks Dec.	105,362,000	1,987,011,000	1,964,228,000	2,434,784,000
Silver and other coin.....	12,551,000	126,109,000	102,108,000	67,810,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....	5,675,000	24,684,000	15,237,000	21,340,000
Advances.....	92,191,000	41,999,000	110,968,000	31,577,000
Investments.....	18,000	92,662,000	93,801,000	92,075,000
Other assets.....	35,427,000	635,702,000	552,184,000	587,926,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation.....	239,063,000	4,785,007,000	4,034,747,000	3,631,736,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig. ....	101,904,000	554,300,000	729,279,000	831,903,000
Other liabilities.....	1,993,000	374,429,000	265,212,000	418,035,000

Money rates have this week displayed the easiest undertone of all the year in the dealings on the New York market. The trend toward lower levels was particularly pronounced in rates for bankers' acceptances, while the Federal Reserve Bank has also reduced its buying rate for acceptances from 5½% to 5%. Figures on call and time loans reflected continued heavy offerings, with demand of very small proportions. Call loans fluctuated between 6 and 5%, with the tendency toward the lower figure early in the week, while the higher level was more prevalent on Thursday and Friday, when bank withdrawals were made on a small scale. With a plethora of funds available in the first three sessions of the week, and borrowers scarce, funds were freely offered on call in the unofficial "street" market at 4½%. Time loans dropped steadily throughout the week, every single day seeing reductions in effect. The figures Monday ranged from 7 to 7¾%, while at the close yesterday the quotations were 6½ to 7¼%. In view of the collapse of securities prices on the important exchanges there was, of course, almost no demand whatever for new loans on Stock Exchange collateral. In fact, Thursday's statement of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the week ended Wednesday night showed a reduction in brokers' loans of \$167,000,000. There was much discussion during the week of a possible lowering of the New York Reserve Bank's rediscount rate from the 6% level established Aug. 8 to the 5% figure that still prevails at all other Reserve Banks. Charles E. Mitchell of the National City Bank, a class A director of the New York Reserve Bank, frankly come out for a reduction on his return from Europe, Tuesday. Moreover, the usual directors' meeting, Thursday, was an unusually prolonged affair, giving rise to further reports of an impending reduction. No change was, however, made. But it is now assumed in New York money market circles that a reduction in the New York rediscount rate will be made within the next few weeks. Gold movements through the Port of New York for the week ended Wednesday consisted of imports of \$1,546,000, and exports of \$96,000.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, the renewal rate each and every day has been 6%, with a drop each

day in the rate for new loans to 5%, except on Friday, when the rate remained unchanged all day at 6%. The quoted rates for time money have been in a chaotic state, but with the trend steadily and strongly downward. On Monday the rate for 30-day money was 7@7¼%; for 60 days, 7¼@7½%; for 90 days and four months, 7½@7¾%, and for five and six months, 7¼@7½%. On Tuesday the quotations were 7% for 30 days, 7@7¼% for 60 days, and 7¼@7½% for 90 days to six months. On Wednesday, rates were 7% for 30 and for 60 days, and 7¼@7½% for all other dates from 90 days to six months. On Thursday and Friday the quotations were 6½@6¾% for 30 and 60 days and 7@7¼% for 90 days to six months. Commercial paper in the open market continues in moderate demand. Rates for names of choice character maturing in four to six months remain at 6@6¼%, while names less well known command 6¼@6½%, with New England mill paper also quoted at 6¼@6½%.

The market for prime bank acceptances has displayed considerable irregularity with a somewhat lower price range, and a diminished volume of dealings, due to the scarcity of offerings. Rates were reduced ½% in both the bid and the asked column for all maturities on Wednesday, again on Thursday, and a third time on Friday. The Federal Reserve Banks have reduced their buying rate for acceptances from 5½% to 5% for bills running 30 to 90 days. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council are now 4⅞% bid and 4¾% asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 and 90 days; 5% bid and 4⅞% asked for 120 days, and 5½% bid and 5% asked for 150 and 180 days. The Acceptance Council no longer gives the rates for call loans secured by acceptances, the rates varying widely. Open market rates for acceptances have also been reduced and are now as below:

SPOT DELIVERY.					
—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills	5½	5	5½	5	4¾
—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾	4¾

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks	5½ bid
Eligible non-member banks	5½ bid

There have been no changes this week in the rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve banks. The following is the schedule of rates now in effect for the various classes of paper at the different Reserve banks:

DISCOUNT RATES OF FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS ON ALL CLASSES AND MATURITIES OF ELIGIBLE PAPER.

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Oct. 25.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston	5	July 19 1928	4½
New York	5	Aug. 9 1929	5
Philadelphia	5	July 26 1928	4½
Cleveland	5	Aug. 1 1928	4½
Richmond	5	July 13 1928	4½
Atlanta	5	July 14 1928	4½
Chicago	5	July 11 1928	4½
St. Louis	5	July 19 1928	4½
Minneapolis	5	May 14 1929	4½
Kansas City	5	May 8 1929	4½
Dallas	5	Mar. 2 1929	4½
San Francisco	5	May 20 1929	4½

Sterling exchange continued its upward course, which began with the increase in the Bank of England rate of rediscount to 6½% four weeks ago. As during last week, but with noticeable enhancement and acceleration, sterling has been in active demand, well above dollar parity, and ruling, especially since the slump on the New York Stock Ex-

change, at prices which indicate the near probability of gold shipments from New York to London. Between Saturday last and noon of Thursday the rate moved up 11-16. The range this week has been from 4.86 11-16 to 4.87 5/8 for bankers' sight, compared with 4.86 1/8 to 4.87 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.87 5-16 to 4.88 1/8, compared with 4.86 11-16 to 4.87 7-16 the previous week. Following directly upon several days of severe declines on the New York Stock Exchange, culminating in Thursday's debacle, sterling sold as high as 4.88 1/8 for cable transfers, the highest since June 1928. At another time the higher rates for sterling witnessed this week would be considered somewhat surprising in view of the fact that the Bank of England has again lost considerable gold to France and is faced with a further outgo of the metal in that direction.

The steady advance in sterling is attributed altogether to the drop in money rates in New York, to the slump in Stock Exchange values, and to the withdrawals of British and other European funds from the New York market in consequence of the changed conditions here. Foreign exchange circles now view the firmness in sterling as permanent for the remainder of the year and look with less alarm on any gold withdrawals from London by Paris banks. Traders are shaping their policies in the belief that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will soon lower its rediscount rate, thus further strengthening the prospects of sterling. The reduction in the rates for bankers' acceptances at New York during the week is considered as pointing in this direction. There is even some expectation in the market of a gold outflow from New York to London. With call money at present levels, ranging from 5% to 6%, foreign exchange traders figure that at 4.88 3/4 New York banks could ship gold to London, but without much profit. However, gold points are uncertain and in some quarters it is calculated that the metal might move from New York to London at 4.88 1/4. The last import of gold by London from the United States occurred with cable exchange at 4.88 1/4. The Bank of England statement for the week ended Oct. 24 shows an increase in gold holdings of £88,155, the total bullion standing at £133,021,044. This compares with £166,736,795 a year ago. On Monday the Bank of England received £250,000 in sovereigns from abroad and sold £24,069 in gold bars. On Tuesday the Bank sold £296,126 in gold bars, of which £109,504 are reported by London bullion dealers to have been for shipment on French account. There was no South African bar gold available in the open market to allow the Bank to offset the loss. Gold shipments from South Africa have exceeded the average weekly output recently, according to London advices, and while about £2,000,000 will be available in the next two weeks, there will not be a sufficient supply to counteract any heavy losses to Paris. On Wednesday the Bank sold £109,504 in gold bars and bought £15 in foreign gold coin. On Thursday the Bank sold £312,284 in gold bars. On Friday the Bank sold £285,101 in gold bars. These heavier sales of gold are accepted in foreign exchange circles as for French account.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Oct. 17-Oct. 23 inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$1,546,000, of which \$994,000 came from

Colombia, \$500,000 from Argentina, and \$52,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries. Exports totaled \$96,000 to Mexico. There was no change in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Oct. 23, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, OCT. 17-23 INCLUSIVE

<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$994,000 from Colombia	\$96,000 to Mexico
500,000 from Argentina	
52,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries.	
\$1,546,000 total	\$96,000 total

*Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.*  
None.

Canadian exchange continues at a sharp discount. On Saturday Montreal funds were quoted at 1 1-32 of 1% discount; on Monday at 31-32 of 1%, on Tuesday at 1%, on Wednesday at 1 1-16 of 1%, on Thursday at 1 3/8, on Friday at 1 5-16% discount.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was firm. Bankers' sight was 4.86 11-16@4.87; cable transfers, 4.87 5-16@4.87 7-16. On Monday sterling was in demand. The range was 4.86 15-16@4.87 3/8 for bankers' sight and 4.87 9-16@4.87 13-16 for cable transfers. On Tuesday the market was firm, although less active. Bankers' sight was 4.87 1/8@4.87 3/8; cable transfers, 4.87 21-32@4.87 13-16. On Wednesday sterling was in sharp demand. The range was 4.87 1-16@4.87 7-16 for bankers' sight and 4.87 11-16@4.87 7/8 for cable transfers. On Thursday rates moved still higher. The range was 4.87 3-16@4.87 5/8 for bankers' sight and 4.87 15-16@4.88 1/8 for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was somewhat easier. The range was 4.87 1/8@4.87 5/8 for bankers' sight and 4.87 3/4@4.88 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.87 5-16 for demand and 4.87 3/4 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.87, sixty-day bills at 4.82 3-16, ninety-day bills at 4.79 11-16, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.82 3-16, seven-day grain bills at 4.86 1/4. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.87.

The Continental exchanges have, as during the past few weeks, moved up sharply in the wake of sterling exchange and as the result of the same set of factors, chief of which are the lower money rates in New York and the consequent return flow of funds to Europe. French francs have been exceptionally strong and have been ruling at rates well above dollar parity, to such an extent that the market looks for a flow of gold from New York to Paris almost any day if the present conditions continue. The gold points to London, Paris and Berlin are calculated in New York at approximately \$4.88 1/4 to \$4.88 3/4 for London, 3.94 for Paris, and 23.93 for Berlin. On Thursday of this week unconfirmed rumors were current on the Street that \$500,000 in gold had been engaged for Paris account. As noted above, London lost considerable gold to Paris during the week and more is expected to be taken by the French private banks. A temporary month-end stringency in Paris is given as the reason for the present gold takings from London. It seems that the Bank of France does not encourage these gold imports, but is powerless to prevent French private banks from importing the metal. The Bank of France cannot take steps to prevent the gold imports, as it could do so only by purchasing foreign exchange on the market and its

total foreign exchange holdings, now approximately 25,000,000,000 francs, are considered excessive. The Bank of France statement for the week ended Oct. 19 shows gold holdings of 39,771,079,525 francs, a decrease during the week of 5,412,741 francs, but an increase over a year ago of 9,020,000,000 francs. The Bank's ratio of reserves stands at 46.52%, which compares with 38.90% a year ago and with the legal requirement of 35%.

German marks have been in demand, with cable transfers ranging during the week from 23.89 to 23.92, which compares with dollar parity of 23.82. These higher rates give rise to the expectation of a gold movement from New York to Berlin. It is believed that the movement could begin at 23.93. There are indications that mark exchange has found support in New York through the transfer of a larger volume of American funds to the Berlin money market. Berlin bankers are looking with satisfaction on what appears to be a renewed attention on the part of the American public to fixed-interest securities and believe that if the switch from stocks to bonds continues on this side there will be a revival of long-term loans to Germany, which would of course help mark exchange. Italian lire, Antwerp belgas, and the minor Continental exchanges show firmness as the result of the change in the situation of the major exchanges. Italian lire ruled most of the week at 5.23 3/8@5.23 13-16, but moved up in Thursday's trading to 5.24@5.24 3-16.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.855 on Friday of this week, against 123.89 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.93 11-16, against 3.93 3-16 on Friday a week ago; cable transfers at 3.93 15-16, against 3.93 7-16, and commercial sight bills at 3.93 7-16, against 3.92 15-16. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.98 1/2 for checks and at 13.99 1/2 for cable transfers, against 13.96 and 13.97 on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.91 for checks and 23.92 for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.87 3/4 and 23.88 3/4 a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.23 5/8 for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23 7/8 for cable transfers, against 5.23 3/8 and 5.23 5/8 on Friday of last week. Austrian schillings closed at 14 1/4 on Friday of this week, against 14 1/4 on Friday of last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96 1/4, against 2.96; on Bucharest at 0.59 7/8, against 0.59 3/4; on Poland at 11.23, against 11.23; and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.29 3/4 for checks and at 1.29 7/8 for cable transfers, against 1.29 3/4 and 1.29 7/8.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the war have moved up and have experienced some demand as a result of the improvement in sterling and the leading Continentals and for much the same reasons. Holland guilders have been exceptionally firm and the market reports considerable withdrawals of Dutch funds from the New York market and the transfer to London and Amsterdam. Guilder cables were quoted on Saturday at 40.29 and successively moved up until they were quoted at 40.34 at the opening of the market on Thursday, which compares with dollar parity of 40.20. Money is firmer in Amsterdam than it has been in some time and the market expects an increase in the rate of the Bank of the Netherlands. Spanish pesetas have fluctuated rather widely during the week between 14.28 and 14.50 for cable transfers, but were steadier



Banks of	Oct. 24 1929.			Oct. 25 1928.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 133,021,044	£ -----	£ 133,021,044	£ 166,736,795	£ -----	£ 166,736,795
France a	318,168,636	(d) -----	318,168,636	a246,010,811	d -----	246,010,811
Germany b	103,458,250	c994,600	104,452,850	119,754,200	c994,600	120,748,800
Spain	120,599,000	28,044,000	130,643,000	104,358,000	27,563,000	131,921,000
Italy	55,932,000	-----	55,932,000	54,221,000	-----	54,221,000
Netherl'ds.	36,911,000	-----	36,911,000	36,249,000	1,839,000	38,088,000
Nat. Belg.	29,312,000	1,270,000	30,582,000	23,082,000	1,251,000	24,333,000
Switzerl'd.	21,306	1,185,000	22,491,000	18,510,000	1,987,000	20,497,000
Sweden	13,431,000	-----	13,431,000	13,209,000	-----	13,209,000
Denmark	9,584,000	406,000	9,990,000	9,605,000	590,000	10,195,000
Norway	8,153,000	-----	8,153,000	8,163,000	-----	8,163,000
<b>Tota lweek</b>	<b>831,875,930</b>	<b>31,899,600</b>	<b>863,775,530</b>	<b>799,898,806</b>	<b>34,224,600</b>	<b>834,123,406</b>
<b>Prev. week</b>	<b>831,284,373</b>	<b>32,067,600</b>	<b>863,351,973</b>	<b>799,833,901</b>	<b>34,344,600</b>	<b>834,178,501</b>

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £7,459,400. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

**The Fall of the Briand Government and the Political Outlook in Europe.**

The Briand Ministry which resigned on Tuesday was formed on July 29, following the retirement of M. Poincare. On July 31, when the new Ministry faced the Chamber of Deputies and asked as usual for a vote of confidence, it was supported by a vote of 324 to 136. It was commented upon at the time, however, that some 140 members of the Chamber were absent or refrained from voting, and that many of those who refrained did so at the direction of the so-called Radical group. The Socialists, who have about 100 votes in the Chamber, refused to accept office in the new Ministry, and the support of the Radical-Socialists, with 131 votes, was precarious. Under these circumstances M. Briand, obviously a compromise Premier, asked for a three months' truce to enable him to deal with the reparations issue at The Hague, and his request was granted. The three months' interval had not quite expired when, on Tuesday, Parliament reassembled after the recess, and the overthrow of the Government came unexpectedly even to those who brought it about. M. Briand had urged the Chamber to confine itself to a discussion of the budget until the work of The Hague Conference should have been completed, but the request aroused opposition, and on a vote of 277 to 288 the Government was defeated and promptly resigned.

The causes of M. Briand's defeat go back to the election of May 1928, when, with no well-defined issue between the Right and the Left, the Poincare Government continued in office because the radicals of the Left were not prepared to supplant it with one that they could control. M. Poincare's leadership was several times challenged, but his political position was unique and he contrived, with the support of the Right and the moderate Centre and some support even among the radical groups, to hold his precarious coalition majority together. No one, not even M. Briand himself, expected that the Ministry which followed that of M. Poincare would have a long lease of life, and M. Briand, in the debate on Tuesday, did not ask for support longer than might be needed to complete the work of The Hague Conference. It was immediately urged, however, that if debate on the Young Plan and the evacuation of the Rhineland were deferred until the conference at The Hague had finished its work, the Chamber would be faced with a *fait accompli*, everything would have been arranged and settled, and debate would be useless. The disappointment in France at the financial outcome of The Hague discussions, when Mr. Snowden forced France to relinquish a substantial part of the reparation payments which the Young Plan had allotted to it, also played its part in arousing antagonism in the

Chamber. The vote which upset the Government was as peculiar as any that French politics has ever seen. The Extreme Right joined forces with the Radicals, Socialists and Communists of the Left in demanding the Government fix a date for discussing The Hague agreements. Curiously, the eleven votes by which the Government was defeated is the same as the number of Communist members.

The first impression appeared to be that M. Briand, who is personally popular, would be asked to reform his Cabinet with changes in some of the portfolios, and that the reconstituted Ministry would be allowed to go on until the Young Plan was in shape for consideration. Later Paris dispatches have indicated that the solution of the problem would not be so easy, and that a decision would be deferred until after the meeting of the Radical-Socialist party, which began its annual conference at Rheims on Thursday. This party, the largest single group in the Chamber of Deputies, has as its most conspicuous member Edouard Herriot, a former Premier whose personal popularity rivals that of M. Briand, but M. Herriot suffered a setback when, on Thursday, the party chose Edouard Daladier as its president for a second time. On Friday M. Daladier was reported to have accepted the invitation of President Doumergue to attempt the formation of a Ministry, but his success was regarded in Paris as doubtful because of the attitude of the Socialists. The most conspicuous member of the moderate Centre, but with distinctly conservative leanings, is Andre Tardieu, a close friend and staunch political supporter of M. Poincare and, partly on that account, the rallying-point of the bitterest and most determined opposition of all the Radical groups.

The results of the overturn may, accordingly, be far-reaching. In spite of the variegated party complexion of the Chamber as shown by the election of May 1928, the drift of political sentiment in Parliament and in the country has been away from the policy of concession and compromise which M. Briand particularly, and to some extent M. Poincare in the later months of his administration, embodied, and toward the views championed by the radical Left. France, in striking contrast to Great Britain, still nourishes resentments and fears born of the World War. It has resented, not unnaturally, the victory of Mr. Snowden at The Hague, it is reluctant to see French troops leave the Rhineland, and it is far from enthusiastic over the proposed Bank for International Settlements. To these are to be added a marked anxiety over the meaning of the Anglo-American conversations and understandings regarding the reduction of naval armaments, a determination to resist any attempt on the part of Great Britain and the United States to bring about an abolition of the submarine, and a disposition to insist that if a general reduction of armaments is to be undertaken, all branches of armament, land, sea and air, shall be included in the program. As long as M. Briand continued at the head of the Government, his well known desire for peace assured a conciliatory attitude on his part toward these various questions, but the ablest Prime Minister must have the support of his Parliament, and the action of the Chamber of Deputies on Tuesday makes it clear that the Briand policies cannot surely command parliamentary support.

The sudden change of government in France comes at a moment when in Germany and Great Britain

also the political situation is not, apparently, as unruffled as it appeared to be a few weeks ago. The recent death of Foreign Minister Stresemann, the conspicuously strong man of the present German Ministry, has not only come at a time when continuity in German foreign policy seemed peculiarly desirable, but has also served to revive and intensify the Nationalist opposition to the Young Plan. Both President von Hindenburg and President Schacht of the Reichsbank have thought this opposition important enough to justify strong public statements depreciating it. In England the supporters of a strong navy have begun to speak out against Mr. MacDonald's policy of reduction and limitation, and the failure of the Government to do anything of importance in regard to unemployment has called out considerable criticism even within the ranks of the Labor Party. There is little reason for thinking that the British public wishes to see Mr. MacDonald fail in his great aim of lightening the armament burden, and the Labor Party, helped as it is by the sympathy of the Liberals, appears to be still firmly seated, but it has nevertheless to be remembered that Mr. MacDonald, like M. Briand, has not a perfectly assured majority behind him.

The most important immediate effect of the resignation of the Briand Ministry has to do with the fortunes of the Young Plan. We stated at length in last week's issue of the "Chronicle" our reasons for thinking that the action of the organization committee at Baden-Baden had not yet been such as to make any less weighty the objections to the proposed Bank. A New York "Times" dispatch from Baden-Baden on Wednesday affords significant confirmation of the views which were then expressed. According to the "Times" correspondent, Germany has insisted that the reparation payments should be "regulated solely upon the stipulations of the Young Plan and further interpretations of The Hague protocol", while France has demanded that "a definite, binding system of payments should be drawn up, including the smallest details, in a legal agreement to be included in a trust deed between the Powers and the Bank." The reparation payments, in other words, were to be tied still more closely, according to the French demand, to the Bank, so as to give the Bank a considerable measure of control over German finances. A subcommittee headed by Melvin Traylor of Chicago, after wrestling with the problem for three weeks, found itself unable to agree, and accordingly the committee, at a plenary session on Wednesday, "decided to refer the whole reparation payment question back to the Governments and ultimately to the second Hague conference". "The Bank as it now stands", the correspondent continues, "seems to be shaping definitely toward the hopes of those who conceived it originally as a purely commercial institution. . . . The committee is now ready to tackle the question of whether the Bank *can eventually grow into an important world institution with a salutary influence on world finance*" (italics ours).

Here is further proof, if such were needed, of the fundamental objection to the Bank which is being increasingly urged. The Bank is no necessary part of the Young Plan for settling reparations. The scheme of annuities provided in the Young Plan can be put into effect without a Bank, and the creation of a Bank can add nothing to the assurance that the annuities will be paid. It is as a world super-bank,

with reparations as an excuse for creating it, that the Bank project appears now to have been conceived by the Young Committee, and it is because of the dangers inherent in the Bank as planned by the Committee that the project is being opposed. The French attitude at this point is indicated by a resolution before the conference of the Radical-Socialists at Rheims, approving the Young scale of annuities but demanding supervision of the Bank either by the League of Nations or by the governments concerned with reparation payments.

It is greatly to be hoped that the report of the organization committee, when it is submitted, may be considered calmly on its merits and not be made the football of national politics; but if, as a result of the change of government in France, a way could be found to eliminate the Bank provisions altogether from the Young Plan, and leave only the reparation provisions which the Young Committee was primarily appointed to draw up, the outcome, we believe, would be in every way advantageous.

#### Echoes of "Light's Golden Jubilee."

On the night of Oct. 21st, in all the million-windowed cities of the world, the beams of the incandescent lamp dispelled the darkness of the night, and filled the hearts of men with gladness. Not since the fiat of the Almighty: "Let there be light, and there was light"! has such a miracle fascinated the interest of mankind. The celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the invention of this electric light was universally observed and fastened the attention of earth's millions upon the name of the inventor, Thomas Alva Edison, as genius, and benefactor to all his kind. In the United States, due to the friendship and energy of Henry Ford, the celebration centered at Dearborn, Mich., where Mr. Ford had caused to be removed and reinstated the original Menlo Park laboratory in which the lamp was invented. At a dinner tendered to Mr. Edison leaders of the nation were present. The President of the United States attended and voiced his tribute and that of the people to the venerable inventor. During the day, visitors were shown many of the utensils, modes and contrivances of fifty years ago. While the dinner progressed, Mr. Edison, in company with his principal original assistant, and in the very laboratory of old, rebuilt, for the edification of the few who could be admitted to the ceremony, out of original materials, his famous lamp. Returning to the banquet hall, in an old-time tavern, the inventor read an address that the radio carried to the remotest parts of the earth—even to the Antarctica.

It is not only that in this celebration in the principal streets of the world the brilliance of the electric light, for the hour, paled the ineffectual stars, but that in humble homes everywhere the simple pressing of a button summoned this servant of human life to the service of love and laughter. We can hardly conceive of the Colonial days, when the night watchman, with his lantern, made his rounds and cried the hour and "All's well." Yet there are many living who remember the later days in town and village when the family lantern was necessary to save life and limb from holes in the wooden sidewalks. And so great is the progress of fifty years in the manufacture and transmission of electric light that there is now scarce a village in the land



that is without its benefit. On the utilitarian side alone this invention is one of the greatest boons that ever fell to the lot of man. And the people, in doing honor to the great inventor, may well reflect on the nature of their utilities and the uses of their inventions—for not all of them are of equal benefit and not all of them are susceptible of indefinite increase for good. But light is one blessing that cannot, in itself, be turned to evil usage.

Light, heat and power, the modern triumvirate, gods and the material world, are transformable and transcendent. We travel so rapidly in the science of physical achievements that we rarely pause to dwell upon their spiritual sequence. And while every kindly and thoughtful citizen, at this "Light's Golden Jubilee" renders his tribute and thanks to the giver of this good, Mr. Edison, all may meditate upon the extensive and extending benefits to which each invention may be put. It will suffice, for the moment, if we consider light as the spiritual king of them all. Without artificial light literature would lose much of its significance, for it is in the home in hours of rest that man adventures the world in printed books. Hours "under the evening lamp" bring to us the romance and history of all the ages. The incandescent lamp that once wavered under its faulty transmission now glows with a steady brilliance. The evening journal that we buy for a penny unfolds to us the doings of the day. And if the mind pursues the study of industry or art in book and newspaper and magazine we may salve our souls with the progress of every land and the science of every school.

It is the common things, the little things, of life that we come to accept without due appreciation. Not only does the dark breed crime, but it fosters idleness. Lengthening the activities of the mind for but the fourth of a day adds to the riches of endeavor, the calm of contemplation, and the coming of peace. If we but follow some fictitious Don Quixote on a sentimental journey, if we but pore fascinated over some detective story, or if we read into the small hours the stories of love and life and valor and sacrifice, we widen our mental horizon, and inculcate a taste for letters that will lead us into the higher realms of philosophy, poetry, science and art. Some may dispute this, but let us not stop to argue. The possession of this cheap form of light must have a tremendous aesthetic effect upon human thought and love. In the activities of the day we do rather than dream. And if our rest hours are employed in reading we may roam the earth, "Monarchs of all we survey." There was, not so many years ago, a "student's lamp" that burned common oil that took its name from the highest use of light. To instantly flood every student's room with a light unflinching adds immeasurably to the dominance of thought and the service of love, wherever man suffers and aspires and follows the gleam of the spiritual.

We might pause to dwell on the significance of the billions that are invested in the physical properties of artificial light, but these only project on the screen of our intelligence the spiritual significance of light. In hospital and home, in church and school, in factory and street, it is the indispensable adjunct of the civilized life. What is electricity? We do not know. But light is its chief manifestation. Nothing better illustrates the power of the material to lead us into the spiritual. An age of light must

be an age of learning and law. And an age when men worship liberty is an age that generates love. We rise on the "stepping stones of our dead selves to nobler things." Plunge the world into the physical darkness of fifty years ago and what a change it would make in our manners and customs. Yet light physical must lean on light spiritual. Our books and newspapers must be interpreted by the light within. And this the leaders of thought do not fail to discern in the noble character of the inventor Edison, who has just received the greatest tribute ever paid to one man. In his persistent investigation, in his constant vigil, in his gentle and quiet demeanor, in his absence of egotism, he stands out as truly great!

Broadway, the best lighted street in the world, takes on a golden glow from tens of thousands of golden lamps strung along the "Great White Way" by reverent hearts and hands; the famous tall "towers of Manhattan," ablaze from foundation stone to turret with white light from within and without, pierce the darkness with magic splendor; huge projectors flood the dusty fronts of old and sacred buildings turning them to marble purity; the heaving arches of bridges across the rivers stand out against the stars outlined by chains of lamps from shore to shore; and against the encircling gloom searchlights play streams of colored lights into the very vault of night, weaving intricate patterns that entrance and bewilder the eyes of multitudes wandering in the streets below; and all because fifty years ago a wizard, whom the world now honors, passed an electric current through a carbonized filament in a vacuum bulb and thus gave to man the incandescent lamp, perhaps the greatest blessing of all the ages! What marvels attend this minister of light! Power, that turns the wheels of manifold machines, saving labor, lengthening life, and touching the heart to kindness and the soul to sacrifice. The very waters that have tumbled over the rocks for centuries become the bond-servants of man. Turbine and dynamo! It is as if Niagara lighted the torch in the hand of the Statue of Liberty, welcoming and enlightening the world!

The good uses of things are their sole right for being. And as the world honors this man who gave it added physical light, may it not stand in awe of the spiritual light within every man, and in contemplation turn to the Giver of all Good that it may rightly use these harnessed laws of Nature that there be peace among men of goodwill, forever and forever. We are but wanderers along the shores of time. The tides of our endeavors ebb and flow, casting up the shells of knowledge that we gather as we go. In some far to-morrow what we call the science of to-day may be but the beginnings of new and better and greater things—things, mayhap, that shall not pass away. And as we consecrate to-day, by helpful uses, the machines and miracles of to-day, so shall we make the earth better for our having lived and build in the future the enduring palaces of a new love and life. Mankind honors itself in honoring Mr. Edison. And since his labors and discoveries gave more of the blessing of outer light to us all, so may we spread a little of the spiritual beneficence of that inner light that comes from the Author of All, that each may feel the thrilling joy of liberty, that none may suffer unduly by the selfishness of another, and that all may work together for good.

*Let Us Be United in and for Peace—An  
Injunction to the American Legion.*

The American Legion, in session, on Oct. 2nd, at Louisville, in regular annual meeting, passed a resolution demanding that the Senate investigate certain organizations, ten in number, which it named, "to the end that the American people may know who these lobbyists and propagandists are, the source of the funds they spend so lavishly, and why they continually urge a policy resulting in National weakness or to break down National ideals and Americanism, which in the natural course of events could only endanger the safety of the nation." It is difficult to comment on this wholly unnecessary action by the Legion without seemingly to forget the noble and heroic service the men of this order gave to the country. But the war is over, and in returning to the standing of civilians there are certain duties to strive for peace and concord which none may forego without just criticism.

And, in the first place, it is supererogation to request the Senate of the United States to enter on any more "investigations." It seems quite able to find enough to keep it busy, and, in our opinion, it passes beyond its province as a part of a Co-ordinate Division of the Government when it institutes or carries on these inquisitorial efforts for any purpose save that of securing *data for the purpose of making new laws*. Interference with the purposes and works of societies, associations and committees of citizens that have a right to exist and function, unless they be charged with direct subversion of the State, does not come in this category. Nor is the Senate required to take notice of any such demand.

It may be that there are among us wolves in sheep's clothing, but it is not the business of the Senate to hunt them down. If war is an outlaw under the Paris Peace Pact; if we have really pledged ourselves never to resort to war to settle international disputes, then it is the privilege of every man to preach peace from the housetop. And it is also a duty. It comes, therefore, in poor taste at the very time when a new disarmament conference is in the making to charge that peace patriots are seeking to weaken the nation. Of course the answer is quickly made that "preparedness" is the only way in which to prevent war. And on that there is certainly room for an honest difference of opinion.

No one is charging the Legion with an intent to promote war when it stands for what it deems an adequate army and navy. No one asks that it be "investigated" by the Senate. And if it *has* a right to promulgate its views on this open question of how best to secure peace, then any other organization has the right to publish *its* views, and cannot be put on the carpet for doing so. As defenders of the nation in time of actual war the American Legion is entitled to and receives the highest respect. But granting that it saved democracy to the world, it is not, therefore, in convention assembled entitled to rule the world.

Emotionalism is not the stuff that good laws are made of. Shot and shell and sabre stroke spring from high resolve and the will to sacrifice. But the soldier is a different type from the statesman. Congress declares war, but does not carry it on. The Army and Navy, under their Commander in Chief, the President of the United States, fight our battles

in a field far from the making of laws. The Executive enforces the laws, but does not make them. Deliberation and action are different qualities. It is within the bounds of reason, however, that the Army and Navy, charged with defense of the nation, may advise the Senate as to military needs. But military needs are not civilian public policies. Is there more need, then, to try to curb the activities of societies working for peace than of independent military organizations working for (not war) a better preparedness for war? No open contrast is possible because these civic societies and this war organization are both *working for peace*. The difference is in method. And no Senate can ever say, on investigation, that either is selfish or unpatriotic at heart.

If, as a people, we are to differ to the extent of quarreling over the methods of securing peace, we are not keeping the spirit of peace among ourselves. As a matter of fact, if it be true, as now commonly asserted, that the next war will be in the air with 'planes and gas bombs, we do not need a huge navy and a large standing army—we can disarm down to a world police force. Little will have to be done to convert a commercial plane into one of war. But in saying this we are conscious that it is argument. And yet who shall be deprived of the right to express an opinion? And what will the mere opinion of one man or one organization count in the forming of that consensus of opinion that ought to be a guide to the body that will, when the time comes, declare war? The Senate, if it yields to the "demand" of the Legion to investigate the sources of opinion, will engage in an endless task. An investigation of the whole field of so-called "lobbying" is now ordered. And, though it be demonstrated that the expenses of some of the so-called peace organizations are tainted with selfishness, or that some societies are maintained for salaries, who, or what can stop them?

We should be sorry to see the Senate undertake this new "investigation." It is regrettable that the Legion saw fit to mention these associations by name. We should be sorry to see the American Legion subjected to an "investigation." All the people want peace. If zeal carry these organizations for the promotion of peace too far it is the common fault that attaches to all passionate work. And it seems to be a trait of human nature to try to make the "other fellow" do our way. Majorities are naturally intolerant; and minority rights that should always be respected often are not. As for the side of possible insincerity and graft, no investigation, though it may uncover evidences, can ever stop these until it can show us how to perfect human nature.

To work and think together for the common good, to weigh carefully the arguments for and against "disarmament," to define our terms and state clearly our intentions, without the rancor of charge and countercharge, is the manifest duty. Nothing is ever gained by assuming a "holier than thou" attitude. Civilian and soldier are alike in the devotion necessary to maintenance and defense of the Union. Means to the end are legitimate subjects of difference and dignified dispute. If we read the times aright there is an overwhelming opinion in the world that armaments should be reduced, that competitive "preparedness" should cease. The Peace Pact demands it. Generations unborn, that will groan and sweat to pay the debts nations are now incurring

for prospective war, should be relieved of paying taxes they do not themselves incur. Even if future wars be eliminated by huge armies and navies, it is still an open question whether or not there is a better way. Sneers, gibes, charges of deceit and graft and selfishness only cloud the mind and prevent a sober and sane judgment as to the best means.

"Hands across the sea" should be clean hands. If there is any considerable body of men that charges insincerity on other bodies, equally free to express an opinion, how can other peoples make up an opinion as to what we do really want? Here enters the question of showing power in order to overawe others, of hiding the desire for domination behind an alleged show of patriotic force. Delicate questions are involved, and debatable means obtrude. And we owe it to our good name abroad as a pacific country that we do not bicker and quarrel. If a nation is strong it may make sacrifices to secure the ends of peace. What matters a few tons of strength between two firm friends? What is an alliance that is unselfishly open to all nations?

But if we are to denounce each other as to honesty and as to motives who can tell where we stand? We have had notable part in the greatest and gravest peace declaration of the centuries; we have abjured war as an unholy instrument for settling disputes; we are seeking a new conference to furnish forth an actual expression of our decision to outlaw war. Shall we then investigate our own sincerity? Shall we doubt each other? Shall the fly in the amber, the selfishness of a few, render us impotent to present a united front for peace to all the world? Shall the gnat on the ox's horn obscure the mountain?

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### *Old Age Pensions.*

It is a far cry from an ancient custom of certain migratory peoples of abandoning the aged and hopelessly sick by the roadside to perish and the granting of pensions to the old and infirm by the State. In a way, an old age pension by a Government is a symbol of civilization. One of the main principles upon which such a system is founded lies in the fact that win or lose in life's race the individual, by toil and trial, has contributed something to the welfare of society and the prosperity of sustaining business. All are workers, though all do not succeed and accumulate sufficient private property to provide for old age when further work is impossible.

And yet when it comes to devising a plan for putting an old age pension system in force many difficulties are encountered. If such a system will encourage idleness and thriftlessness in the conduct of life, is it to be encouraged, will it conduce to the public welfare? Is the fund to be taken from the current labor of the masses to be bestowed on the comparative few, irrespective of contributions to be made by the ultimate beneficiaries, or shall those who have paid their tithes alone become the recipients? Is it in essence a socialistic endeavor, or is it the exponent of a democracy where each is for all and all for each? Is charity a constitutional duty of free governments, or is it a prerogative of society apart from the State?

We have in practically all our main subdivisional governments, our counties and cities, eleemosynary institutions, supported by local authority or the State, to care for the poor, insane, incapacitated, and aged. These are exponents of kindness and

benevolence, and do not ask for a reason why the relief and sustenance should be granted. They do not contemplate a time limit when the service shall begin, save that indigent age is a demonstration of fitness to receive the benefit. These institutions obviate, to the extent of their capacity, the need for pensions. But for the poor they constitute a stigma and often are not favored by those who need them. And this has given rise to the granting of allowances to the infirm and poor, regardless of age, in their homes, if they have them, or in the charge of special caretakers.

A pension system, on the contrary, must inure to the individual, and be paid outside the confinement of the institution. Naturally this will require a larger fund and be more expensive to the paternal power, however constituted. Contemplation, therefore, of the establishment of an old-age pension system, must consider that the coming of old age is inevitable and that increase of cost and of the number of pensioners is likewise inevitable, once the plan is put into existence. Probable increasing cost at once becomes a problem for the taxing power to estimate in advance.

It is well that a Commission be appointed to review all phases of the question in advance of legislation. As matters stand there are many organizations social in their nature, and religious as well, that have at heart the welfare of the unfortunates. Can the State better perform this noble service than they? At once we are forced to separate the attitude of these organizations from that which the State will assume. The selective process for the bestowal of benefits cannot be the same. It is possible to the benevolent societies to inquire specifically into the fitness of the beneficiary and to refuse aid where it is deemed unnecessary or undesirable. In the case of an old age pension by the State, the right of the citizen to receive, and the fact of the age limit, must be the main, if not sole, basis of the grant. In one case the object is more purely a voluntary charity, in the other it becomes in the nature of a duty under the law. In the history of war pensions by the National Government the course was downward and outward from injury incurred to service performed. The number of recipients rose constantly, and while death tended to reduce the beneficiaries, for a long time the expense increased. Some such result may be provisioned for old age pensions.

If it is difficult to fix an age limit when pensions shall accrue, it will be still more difficult to fix a boundary to the condition which entitles to the benefit. Who is "poor," who rich? Based, finally, on the fact of service, civil war pensions were paid to many rich men. But "service" to society, though in principle defined as having taken part in the race of life, win or lose, is more vague, harder to define. Is society, through the instrumentality of the State, prepared to pay pensions to aged millionaires? And yet how and where draw the line? Is it even prepared to pass a law that will not try to discriminate between the worthy and the unworthy in this same race of life? And if, having reached the age set for the beginning of the pension, is the conduct of life subject to such determination at the hands of the reviewing body?

These prejudgments seem beyond the capacity of law and its administrators—and the only result possible seems to be to pay pensions to all and sundry

at a certain age regardless of riches and worth! Otherwise, though the "poor" be not herded together in "poor houses," the stigma of dependence will be fastened upon the beneficiaries. And that brings into review the effect of such a pension law upon the individuals and the reaction upon society and the State. Will it tend to energize life or to enervate it? Looking forward to a "secure and comfortable old age," will men and women strive to become "independent" in the same degree?

What kind of a tax will be levied to establish the old age pension fund, which, in time, will become enormous, unless there is to be discrimination which will degrade? Will it be a per capita tax levied on every man during the period of active life, or a property tax levied on personal and real, coincident with the running of the pension law? Or, again, will the State sell annuities, as do the insurance companies, to those who are provident enough to buy, in the years when they are able? This presents an entirely different phase of the subject, eliminates the element of charity, and unsettles the possible age limit. Why the State rather than the corporations doing this as a business?

It is easy enough to pass a law that will care for the aged infirm, crippled, and penniless, but that is entirely different from an "old age pension." Discrimination here will reduce the beneficiaries to a comparatively small number, but it will unmistakably stamp them as wards of the State. Come what may, an element of socialism attaches to any plan that may be devised. And, therefore, it becomes a problem of government, and affects a representative democracy as such. Is it consonant with the spirit of our Constitution, which protects all in liberty and property, but is parental to none?

At best, life is hard. The weight of inherited great fortunes grows heavier every generation. The machine for all its labor-saving and mass-production is displacing the man and lessening his opportunities, no matter how widely they are expanding in the ways and means of a social life that supplants needs with wants. Consolidations, combinations, "chains," are weeding out the aged, and the incompetent, if not unworthy. The inevitable expansion, bringing "better living conditions," multiplied pleasures, intellectual and aesthetic enjoyments, is not furnishing proportionate employment in the basic and necessary tasks of life to the individual. The evidence is plainly before us now.

Increasing the number of stockholders in the corporation, and scattering the stocks among the employees and "middle classes," is not aiding the individual to continuous employment by which he prepares for old age. Consolidations in their inception are for the purpose of massed power and not for the benefit of the frugal and saving individual as a member of society. Speculation that preys upon the lust for quick fortunes conduces not at all to the "saving for a rainy day." The pressure for old age pension laws will grow apace. Life is not only hard, but growing harder, for all the boasting over "prosperity," and the charity which is love widens slowly.

The number of those who succeed in attaining that glorious "independence" a competency even affords, is increasing. But, borne down by the financial and commercial currents, the storm and stress of the business life, thousands and tens of thousands of the aged (and aged before their time), ("down-and-outers") are living on the doles of their children,

who are themselves caught and prisoned in the rush of a materialistic machine age. "Honor thy father and thy mother" is a precept that humanity cannot do without. And if the "children" were always worthy, were sacrificial that the parents might not want, there would be a simple solution to the social demand for "old age pensions."

But we cannot destroy our present system of initiative and enterprise without general decadence, and we must fit our charities to its continuance. To encourage heedless living in to-day, though tomorrow with its penalties must come, is not preparing the youth to withstand the seductions of socialism which, do what we may, has one form of culmination in "old age pensions." Yet, the tottering step, the thinned form, the hopeless look, the wearied spirit, of those who seem but to await the great release, privately cared for, often, more through duty than love, bartering the service of long and earnest lives for a precarious home, these are worthy of the social and civic good!

### **Forecasting Business—False Prophets.**

[Editorial from New York "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 23.]

The sharp decline from which the stock market is suffering at the present time is interesting in a great many ways, not merely to those who are suffering the effects of it, but also to many others who regard the market as somehow closely connected with, or serving as, an index of business. It is in fact because we have fallen into the habit of viewing the market as a great indicator of business conditions that what happens there is so widely studied by, and so interesting to, many business men who are only remotely affected by its fluctuations.

At the present time, as in all similar contingencies, great wonderment is expressed at the "unexpected" character of the downward movement, mixed with the usual criticism of banking authorities for having "precipitated" it by forcing high interest rates. The thought seems to be that quite unexpectedly and without the slightest warrant a sharp reaction in stocks has manifested itself with undeserved losses to innocent persons who have gone into the investment field (often on a slender margin) in the full expectation of being able to get a large return. Apparently, however, there is very little criticism of those who have constantly misled the public by erroneous analysis of market conditions and have spread abroad the idea that everything was just as it should be with a situation that was definitely headed for a higher price level.

Ought not a great deal of responsibility be assigned to those who have talked in this way for so long and have constantly urged the public not to become what they call "bears on the United States"? Ought not these "forecasters" who have repeatedly assumed an omniscient attitude about things financial to be judged by results and requested to bear the onus of the wholly false and misleading predictions of which they have been guilty? It would certainly seem so, and the only reason why public opinion refrains from visiting upon them the discredit which they deserve seems to be found in the fact that the average man recognizes perfectly well that such prophets have no sound basis of prediction so that their utterances will always be taken with many grains of salt.

It is, nevertheless, a fact that we encourage and tolerate the presence of market analysts and forecasters who affect to know all about what is going to happen and who stimulate a false psychology on the part of the public. What is happening to-day ought to throw a deep cloud of doubt and discredit upon them for a long time to come. Not only have they entirely failed to foreshadow any reduction of business such as is now occurring, much less a complete revulsion of prices, but they have for long months past asserted that business would be good throughout 1929, and that there was not the slightest reason to doubt that values would hold their own. Even at the present moment they do not hesitate to assert that stock values are very low even in those cases in which they are far ahead of the book values or earning power indicated by accountants' statements. The idea of a "new era" in which economic laws are suspended or rendered obsolete, and in which a generally higher level for stocks

all around is made to prevail, is a very favorite one. Much has been said of it and even as yet a great number of persons are reluctant to give it up.

There is no way whatever of forecasting business conditions or stock market prices except as the result of individual insight and foresight based upon all available information. No amount of indexes, diagrams or mathematical computations will detect the point at which a change from a high level to a low level is likely to occur. There are fundamental principles in business that must be observed and whose violation will inevitably be penalized, but there is also a very large human element which tends to disturb the application or working out of these laws and to render the exact time at which they will produce their fullest effects entirely

incalculable. Forecasting has not been reduced to an exact science and probably never will be. When it is used in the service of interested corporations and individuals it is seen at its worst, and it may then do an unlimited amount of harm to the investor who would otherwise have kept within narrower limits and cut his losses to a basis that he could more or less afford.

The break in prices conveys a good many disagreeable lessons, but none of them is more significant than that which enforces upon the mind of the public the wisdom of guiding itself by its own information and of refusing to accept the interested forecasts of professional advisers who have no reason for claiming greater knowledge than that which is possessed by the rank and file of the committee.

## Indications of Business Activity

### THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

*Friday Night, Oct. 25 1929.*

Of course the event overshadowing everything else during the past week has been the great collapse in the stock market in an enormously overbought position and a breath-taking decline throughout a long list of active stocks. The decline in various issues were anywhere from 2 to 96 points, but to-day the market showed signs of stabilization on a better technical position and skillful efforts of a committee of leading bankers looking to a steadying of prices. The transactions in stocks on the 24th inst. exceeded anything ever before known in the history of Wall Street reaching a total indeed of approximately 13,000,000 shares. Money has latterly been 5 to 6%. Foreign exchange had advanced. Bills and time money have declined. Brokers' loans have dropped some \$167,000,000. Bonds have latterly been more active at some advance. The slogan in some directions was "sell stocks and buy bonds." Some economists take the ground that the decline was due almost solely to technical conditions. It is agreed that the foundations of American business are sound. President Hoover, a keen observer of economics, concurs in this judgment. Powerful banking interests are watching the market sharply and United States Steel as one of the barometers of the list has to all appearances been pegged at around 204. There were many big advances to-day. The drastic liquidation has had a salutary effect. It will be a chastened market for some time to come. And if there is none of the wildness of recent speculation with its violent advances in a single day it is something that need not be regretted.

Commodity markets have all been swayed more or less by stocks. Wheat ended at a net decline for the week of about 8 cents, with export demand light until to-day when it was estimated at a couple of million bushels of hard winter and Manitoba. The Argentine wheat crop is expected to be 73,000,000 bushels smaller than that of last year and the Australian yield 50,000,000 to 60,000,000 bushels smaller, so that the statistical position is much stronger than it was at one time. Moreover liquidation of weak long holdings has been heavy, so that the technical position is stronger. As for corn, it has acted very well during the past week. The technical position is strong. Statistics on the surface tend to encourage higher prices. At the same time the quality of the new crop corn is generally high and with recent good rains have helped the pastures and the feeding demand is therefore smaller. The crop movement in oats is small and there is a good cash demand. At the same time stocks at terminal points have steadily increased and they are now some 10,000,000 bushels larger than at this time last year. Rye has declined, but only to a moderate extent, although export demand is still lacking. Provisions are lower owing partly to heavy receipts of hogs at all western terminal points causing heavy liquidation, especially as the export demand has been small.

Cotton has acted on the whole remarkably well. It has advanced some 30 to 40 points net during the week in spite of momentary decline at one time coincident with the big drop in stocks and grain. Killing frosts have occurred over wide tracts of the Southwest and crop prospects, especially in Texas, seem to have come to an end for the season. An interesting event early in the week was an announcement from Washington that the Farm Board considered prices of raw cotton too low and that it was ready to lend freely on cotton up to 16 cents for middling  $\frac{7}{8}$  inch staple. This had a more or less bracing effect both here and at the South

as well as in Liverpool. Moreover there has been a steady demand from the trade and to-day Europe seemed more inclined to buy. The ginning total up to Oct. 17 approximated 9,100,000 bales which was considerably larger than expected, but the effect was transient. The weekly statistics were rather bearish than otherwise, as the into-sight figures were still large, as compared with last year. Print cloths have been quiet and of late prices have declined  $\frac{1}{2}$ c. Most of the buying too has been for immediate or nearby delivery. The trade in sheetings has been mostly in small orders. Only a fair business has been done in fine and fancy cotton cloths. In finished cottons there was less business especially in wash fabrics. On the other hand there was a steady demand for colored cottons, sheets, tickings and other goods. Only moderate sales have been made of worsted and woolens and most of the trading has been in spring lines. Wool has been in only moderate demand without particular changes in prices. Raw silk was quiet and steady.

In steel the best business was in the heavier kinds notably in locomotives. The Pennsylvania Road took 100. There was a pretty good business in structural material and pipe.

Retail trade was smaller. Jobbing business was fairly active. Wholesale and retail trade is smaller than a year ago. Industry is better than then. On the other hand sheets and strips have been in smaller demand. Pig iron has remained quiet. In leather there was a smaller trade. The automobile industry is still quiet. Building remains on a comparatively moderate scale. Building materials have naturally under the circumstances sold less readily. Prices for canned goods were firmer, with only small stocks carried over from last year. Lumber production has declined further, but on the other hand trade has increased somewhat on the North Pacific Coast. Prices of California petroleum declined following futile attempts to reduce production. Activity in mining in Montana has been noticeable. Rubber has declined 1 to  $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. partly owing to the fall in stocks but also in part because of the weakness in foreign markets, and some disappointment that consumption has not increased. Coffee declined 100 to 230 points owing both to the collapse in Wall Street and falling prices in Brazil and Europe, together with heavy liquidation at home and abroad. Sugar has been dull so far as prompt Cuban raws are concerned and futures have been weakened about 10 points by the declines in the stock market and other commodities. Car loadings again show a decrease below the total of last year. The coal trade has been better owing to snows at the West.

The stock market had violent fluctuations early in the week. Then on the 23rd inst. came a decline of 2 to 87 points on liquidation of tired holders and hammering evidently by a bear clique. Auburn Motor fell 87 points. The total transactions approximated 6,400,000 shares. More than 2,600,000 shares were sold in the last hour on the 23rd inst.

Stocks on what will be an ever memorable Thursday, Oct. 24 1929 reached the greatest activity in the history of Wall Street. The transactions of approximately 13,000,000 shares (12,894,650 shares) were at a decline of 2 to  $25\frac{1}{4}$  points net following a swift rally of 2 to 45 points from the early low. At Washington the decline was watched with great interest. Some Senators suggested an investigation of the Federal Reserve Banking system. Senator Glass of Virginia one of the authors of the Reserve Banking Act urged again the imposition of an excise tax of 5% on sales of stocks which have not been held over 60 days. A conference of bankers was held at J. P. Morgan & Co. at the

24th inst. Representatives of 35 of the largest brokerage houses in Wall Street were said to have held a conference Thursday afternoon and it was remarked after the meeting that the market is in a more healthy condition now than at any time in the last six weeks. Many brokers' offices in the Wall Street district worked all night and because of the overtaxed conditions resulting from the heavy trade, an agitation was started yesterday in favor of closing the New York Stock Exchange to-morrow, Saturday. It will not be done. It is noticeable that the decline in stocks has brought average prices down to the year's opening level.

To-day trading in stocks was 77 minutes behind and the sales were roughly 5,900,000 shares. The ticker recorded sales until 4:35 p. m. Closing prices were generally 2 to 3 points net advance and were more numerous than the declines. Bonds were higher. Foreign Exchange was generally lower. Call money was firm at 6%. The Bill market and time money were lower.

At New Bedford, Mass. the Nashawena Mills, which has been operating its mill on a four day week schedule closing Thursday night, resumed full capacity operations on the 21st inst. and will run the full six days per week, both in its Mill B and its Mill A. The Nashua Manufacturing Co. is running at normal speed with day and night shifts. Orders are being booked which will insure capacity operations for the rest of the slack season, usually ending in December, when production of goods for next year's market will start. The local mill is being operated on a schedule of 93 hours a week, five days and four nights. At Lockhart, S. C. the Lockhart plant of Monarch Mills is on a slight curtailment program. For the night help one hour is deducted each night, while for the day help the plant does not run at all Saturday. This plant has 63,988 spindles and a battery of 1,700 looms, and manufactures four-yard sheetings and prints. Greenville, S. C. reports that three South Carolina cotton mills employing a total of 1,500 persons have announced a 50 hour week of five days, a reduction of 5 hours from previous schedule. Charlotte, N. C. reports that there is some yarn mill curtailment therefore orders were scarce. The cloth mills there are about holding their own. Marion, N. C. wired Oct. 22 that strikers at the plant of the Marion Manufacturing Co. were prepared to hold out indefinitely labor officials said, heartened by the backing of the American Federation of Labor, &c. About 250 of the normal force of workers at the plant, 600 persons, are said to be on strike.

Chicago wired that the unusually warm weather recently had very noticeably cut down the retail trade. The week has been, as a rule, rather mild here, but on the 23rd inst. the rainfall was heavy with a rather high wind. Yesterday it was clear and rather warm. To-day it was 47 to 54 degrees. Boston overnight was 46 to 68, Montreal 40 to 50, Philadelphia 42 to 60, Portland, Md. 44 to 58, Chicago 34 to 44, Cincinnati 36 to 40, Cleveland 40 to 46, Detroit 36 to 44, Milwaukee 36 to 48, Kansas City 40 to 54, St. Paul 36 to 52, St. Louis 40 to 50, Helena 32 to 58, Los Angeles 58 to 84, Portland, Ore. 48 to 74, San Francisco 52 to 66, Seattle 48 to 66.

#### Trade and Industry in U. S. as Viewed by Statisticians in Industry Operating Under Auspices of National Industrial Conference Board—Production and Distribution Above Last Year.

Both, production and distribution activity, have been continuing well above last year's level, according to the October report of the Conference of Statisticians in Industry, operating under the auspices of the National Industrial Conference Board, 247 Park Ave., New York. It is stated that while business activity on the whole has remained on a high level, necessarily there has been some shifting in the degree of activity from one industry to another. Slight recessions in the iron and steel and automobile industries thus, it is noted, were balanced in part by an increase in operations in several divisions of the textile group and in coal mining, due in part, of course to seasonal influences. Declining demands upon the steel industry from automobile manufacturers, were offset to an extent by increased demands for railroad equipment. Bituminous coal production has been larger, since Aug. 1, than for the same period in any recent year with the exception of 1926. The report also observes that newspaper advertising continues to run well above last year's appropriations, indicative of optimism among dealers as regards available fall business.

While in several of the heavier industries stocks on hand are more than normal, indicating a slackening of demand in

those particular commodities, that is ascribed to conservatism on part of buyers and as having obviated all danger of commodity price inflation. The full text of the October report of the Conference of Statisticians in Industry follows:

#### 1. Summary.

Activity in both production and distribution during the summer was well above the level of the previous year. September reports show that the latest month has been in general a continuation of the large activity in recent months. Several divisions of the textile group and coal mining indicated a tendency towards increased activity. New styles in women's apparel bid fair to cause an increase in sales during the fall and spring seasons. Demand as shown by newspaper advertising continues well above last year. Soft coal production has been larger since Aug. 1 than for any recent year, except 1926, and because of small stocks in consumers' bins liberal production seems likely to continue. Although iron and steel operations decreased slightly, several new production records were established and railway equipment demand is a very favorable factor. Due to a continuation of the small volume of residential building, total construction contracts let were smaller than a year ago. More than normal stocks in several of the heavier industries indicate that there has been a slight slackening in the volume of consumption in these particular classifications; but this appears to be the natural result of conditions which have tended toward conservatism but have obviated all danger of commodity price inflation and excessive business activity. The general price trend has been downward since the end of July and commodity prices are now below the level of a year ago. While the automobile industry and a few others give evidence of further recession until stocks are reduced, probable increased activity in other directions is expected to lend support to the general business level.

Preliminary reports of the production of electric power indicated a continuance of activity in industrial operations in September at substantially the level that prevailed during August. While business was not so intense as in the earlier months of the summer, it was still well above the normal level in New England, the Middle Atlantic States, and to a lesser extent in the region of the industrial South. A considerable slackening in industrial activity was, however, evident in the heavy manufacturing States bordering the Great Lakes, together with the Missouri industrial district. The mining region of the Mountain States continued at the lower rates which prevailed throughout the summer, the consumption of electric power showing an actual decrease below the amount used the year before. Allowing for the demands for irrigation pumpign, the figures for electric output indicated a level of activity on the Pacific Coast but little different from last year. Production of hydro-electric power was affected at some points by drought. This was reflected in consumption of coal and fuel oil and the coal traffic of railways.

#### 2. Automobiles, Rubber, Petroleum.

September production of motor vehicles is estimated at 427,000, being 2.2% under September a year ago and 16.8% under August of this year. During the nine months ending with September production reached 4,870,000, or 269,000 more than the full record year of 1928. Due to the extraordinary high level of output during the first three quarters, the let-up in the present quarter of the year is expected to be larger than usual. Dealers' stocks of new and used cars are larger than normal. New registrations of cars and trucks during the first eight months gained 37.2% over the same period of 1928; foreign sales increased 40%; and production 37.2% over the corresponding months of last year.

Consumption of crude rubber in September amounted to 34,707 tons, a decrease of 9% as compared with August. The cumulative consumption for the first nine months of this year showed an increase of 14% over the same period in 1928. Imports of crude rubber for August were 2,000 tons less than consumption and 15% less than August imports.

The domestic production of crude petroleum from Jan. 1 to the end of August showed an increase of 82 million barrels over the same period of 1928. The August production was the largest for any month of the period. Gasoline production for the same period was 41 million barrels greater in 1929 than in 1928, while domestic consumption increased only 31 million barrels. Imports increased two million barrels during the same period over 1928. Exports of gasoline increased some five million barrels, while the balance represents an increase of about seven million barrels in gasoline stocks. The production of both crude oil and gasoline are increasing faster than the domestic demand for gasoline. According to the estimates of the American Petroleum Institute, there was a drop in the daily average crude oil production for the week ended Oct. 5 1929 of 86,400 barrels from the all-time high record for the week ended Aug. 31 1929. Daily average crude oil production for the week ended Oct. 12 declined 48,950 barrels from the week of Oct. 5 and was reported at 2,838,100 barrels a day for the United States.

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

Viewed in the light of the fact that the average daily rate of pig iron production set a new record for September and total production for the first nine months of this year is also a new record, the decline of 4.6% in the average daily rate from August to September does not seem especially unfavorable. The average growth in the average monthly production during the past four years has been 5.4%. So far this year monthly production has been so high that it could be reduced approximately 17% in the present quarter without being very much out of line with normal expectations. However, at present this seems unlikely with a reported improved demand from stove, furnace and radiator manufacturers and foundries supplying the railroads even though melters serving the automotive industry show some lack of confidence in their probable future requirements.

Iron ore shipments from Upper Lake ports, as is customary, declined in September from August. However, compared with September in past years the tonnage has been exceeded only twice, 1916 and 1926. Total shipments for the season to Oct. 1 at 53,300,000 tons established a new record for the industry. For the eight months of this year ending with August imports of iron ore were 23% greater than in the same period of last year.

Steel ingot production last month, declining only 1.1% from the daily rate in August, established two new records, one for a September daily rate and the other for total production in the nine months' period. For the past four years the monthly average output has been growing at about 8% per annum. The high rate so far this year could be reduced about 16% and still result in an annual figure in keeping with reasonable expectations. Production frequently declines in the last quarter and frequently increases after the first of the year. However, even if the anticipated recession in automobile output is realized, increased demand for railway equipment should tend to sustain production over the remainder of the year. The possibility for even increased activity on the part of some of the mills during the present month is seen in an increase of 244 thousand

tons in the unfilled order of the United States Steel Corp. on Sept. 30 when compared with the figure for the end of August. This is the first time in six months there has been an increase.

In the machine tool industry the index of gross orders stood at 265.8 in September compared with 286.1 for August (the 1922-3-4 average taken as 100). The recent exposition is expected to stimulate buying. Although cancellations increased somewhat and September shipments slipped off, the ratio of unfilled orders to shipments was at the highest point since the start of the gathering of data on shipments. The apparent backlog represents nearly three months full operation.

According to a telegraphic report from the National Metal Trades Association, with the report from one city still missing, employment increased in 16 cities during September and declined in 16. A number of the declines were marked while most increases were relatively slight.

The new earning records and traffic prospects of the railroads are being reflected in increased purchases of equipment and other improvements to plant. Steelworks dependent upon this type of work have curtailed operations less than those selling for the most part to the automobile industry. Freight car awards reported for September were approximately 66% more than in the preceding month and 244% more than in September a year ago. Nine more locomotives were ordered last month than shipped and approximately three times those ordered in August. Unfilled orders on Sept. 30 were only 7 less than on Aug. 31 and 251 more than at the end of September a year ago. Passenger car orders fell off but rail orders during September were approximately 4 times those in August. That the renewed activity is more than temporary is indicated from the reports of contemplated purchases noted during the present month.

Refined copper production in the two Americas in September decreased 9.6% from August and 2.0% from September a year ago. For the first 9 months of this year the increase has been 17.0% compared with the same period of 1928. Total shipments last month increased 1.4% over August and stock at the end of the month showed a decrease of 9.2%.

Lead production, refined and antimonial, in the United States and Mexico last month decreased 7.3%.

Zinc production decreased 3.6% in September from August, and total shipments 7.4%. Stocks during the month increased 11.6%.

#### 4. Building Construction. Lumber and Cement.

Construction contracts awarded during September amounted to \$445,402,300, according to the F. W. Dodge Corp. This total represents a decline of 9% from the preceding month, a decline which is somewhat more than seasonal. Compared with September, 1928, the decline amounted to 23% which is not necessarily significant, however, because the September, 1928 record did not show the usual seasonal decline and, consequently, was an unusually high total with which to compare the current month. In short, the September contract record was a continuation of the decline which has been in progress for the past seventeen months and due chiefly to the slowing up in residential construction.

Total contracts awarded during the first quarter of this year amounted to \$1,255,900, during the second quarter to \$1,775,800, and during the third quarter to \$1,586,700. Compared with the corresponding periods of 1928, these quarterly totals represent a decline of 16% for the first quarter, 9% for the second quarter, and 6% for the third quarter. Although these totals show some comparative improvement, there is still no indication in the records of an immediate change in the trend which has prevailed throughout this year.

The usual Fall activity in lumber demand has been slow in developing this year. However, consuming industries are coming into the market, the volume of inquiry for railroad material is increasing, stocks continue low, and production continues under a partial although inadequate measure of control. A large number of mills, embracing West Coast districts, have announced their intention to reduce production during September, October and November. Mills in the Inland Empire also are reducing their cut, most of the large operations running eight-hour shifts, five days a week. Demand from North Atlantic States continues slow, due largely to the tapering off of speculative building in that section. The stocks of unsold lumber in Southern California have decreased within the past two or three weeks but are still in excess of what they were a year ago. China continues to be the best market in the Orient for American lumber.

Although shipments of Portland cement declined 12.9% in September from August, a decreased production of 7.3% in the same period left a 13.3% decrease in the stocks on Aug. 31 as compared with Sept. 30. For the first nine months of this year production has decreased 2.3% and shipments 2.0% in comparison with the same period of 1928.

#### 5. Textiles, Shoes, Hides and Leather.

September volume of business in staple fabrics showed a seasonal expansion. Production was heavy, but sales were 38% more than production. Shipments were also heavy, being 7% more than production. Compared with a year ago present conditions show improvement. Stocks at the end of September were 17.3% less than on the same date in 1928. Unfilled orders were 10.3% more than a year ago; as of Sept. 30 1929, the excess of unfilled orders over stocks was equivalent to one and one-half weeks' production at the current rate. On the same date of 1928 stocks were in excess of orders.

The average imports of raw silk for the first nine months of this year, according to the report of the Silk Association of America, Inc., increased 11.4% over the same period a year ago. The average takings by American Mills during the same period have increased 9.2%. The wholesale sales (quantity not value) of silk goods in August increased 26.0% over the July sales and 20.4% over those in August a year ago. Stocks at the end of August showed an increase of 0.6% over the July stocks and 3.1% over those in August a year ago.

Wool consumption in grease equivalent continues to show a substantial increase over the corresponding period of 1928. August total consumption was not only the largest since Jan. 1929, but also the greatest August since 1922. Loom activity is greater than last year, those on women's wear being distinctly more active. Cards, the machinery preparing for woollen yarns, are less active and combs, which process wool for worsted yarns, are busier than for several years. Correspondingly woollen spindles are slowing down and worsted spindles are speeding up. The continuing fall in price levels of wool have caused many manufacturers to suffer from substantial inventory losses.

The apparent average monthly consumption of rayon by weight during the first seven months of this year was running approximately 30% more than in the same period last year. On the weight basis increases of 28% in domestic production and 48% in imports were indicated from a comparison of the two periods, imports last year amounting to 13.1% of production. Stocks of many of the more popular sizes of yarn of some of the leading makes are reported to be low with demand active. If demand continues and there is no undue expansion in imports, the plans of the producers this year should give a total domestic output a little more than double that of 1926.

Shoe production usually increases in August as compared with July. However, last August, increasing 20.1% over the preceding month, and 3.8% over the same month a year ago established a new record for all time. August sales of the reporting firms in most of the chief manufacturing areas

were reported exceptionally active. Stocks of cattle hides on Aug. 31st last increased 4.2% over July 31st and 2.8% over August 31st a year ago. On the other hand, stocks of sole leather decreased 5% and 7% from July 31 1929, and Aug. 31 1928, respectively. In the Boston market hide and leather prices were firmer in August and September.

#### 6. Paper.

Production of news print paper in North America in September totaled 358,000 tons of which Canada supplied 64%, the United States 30% and Newfoundland 6%. Production during the first 9 months of 1929 was 9% greater than during the same period in 1928, the increase being 15% in Canada and 10% in Newfoundland compared with a decrease of 1% in the United States. Stocks at both producing and consuming points are normal. Consumption of news print paper is running about 7% ahead of last year.

Newspaper advertising is showing the usual seasonal increase and the year's total to date is about 5% more than in 1928.

The total production of all grades of paper as reported to the American Paper & Pulp Association, for the first 8 months of 1929 shows a 7% increase over the corresponding period in 1928. The total shipments of all grades of paper for the first 8 months of 1929 ran 8% ahead of shipments for the same period in 1928. Stocks on hand, at the end of Aug. 1929, were approximately 8% lower than at the end of Aug. 1928. The greatest increases in the production of paper occurred in the book, paperboard, bag, writing and tissue grades.

#### 7. Coal.

The Bureau of Mines estimates the output of bituminous coal for the month of September as 44,480,000 net tons. The revised figures for August show 43,889,000 tons. This indicates an apparent moderate increase of less than 1.5%. However, when these figures are reduced to daily averages the situation is quite different. In August there were 27 full working days, and the average daily production was 1,626,000 net tons. In September, on the other hand, there were 24 full days and Labor Day, with approximately three-tenths normal production. On that basis the average daily output in September was 1,830,000 tons, and the increase over August was approximately 12.5%.

According to the compilation of car requirements for the remainder of the year recently issued by the American Railway Association, the bituminous coal industry is going to produce approximately 153,000,000 tons of coal during the last quarter. If that situation is realized the output for the year will amount to 535,000,000 tons as against an average annual output for the last five years of 517,500,000 tons.

In the first week of October, when a slight recession was naturally looked for, the production of anthracite coal amounted to 1,726,000 tons, which was, with the exception of the preceding week, the largest tonnage during the present year, so that mines are now working practically to capacity. The production for the four weeks of September amounted to 5,745,000 gross tons, an increase of practically one half million tons over the corresponding period of 1928. As a result of this activity, the total production for the year to the close of September exceeded that of the corresponding period in 1928, notwithstanding the almost unprecedented slump that occurred during the summer months.

#### 8. Trade, Domestic and Foreign.

Retail demand in September as shown by the sales of department and chain stores continued to run above last year. Although varying considerably in different parts of the country the aggregate reports from 529 department stores indicated an increase of 1.9% over the same month a year ago. Forty-nine representative chain store companies reported a gain of 18.3% over the same month a year ago and an increase of 25.4% in sales during the first nine months of this year as compared with the corresponding period of last year. However, in the case of chain stores no allowance has been made for possible variations in the number of distributing units.

Distribution of commodities as shown by the sales of wholesale trade, increased seasonally, 18% in August over July. While the greatest gains were in men's clothing, dry goods and furniture, each of the eight reporting lines increased except meats and the increases were fairly general over the country. Compared with August a year ago there was a total gain of 3% and while small gains were indicated for all the eight reporting lines they were not so generally distributed geographically.

Sales of agricultural machinery and equipment in August increased seasonally 3.5% over July and 4.9% over August a year ago. In the export market there was a decided increase in August over July but a decided decrease when compared with August a year ago. For the first eight months of this year exports were 23% more than in the same period last year and established a new record.

Sales of finished manufactures abroad in August formed a smaller proportion of the total than in July, partly due to the fact that exports of foodstuffs showed their usual seasonal increase. For the eight months ended with August, finished manufactures and crude foodstuffs indicated a slight increase over the corresponding months of the year previous while crude materials, manufactured foodstuffs and semi-manufactures showed a slight decrease.

Freight car loadings during September, on a daily average basis, were 1.6% more than in the corresponding period of last year. For the first week of this month there was a decrease from the preceding week as well as the corresponding week of last year.

The estimate for freight car loadings in the last quarter of this year, made by the Regional Shippers' Advisory Boards, whose estimate for the second quarter when checked in the Atlantic States Territory showed an error of only 1.01%, is not quite so optimistic as in the past three quarters. However, with an anticipated increase of 2.3% in the present fourth quarter over the same period a year ago, which compares with an increase of 6.6% between 1927 and 1928, and a decrease of 7.2% between the record year of 1926 and 1927, a new record year in freight car loadings seems to be in prospect. Although a decrease for the remainder of the year is expected in the shipments of a number of agricultural products compared with the same period last year, one of the chief reasons for the relatively small total increase estimated is the anticipated decline in wheat until the export surplus from the low priced countries is moved. Loadings of automobiles, trucks and parts are counted upon to increase 16.3%.

The index of wholesale prices, compiled weekly by the National Fertilizer Association, has shown a downward trend since the latter part of July, and the curve of this index has ranged below that of 1928 since early March. Commodity prices are now approximately 1.5% below the level of a year ago. The moderate supply of corn, wheat, cotton and white potatoes points toward satisfactory prices for these crops. The present high money rates in the world's leading banking centers, however, have undoubtedly reduced the tendency towards higher prices in these commodities during the past three months.

Liabilities in mercantile defaults, according to the records of R. G. Dun & Co., increased 1.1% in September from August and less than 1% over September a year ago. For the past nine months liabilities showed a decrease of 10.9% from the amount reported during the first nine months of 1928. The number of failures in September decreased 11.0% from August.





**Business Outlook as Viewed by First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee.**

Under date of Oct. 15 the general business outlook is reviewed in part as follows by the First Wisconsin National Bank, Milwaukee, Wis., with which are affiliated the First Wisconsin Trust Co. and the First Wisconsin Co. (investments).

Final reports for September indicate that industrial activity in a number of lines fell short of the expected seasonal rise. Iron and steel outputs were down moderately from the month before and decrease in automobile production was considerably more than normal. A factor of much importance bearing upon the immediate future is the sagging tendency of construction contracts which were off about 25% in both September and August from the same months of last year. Somewhat favorable is the increase of over 244,000 tons in United States Steel unfilled orders which is largely attributable to orders for railroad equipment and track materials. Over against this, however, must be set the probability of continued falling off in building and automobile production.

Assurances have been expressed from time to time that high money rates would have no restrictive effect upon business. Aside from the fact that this would be contrary to all past experience, there are now plain indications that long-continued tension in the money market has had a depressing influence in at least three directions.

The major portion of total building construction is financed with borrowed money. This is true of practically all residential building and public works and to a considerable extent of commercial and industrial projects. The proceeds of new capital issues usually go into construction of some kind or other and so create a demand for labor and materials. During recent months a substantial part of new capital issues has consisted of securities of investment trusts and finance companies, proceeds of which are used to purchase securities already existing or are loaned on call. Excluding these, the amount of new capital available for construction has been well below that of recent years. The reason for this is that borrowers have been unwilling to pay the high current rates for money.

Again, it is very noticeable that foreign borrowings in this country have declined since the middle of last year to almost negligible proportions in the recent past. Not only that, but the rate for call money in New York has been so high that it has attracted funds from all over the world thereby creating scarcity of credit and capital, high interest rates and depression of foreign exchanges. How this works against our interests is seen in the slowness of the wheat movement. With sterling exchange hovering around the gold export point, it is expensive to finance wheat imports. Consequently, England as well as other importing countries have held off from buying wheat. The Federal Reserve Banks are alleviating this situation by liberal purchases of acceptances for export financing at a lower rate than the London rate.

Finally, high money rates have been instrumental in creating a weak technical situation in the stock market itself. Since the severe reaction of last May, the public has been less and less disposed to pay high rates for money to purchase low-yield stocks. The investment trusts and finance companies were largely responsible for the rapid advance in the prices of high grade stocks during the summer, but the time came when even they withdrew support. The extraordinarily rapid rise in brokers' loans in September, taken in connection with indications of recession in business precipitated the severest decline during the last days of September and the first days of October that had occurred since March 1926.

It is a healthy thing that there should be a slowing down in certain over-expanded lines of business and even more desirable that there should be some moderation introduced into the speculative situation. A great effort has been made to show that rapidly expanding collateral and brokers' loans promote business prosperity, but things do not appear to be working out that way. It is not reasonable to believe that bidding up the price of money to the point of hardship for those who have to borrow is good for anybody in the long run. All over the world money tension and depressed commodity prices have resulted from the over-exploitation of our security markets. Signs are beginning to appear of a reaction against this too great concentration upon the mere turnover of security values and a return of money to normal channels.

**Building Permits for September Lower than in Previous Years.**

Official reports from 596 leading cities and towns in every part of the United States made to S. W. Straus & Co. showed a total of building permits issued in September of \$218,344,506 compared with \$251,193,426 in September last year. The loss from August was 13% and from September 1928, was 20%. The figures are without special significance, it is stated, excepting that they indicate a continuation of the downward trend in urban building activities that has been in existence throughout the greater part of the year. A study of the reports reveals that the losses were fairly well scattered throughout the country with no acute falling off in any particular section. To a large extent the decline is in the smaller types of construction.

The figures mark the fifth consecutive month that the Straus "Survey" has revealed losses in the volume of building permits in the leading centers of the country. As compared with the same months a year ago, the loss in May was 19%, in June 29%, in July 13%, and in August 18%. It is to be noted that the decline in the largest centers of population was somewhat greater than in the smaller cities. For example, building permits issued in the fifteen largest cities totaled \$96,920,607 compared with \$136,107,473 in September 1928, a loss of 29%. The heaviest falling off in this group was in New York, Chicago, Philadelphia, Boston and Baltimore. The "Survey" goes on to add:

*25 Leading Cities.*

In the group of 25 cities reporting the largest volume of permits filed for the month, the total was \$121,603,158, compared with \$147,026,152 last

year and \$164,108,497 in Sept. 1927. The loss from last September was 17% and from September two years ago 26%.

Buffalo was included in this list, ranking fourth with a total of over \$7,000,000 permits issued for the month. Aside from that city, Newark, Cincinnati, Oklahoma City, Cambridge, Mass., Cleveland, Kearny, N. J., Jersey City, N. J., Portland, Ore., Flint, Mich., and Louisville revealed gains over the corresponding month of the preceding year.

*Many States Gain.*

Gains were reported in building permits issued in the leading cities of the following States: Florida, Idaho, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Michigan, New Jersey, Oklahoma, Oregon, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Washington and Wisconsin.

*Building Materials*

The falling off in building activity during the past month was reflected to some extent in the cost of building materials. Portland cement which has been weak for some time experienced further declines of from 10 to 20 cents per barrel. Towards the end of the month there was a slight easing in the price of structural steel shapes and bars especially at the Pittsburgh mills. No change was reported in common brick and lumber.

*Labor Conditions.*

Declines in construction volume are tending to increase unemployment which is not being off-set by the five-day week in the cities where this short week plan is in operation. For the month a few advances in wages are reported, particularly a 10% increase in New York City. Boston steam-fitters and plumbers have been advanced from \$1.37½ per hour to \$1.50. Indications are that wages are now near the high point of 1920, except that nine years ago high wages were in large part due to an inflated currency.

Considerable jurisdictional trouble has been experienced in Boston and appeals have been taken to the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor to seek relief which, if satisfactorily granted may establish a precedent for jurisdictional difficulties in other parts of the country.

**25 CITIES REPORTING LARGEST VOLUME OF PERMITS FOR SEPT. 1929, WITH COMPARISONS.**

	Sept. 1929.	Sept. 1928.	Sept. 1927.	Aug. 1929.
New York (plans filed)-----	\$31,674,925	\$57,549,387	\$62,175,357	\$42,130,349
Chicago-----	11,316,200	19,670,700	27,346,700	18,131,000
Detroit-----	9,928,308	10,567,879	15,087,288	9,823,611
Buffalo-----	7,490,606	1,329,221	1,980,072	1,560,907
Los Angeles-----	6,629,710	8,505,327	9,274,218	5,511,772
Newark-----	5,530,008	3,174,535	2,899,911	3,076,538
Cincinnati-----	5,138,415	3,231,990	2,720,991	4,511,975
Oklahoma City-----	3,905,715	1,468,125	1,001,394	2,105,500
Philadelphia-----	3,760,510	6,255,770	12,291,840	3,053,135
Milwaukee-----	3,606,744	4,071,925	3,019,052	3,055,553
Baltimore-----	3,249,240	6,605,500	2,263,100	3,576,360
Washington-----	3,232,900	3,967,155	1,774,220	2,272,580
Pittsburgh-----	2,860,677	3,024,349	2,146,312	1,772,265
Cambridge-----	2,738,045	196,047	636,818	233,605
St. Louis-----	2,403,764	2,911,732	3,849,203	2,309,698
Cleveland-----	2,087,250	2,028,725	2,659,075	2,857,475
Kearny, N. J.-----	2,051,185	177,100	439,570	320,075
Jersey City-----	2,030,770	1,295,035	922,055	539,240
Portland-----	1,862,845	1,281,225	1,496,305	865,050
San Francisco-----	1,842,015	2,442,080	3,109,832	3,005,638
Flint-----	1,837,829	1,434,728	1,994,374	1,500,663
Louisville-----	1,682,160	1,415,520	2,107,585	722,350
Houston-----	1,622,669	1,904,054	1,446,437	2,369,429
Indianapolis-----	1,590,172	2,041,038	1,445,084	1,836,705
Oakland, Calif.-----	1,530,496	1,677,005	1,436,304	915,635
	\$121,603,158	\$147,026,152	\$164,108,497	\$118,147,414

**Building Permits Also Show a Moderate Decline in the Dominion of Canada.**

The value of the building permits issued by 61 cities in the Dominion of Canada during September, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics, stood at \$17,107,963; this was a decrease of \$4,452,398, or 20.7%, as compared with the total of \$21,560,361 reported in August, and of \$3,266,136, or 16.2%, in comparison with the exceptionally high total of \$20,374,149 recorded in September of last year. The September 1929 total was, however, greater than in the same month of any other year of the record except 1928, while the cumulative total for the first nine months of this year exceeds by over \$20,000,000 that for the same months in 1928, the previous high level since 1920. The report continues as follows:

Some 50 cities furnished detailed statistics, showing that they had issued nearly 1,200 permits for dwellings estimated to cost approximately \$5,200,000 and over 3,000 permits for other buildings valued at almost \$11,400,000. During August authority was granted for the erection of about 1,400 dwellings and 2,800 other buildings, estimated at approximately \$6,000,000 and \$13,500,000, respectively.

Nova Scotia, Quebec, and British Columbia reported increases in the estimated value of building as compared with August 1929, Nova Scotia showing greatest advance of \$418,277, or 109.5%. Of the declines in the remaining Provinces, that of \$1,876,752, or 66.4% in Alberta, was most pronounced.

As compared with September 1928, there were gains in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Saskatchewan, and Alberta, of which that of \$727,837 in Nova Scotia was greatest. In Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, and British Columbia reductions were indicated, the last named showing the most extensive loss of \$1,941,730, or 57.1%.

Of the larger cities, Montreal, Toronto, and Winnipeg registered lower totals of permits issued than in either the preceding month or the same month of last year; in Vancouver there was an increase in the former, but a decrease in the latter comparison. Of the other centres, Halifax, Sydney, St. John, Quebec, Westmount, Chatham, Guelph, London, Ottawa, St. Catharines, Welland, Windsor, East Windsor, Sandwich, St. Boniface, Moose Jaw, Saskatoon and Kamloops showed gains in both comparisons.

*Cumulative Record for First Nine Months, 1929.*

The following table gives the value of the building authorized by 61 cities during September, and in the first nine months of each year since 1920, as well as index numbers for the latter, based upon the total for the corresponding period of 1920 as 100. The average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials in the first nine months of the years since 1920 are also given (average, 1926=100)

Year.	Value of Permits Issued in September.	Value of Permits Issued in First 9 Months.	Indexes of Value of Permits Issued First 9 Months (1920=100).	Avg. Indexes of Wholesale Prices of Bldg. Mats. in First 9 Months (1926=100).
1920-----	\$17,107,963	\$185,714,022	193.2	99.6
1928-----	20,374,149	165,621,634	172.2	97.8
1927-----	14,462,243	141,152,535	146.8	95.8
1926-----	11,047,503	120,163,936	125.0	100.7
1925-----	10,140,853	98,364,181	102.3	104.2
1924-----	15,055,250	96,817,333	100.7	108.3
1923-----	10,768,858	108,319,972	112.7	111.7
1922-----	11,597,034	116,778,450	121.5	108.5
1921-----	10,907,828	88,573,442	92.1	126.8
1920-----	9,842,677	96,146,278	100.0	155.3

The aggregate for the first nine months of this year was 12.1% greater than in 1928, the previous high level of the record, while the average index numbers of wholesale prices of building materials continued lower than in most years of the record.

### Industrial Situation in Illinois During September—Slight Gain in Employment—Wages Decline Slightly.

Employment in all Illinois industries was 0.4% greater in September than in August. Payrolls, partly on account of the Labor Day holiday, decreased 1.4%. The employment index of 103.3 is the highest for any month in 1929 and is the highest since Dec. 1926. This information is contained in the review of the industrial situation during September, issued Oct. 23 by Howard B. Myers, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics and Research of the Illinois Department of Labor. Continuing the review says:

The all manufacturing index of 105.8 is the highest index recorded since May, 1924. September factory employment increased 0.7% over the August figure. Payrolls totals decreased 0.9%.

The increase was almost entirely seasonal affecting only four of the major industrial groups: food, textiles, wood products and public utilities.

Slight decreases were indicated in all other major industrial groups. Building suffered the largest percentage of loss.

Reports from 1,445 establishments indicated an increase of employment of 0.4% over the August figure making September employment the highest reported during the last 33 months. Manufacturing industries were slightly higher, the advance being 0.7%. Payrolls in both groups dropped, the decreases for all industries and all manufacturing industries being 1.4 and 0.9% respectively.

Coal mines are still operating part time, forcing many miners into other occupations. In some localities miners work and lay off in shifts so as to give all a chance to work.

Building operations decreased greatly. The largest employment loss is shown in road construction.

Metals, machinery and conveyances, giving employment to over 160,000 people, suffered a slight employment decline of 0.2%, and a payroll decrease of 1.2% as compared with August. The employment loss, however, was not uniform throughout the group. Increases were recorded in the following industries: tools and cutlery, cooking and heating apparatus; brass, copper, zinc and other; electrical apparatus; agricultural implements; instruments and appliances; watches and jewelry. Employment in all other industries in the group decreased with the greatest drop, 3.7%, in sheet metal work and hardware. The iron and steel industries, employing roughly over 90,000 people, reported an 0.8% decrease.

Wood products, due to seasonal demands, reported a 4.0% increase in employment and a corresponding 4.4% increase in payrolls. Furniture and cabinet work firms increased their employment by 8.4% while pianos and musical instruments also recorded a slight increase of 0.8%. The other two members of the group, saw and planing mills and miscellaneous wood products reported employment decreases.

Furs and leather goods, and chemicals, oils and paints, both decreased the number of persons on payrolls. The loss for the first group was 1.0%, while the loss for the second was more severe, 3.0%. Payroll decreases were manifest in both groups. Drugs and chemicals, the heaviest loser, reported a drop of 5.6% in employment.

Printing and paper goods, another large industrial group, reported an employment decrease of 0.6% and a payroll loss of 0.7%. The drop of employment in the job printing industries outweighed increases in all other industries in this group. The decrease reported was 7.4%. Lithographing and engraving on the other hand, increased 8.1% in employment and 15.5% in payrolls over the August figures.

Increases in employment of knit goods and miscellaneous textiles overbalanced losses reported in cotton and woolen goods and thread and twine, resulting in a net increase of 7.3% for the textile group. The payroll increase of 1.6% was due to the same changes.

Clothing and millinery, reported a decrease of 1.1% in employment and 5.4% in payrolls. The only industries to report employment increases were overalls and work clothes, women's underwear and women's hats. Whereas women's hats reported an 18.1% increase, men's shirts and furnishings reported a 10.9% decrease in employment.

Food, beverages and tobacco, one of the groups employing a large number of people, reported a 7.4% increase in employment and a 3.9% increase in payrolls. The additions consisted of a 5.1% increase in employment among males and 18.8% increase among females. Among the industries reporting employment decreases in this group were dairy products, bread and other bakery products, manufactured ice and ice cream. The last two suffered the largest percentages of decrease. Fruit and vegetable canning led the industries reporting increases of employment with 97.5%, while slaughtering and meat packing, the largest industry in the group, reported a 2.7% increase in employment and a 5.4% increase in payrolls.

Non-manufacturing, as a whole, suffered a 0.3% drop in employment and a 2.2% loss in payrolls.

The trade, wholesale and retail, group reported a slight employment decline. Department stores, wholesale dry goods and wholesale groceries reported gains, with all other members of the group reporting decreases in employment.

Services, including hotels, restaurants and laundries, although reporting a 1.7% decrease in employment, maintained its payroll at the August level.

All industries in the public utilities group, with the exception of telephone, reported increases in employment. It is worth noting that although the increase of employment for the group as a whole was only 0.2%, payroll totals exceeded the August figure by 14.5%.

Coal mining, received a slight set-back, reporting a 0.9% decrease in employment and a 6.7% decrease in payrolls. Although many mines

have reopened the lack of markets keeps operations down to part time. Many miners appear to have left coal mining for other occupations.

Building and contracting, is feeling the drop in building permits reported some time ago. The heaviest loser in the group was road construction with an employment loss of 29% and a payroll drop of 22%. Building construction firms reported employment decreases of 5.4% and corresponding payroll losses of 5.7%. Miscellaneous contracting, however, reported a 10.8% increase in employment and an 8.6% increase in payroll totals. Average weekly earnings in this industry of \$42.85 were the highest in the building group.

In his analysis of the industrial situation by cities, Mr. Myers says:

A 3.2% decrease in employment and a 4.8% decrease in payroll totals, although indicating a fairly sharp recession, still compare favorably with a 7.3% decrease in employment and an 8.8% decrease in payroll of September 1928. The declines occurred primarily in the metal working and clothing and millinery groups. The ratio of applicants to 100 positions offered at the free employment office remained practically unchanged.

**Bloomington.**—The August employment decrease of 15.6% was more than offset by the September increase of 26.1%. In keeping with this increase, payroll totals increased 33.1%, whereas they declined 20.2% in August. The resumption of full time work by railroad shops and activities of tomato canning factories aided in the recovery. Candy factories were reported to be working full time on holiday orders. The free employment office reported a surplus of common labor but a ratio of applicants to 100 positions offered of only 107.7.

**Chicago.**—The ratio of applicants to 100 positions offered at the free employment offices increased slightly, from 137.9 in August to 139.9 in September. Reports from 560 establishments, employing over 175,000 men, however, indicated a 0.4% increase in employment over August. Payroll totals, on the other hand, decreased 0.9%. The Labor Day holiday was in a great measure responsible for the drop. Slight increases occurred in the metal, wood and food groups, while slight recessions were noted in the chemical, printing and clothing industries.

**Cicero.**—The average weekly wage of \$39.13 was the highest for male employees for any of the cities. The September average compares favorably with the August average of \$37.77, which in turn was the highest reported in August. Factory employment, according to reported figures, rose 7.7% and was accompanied by a 10.5% increase in payrolls. The unemployment ratio of 189.2 was above that of 181.3 for August.

**Danville.**—A payroll decrease of 4.1% followed in the wake of a 1.5% decrease in employment. It is worth noting that the August factory employment was 2.2% below that of July, which in turn was 8.1% below that of June. The reduction of forces by several brick plants and a foundry was primarily responsible for the drop. Increases, on the other hand, were reported in the printing and clothing groups. Building activities declined, and canning activities were drawing to a close. The unemployment ratio increased to 142.9 from 138.6.

**Decatur.**—Factory employment decreased 3.7 and payrolls 7.1% from the August figures. The reductions occurred primarily in the metal and clothing groups. Building activities were reported to be brisk and as giving employment to many. The free employment reported a demand for farm labor, but an unemployment ratio of 144.7 for September as compared with 123.2 for August.

**East St. Louis.**—The ratio of 105.0 applicants to 100 positions offered at the free employment office compares favorably with the August ratio of 109.5. Reporting firms, however, furnished figures indicating a 3.4% decrease in employment, but a 3.1% increase in payrolls. The average weekly earnings of male and female employees of \$24.73 and \$13.47, respectively, reported for August, rose to \$26.06 and \$14.91 for September.

**Joliet.**—Factory employment changed by slightly during September, the reported figures indicating an increase of 0.9%. Payrolls, however, decreased 4.5%. The decrease is further reflected in reduced average weekly earnings. Calls for male help at the free employment office decreased, while calls for female factory help increased. The unemployment ratio was reported as 147.4, which is a slight increase over the August figure of 141.1.

**Moline.**—Eighteen factories, employing about 3,600 men, reported an increase in employment and payrolls of 4.3 and 7.5%, respectively, over August. The increases occurred primarily in food and metal industries. Building operations are reported to be slowing down.

**Peoria.**—The unemployment ratio decreased from 161.5 for August to 135.2 for September. Figures from 30 reporting firms, however, indicate an opposite trend in employment with an employment decrease of 3%. Payroll totals did not keep step with this decline, but, on the other hand, increased slightly. Metal industries were primarily responsible for the employment decrease.

**Quincy.**—Factory employment and payrolls decreased by 7.7 and 8.3%, respectively, from the August figures. The declines occurred mostly in metal industries. Average weekly earnings for males decreased slightly from the August figures, while female earnings increased. The September figures for the two groups are \$24.38 and \$12.86. The free employment office reported an increased demand for farm help, and a decrease of 16.8 points in the unemployment ratio.

**Rockford.**—Layoffs in plants producing automobile parts appear to be largely responsible for a drop in factory employment of 2.5% and a payroll decrease of 5.1%. The recession is expected to be of a temporary nature and due to a change of automobile models. In contrast with the September 1928 demand for all classes of help by the metal industries, the September 1929 demand was only for first-class tool and die makers. The free employment office reported a large surplus of common labor, but a slight unemployment ratio decrease of 3.6 points.

**Rock Island.**—Additions to forces by the metal industries were primarily responsible for an employment increase of 23.1% and a payroll increase of 13.6%. Building operations were reported as quiet. The ratio of applicants to 100 positions offered at the free employment office dropped from 148.3 for August to 133.8 for September. This ratio is well below that of 150.2 for September 1928.

**Springfield.**—A 1.3% increase in factory employment was accompanied by a 3.1% decrease in payroll totals. While average weekly earnings for males rose from \$24.29 for August to \$27.11 for September, average weekly earnings for females dropped from \$19.73 to \$14.70. Readjustments by several firms in the metal group were largely responsible for the employment increase. However, much of the payroll decrease occurred in the metal industries. Coal mines were reported to be picking up slowly, but street paving and other public improvements were reported to be in full swing. The unemployment ratio dropped to 109.4 from 118.3, the August figure.

**Sterling-Rock Falls.**—Although payroll totals decreased 2.7%, factory employment increased 4.1%. Metal industries were primarily responsible for the employment increase and also for the payroll decrease

The statistics follow:

COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS IN ILLINOIS DURING SEPTEMBER 1929.

Table with 8 columns: Industries, Per Cent Change, Index of Employment (Avg. 1925-27=100), Total Earnings Per Cent of Chgs. from Aug. 1929, Average Weekly Earnings Per Cent of Sept. 1929. Rows include All Industries, Manufacturing, Stone-clay-glass, etc.

As compared with August, there were employment increases in September in the chemicals, the food products, the lumber products, the paper and printing, the stone, clay, and glass products, and the miscellaneous groups, and decreases in the iron and steel, the machinery, the rubber products, and the vehicles groups.

In the iron and steel group of industries there was a decline of 2% in employment in September from August, but an increase of 1% as compared with Sept. 1928, and of 8% during the first 9 months of this year as compared with the first 9 months of last year.

As compared with August, there were slight employment decreases in September in Akron, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Dayton, Toledo and Youngstown, a slight increase in Columbus, and practically no change in Cincinnati.

Industrial employment in Akron in September declined 4% from August, but was 5% greater than in Sept. 1928, and 13% greater during the first nine months of 1929 than during the same period of 1928.

Automobile Production Seasonably Lower.

September production (factory sales) of motor vehicles in the United States, as reported to the Department of Commerce, was 415,332, of which 364,786 were passenger cars, 49,681 trucks and 865 taxicabs, as compared with 498,361 passenger cars, trucks and taxicabs in August and 415,314 in September 1928.

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION. (Number of Machines)

Table showing Automobile Production by month from January to December for the years 1928 and 1929, categorized by Total, Passenger Cars, Trucks, and Taxicabs. Includes separate columns for United States and Canada.

a Including firms not reporting separately by sex. b Illinois groupings in some cases contain industries not included in census groupings. c Classified figures not available. d Payroll figures for 292,982 male, 75,104 females. e Payroll figures for 204,276 male, 41,760 females. f Payroll figures for 115,245 male, 12,592 females. g Payroll figures for 6,047 male, 1,871 females.

Industrial Employment in Ohio and Ohio Cities During September—Slight Decline From High Level of August.

"Industrial employment in Ohio declined only slightly in September from the high level of August, when industrial employment in the State reached a new high point for all time" says the Bureau of Business Research, of the Ohio State University, which in its summary of industrial employment in the State and Ohio cities, says:

The decline in September from August in industrial employment was barely 1%, while the increase as compared with September, 1928, was 5%, and the first 9 months of 1929 showed an increase of 10% over the same period of 1928.

\* Revised. z Includes only factory-built taxicabs, and not private passenger cars converted into vehicles for hire.



**Federal Farm Board Recommend Extension of Foreign Crop Reporting Service by Department of Agriculture.**

In line with the announced policy of availing itself wherever possible of the services of existing Government agencies, thus avoiding unnecessary duplication of effort and expense, the Federal Farm Board has requested the Secretary of Agriculture "to indicate to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics the need of prompt enlargement of its crop reporting and agricultural outlook service in the foreign field." This action was taken following a conference of the Farm Board with officials of the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce at which Dean Edwin F. Gay, Dr. Alonzo Taylor and Mr. Asher Hobson presented their report on the development and extension of a foreign agricultural marketing and outlook service. The report, prepared by these specialists after several weeks of study and investigation undertaken on behalf of the Farm Board, was discussed in detail at the conference and unanimously approved. Recommendations made in the report include the following:

First, that the Board support the Department of Agriculture in a request of Congress for additional funds for the extension of the foreign service of the Department.

Second, that the Board support a request of the Department of Agriculture for the enactment of legislation to extend the foreign information service of the Department of Agriculture in harmony with a plan agreed upon by the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce and the Farm Board.

Third, that a liaison committee, with representatives from the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce and the Federal Farm Board, be created to co-ordinate the foreign work of the Departments of Agriculture and Commerce in so far as it is directly related to the collection of agricultural outlook information.

It was also announced (Oct. 17) by the Farm Board that temporarily it has expressed to the Secretary of Agriculture a willingness to carry the additional expense required for the enlarged foreign agricultural service because such information is urgently needed in the effective administration of the Agricultural Marketing Act, and the Board does not wish to set up agencies of its own to do work which it believes can be done more satisfactorily by existing agencies. The Board further states:

In their report Dean Gay, Dr. Taylor and Mr. Hobson emphasized that the present foreign agricultural information service was inadequate. "Its greatest lack," the report said, "is permanent foreign reporting stations and commodity and market estimators. If the Department of Agriculture is to report in anything like a satisfactory manner the world situation on important commodities, it will require no less than ten foreign posts to cover the important producing and consuming areas. Each of these posts should be in charge of one with an official rank sufficient to commend the respect and attention of foreign governments. When in charge of an office located in a foreign capital, he should have the designation of Agricultural Attache and be attached to the Embassy or Legation of the United States." The report suggested the following locations of offices and territories for the proposed ten foreign posts:

1. London—British Isles.
2. Berlin—German-speaking Central Europe, Germany, Austria, Czechoslovakia and Poland.
3. Paris—Holland, Belgium and France, with the exception of southern France.
4. Marseilles—Mediterranean basin.
5. Copenhagen—Scandinavian countries, Denmark, Norway and Sweden.
6. Bucharest—Danube basin.
7. Buenos Aires—South America with especial reference to Argentina and Brazil.
8. Melbourne—Australia and New Zealand.
9. Johannesburg (or Pretoria)—South Africa.
10. Shanghai—The Orient.

The report states that "the development of such a service calls for close co-operation between the Department of Agriculture and the existing foreign forces of both the Departments of State and Commerce."

In requesting the Secretary of Agriculture to extend and expand the foreign agricultural marketing and outlook service of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, the Farm Board resolution stated:

Whereas, The Federal Farm Board by the provisions of Section 5, paragraph (3) of the Agricultural Marketing Act is authorized and directed "to keep advised from any available sources and make reports as to crop prices, experiences, prospects, supply and demand, at home and abroad"; and since an estimate of visible prospective supplies together with an estimate of effective demand for American agricultural products imperatively requires as accurate a knowledge as can be obtained of the world situation in regard to acreage sown, crop conditions, stocks on hand, numbers and kinds of livestock, price trends and an appraisal of purchasing power; and since the present foreign crops, livestock and market reporting service is inadequate to meet the pressing needs of agriculture in attempting to adjust production programs and marketing practices to probable demand, or to serve as a reliable guide to the Federal Farm Board in meeting its responsibilities, it is evident that an enlargement of this crop reporting and outlook service in the foreign field is required.

Whereas, The Department of Agriculture expends over two million dollars annually in collecting within the boundaries of the United States statistical information in regard to production, prices and the market situation with reference to agricultural products; and since a foreign agricultural information service must be largely a supplement of these activities, it is essential that the domestic and foreign work be unified in contributing to an adequate outlook service for American agriculture. For these reasons, it is recommended that the Department of Agriculture assume responsibility for undertaking this task. At the same time, it is essential that there be close co-operation between the Department of Agriculture and the Departments of State and Commerce in order to avoid duplication of activities in the foreign field, and to utilize to the fullest extent the information collected by these departments.

**Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for Sept. 30 1929.**

The Department of Commerce announced on Oct. 19 that according to preliminary figures compiled by the Bureau of the Census, 34,843,998 cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on Sept. 30 1929, of which 30,037,922 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 30,236,880 for August, 30,397,190 for July, 30,631,800 for June, 30,937,182 for May, 30,911,416 for April and 28,309,094 for September 1928. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 7,881,178,700. During September the normal time of operation was 24½ days (allowance being made for the observance of Labor Day in some localities) compared with 27 for August, 25 for July, 25 for June, 26½ for May, and 25 2-3 for April. Based on an activity of 8.88 hours per day the average number of spindles operated during September was 36,225,311 or at 104.0% capacity on a single shift basis. This percentage compares with 97.7 for August, 100.3 for July, 104.8 for June, 110.9 for May, 110.3 for April, and 90.1 for September 1928. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 226. The total number of cotton spinning spindles in place, the number active, the number of active spindle hours and the average hours per spindle in place, by States, are shown in the following statement.

State.	Spinning Spindles.		Active Spindle Hours for Sept.	
	In Place Sept. 30.	Active During Sept.	Total.	Average per Spindle in Place.
United States.....	34,843,998	30,037,922	7,881,178,700	226
Cotton growing States	18,879,780	18,022,392	5,503,483,558	292
New England States.....	14,537,710	10,743,822	2,137,835,991	147
All other States.....	1,426,508	1,271,908	239,859,151	168
Alabama.....	1,836,354	1,766,852	525,846,774	286
Connecticut.....	1,107,420	954,668	205,065,076	185
Georgia.....	3,120,914	2,996,834	880,418,804	282
Maine.....	1,058,532	844,652	172,788,605	163
Massachusetts.....	8,611,812	6,286,978	1,213,880,164	141
Mississippi.....	177,346	117,978	36,381,538	205
New Hampshire.....	1,375,166	967,648	195,955,918	142
New Jersey.....	381,012	352,270	50,582,147	133
New York.....	688,128	612,196	126,288,206	184
North Carolina.....	6,221,852	5,903,282	1,777,094,725	286
Rhode Island.....	2,267,876	1,572,772	327,241,463	144
South Carolina.....	5,588,828	5,464,394	1,798,532,399	322
Tennessee.....	619,560	566,438	197,348,695	319
Texas.....	281,948	241,288	59,847,732	212
Virginia.....	709,054	677,418	143,514,961	202
All other States.....	708,166	719,954	176,051,401	213

**Petroleum and its Products—California Crude Prices Cut In Effort to Check Overproduction—Move by Standard Oil Co. Creates New Problem for Mid-Continent Operators.**

The situation in California, where the State is meeting new obstacles continuously in its move to enforce the State Gas Conservation Law, has become chaotic as the result of the drastic cut in crude oil prices made Oct. 21 by the Standard Oil Co. of California, and subsequently met by the General Petroleum Co., Shell, The Texas Co., Richfield Oil and the Union Oil Co. The reductions in the prices paid by Standard for crude in the Santa Fe Springs, Seal Beach and Signal Hill fields runs from 40 cents a barrel to \$1.05 a barrel. They have posted a flat price of 40 cents a barrel for 19 to 24.9 gravity oil and 60 cents for 25 to 32.9 gravity oil in the Signal Hill and Seal Beach fields. In the Santa Fe Springs flat prices have been posted of 40 cents a barrel for 21 to 28.9 gravity oil and 60 cents a barrel for 29 to 39.9 gravity.

The official statement of President K. R. Kingsbury of the Standard Oil Co. of California, which points out that economic conditions justify the drastic cuts, reviews the general situation in California resulting from overproduction, and emphasizes the fact that "there has been continued opposition to the state conservation law on the part of those controlling a small percentage of production in the fields affected, which opposition continues to delay the operation of the law, thereby prolonging the indefensible waste of great quantities of natural gas and resulting in an overproduction of crude oil in fields in question. Mr. Kingsbury points out that co-operative effort in California to control flush pools has failed, and concludes by saying: "It is an established policy of this company to currently offer producers such prices for crude oil as conditions warrant. Present conditions do not justify offering of prices which will encourage continued overproduction."

It is felt in the east that the drastic action taken in California will result in bringing into agreement those companies that have been obstructing the enforcement of the conservation law. It is pointed out that the cut will reduce their income from crude production by just about one-half.



CRUDE RUNS TO STILL, GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED OCT. 19 (BARRELS OF 42 GALLONS).

District.	P. C. Potent- tial Capac- ity Report.	Crude Runs to Stills.	P. C. Oper. Of Tot. Capac- ity Report	Gasoline Stocks.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast	100.0	3,552,100	85.8	4,261,000	9,163,000
Appalachian	89.5	622,500	79.6	790,000	740,000
Indiana, Illinois & Ky.	98.0	2,125,000	90.8	4,013,000	3,791,000
Okla., Kan., Missouri	84.5	1,952,100	76.9	2,240,000	4,020,000
Texas	91.6	4,205,200	89.2	4,334,000	13,776,000
Louisiana-Arkansas	97.1	1,483,800	80.2	1,637,000	5,016,000
Rocky Mountain	93.4	475,400	54.7	1,713,000	972,000
California	98.4	5,175,900	89.4	13,172,000	108,943,000
Total week Oct. 19	94.9	19,592,000	85.1	32,160,000	146,421,000
Daily average		2,798,800			
Total week Oct. 12	95.4	19,518,700	84.3	32,324,000	145,208,000
Daily average		2,788,400			
Texas (Gulf Coast)	100.0	3,233,500	91.7	3,628,000	10,335,000
Louisiana (Gulf Coast)	100.0	1,035,000	84.0	1,366,000	4,273,000

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.

Gross Crude Oil Stock Changes for September.

Pipe line and tank farm gross domestic crude oil stocks east of the Rocky Mountains increased 619,000 barrels in the month of September, according to returns compiled by the American Petroleum Institute from reports made to it by representative companies. The net change shown by the reporting companies accounts for the increases and decreases in general crude oil stocks, including crude oil in transit, but not producers' stocks at the wells.

Reduced Oil Prices Announced by Standard Oil Co. of California as Result of Over-production—Says Enforcement of California Conservation Act Will Stop Waste.

A marked cut in the price of crude oil was announced on Oct. 19 by the Standard Oil Co. of California, the reduction, it is noted in the New York "Times," averaging between 50 and 75 cents a barrel. That paper (in its issue of Oct. 22) also said:

In some instances more than 50% of the former prices was lopped off. Prices paid by the Standard of California, the principal purchaser in that State, in the past have varied according to differences in the gravity of the oil. Under the new schedule a flat price basis is established. The prices now in effect compare with the former sliding scale as follows:

	New Price (Per Barrel).	Former Price (Per Barrel).
Santa Fe Springs—		
21 to 28.9 degrees gravity	\$0.40	\$0.89 to \$1.10
23 to 39.9 degrees	.60	1.15 to 1.65
Signal Hill—		
19 to 24.9 gravity	\$0.40	\$0.80 to 1.01
25 to 32.9 gravity	.60	1.05 to 1.35
Seal Beach—		
10 to 24.9 gravity	\$0.40	\$0.80 to \$1.01
25 to 32.9 gravity	.60	1.05 to 1.35

The reductions at Santa Fe Springs average between 70 and 75 cents a barrel, at Signal Hill 50 to 60 cents a barrel, and at Seal Beach about 50 cents a barrel.

The announcement issued by the Standard Oil Co. on Oct. 19 follows:

Effective Oct. 21 1929, the following are the current prices offered by Standard Oil Co. of California for crude oil at the well in the Santa Fe Springs, Signal Hill, and Seal Beach fields:

	Per Bbl.
Santa Fe Springs—	
21, to and including 28.9 degrees gravity	\$0.40
29, to and including 39.9 degrees gravity	.60
Signal Hill—	
19, to and including 24.9 degrees gravity	.40
25, to and including 32.9 degrees gravity	.60
Seal Beach—	
19, to and including 24.9 degrees gravity	.40
25, to and including 32.9 degrees gravity	.60

The Standard Oil Co. of California offers the above reduced prices as a result of the long continued unrestrained over-production of crude oil in the flush fields named.

Since Jan. 1 1929 there has been added to storage over 40,000,000 barrels of oil and the present over-production is 200,000 barrels per day. In addition, there is being blown into the air in California at the present time 800,000,000 cu. ft. of gas daily. This is more than twice as much natural gas as is now being used for industrial and domestic purposes in the State. In terms of fuel oil this quantity of gas is equal to 132,000 barrels per day.

The last Legislature of the State of California passed an Act prohibiting the waste of natural gas. On June 26 1929, the authorities charged with the enforcement of this law notified the oil industry that the law would be put into effect midnight Aug. 31 1929. The enforcement of this law will not only stop the waste of natural gas, but will result in a material curtailment in the production of crude oil. Anticipating that the law would be enforced, this company refrained from reducing its offered price for crude oils in the fields mentioned, although it had been evident for several months that economic conditions justified a drastic cut in the price of crude oil.

Since Sept. 1 1929, there has been continued opposition to the State Conservation Law on the part of those controlling a small percentage of the production in the fields affected, which opposition continues to delay the operation of the law, thereby prolonging the indefensible waste of great quantities of natural gas and a resulting over-production of crude oil in the fields in question.

Within the last few days the Corporation Commissioner of the State of Oklahoma with the unanimous support of the operators and royalty owners, has curtailed the production in the flush and semi-flush fields of Oklahoma, so as to balance supply and demand. Similar co-operative effort has in the past successfully controlled and is now controlling over-production in Texas. Co-operative effort in the State of California to control flush pools has failed, notwithstanding the fact that in one of our flush fields it had the support of 85% of the production.

It is the established policy of this company to currently offer producers such prices for crude oil as conditions warrant. Present conditions do not justify the offering of a price which will encourage continued over-production.

Note: Hitherto prices offered for crude oil have differed according to differences in gravity, as follows:

	Per Barrel.
Santa Fe Springs—	
21, to and including 28.9 degrees gravity	\$0.89 to \$1.10
29, to and including 39.9 degrees gravity	1.15 to 1.65
Signal Hill—	
19, to and including 24.9 degrees gravity	.80 to 1.01
25, to and including 32.9 degrees gravity	1.05 to 1.35
Seal Beach—	
19, to and including 24.9 degrees gravity	.80 to 1.01
25, to and including 32.9 degrees gravity	1.05 to 1.35

The reductions at Santa Fe Springs will average between 70c. and 75c. per barrel, at Signal Hill 50c. to 60c. per barrel, and at Seal Beach, approximately 50c. per barrel.

Associated Press advices from San Francisco Oct. 21 stated:

Drastic price cuts for crude oil faced the California industry to-day when it became known that the Shell Oil Co. would follow the action of the Standard Oil of California in marking down bids roughly 50%.

Executives of the Shell company said the schedule set by Standard would be followed by Shell as a matter of course. The Union Oil Co. also was expected to announce a schedule of price cuts affecting fields not dominated by Standard.

The remaining purchasers were expected to fall into line, with the result that many small independents would be forced to limit output sharply.

Necessity of checking the rate of production of crude grew from piling up of stores which taxed storage facilities, and placing supply steadily above demand, thereby giving the industry a touch of "acute economic indigestion."

From Los Angeles Oct. 22 the "Wall Street News" reported the following:

Union Oil Co. of California has posted new prices for Ventura Ave. field crude oil corresponding to those established by Standard Oil of California Monday at Signal Hill and Seal Beach. Offering prices for crude at the well compare: Nineteen to 24.9 gravity, old price 80c. to \$1.01 a barrel, new price 40c. a barrel; 25 to 32.9 gravity, old price \$1.05 to \$1.35, new price 60c.

Copper and Lead Firm Despite Slow Trading—Zinc and Tin Lower with Improved Buying by Consumers.

Developments outside of the metal markets exerted a marked influence on trading, and business in the past week, taken as a whole, fell far short of expectations, "Engineering and Mining Journal" reports, adding:

In London, prices for the major non-ferrous metals were under pressure most of the week, but the price situation here underwent little change. Both copper and lead ruled firm, with shipments to consumers continuing at a high rate. Zinc was reduced in price to bring the market in line with the import parity. Tin moved into new low ground and some good business was placed on the decline.

Domestic sales for copper again were below the average. Export business continues dull, sales so far this month totaling about 18,000 tons. Domestic demand for the red metal was principally for October-November shipment. The call for prompt metal is interpreted as an indication of very low reserves in the hands of many consumers.

Although a fair tonnage of lead has been sold in the last week, total business fell below the levels established in recent weeks. The American Smelting & Refining contract price remain at 6.90 cents, New York. Shipments of lead to domestic consumers will be heavy in October—in all probability about 60,000 tons.

The market for zinc was reduced to 6.70 cents per pound, St. Louis, in the past week. The lower market here was caused by the recent weakness in London, as the price abroad had reached a point where importations would have been possible, though hardly practical. Buying continued along moderate lines, but the fact that the sales total for the week did register some improvement was encouraging to producers.

Tin had no support in London, which was followed by free offerings here, with sales as low as 40 1/2 cents.

Steel Output Undergoes Little Further Reduction—Rail Orders and Ship Steel Bookings Large—Price of Pig Iron Higher—Steel Price Unchanged.

The week's news has accentuated the contrast between the reduced steel requirements of the automobile industry and the sustained demand from other sources, says the "Iron Age" of Oct. 24, in its weekly summary of the iron and steel markets. The "Age" further states:

Rail orders have added 563,000 tons to mill books and shipbuilding contracts will account for 105,000 tons. Structural steel awards for the week are high, totaling 58,000 tons, compared with 23,000 tons in the preceding week. Freight equipment purchases so far in October call for 20,000 cars, or 28% of the total number bought in the first 9 months of the year, and orders for 25,000 additional cars are in prospect.

Farm implement manufacturers are stepping up production of spring tools and will soon be operating at a peak rate. The entering of orders for tin plate, following the impending announcement of next year's price, will enable mills that are not now working on anticipated tonnage to increase their production.

Steel mill operations show wide variations, depending on the extent to which different finished products are used in the motor car industry, but steel ingot output has undergone little further reduction. Some independents are making raw steel at the rate of 70%, or even less, but the Bethlehem Steel Corp. is operating at 82% and the United States Steel Corp. average remains at 80%.

The view is gaining ground that production has struck bottom. In the Valley district, which ships more steel to the automobile industry than any other producing center, ingot output is down to 70%, but no further curtailment is looked for. In the Pittsburgh area crude steel production is being maintained at an 80% rate and rail mill operations are being increased. At Chicago the tardiness of rail specifications has caused the temporary banking of a steel works blast furnace.

Scrap markets are inactive, but the downward trend of prices has been arrested, with heavy melting grade unchanged at Pittsburgh for a second week. Pig iron melt is well sustained except among foundries serving the automotive industry. In fact, Cleveland reports an increase in pig iron shipments, notably to manufacturers of heating equipment. Good opera-

tions among steel foundries reflect the influence of railroad equipment buying.

The outlook in the automobile industry remains uncertain. Production of new models is being delayed until large stocks of present models, both in manufacturers' and dealers' hands, are disposed of. The sale of used cars is also a problem, although in some sections distributors' stocks have been reduced materially.

With the steel industry adjusting itself to the slump in automotive requirements, the price situation gives signs of clarifying. At least changes of the past week were not significant, being limited to recognition of recent concessions or to the readjustment of quotations on certain products to bring them into line with others. Thus wire nails, which have lacked stability for some time, now range from \$2.40 to \$2.50 a keg, Pittsburgh, the lower figure representing a decline of \$1 a ton from the previous minimum open quotation. At Chicago, bars and shapes have been reduced \$1 a ton, following frequent shading of the former price. A decline in metal furniture sheets to a flat price of 4.10c., Pittsburgh, is in sympathy with prior reductions in commoner finishes.

Shipbuilding is looming up as a more important outlet for steel. Two Dollar line vessels have been placed with the Newport News Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., and six tankers have been awarded—two for the Sinclair company to the Bethlehem Shipbuilding Corp., two Standard Oil Co. vessels to the Federal Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co., and two for the Tidewater Oil Co. to the Sun Shipbuilding & Dry Dock Co. These vessels, together with two merchant ships to be placed this week, will require close to 105,000 tons of steel. Six car floats, ordered by the Reading Co., will call for 3,500 tons of plates and shapes.

Railroad equipment business recently closed, together with that which will probably be placed in the next two months, will give most freight car builders a substantial backlog of work for the early months of 1930. The Pennsylvania has bought 1,000 steel box cars from the Bethlehem Steel Corp., and the Burlington has entered the market for 600 cars out of a total of 2,700 to be inquired for.

The week's awards of fabricated steel included 17,500 tons for the Cornell Medical Center, New York, and 16,000 tons for a Pennsylvania RR. station at Philadelphia. Of 38,000 tons of new work that came into the market, 15,000 tons is for a Chicago tower building. Conspicuous among prospective projects is a 100-story building in New York for the Metropolitan Life Co., which will require 30,000 to 40,000 tons of steel.

The "Iron Age" composite price for pig iron has advanced from \$18.29 to \$18.38 a gross ton. The finished steel composite remains at 2.369c. a lb., as the following table shows:

Finished Steel.		Pig Iron.	
Oct. 22 1929, 2.369c. a Lb.		Oct. 22 1929, \$18.38 a Gross Ton.	
One week ago.....	2.369c.	One week ago.....	\$18.29
One month ago.....	2.334c.	One month ago.....	18.29
One year ago.....	2.362c.	One year ago.....	17.92
10-year pre-war average.....	1.689c.	10-year pre-war average.....	15.72
Based on steel bars, beams, tank plates, wire, rails, black pipe and black sheets. These products make 87% of the United States output of finished steel.		Based on average of basic iron at Valley furnace and foundry iron at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.	
<b>High.</b>	<b>Low.</b>	<b>High.</b>	<b>Low.</b>
1929...2.412c. Apr. 2	2.369c. Oct. 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

Curtailed steel requirements of automobile manufacturers and the consequent depression of steel producers dependent upon this industry are obscuring market conditions which for other volume consumers range from moderately good to excellent, according to the current issue of the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland, which further states:

Producers, especially at Chicago, are beginning to receive releases for steel for the record-breaking number of freight cars ordered in the past 30 days, and with equipment inquiry still heavy demand from this quarter should be heartening over the remainder of the year.

Building steel awards are up to the seasonal average in most districts and in excess of it in the East. Farm equipment manufacturers are matching last October's specifications, while the general manufacturing trade is somewhat lower.

Production of steel, especially bars, sheets and strip, for automotive accounts is now the lowest since last December. A few releases for steel for shipment beginning Nov. 15 have been filed, but until Ford and Chevrolet swing into new models, sometime next month, shipments will be light. This situation is unduly coloring the markets.

Steel prices, while soft in spots, have given no further ground and because producers believe they are at the low point of this dip they are making extraordinary efforts to hold current levels. There is continued sniping against so-called official levels, but except for wire and nails, in which adjustments have been made, no reductions are warranted this week.

Steelworks operations in the Chicago district have dropped from 85 to 80%, and hold at 85% in the Pittsburgh district. Steel ingot production by Steel corporation subsidiaries increased this week to 83%, compared with 82% last week and 89% two weeks ago. Independents continue operating at 77%.

Heavy orders for rails feature the finished steel market. The Pennsylvania placed 310,000 tons and the New York Central 206,430 tons, for 1930 delivery, these figures including a 30% optional purchase reservation. The Erie railroad covered for 46,460 tons. Of the total of 562,890 tons for the three lines, 203,829 tons went to Chicago district mills. About 37% of the Pennsylvania and New York Central tonnage will be rolled in that district. An award of 59,900 tons of rails by the Louisville & Nashville to a southern mill brings the combined tonnage for the week to 622,790 tons, considerably in excess of the 1929 purchases by the same roads. Rollings will begin the latter part of this year. Large orders for track fastenings include 2,500 tons placed at Chicago. The Pennsylvania has ordered 1,000 steel box cars.

Specifications for finished steel in the Middle West are 15% higher than shipments, while a month ago the rate of specifications was 10% under shipments. Specifications for bar mill products in Chicago were the best for any 7-day period since March 15, with rail orders comprising 35 to 40% of the total.

New orders for structural and bar mill products in the Middle West are larger than those for plates, for the first time this year. About 5,000 tons of new tank work has appeared, bringing the total of pending inquiries to 20,000 tons. Plate shipments to the Milwaukee fabricator of electric welded pipe have been resumed in heavier volume. The Government has closed for 26 helium tanks with a Milwaukee producer, taking a substantial tonnage of plates.

While the automotive industry generally defers sheet orders, the Ford company is understood to have placed a round tonnage with an Ohio maker for November delivery. Sheet mills in the Pittsburgh district specializing on automotive sheets are down to 60% operations, while miscellaneous

requirements from other lines holds the general average to around 75%.

The leading interest stepped up sheet mill operations to slightly above 80%. Sharp competition for cast iron pipe orders between eastern and western makers has brought out lower figures in some districts. Bids are being taken on a water line between Newark and Elizabeth, N. J., requiring 13,000 tons of cast iron and steel pipe. Nail prices have been revised for this quarter, the base being reduced 5 cents, with the usual differentials.

Pig iron demand shows a tendency to slow up, although prices remain steady. Beehive coke production continues to decline. Coke output by furnace companies has dropped 50% in three weeks. Scrap prices are easier, some grades falling off 25 to 50 cents in the past week.

End-of-the-season sales of Lake Superior iron ore at Cleveland total 100,000 tons.

The "Iron Trade Review's" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products again reflects weakness, declining 8 cents from \$36.24 to \$36.16. The September average was \$36.50.

The "American Metal Market" this week says:

Steel production will be helped by increasing rail production. Railroads on the whole are buying scarcely any larger tonnage of rails than in other years, but they are buying earlier. Orders in the rail buying movement to date total about 950,000 tons while it took until early December last year to accumulate a similar total and until early November the year before. The roads which have thus far bought 950,000 tons bought about 900,000 tons last year and about 925,000 tons the year before.

Activities of Pennsylvania Anthracite Collieries Increased During September, According to the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

Anthracite employment and wage disbursements increased considerably from August to September, but declined from Sept. 1928, according to indexes just released by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, on the basis of reports received by the Anthracite Bureau of Information from 155 collieries in Pennsylvania. The increase since August was partly seasonal and was much larger than that which occurred during the same period in 1928.

The number of workers employed in September was nearly 13% larger than in August, while the volume of wages paid gained 21%. As compared with Sept. 1928, however, there was a drop in employment of 6% and a decline of almost 26% in total wages.

Index numbers based on the monthly average for 1923, 1924, and 1925 furnished by the bank follow:

INDEX NUMBERS—1923-25 MONTHLY AVERAGE=100.

	Employment.			Wage Payments.		
	1927.	1928.	1929.	1927.	1928.	1929.
January.....	122.2	115.8	109.8	101.9	91.9	112.6
February.....	118.3	110.6	109.4	92.2	85.4	107.0
March.....	119.3	113.9	101.3	91.9	83.1	79.5
April.....	121.4	116.3	104.1	115.4	116.8	77.4
May.....	114.1	114.0	107.2	119.5	97.6	85.4
June.....	112.6	102.3	95.4	87.8	60.6	71.0
July.....	109.9	100.7	85.6	87.5	82.5	56.8
August.....	118.9	110.9	93.6	114.2	97.2	68.9
September.....	113.2	112.7	105.5	104.9	112.5	83.4
October.....	117.3	133.9		115.5	134.7	
November.....	120.6	117.7		100.1	110.1	
December.....	121.0	109.4		101.9	92.9	

Output of Bituminous Coal and Beehive Coke for Week Ended Oct. 12 1929 Ahead of Same Period a Year Ago, While Anthracite Production is Lower—All Figures for Week Ended Oct. 12 of This Year Higher Than in Preceding Week.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Mines, the output of bituminous coal and beehive coke for the week ended Oct. 12 1929, was ahead of that for the corresponding period last year, while production of Pennsylvania anthracite fell below that of a year ago. However, figures for the week under review were higher than those of the preceding week. Total output for the week ended Oct. 12 1929, was as follows: Bituminous coal, 11,584,000 net tons; Pennsylvania anthracite, 1,956,000 tons and beehive coke, 109,800 tons. This compares with 11,274,000 tons of bituminous coal, 2,003,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 90,600 tons of beehive coke produced in the week ended Oct. 13 1928, and 11,110,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,933,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 107,400 tons of beehive coke in the week ended Oct. 5 1929.

For the calendar year to Oct. 12 1929, the output of bituminous coal was 402,944,000 net tons as compared with 373,487,000 tons in the corresponding period a year ago, while production of Pennsylvania anthracite amounted to 58,137,000 tons as against 58,158,000 tons in the calendar year to Oct. 13 1928. The Bureau's statement shows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Oct. 12 1929, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 11,584,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows an increase of 474,000 tons, or 4.3%. Production during the week in 1928 corresponding with that of Oct. 12 amounted to 11,274,000 tons.







first nine months of 1929 amounted to nearly \$25,000,000, or an increase of about 4% over the output for the corresponding period of 1928.

GERMANY.

The growth of motorization in Germany is revealed by the increasing revenues from the automobile tax. For the fiscal year 1928-29 which ended on March 31 1929, total receipts from this tax amounted to 181,337,998 marks this exceeded the preliminary estimates by 160,000,000 marks, or more than 13%. In 1924-25, the first year after the stabilization of the currency, the automobile tax yielded 51,500,000 marks only, while the following year brought a very small increase to 58,400,000 marks. In the year 1926-27, however receipts rose rapidly to 105,100,000 marks, for a gain of 80% over 1925. The upward trend continued during 1927-28, bringing an advance of 51,100,000 marks, for a final figure of 156,200,000 marks; that increase amounted to 48.6%.

MEXICO.

Since the close of the rainy season, a healthier tone has prevailed in industrial and commercial circles. Collections are improved and the general credit situation is reported in fair condition. Exports to Mexico from the United States for the first eight months of 1929 amounted to \$83,782,843 as compared with \$76,531,982 for the corresponding period of 1928, an increase of 9.4%. Imports from Mexico for the same period of 1928 and 1929 were \$84,399,006 and \$84,062,181, respectively. Increased shipments of lard, wheat, flour, sugar, lumber, petroleum products, iron and steel products and automobile parts accounted for approximately \$5,000,000 of the gain in exports.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Export business is seasonally brisker, but importers still complain of stagnant retail markets. Basic economic conditions, however, continue sound. Railway receipts during the third quarter reached a new high level. Highway construction, particularly in Northern Sumatra, is very active. Automotive sales continue at a high peak, except for trucks. Distributors are enlarging their dealer organizations. Textile business remains dull with heavy stocks. No improvement in sales of American volles is expected this year. Buyers of the 1930 sugar crop are scarce and the market is quiet. The recent prolonged drought has affected the output of a number of native crops.

PORTUGAL.

The Government is assisting agriculture by propaganda, technical advice, and financial assistance. It is now granting a subvention of 100 escudos (4.47) per hectare for putting under cultivation land which has not as yet been worked. Business in the textile lines has not been good, but prospects for the near future are brighter. Sales are below average with stocks large and mills working at short time. Prices, however, have been maintained. During the month of August a moderate improvement was noted in the cork industry with sales and shipments above average and foreign demand fairly good. Stocks of manufactured cork are low and prices even. The market for edible olive oil was active during August and prices were falling gradually. Stocks are sufficient for the season's demands. Business in rice, beans, and sardines was fairly good.

ANGLO-EGYPTIAN SUDAN.

Foreign trade data for the first six months of 1929 disclosed a large increase in the value of exports and a small expansion in imports as compared with the sale period of 1928. Exports and re-exports were valued at LE 5,887,500 (LE equals \$5) and total imports at LE 3,223,200 as against LE 4,627,000 and LE 3,054,900, respectively, for the first half of 1928. The increase in the value of exports is accounted for chiefly by larger cotton shipments, which rose from LE 3,257,600 in the first half of 1928 to LE 4,491,100 in the first six months of 1929.

The Department's summary also contains the following with regard to the territorial and Island possessions of the United States:

HAWAII.

Good rains in all plantation areas of the Hawaiian Islands have improved sowing conditions and crop prospects. The business situation in general is seasonally normal, a lull in trade being always expected in October and November. Jobbing and retail trades are slow, with collections fair. Trade in all lines is being adversely affected by low sugar prices, although plantation labor is fully employed. The sugar output has slightly exceeded estimates, totaling approximately 925,000 short tons. One mill began harvesting the 1930 sugar cane crop on Oct. 14, and six mills are still grinding on the old crop. Banks report steady growth in savings deposits. Commercial banking remains sound in spite of a steady drain for installment purchases and market operations. The monetary outgo is being more nearly balanced by cash receipts from the sale of crops.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Expected degree of improvement in general business failed to materialize in September. The recent typhoon and heavy rains interfered somewhat with transportation and buying power. Optimism, however, is expressed regarding the remainder of the year, except in the textile market, which continues slack. Automotive trade showed slight improvement and further advancement is expected. Demand is seasonally slack for most imported food stuffs. Recent weather conditions have been favorable for the coming sugar crop and preliminary estimates place the output at 727,375 metric tons.

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

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 September, 1929. The gold exports were only \$1,204,767. The imports were \$18,781,246, of which \$8,053,790 came from the United Kingdom, \$3,570,000 came from Argentina, \$2,840,762 came from Canada and \$3,570,000 came from Bolivia. Of the exports of the metal, \$734,094 went to Mexico and \$150,000 to British Malaya.

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

Countries.	GOLD.		SILVER.			
	Total.		Refined Bullion.		Total (Incl. Coin).	
	Exports, Dollars.	Imports, Dollars.	Exports, Ounces.	Imports, Ounces.	Exports, Dollars.	Imports, Dollars.
Denmark	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	250
France	-----	868	-----	-----	-----	-----
Germany	-----	-----	120,294	-----	62,174	-----
Gibraltar	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,000
Norway	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	197
Spain	-----	560	-----	-----	-----	638
United Kingdom	-----	8,053,790	-----	-----	-----	6,687
Canada	55,673	2,840,762	138,016	255,543	243,611	1,093,943
Costa Rica	-----	7,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Guatemala	-----	5,289	-----	-----	-----	-----
Honduras	-----	35,452	-----	270,638	-----	143,438
Nicaragua	-----	46,394	-----	5,168	-----	5,502
Salvador	250,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Mexico	734,094	382,536	-----	2,360,671	14,360	2,186,624
Jamaica	-----	850	-----	-----	-----	1,900
Trinidad & Tobago	-----	2,000	-----	-----	-----	565
Other Br. W. Ind.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	190
Cuba	-----	2,665	-----	-----	-----	6,433
Netherland W. Ind	-----	500	-----	-----	-----	2,000
Haiti, Republic of	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	421
Argentina	-----	2,500,000	3,215	-----	1,790	1,006
Bolivia	-----	3,570,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Chile	-----	22,536	-----	-----	-----	169,763
Colombia	-----	589,247	18,199	368	-----	203
Ecuador	-----	600	-----	-----	-----	-----
Peru	-----	132,327	-----	520	-----	386,662
Venezuela	-----	96,164	-----	-----	-----	-----
British India	-----	-----	1,420,468	-----	727,537	-----
British Malaya	150,000	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
Ceylon	-----	15,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
China	-----	-----	5,276,830	-----	2,712,083	-----
Java and Madura	-----	187,403	-----	132,738	-----	70,345
Hong Kong	-----	-----	1,117,885	-----	591,452	-----
Japan	-----	-----	20,218	-----	10,640	-----
Philippine Islands	-----	288,148	-----	-----	-----	4,367
New Zealand	-----	13,000	-----	34	-----	18
Belgian Congo	-----	3,155	-----	-----	-----	28,389
Total	1,204,767	18,781,246	8,115,125	3,025,680	4,373,830	4,110,786

Conferences on Baden-Baden on Organization of Bank for International Settlements.

Advices to the effect that at a plenary session held Oct. 23 the committee organizing the Bank for International Settlements decided to refer the whole reparation payment question back to the governments and ultimately to the second Hague conference were contained in the accounts from Baden-Baden that day to the New York "Times" which said:

This important decision virtually eliminates for this conference the bitter annuity dispute which seriously threatened to disrupt the negotiations for the formation of an International Bank. It constitutes broadly success for the German thesis that Germany's reparation payments shall be regulated solely upon the stipulation of the Young plan and further interpretations of The Hague protocol, as opposed to the French theory that a definite, binding system of payments should be drawn up, including the smallest details, in a legal agreement to be included in a trust deed between the powers and the bank.

The course favored by Germany was decided upon when the trust subcommittee, after a three weeks' battle over the two conflicting views, reported to the full committee that it was unable to reach an agreement. This trust subcommittee is composed of a representative of each of the seven nations at the conference, headed by Melvin Traylor of Chicago, who reported the deadlock today at the plenary session.

The subcommittee started with a proposal to include in the Bank's trusts agreement not only stipulations as to how the bank should administer and dispose of funds in its possession but also a complete schedule of agreements between the bank and the debtor, showing exactly how these funds would come due. This theory was opposed, however, by the contention that an adjustment must be made in regard to property conceived as existent or assured, and that in no event could the trust be concerned with how that property was derived.

Precisionist View Accepted.

This latter view becomes accepted by the Bank's organizing committee through today's decision, and the difference which has deadlocked the trust subcommittee thereby is composed. This does not, however, mean a final defeat for France, since the fight is sure to be renewed in the more political atmosphere of the second Hague conference.

What actually is ordered by the committee here is that the trust committee should proceed on a different basis. The subcommittee is instructed to eliminate all questions of Germany's relations with the bank from consideration and to draw up a deed which would be an agreement merely between the bank and the creditor powers, which would regulate the bank's administration of funds it receives.

It was further instructed that in matters where the Young plan interpretation is not clear, it should refer to the government for precise instructions, which would be inserted in the trust agreement later.

There is no doubt whatever but that these orders will greatly facilitate the work of the trust committee, which may now be expected to advance rapidly with its report. It does not mean, either, that the bankers' committee will be deprived of any authority in regard to the reparations question, but rather, in the estimation of most of the delegation, with the exception of the French and perhaps the Belgians, has removed from this conference a question to which its discussion never rightly pertained.

The French were tenacious in their view and there is no doubt that their amicable acceptance of the course taken today was largely due to the efforts of Chairman Traylor of the subcommittee in urging them to accept the business attitude that such clauses regarding reparations payments had no place in such a thing as a trust deed. As regards the document the subcommittee is now setting out to frame, there are considerably fewer difficulties in sight. The nations agreed pretty thoroughly upon the manner in which the reparations payments are to be distributed, and there are only technical details to be arranged. As to the machinery, it should not be supposed that the bank will make debt payments directly to the United States. On the other hand, the system by which, in name at least, will be preserved the American fiction of no relation between debts and reparations, is that the bank will receive

sums from Germany and will apportion them to the credit of England, France, Italy and the others in New York. Then England, France, Italy, etc., will order them transferred to the credit of the United States.

Associated Press accounts from Baden-Baden, Oct. 23, stated:

Today's decision to adhere to the provisions of the annex to the Young plan concerning the formation of the Bank for International Settlements prescribing trust agreements solely between the creditor Governments and the bank has greatly simplified the work for the subcommittee headed by M. A. Traylor.

Apparently fearing a possible loop-hole, certain delegates insisted that Germany must also be a party to the trust agreement. In the opinion of the experts this would have introduced complicated legal technicalities without making the situation any clearer concerning Germany's payment of reparations.

The conference is now proceeding on the theory that Germany will be bound by her signature to the final Hague conference protocol as to the sums and methods of payment so that the trust agreement need merely be a contract between the bank and the creditor nations to receive and dispose of moneys according to an agreed plan.

Jackson E. Reynolds, American delegate, gave a private dinner last night to the chief delegates of the other six nations represented and credit for smoothing over the difficulty regarding the trust agreement is generally given to him.

Regarding a report that Jackson E. Reynolds, President of the First National Bank of New York was understood to have been offered the Presidency of the International Bank, the New York "Times" advices from Baden-Baden, Oct. 22, had the following to say:

The committee which is engaged here in organizing the Bank for International Settlements issued a categorical denial today that an offer of any kind had been made to Jackson E. Reynolds, president of the First National Bank of New York, or to any one else, of the position of chief executive of the bank's board of governors.

The organizing committee, it was pointed out, is not vested with the power to appoint the chief executive and is not authorized to recommend a chairman because the election is definitely placed in the hands of the board, which will not assemble until after the second Hague conference.

All the organizing committee will do is to make recommendations to the central banks, which will select the directors and name the chairman for the first sitting of that group. At this first sitting the chief executive of the bank will be chosen.

Following his custom, established at the first meeting here, Mr. Reynolds, the presiding officer, remained silent, allowing the committee as a whole to issue its comprehensive denial of reports published in the United States. The individual members declared it was new to them that an offer had been made to any one.

Associated Press advices, Oct. 22, stated:

Jackson E. Reynolds and Melvin A. Traylor, American delegates to the conference on the Bank for International Settlements, have been suggested as possible presidents for the new bank, but both are understood to have declined the honor.

After failure to launch the candidacies of a Frenchman and an Italian, the European delegates felt that they could never agree on a non-American for president. They also wanted the president's powers to be limited by a number of vice-presidents, with whom he would have to share responsibility.

Earlier Associated Press accounts (Oct. 19) regarding the conferences at Baden-Baden, said:

The outlines of the Bank for International settlements projected by the Young plan for reparations stand out clearly tonight at the end of another week of conference. Every care has apparently been exercised to prevent the bank from branching out too far. It will be limited to an international exchange bank operating as a clearing house between central national banks and to a reparations receiving and distributing station.

With its functions thus clearly defined, with effective provisions against credit creation, speculation and note issuance, and with a clear veto clause for central banks adopted, the viewpoint expressed by Melvin A. Traylor, of Chicago, that "the location of the bank is secondary," would seem justified.

This is all the more so since the bank apparently will never have much gold in its coffers, but will rather be a registry station showing in what parts of the world gold is " earmarked " and for whom, and in keeping the central banks advised of its movements. Nevertheless, negotiations for the honor of domiciling the bank continue merrily.

Belgian Delegate Franck went to Brussels yesterday with the demands of the conference for tax immunities in his pocket, evidently hoping to return with agreement by his government.

No nation will have a majority of votes in the directorate of the international bank. The conferees have even provided that the nine directors to be elected form nations not included among the seven original supporters must be of nine nationalities.

Notice by Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, chief German delegate (today that he would submit a memorandum early next week giving the German views on the problem of the trust agreement and charter occasioned some surprise. It was understood that he opposed the French effort to leave much unsettled and wants everything contained in the Young plan safely anchored in either the statutes, charter or trust agreement.

He also insist on a general emphatic statement somewhat is one of thees to the effect that points not touched by this conference must be settled in the spirit of the Young plan.

From Baden-Baden on Oct. 20, the "Times" reported the following:

During the past week much progress has been made on technical details, with a notable exception regarding chapter six of the Young plan report concerning loan procedure, about which the delegates have divulged very little. The decisions taken largely follow the Young plan, but one or two departures from and expansions of its provisions should be noted.

The committee has radically altered the clause relating to the bank's liquidity. The Young plan provides a 25% cover or 40% for delayed calls, but the committee has decided it will be necessary to provide almost a 100% liquidity.

The committee has also decided that the Bank may not make advances to governments directly, but must deal through central banks, and that all dealings with private institutions, such as those with the United States, must be subjected to the central bank's veto. The committee also stipulates that the Bank cannot issue long or short term obligations, and has voted a highly protective veto clause demanded by the American delegates on behalf of the Federal Reserve.

All these measures aim to place restrictions upon the bank's ultimate powers as conceived in the Young plan. The delegates, at the same time, emphasize that the Bank will be a bank of deposits rather than a bank of issue, and that it will be the servant rather than the master of the central banks. However, it is obvious that, even serving merely in the capacity of a bank of exchange and a reparations distributor, the bank is bound to assume many functions at present profitably performed by the central and other private banks.

Another important decision is that the chairman of the board shall have full executive powers, which, if an American is named, will act to counteract the insignificant position of the American directors under the system which has been adopted for their selection.

Lastly, the bankers here have ruled that the world bank shall have no branches, a decision which has disposed of the British compromise offer to agree to the bank's headquarters being on the Continent but having a London branch.

The same paper in its account from Baden-Baden, Oct. 22, stated:

#### *Payment Details Are Difficult.*

The committee which is trying to fix details of Germany's annuity payments again was unable to report today despite the added information brought back by delegates who had returned to their capitals over Sunday. The problem is complicated because of the nature of the agreements incorporated in the Young plan, which became further involved by additional accords at The Hague.

The details of these decisions regarding the cash payments and the dates are open to several interpretations and it is learned that the experts here are required to make constant reference of these questions to their various treasuries for advice as to what was meant by this or that feature of the Young plan or The Hague accord. Generally, the replies from the treasuries give just so many conflicting interpretations, and the experts are obliged to argue these out and again refer to their governments.

Regarding the capital shares of the bank, it was decided that these should be quoted in round figures in the currency of the country where the Bank is domiciled, and each share must show plainly its value in gold. It was decided that a statement of the Bank's position should be issued monthly, but the items will be left to the board of directors. It also was decided that the bank statutes will contain as arbitration clause to provide for the settlement of disputes growing out of interpretations of the Bank's statutes.

The following report was made to the "Times" by its Baden-Baden correspondent on Oct. 24:

The fall of the French Government paralyzed today the work of the committee here organizing the Bank for International Settlements, although members of the conference ostensibly are independent of all political influence, representing only the banks of issue of their countries.

Until it is known what will be the complexion of the new French Cabinet and its foreign policies, the French delegation here would hesitate to give final approval of any decision, and for that reason it is expected that the work of the main body of the conference here will move slowly for several days.

The negotiations also were in a critical stage tonight due to a new conflict in the trusteeship subcommittee relating to the powers of the bank. So great is the tension and so wide the divergences of opinion that Jackson Reynolds, of New York, the chairman, is refusing to call the plenary session set for Friday unless a more reasonable attitude is taken by those who seek to place such restrictions on the bank's powers as to make it merely a clearing house for reparation payments.

#### *Adequate Powers Urged.*

The American view is that the bank, to become a useful institution, must have sufficient powers to conduct business for itself at a profit, and if it is made merely a clearing house, whose deposits are withdrawn the moment they are paid in, the small privilege of creating credit or issuing bonds would be no improvement on the present system administered by S. Parker Gilbert and could not facilitate international finance, as the Young plan contemplates.

The subcommittee worked all day today without reaching any accord. The French delegates are dissatisfied with the committee's decision to eliminate the program of Germany's payments from the deed of trust, contending that, as the Young plan was amended at The Hague new propositions still could be inserted in the bank plan.

Most of the delegates of European countries representing central banks are opposed to allowing the World Bank to make the slightest inroads on their province so that those wishing to see the World Bank become a great institution were pessimistic tonight. One report indicate that the Americans even intimated that they might withhold cooperation if the bank's authority is too stringently restricted.

A late conference in the room of Mr. Reynolds tonight was attempting to settle this controversy.

Meanwhile work in the subcommittee has been going forward. The drafting committee has completed about 85% of its work of framing statutes, although, of course, the remaining 15% includes all the most ticklish problems before the committee.

#### *Much Work Cleared.*

The trustee committee, which yesterday was relieved of one of its greatest obstacles when the full meeting decided to eliminate all question of Germany entering the trust agreement, was in almost continuous session today and cleared up a large amount of work which had been held in abeyance. It has now been left to the governments to decide whether there should be a special contract between Germany and the bank on the details of reparations payments and the trustee deed now being formulated will only represent a contract between the bank and creditor nations regarding how the funds will be handled once they are in hand.

There was a meeting today also of the judicial committee as the conference had decided that an arbitration clause should be inserted in the statutes regulating any dispute which may arise regarding the statutes themselves. The committee will decide whether this clause should apply to the central banks or to the governments and precisely what parties may be authorized to call the statutes into question.

### Text of Note of Japanese Government Accepting Invitation of Great Britain to Five-Power Naval Conference.

The State Department at Washington made public on Oct. 18 the text of the Japanese Government's note accepting the invitation of Great Britain's invitation to a five-power naval conference to be held in London in January. The invitations, as we noted in our issue of Oct. 12, page 2327, were sent to the United States, France, Italy and Japan. The acceptance of the invitation by the United States was noted in these columns Oct. 12. Japan's reply to the British Government's invitation was approved by the Japanese Cabinet on Oct. 15. In accepting the invitation in behalf of his Government, the Japanese Ambassador to London, T. Matsudaira states that "the Japanese Government are happy to signify their entire concurrence in the desirability of the proposed conference." The reply also says "it is not merely the limitation but also the reduction of armament that all nations should seek to attain." As made public by the State Department the note follows:

Text of the reply of the Government of Japan to the note of the Government of Great Britain, dated Oct. 7:

1. I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your note dated Oct. 7, informing me of a provisional and informal agreement reached between the Prime Minister and the American Ambassador at London on the subject of naval disarmament and inviting the Japanese Government to participate in a conference which it is proposed to summon in London to consider the categories of ships not covered by the Washington treaty and to arrange for and deal with the questions covered by the second paragraph of Article 21 of that treaty.

2. Having laid before my Government the contents of your note under acknowledgment, I am desired to state in reply that the Japanese Government are happy to signify their entire concurrence in the desirability of the proposed conference and are ready to appoint representatives to take part in that conference. The date suggested for the opening of the conference, namely, the beginning of the third week of Jan. 1930, is also agreeable to my Government.

3. The Japanese Government are further gratified to know of the willingness of the British Government to continue informal conversations with me, as hitherto, on many points which may require elucidation. They note that similar discussions conducted in London by the Prime Minister with the American Ambassador during the last three months had cleared the ground for an agreement on essential points between the British and American Governments, prior to the invitations extended to other naval powers to meet in a conference. My Government attach the highest importance to the same procedure being followed by the Japanese and British Governments, in order to insure agreement between them on various questions that are to be laid before the conference. The success of the forthcoming conference no doubt depends in a large measure upon the satisfactory issue of such preliminary discussions and my Government confidently trust that the informal conversations between the British Government and myself on questions of special moment will be carried on and completed before these questions are presented to the conference for final adjustment.

4. In your note under review it is intimated that the British Government propose to communicate to me in due course their views as to the subjects for discussion at the conference. The Japanese Government are looking forward to such a communication with keen interest, and, on their part, they will be glad to furnish the British Government with a corresponding communication as desired.

5. With regard to the four points of principle mentioned in your note as the subject of provincial agreement between the British and American Governments, the Japanese Government hopes to be able to submit their observations in the course of the informal conversations which I shall shortly permit myself to hold with the British Government. They would, however, make use of this occasion to assure you of their cordial support to the principle that the treaty for the renunciation of war, signed at Paris in 1928, should be taken as the starting point for all discussions on disarmament. They feel that the sense of national security inspired by the provisions of that treaty in the mutual relations of the contracting powers will pave the way for the final settlement of the outstanding questions relative to naval disarmament.

6. In conclusion, I am instructed to express the sincere and earnest hope of the Japanese Government that the conference will succeed in the adoption of plans calculated to promote international peace and good-will and to relieve humanity of the heavy burden of armament, whether existing or contemplated. It is not merely the limitation, but also the reduction of armament, that all nations should seek to attain.

According to copyright advices from Tokio, Oct. 18 to the New York "Herald Tribune" the official text of Japan's reply was accompanied by a formally prepared statement to the press by Baron K. Shidehara, the Foreign Minister, which stated:

"We have gladly accepted the invitation of the British Government to meet in conference on naval armament.

"The note of the Japanese Ambassador to London, published in reply to that invitation, will be found self-explanatory. It is intended to define in brief terms our attitude toward the proposed conference. We are looking forward confidently to plans that will in no way operate as a menace to any power and will, at the same time, strengthen in the mind of each the sense of national security inspired by the Kellogg pact.

"No less importance is attached to the popular demand for the reduction of costly expenditure in armaments. Toward the attainment of these objects, the highest aspirations of mankind are pointed.

"Our whole-hearted efforts will be exercised in co-operation with other naval Powers to attain that end. In our reply to the British invitation, emphasis is laid on the informal conversations being held in London between the British Government and the Japanese Ambassador on questions of special moment, prior to the submission of these questions to a conference.

"Such preliminary conversations have in view no agreement or understanding of any kind to prejudice any third party. They are simply designed to facilitate the adjustment of matters in which Japan is particularly interested and to prepare the ground for a speedy and successful issue of the conference. We shall equally be willing to carry on similar informal

discussions with the American Government, or any Government, on questions in which those Powers are interested in common with Japan.

"We shall take part in the conference full of hope and assurance that it will succeed in promoting those international relations of peace and good understanding which always have been so near the heart of the people."

### President Hindenburg of Germany Scores Attack on Young Reparations Plan—Condemns Referendum Plan to Impeach Ministers Pledging Annuity Payments.

The following from Berlin Oct. 18, is from the New York "Times":

President von Hindenburg to-day dealt a staggering blow to the Nationalist-Fascist referendum of Dr. Alfred Hugenberg and Adolph Hitler, chief promoters of the campaign against the Young plan, when he authorized Chancellor Hermann Mueller to make public an announcement of his displeasure with a provision of the so-called "liberty law," which proposes penal servitude for officers of the Reich who pledge Germany to reparations payments under the Young plan.

The President bluntly informed the Chancellor that he considered such a proposal "a personal and irrelevant political attack," which he both deplored and condemned. The official communique containing the President's condemnation of the Nationalists' procedure sent the promoters of the referendum scurrying for shelter, but their fury revealed itself later in a series of partisan statements charging that the President had been deliberately misled and misinformed regarding the purpose of the "liberty law."

#### Deception is Charged.

"The President is no jurist and as he is a complete stranger to juridical complexities it would seem he has been deceived by an artificial and contrary interpretation of the law," observes one of Dr. Hugenberg's principal journals.

To-day's development was an even greater surprise to the Government leader and the opponents of the Hugenberg-Hitler referendum, as the President, less than three days ago, gave public expression to his impatience over the manner in which the contending factions persisted in using him for their political ends.

Those close to the President now believe that the attempt to brand as traitors any officers of the Reich authorizing reparations payments under the Young plan ran foul of the President's conception of political gallantry and sportsmanship and that he viewed it not only as a defamation of the late Foreign Minister but also as a disavowal of the policies championed by Dr. Stresemann.

Other blows to the referendum plan have been delivered. In Greater Berlin the Nationalists only ran up 37,000 votes for the "liberty law" in the course of two days, and the returns from any provincial points reflect equally light balloting.

#### Proposal Implicates President.

That President von Hindenburg should have aimed his blow at Paragraph 4 of the "liberty law" is not without an ironic comic element, for the same paragraph in the original draft got Dr. Hugenberg and his Nationalistic accomplices into difficulties. In the first version the President of the Reich was included among the officers to be impeached, and it was only after many protests from the Nationalists themselves that the clause was altered to read, "Ministers or their authorized agents." Even in the law's present form the President would still be confronted with penal servitude if it were passed, for in his capacity as Chief of State he must promulgate the laws passed by the Reichstag.

It is believed that in allowing his statement to be issued the President also wanted to give emphatic expression to his impatience with the whole range of Nationalistic-Fascist agitation which Dr. Hugenberg's referendum plan threatens to unloose, especially in the present unsettled state of internal politics and economics. The present coalition Government is anything but firmly co-ordinated and its anchorage in the Reichstag is of doubtful security. Since the passing of Dr. Stresemann it appears to be without a strong guiding influence.

#### Withdraws Hindenburg Film.

To this extent the death of the Foreign Minister literally left the President holding the political sack for the Fatherland, and to-day's disavowal of one aspect of Dr. Hugenberg's undertaking is received as a significant demonstration that the President is determined to give the Mueller Cabinet the benefit of his counsel.

The communique issued at the Nationalist press headquarters charges the Chancellor with having falsely advised President Hindenburg in respect of paragraph 4 of the "liberty law." The clause, it is said, would have no retroactive effect, being meant to forestall action by Ministers before the Reichstag's approval has been secured. It is also intended to circumvent the future conclusion of contracts or treaties based on the "war guilt lie."

Dr. Hugenberg, who is stumping the provincial centres in his campaign for the referendum, will discuss the President's criticism at Karlsruhe to-morrow. The Nationalist campaigners have withdrawn their propaganda film, "Iron Hindenburg," which they intended to use to promote voting for the "liberty law." Its withdrawal followed the President's requests to have his person eliminated from the campaign.

The Police Chief of Berlin has prohibited the holding of demonstrations for the referendum which the Nationalist and Fascist elements had planned for Sunday.

### Germany Receives \$125,000,000 Loan from Swedish Match Interests—Grants Latter 50-Year Concession.

It was announced this week that a contract has been signed in Berlin for the extension of a long-term loan of \$125,000,000 to the German Government by the Swedish Match Co. and the International Match Corp. in connection with an arrangement whereby the sole right to sell, export and import matches in Germany, will be granted to a corporation in which these two companies and the German Government will be the principal stockholders. The agreement, it is announced, is subject to ratification by the Reichstag and Germany's acceptance of the Young Plan. The concession covers a 50-year period.

The Kreuger & Toll Co., the largest single stockholder in the Swedish Match Co. will participate in the execution of

contracts as it has done in contract with other European Governments. All or part of the German bonds will be taken over by Kreuger & Toll Co., which in consideration of its financial assistance, will participate with Swedish Match and International Match in their share of the profits of the German concession. This will be in addition to the profit accruing indirectly to Kreuger & Toll as a large stockholder of Swedish Match.

Germany, under the contract, will grant the sole right to sell, export and import matches to the Deutsche Zundholz-Verkaufs-A. G., in which the Swedish Match Co. and the International Match Corp. will hold 50% of the stock. The other 50% will be held by the German Government and certain German match interests.

Dividend on the Deutsche Zundholz-Verkaufs-A. G. will be limited to 8%, but provision is made for additional distributions to the Swedish Match Co. and the International Match Corp. over and above that rate. Profits above the fixed rate of 8% will be distributed, with the German Government receiving 13 marks per case of 10,000 boxes, and the balance divided so that during the first 32 years the German Government will receive 50% and the Swedish and International companies 50%, and during the remaining years Germany will receive 75% and the Swedish interests 25%.

The loan is a direct obligation of the German Government and will be repayable at par after ten years. The Swedish and International companies will pay 93 for the bonds. The retail price of matches will be raised from 25 to 30 pfennig per package of ten boxes.

Further details are given in our "Investment News Department" (under Swedish Match Co.) on a subsequent page.

### **\$3,500,000 City of Hanover (Germany) 7% Bonds Offered by Brown Brothers & Co. and Continental Illinois Co.**

Public offering of \$3,500,000 City of Hanover, Germany, 10-year external 7% convertible gold bonds was made by Brown Brothers & Co. and the Continental Illinois Co., Inc., on Oct. 24 at 98 and interest, to yield about 7.30%. An unusual feature of this issue is that the 10-year bonds will be convertible into long-term bonds, maturing in 1959 and repayable at 105 through the operation of a sinking fund. This is the first financing done in the American market by a political unit of Germany since last January. The issue, it is stated, has been oversubscribed, and the books closed. The bonds will be dated Nov. 1 1929 and will mature Nov. 1 1939. They will not be redeemable for five years except for the sinking fund. They will be redeemable as a whole or in part on Nov. 1 1934 or any interest date thereafter on 30 days' notice at 107½. The New York Trust Co., authenticating agent. The official offering says:

Convertible after Nov. 1 1938 and prior to July 28 1939 (unless notice of redemption thereof shall theretofore have been published) at option of holder as provided in the bonds of this issue into equal principal amount of City of Hanover external 7% sinking fund gold bonds due 1959, described below. The bonds due 1959 will contain provision for sinking fund calculated to be sufficient to retire entire issue by maturity through purchase at not exceeding 105 and interest or through redemption by lot at 105 and interest, the city reserving the right to deliver purchased bonds to the sinking fund in lieu of cash, and provision for redemption as a whole or in part on May 1 1939 or on any interest date thereafter on 30 days' notice at 105.

The bonds will be in coupon form in denomination of \$1,000. Principal and interest (May 1 and Nov. 1) will be payable in New York City at the office of Brown Brothers & Co., fiscal agents for the loan, in United States gold coin without deduction for German taxes. Sinking fund calculated to be sufficient to retire not less than \$450,000 principal amount of bonds by maturity, through purchase at not exceeding 105 and interest or through redemption by lot at 105 and interest, the city reserving the right to deliver purchased bonds to the sinking fund in lieu of cash. The issue of these bonds has been officially approved by the German Advisory Council for Foreign Loans (Beratungsstelle). The City of Hanover, capital of the Province of Hanover, was founded before the year 1200.

Dr. Arthur Menge, Chief Mayor of the City of Hanover, in advices to the bankers offering the bonds, says in part:

#### *Credit.*

The City of Hanover has always enjoyed high credit in Germany as a result of its excellent record for faithfulness to its obligations. Its debts contracted in the pre-war period consisted of loans bearing 3½% 4% and 4½% interest. In December 1913 4% bonds of the city were quoted in Germany about 100.

#### *Revenues and Expenditures.*

For the year ended March 31 1929 the ordinary receipts of the city amounted to \$25,092,604 and ordinary expenditures to \$25,079,276. The budget estimate of receipts and expenditures of the city for the fiscal year

to end March 31 1930 is \$25,389,371. Revenues of the city consist chiefly of taxes and dues levied by the city, the city's share of taxes levied by the German Government and income from municipal undertakings.

#### *Assets.*

The estimated value of assets owned by the City of Hanover is \$100,836,430, of which \$48,285,714 represents productive investments. These investments include municipal water works, electric power plants, gas works, real estate, &c., net income from which for the year ended March 31 1929 amounted to \$851,207. This is substantially in excess of the annual interest charges on the total funded debt of the city, including the present issue. Against the above assets the city has a total funded and floating debt of \$13,291,833, including this issue, of which \$8,820,405 is funded debt. The city has also obligated itself for \$1,747,571 for real estate purchased, mortgages, &c., and is liable as guarantor for real estate mortgages amounting to \$4,452,380. In 1928 the total taxable property values in the city, including both real and personal property, were placed at \$424,761,904. In the same year the taxable income of inhabitants amounted to \$101,190,476.

#### *Purpose of Issue.*

The proceeds of the present loan are to be used for the improvement and enlargement of the municipal electric power plant, water works and sewerage system.

#### *Obligation.*

These bonds constitute the only external funded debt of the City of Hanover and will be its direct and unconditional obligations. The city has not made any pledge or mortgage of its assets or revenues to secure any loan contracted by it and will covenant that if it shall hereafter make any such pledge or mortgage to secure any loan, these bonds shall be secured equally and ratably therewith.

Under German legislation enacted pursuant to the Dawes plan, charges, currently estimated at not to exceed \$21,270 per annum, are imposed on certain productive municipal works and enterprises owned and/or controlled by the City of Hanover corresponding more or less in amount to the secured yearly payments imposed on private undertakings of like character which the Young plan treats as ordinary taxation. The proposals of the Young plan for a complete and final settlement of the reparation problem include the discontinuance of the Dawes plan charge on German industry for the equalization of which such charges on municipal works and enterprises are imposed and leave to the German Government the distribution of any relief from taxation which the Young plan may permit it to bring into effect.

#### *City of Hanover External 7% Sinking Fund Gold Bonds, Due 1959.*

The City of Hanover external 7% sinking fund gold bonds, due 1959, into which the ten-year external 7% convertible gold bonds are convertible are to be dated Nov. 1 1929, are to mature Nov. 1 1959 and upon issuance through conversion of the bonds due 1939 are to bear interest payable semi-annually May 1 and Nov. 1. The bonds are to be in coupon form in denomination of \$1,000. Principal and interest payable in New York City at the office of Brown Brothers & Co., fiscal agents for the loan, in United States gold coin of present standard without deduction for German taxes. These bonds will provide for repayment through the sinking fund at 105 and will contain a covenant by the city similar to the covenant above mentioned with respect to any future pledges or mortgages on the city's assets or revenues. These bonds are to be held under an escrow agreement with the New York Trust Co., escrow agents, in New York, which will provide for authentication and for delivery thereof upon conversion of ten-year external 7% convertible gold bonds and to the extent provided in said agreement for delivery to the city of any of these bonds not required for such conversion.

### **Hungarian General Savings Bank, Ltd.**

Increases in deposits, loans and discounts and mortgage loans in the first six months of 1929 are reported by the Hungarian General Savings Bank, Ltd., Budapest, to J. & W. Seligman & Co. and John Nickerson & Co., Inc. Converting pangos into dollars at par of exchange, the bank on June 30 had deposits of \$16,737,913, an increase of 5.9%, as compared with Dec. 31 1928. Loans and discounts were \$17,972,203, an increase of 7.3%, and mortgage loans were \$7,510,846, an increase of 15.9%.

### **Agree to Evaluation of Goods in France—French Exporters Arrange With Treasury to Resume System Stopped Two Years Ago.**

The following Associated Press account from Washington, Oct. 19 appeared in the New York "Times":

The two years' controversy between France and the United States over the question of the valuation of French exports to the United States has been settled through diplomatic negotiations.

Instructions were forwarded by the Treasury Department to-day to Treasury officials in France to resume their evaluation of French exports for America. The agents of the department were removed two years ago after the French Government had objected to their operations.

They operated under American law, valuing goods before shipment, thus setting a value for duty upon their arrival in American customs. In some cases the agents inspected the books of French firms to determine cost of production in order to set a value, and a number of firms objected to this practice.

After the agents were withdrawn customs evaluations were made on the basis of American values, in place of French values, due to the impossibility of securing information in France. The new method was found by the French to be more detrimental to their trade than the old system, and negotiations were entered into between Ambassador Claudel of France and the State Department with a view to settling the controversy.

The old system will be reverted to, with Treasury officials operating as they did two years ago before their withdrawals.

### **Bank of Brussels Denies Report of Financial Assistance.**

Regarding a report in a London paper concerning it, the Bank of Brussels informs us, under date of Oct. 22, that it has sent to the paper in question, a telegram in which it says:

No group of Belgium banks has made arrangements to place at our disposal and aid further investigation of our situation for the good reason that no aid has ever been expected neither in the past nor in the present. \* \* \* It is absolutely untrue that there has been withdrawal of funds.

### Danish Bank Closes as Companies Fail—Government Sets Committee to Investigate Folkebank Affairs—Harald Plum a Suicide.

A cablegram from Copenhagen, Oct. 22, to the New York "Times" said:

One of the smaller Copenhagen banks, the Folkebank, closed its doors temporarily today following the failures of the so-called Plum companies and the suicide of Harald Plum, their managing director. The crisis is reported to be due to fraudulent transactions with the Plum companies.

The Danish Government tonight appointed a committee to investigate the Folkebank's affairs and to determine whether any one in the bank's management assisted Mr. Plum in the alleged frauds. The bank's managing director is Bretteville Plum, a cousin of the dead man. All the firms involved are more or less associated with the butter trade.

Harald Plum's death was as sensational as the rest of his career. As director of the defunct Transatlantic Company, in which the Danish Landmansbank lost 200,000,000 kroner, Mr. Plum underwent a legal examination in 1924, but no action was taken. He was the financial backer of the "White" General Yudenitch and of Admiral Kolchak, who attempted to overthrow the Bolshevik regime in Russia after the war.

During the Transatlantic Company inquiry it was revealed that Mr. Plum had sold and resold quantities of shares from one branch bank to another all around the world, which finally returned to the first seller at a substantial profit.

He was an eccentric personality, and after the 1924 investigation built a symbolic statue group on his private island, showing the god Thor struggling with demons of the underworld. He lived like a king on his island and each time he landed from the mainland a big gun was fired in salute.

Despite the sensation, a financial disaster is not expected. The Folkebank announces it will reopen, provided its losses are not greater than have been estimated by the directors. Leading Copenhagen banks have declared their willingness to assist the Folkebank if the investigations now begun disclose it is fundamentally sound.

The only casualty so far has been the Nordisk Trust Company, which suspended payments following the Folkebank collapse.

The Crown Butter Company and the Le Brun Company, two of the biggest butter exporters of Denmark, are so heavily involved that both companies will have to go into liquidation.

The Nordisk Trust Company was exclusively financed by American capital through the medium of Count Frederick Moltke of the Danish American Corporation.

### Poland Reported Seeking \$10,000,000 Gold Here—Federal Reserve Sells Metal to Czechoslovakia.

The following is from New York "Herald-Tribune" of Oct. 23:

Negotiations are under way for the purchase by the Bank of Poland of \$10,000,000 in gold from the Federal Reserve Bank of this city, it was rumored in Wall Street yesterday. Whether the gold will be acquired in one sum or in portions was not revealed.

One small lot, variously reported at from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000, has been sold to the Czechoslovakia National Bank, the central banking unit of Czechoslovakia, by the Federal Reserve Bank.

No comment was forthcoming from the Reserve Bank about these sales, nor would their consummation be confirmed. This type of transaction is stated to be confidential between the local Reserve Bank and its foreign correspondents.

### R. J. Hose of Anglo-South American Bank Finds Increasing Industrial Development in Latin America, with Tendency Towards Tariff Action.

R. J. Hose, Chairman of the Anglo-South American Bank, Ltd., in a lengthy address to the stockholders at their annual meeting held in London Oct. 15, after briefly treating of trade conditions in the United States, referred at greater length to conditions in Central and South America. In a cabled report of the address received by Norman C. Stenning, President of the Anglo-South American Trust Co., the Bank's New York representative, Mr. Hose expressed gratification that Great Britain had recognized the importance of the situation throughout these countries by organizing commercial missions to various South American countries as well as a British Empire Products Exhibition which it is proposed to hold in England in 1931. He stated that the necessity for prompt action was stressed by the inevitable growth of local manufacturing industries throughout Latin America and the tendency to erect tariff barriers to protect them. This movement, which is constantly becoming more strongly marked, signifies an important change in the progress of Latin-American States.

With regard to trade conditions in South America generally, Mr. Hose stated that the Argentine on the whole has had a prosperous year. It is, however, already apparent that that country's income from her export trade this year will not be so great as 1928, the general level of export prices having been lower. There is no apparent likelihood of an early change of importance in the value of the Argentine peso, as the Republic's finances continue satisfactory. President Irigoyen has given evidence that he will follow a policy favorable to the intensive development of the agricultural industry in the Argentine, as well as towards improvements and extension of the existing railroad systems. Uruguay has enjoyed comparative prosperity throughout the year and the position of national finances continues sound.

Chile, due to changed credit conditions since the establishment of the Central Bank, has steadily enjoyed an era of low monetary rates, contrasting sharply with the erratic movements and frequent high levels prior to 1926. The Republic continues to enjoy the benefits of an extremely stable currency. Commenting on the nitrate agreement, Mr. Hose stated that this development is of the highest importance, as it affords practical evidence of the Government's general policy of assisting this very important industry. The agreement with the Synthetic Nitrogen Combine has caused a tendency for various Chilean producers to concentrate into a very few large groups and this should prove of substantial benefit to the industry and its future development. In other directions, the Chilean Government has continued to take active steps in the development and diversification of sources of National wealth, and viewing the Chilean economic situation as a whole, there would appear little indication of any great hindrance to sound progressive advancement of commercial and industrial activity with corresponding acquisition of wealth to the nation. He referred to the settlement of the Tacna-Arica dispute as an event of outstanding importance in the political sphere.

In Peru the general situation remains quiet and for the present somewhat depressed owing to the weakness in the values of cotton and sugar. The re-election of the President will ensure the continuance of the present National economic policy.

Mr. Hose stated that the general outlook in Mexico would appear to be more satisfactory than for the previous year, while the Bank's operations throughout Central America continued to develop in a gratifying manner. He expressed confidence in the future economic development of Colombia and congratulated the authorities on the prompt recognition of international monetary developments early in the year under review. He also referred to the very great expansion in the production of petroleum in Venezuela, which must be of great benefit to that country.

### Colombia Adds to Outlays—\$11,000,000 More Voted for Railroads and Bond Amortization.

A cablegram from Bogota (Colombia), Oct. 18 to the New York "Times" says:

Additional appropriations of nearly \$11,000,000 for 1929 have been made by the Colombian Congress and are expected to cause a deficit of nearly \$15,000,000 at the end of this year. Announcement of the appropriation was made to-day in El Diario, official organ.

Of the sums provided about \$2,500,000 is for the Minister of Finance, including \$850,000 for amortization of 6% internal railway bonds. About \$6,500,000 is for the Ministry of Public Works, nearly all to be spent on seven railway lines—nearly \$3,000,000 for the Pacific Railway; about \$800,000 each for three others, the roads to Lima and Girardot and the North Central; \$600,000 for a subsidy to the Ambalema-Ibague Railway and the balance to be divided between the Southern Railway and the Nacederos line.

During a debate in Congress over this measure of the Minister of Finance, it was indicated that these appropriations were necessary but that they would cause a deficit.

Yesterday the Senate approved Articles 5 to 16, inclusive, of the oil bill. A special committee is studying Articles 3 and 4.

### Federal Farm Board Considers Cotton Prices Too Low—Proposes To Lend to Co-Operatives To Effect Minimum Price of 16 Cents—\$100,000,000 Available for Purpose.

The Federal Farm Board indicated in a statement issued under date of Oct. 21 that it believes that the present prevailing prices for cotton are too low. The Board says:

The total supply of American cotton is less than last year, consumption continues at a world rate equal to that of last year, unfilled orders and actual sales of cotton goods are more and stocks are smaller than last year, yet the price of the raw product is less. The Board believes that this unsatisfactory price level is chiefly due to the open fall weather, which in most of the Southern States has led to exceptionally rapid marketing by producers in amounts much greater than the markets of the world can temporarily absorb. This, in turn, has led to lack of confidence in cotton values.

The Board believes that the remedy lies in more orderly marketing. In order to assist cotton farmers to hold back their crop and at the same time have money with which to pay their obligations, the Board proposes to lend to cotton co-operatives qualified as borrowers under the Capper-Volstead Act sums sufficient to bring the total amount borrowed from all sources by such associations to 16 cents per pound on graded and classified cotton, basis middling  $\frac{3}{8}$ -inch staple, less proper deductions to cover freight to port concentration points.

With respect to the ten designated Southern spot markets, the loan per pound will be approximately as follows: Norfolk, Va., 16.54 cents; Augusta, Ga., 16.35 cents; Savannah, Ga., 16.28 cents; Montgomery, Ala., 15.64 cents; New Orleans, La., 16.59 cents; Memphis, Tenn., 15.39 cents; Little Rock, Ark., 15.41 cents; Dallas, Tex., 15.34 cents; Houston, Tex., 16.19 cents; Galveston, Texas, 16.39 cents; and at all other concentration points on the same basis, less proper freight and other expense adjustments.

The cotton co-operatives are now borrowing certain sums for advances to members from commercial banks, the Federal Intermediate Credit banks and the Federal Farm Board. The Board will make supplemental loans to the co-operatives in amounts sufficient to make the average total loan, with differentials as stated, 16 cents a pound for the entire cotton belt.

In many sections of the South the Board believes that the net advances which cotton co-operatives can make to their members under this loan plan will almost if not quite equal the amounts which are being paid by speculators and others on actual purchasers from farmers.

There is a cotton co-operative in every cotton State. It is open to the membership of every cotton farmer. The farmer may join, ship his cotton to a designated concentration point where it will be graded and classed, and draw his advance. The co-operative will market the cotton in orderly fashion through the year, and will finally settle with the farmer on the basis of the final price obtained.

The Board is confident that, considering the soundness of underlying conditions which affect the price of cotton, the plan described above furnishes a completely safe basis for the making of loans from the Board's revolving fund. The Board places no limit on the amount of Government money to be so loaned. Nearly \$100,000,000 is available for the purpose, and if necessary the Board will also ask Congress to appropriate more.

The Board is prepared to take similar action on wheat, on a plan to be announced later.

#### Federal Farm Board to Limit Facilities Loans to Co-operative Associations Belonging to National or Regional Sales Organizations.

The Federal Farm Board has adopted a resolution to the effect that facilities loans shall be limited to co-operative associations belonging to National or regional sales organizations or when such loans will serve to encourage the establishment of such central sales agencies. Exceptions will be made only in emergency cases where necessary to protect the co-operative movement from the loss of facilities, says the Board, which under date of Oct. 21 added:

Applications for facilities loans are so numerous that if the Board were to grant all of them there would be little of the revolving fund left for commodity loans to the various co-operative associations and marketing advances to the National or regional sales organizations. While there is no limitation in the Agricultural Marketing Act, the Board is of the opinion that the Congressional intent as evidenced by committee hearings, conference reports and the debates in House and Senate was that not a large part of the fund should be used for facilities loans.

The Board feels that the policy thus adopted in the matter of facilities loans will serve to the best advantage in carrying out the major purpose of the Agricultural Marketing Act, which the Board believes to be helping farmers in the creation and operation of National or regional commodity co-operative sales organizations, thus giving the producer more effective control in the marketing of his crops.

The Farm Board's resolution in regard to limitation of facilities loans recites that:

Subject to modification as experience in the application of the loan provisions of the Act indicates, that it be the policy of the Board that no facilities loans be made except on a reasonable showing that the applicant is a part of a National or regional sales organization. The only exceptions to this rule will be where in the opinion of the Board the loan is necessary for the purpose of preventing the loss of facilities to the co-operative movement and a resultant discouragement to the co-operative movement that would warrant the loan.

#### Loans for Cotton and Wheat Associations Approved by Federal Farm Board.

The Federal Farm Board announced Oct. 22 approval of three loans as follows:

1. A commodity loan not exceeding \$300,000 to the Mississippi Cotton Co-operative Association (A.A.L.), Jackson, Miss., supplemental to loans from the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank at New Orleans, thus enabling the association to make larger advances to grower members on their cotton.

2. A commodity loan not exceeding \$500,000 to the Southwest Co-operative Wheat Growers Association, Kansas City, supplemental to loans from the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank at Wichita, thus enabling the association to make larger advances to grower members on their wheat.

3. A facilities loan of \$500,000 to the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, Dallas, Texas.

The Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association is a member of the American Cotton Growers Exchange, which is the national organization of the cotton co-operative association. Chairman Legge, Vice-Chairman Ston, Mr. Teague and Mr. Denman left Oct. 22 for Chicago to attend the conference of representatives of the livestock co-operatives Wednesday and Thursday and a meeting of the organization committee of sixteen of the Farmers National Grain Corporation on Friday, (Oct. 25).

#### American Express Travelers Cheques Reduced to Size of New Paper Money—More Than \$2,000,000,000 Circulated Throughout World, President Small Reveals.

The adoption of a modified American Express travelers cheque, reduced to the approximate size of the new United States Government paper money, was authorized this week at a meeting of the directors of the American Express Co., which recently affiliated with the Chase National Bank. The new cheques, designed for the greater convenience of hundreds of thousands of travelers, will be the exact size of the bank pocket check as recommended by the Bureau of Standards of the Department of Commerce in its simplification program. It is announced that more than \$2,000,000,000 of American Express travelers cheques have been circulated throughout the world since they were introduced as a medium of exchange 38 years ago. "This is the first important change in the form of travelers cheques," said

F. P. Small, President of the company, "since they were first devised by the company as a simplification of the traveler's exchange problems, 38 years ago." He added:

The old standard size has always been maintained because so many of them have been carried to foreign countries, and the merchants, hotels and others had grown familiar with the color, size, and appearance of the cheques. More than two billion dollars of them have been spent in all parts of the world. In many foreign countries these travelers cheques are known as "American Express blue paper money" and have been accepted from travelers, even when the only part of the cheque which could be translated was the figures. Because, however, modern demand is for convenience, it was decided to make this change at this time, prior to the heavy summer travel season. Already, widespread plans are under way for notifying banks, hotels, transportation companies, merchants, garages, theatres, bazaars, in all parts of the world of this change. We have been careful to preserve the original color and appearance of the cheque. It is probable that no other single financial instrument has such world-wide circulation. Americans, particularly American women, now lead the world in travel. In 1891, 24 sales were made, of 248 individual cheques, amounting to \$9,120. This year over 850,000 people will have used American Express cheques on their travels. Both the number of purchases and the amount used doubled between 1919 and 1922 and again doubled between 1922 and 1928.

It is believed that the new smaller cheque will greatly lessen the number of losses and thefts of the traveler's funds. The old cheque, because of its bulk was often left carelessly around in strange hotels in bureau drawers and open trunks. About 2,900 losses and thefts are reported to us each year, many of which can be directly traced to this cause. The new travelers cheque will be easier to carry, hence it will be more carefully protected. The new cheques will be placed in the hands of 17,000 banks early in the year.

#### Aviation Securities Valued at \$248,200,000 Offered to Public During Year.

Eighty-two aviation companies offered securities with an aggregate value \$248,200,000, based on offering prices, to the public during the year ended Aug. 31 1929, according to a statistical study of the industry prepared by Air Investors, Inc., one of the investment companies in this field. Two companies, The Aviation Corp. and United Aircraft & Transport Corp., accounted for \$55,000,000 or 22% of these offerings. It is stated that 45 of the 82 companies offered shares of stock to the public valued at \$207,048,000 at offering prices. These 45 companies based on all shares now outstanding are valued at original offering prices at \$392,301,000. It is added:

The total market value of securities of 33 aviation companies listed on the New York Stock Exchange and New York Curb Exchange was \$727,336,000 as of Sept. 30 1929. Twenty-six of these were operating companies with a total market value of \$683,832,000 and seven were investment corporations valued in the market at \$43,504,000. The Aviation Corp., Bendix Aviation Corp., Curtiss-Wright Corp. and United Aircraft & Transport Corp. accounted for \$532,846,000 or 73% of the total market valuation of the 33 companies.

#### Earnings of First National Bank Treble Within Ten Years—Net Profits for Year Ended Oct. 4 at New High Equalling \$234 Per Share, Says Gilbert Elliott & Co.

Earnings of the First National Bank of the City of New York for the year ended Oct. 4 were \$23,464,000, equal to \$234.64 a share on the \$10,000,000 of capital stock outstanding, according to figures compiled by Gilbert Elliott & Co., specialists in bank and insurance stocks. The firm reports:

These figures established a new high record for all time. Of the total of \$234.64 a share, \$154 was earned by the bank, while the balance of \$80 represents the dividend paid by the First Security Co., the stock of which is owned share for share by the bank's stockholders. The stock is now quoted in the open market around \$8,000 a share.

During the past ten years the earning power of this institution has more than trebled. This has been accomplished entirely without additional capital contributions by stockholders. Earnings per share have been as follows:

1918	-----	\$65.54	1926	-----	\$136.45
1920	-----	91.39	1927	-----	153.50
1922	-----	152.92	1928	-----	198.85
1924	-----	142.41	1929 (Year Ended Oct. 4)	-----	234.64

For the first time, First National's surplus and undivided profits have crossed the \$100,000,000 mark, now amounting to \$102,357,300 as compared with \$97,773,200 on June 29.

With surplus and undivided profits now equal to more than ten times capital, the firm states, it seems logical to expect a stock dividend in the near future. First National's last capital increase was in 1901, at which time capital was increased from \$500,000 to \$10,000,000, the present amount, by stockholders' subscription at par. At the same time, however, the bank paid a 1900% extra cash dividend, which provided the stockholders with funds to exercise their rights, virtually making it a 1900% stock dividend.

#### Chicago Clearing House Corporation To Be Organized By Chicago Stock Exchange.

A Clearing House Corporation, patterned after that of the New York Stock Exchange, soon will be organized by the Chicago Stock Exchange, according to present plans. Harvey T. Hill, assistant to President R. Arthur Wood, of the Chicago Exchange, left for New York on Oct. 18 where with Lester L. Falk, law counsel for the Chicago Exchange, he planned to study the machinery of the New York Stock Exchange Clearing House Corporation. When they return to Chicago a charter for the new Clearing House Corporation



will be drawn up and submitted, with a constitution and by-laws, to the Board of Governors of the Exchange for definite action.

"While a Clearing House Corporation is little understood by the public," Mr. Hill said before leaving for the east, "it is of tremendous interest to every one buying and selling stock. It is simply another step toward modernization of the stock exchange business. Perhaps the most important advantages of the Clearing House Corporation are the saving of time and credit and the protection it affords against robberies." He added:

"In the activities of the Stock Exchange there are two major functions, the actual trading in securities and the settlement of these transactions. The Clearing House Corporation will have to do with the clearing of transactions and will mean that instead of each house delivering securities individually in the financial district of Chicago, brokers will have a common place to deliver and pick up their bought and sold securities."

When present plans are completed the Chicago Stock Exchange will be the only exchange in this country outside of New York City, with a Clearing House Corporation.

It is expected that Messrs. Hill and Falk will visit Germany within the next eight or nine months to study the Clearing House Corporation of the Berlin Bourse. "Some features of stock clearing on the Berlin Bourse are superior to anything in this country," Mr. Hill explained. "The Berlin Bourse Clearing House Corporation goes so far as to hold the stocks for the various houses, issuing receipts for the securities thus deposited. In this and some other respects the clearing house method used by the Berlin Bourse is even more efficient than that of the New York Stock Exchange."

#### San Francisco Stock Exchange Operated Under Same Rules as New York Stock Exchange.

Report of the fact-finding examination of the San Francisco Stock Exchange by a committee of the National Association of Securities Commissioners was made public on Oct. 20. H. C. Hicks, former director of the Utah State Securities Commission and Chairman of the Committee on Stock Exchange Investigations for the National Association summed up the findings of the Committee as follows:

"The examination demonstrated to the committee that the exchange is being operated upon the same general rules and regulations to be found in the operation of the New York Stock Exchange and the New York Curb Exchange. The clearing house is the most modern yet found in any exchange. The entire exchange is most efficiently conducted and justifies the favorable consideration of the commissions throughout the United States."

In the historical sketch included in the report it is declared that in volume of business transactions the San Francisco Stock Exchange is the leading exchange on the Pacific Coast and the fourth largest in the United States. In 1924, transactions on the Stock Exchange amounted to a total of 6,848,625 shares with a market value of \$102,778,333. Five years later, in 1928, the total had jumped to 29,768,034 shares with a market value of \$1,988,523,089. As of Aug. 12 1929, the date of the examination of the Exchange by the Committee, there were listed on the San Francisco Stock Exchange 131 issues of stock with a total market value of \$6,775,557,931, and 70 issues of bonds with a total value of \$1,037,278,125 giving a grand total of \$7,812,836,056.

The examination of the local Stock Exchange was started last August by the Committee on Stock Exchange Investigations. In addition to Chairman Hicks the Committee is composed of Lester E. Shippee of Hartford, Conn., State Bank Commissioner and Commissioner of Securities of the State of Connecticut and A. L. Putnam, of Pierre, So. Dak., Securities Commissioner of South Dakota. The Committee was assisted by Donald A. Pearce, Deputy Corporation Commissioner of California who served as special counsel for the Committee.

The investigation consisted of an exhaustive examination of every phase of the San Francisco Stock Exchange's operation. The records of the Stock Exchange, including confidential files, were thrown open to the members of the Committee. The officers and employees of the Stock Exchange, members of the Governing Board and chairmen of the principal committees appeared before the Committee and submitted to searching examination. In the summary of its findings the Committee says in part:

"The San Francisco Stock Exchange is the oldest institution of its kind in Western America, having been organized in 1882.

"Information was sought relative to the general reputation of the officers and board of governors of the Exchange and we found them to be men of honesty and integrity who are devoting their time to the conduct of the business and have demonstrated their ability to govern its affairs. Their records show that they insist upon adherence to the constitution and rules very strictly.

"The listing requirements are very stringent and most thorough examinations are conducted prior to the time of placing the securities of an applicant on the list of the Exchange.

"The Exchange auditor verifies and checks the financial statements of all applicants and his report must be favorable before the committee will consider the application. The listing committee then investigates the general reputation and standing of the board of directors and controlling interests of the applicant corporation and the action of the committee is based upon the integrity of the officials as well as the financial condition of the applicant. Listed corporations are required to furnish the Exchange with a complete financial statement including the income account and balance sheet at least once a year.

"Definite provision has been made to prevent restricted trading or the creation of 'corners' in a security through the control of the stock by either a single interest or group of interests for the purpose of creating fictitious prices.

"The clearing house is one of the most modern institutions of its kind in the country. This system has speeded up clearing and eliminated the possibility of error.

"Immediate and widespread publicity is given to reports of transactions and quotations over the ticker service. Trading on the floor of the Exchange is conducted under definite rules for the purpose of expediting business. Reports of transactions are collected by employees of the Exchange and are immediately transmitted to the ticker service, the delay between the actual time of a transaction and the time a report appears on the ticker being a matter of only a few seconds in normal markets."

#### Stampede on New York Stock Exchange—Transactions on One Day 12,894,650 Shares—Curb Trading Also at Record Figures—Banking Pool Formed to Support Market.

A week which brought a record of trading on both the New York Stock Exchange and New York Curb Exchange, witnessed the formation of a pool among six of the city's banking institutions to help to bring order out of chaos. Following two days on which the transactions on the Stock Exchange exceeded 6 million shares (Oct. 21, 6,091,870 and Oct. 23, 6,374,960) wholesale selling on Oct. 24, in which severe breaks in prices were witnessed, brought the stock transactions for the day up to the stupendous volume of 12,894,650 shares. On the same day the stock trading on the Curb Market reached the new high figure of 6,337,400 shares, this comparing with the previous record Curb figures, also established this week (Oct. 21) of 3,715,400 shares.

Conferences of bankers on Oct. 24 to adopt measures to check the stampede on the Exchange were described in the New York "Times" of Oct. 25 as follows:

Wall Street gave credit yesterday to its banking leaders for arresting the decline on the New York Stock Exchange at a time when the stock market was being overwhelmed by selling orders. The conference at which the steps were taken that reversed the market's trend was hurriedly called at the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co.

The five bankers who met at the headquarters of the famous private banking house at noon yesterday and again at 4:30 P. M., following the meeting of the board of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, were:

CHARLES E. MITCHELL, chairman of the National City Bank.  
ALBERT H. WIGGIN, chairman of the Chase National Bank.  
WILLIAM POTTER, president of the Guaranty Trust Company.  
SEWARD PROSSER, chairman of the Bankers Trust Company.  
THOMAS W. LAMONT, senior partner of the Morgan firm.

Exclusive of the vast wealth of the house of Morgan this group of bankers represented more than \$6,000,000,000 of massed banking resources.

#### Meeting Eases Tenseness.

As the word went out in Wall Street that these financiers had met the air of tense anxiety in the financial district was relieved. Almost at once the word was passed around the floor of the Stock Exchange that "they" were going to support stock prices and the down-rush of security quotations was halted. Outside the offices of the Morgan firm, at Broad and Wall Streets, a crowd quickly gathered, and on the steps of the Subtreasury Building opposite newspaper photographers and motion picture men took their stand.

After the conference Mr. Lamont spoke to reporters. The meeting of the bankers, he said, had been held largely to exchange information on the stock market situation and no plan of concerted action to support the stock market had been agreed upon.

Despite this assertion, Wall Street was convinced that the bankers had agreed to bring to bear upon the market the immense support of their buying power. Whether or not such an agreement was reached, it was reliably reported in brokerage circles later in the day that large orders emanating from these banking interests had been executed on the floor of the Exchange shortly after the conference ended.

"There has been a little distress selling on the Stock Exchange," Mr. Lamont said, "and we have held a meeting of the heads of several financial institutions to discuss the situation.

"We have found that there are no houses in difficulty and reports from brokers indicate that margins are being maintained satisfactorily."

Mr. Lamont stated that the group had not attempted to determine whether the worst of the stock market decline had been seen.

"It is the consensus of the group," he said, however, "that many of the quotations on the Stock Exchange do not fairly represent the situation."

By this statement Mr. Lamont said he meant that prices of many important issues had been carried down below the levels at which they might fairly be expected to sell.

The situation which arose on the Stock Exchange yesterday, was described by Mr. Lamont as being due to a technical condition of the market, rather than to any fundamental cause.

He said that in many cases "air holes" had developed in sections of the list, that is to say, all buying interest had momentarily disappeared and the spread between previous sales and the prices which would be paid for succeeding offers became points apart.

In describing the situation on the floor of the Stock Exchange as a technical one, Mr. Lamont made it clear that he did not wish to imply that the decline in share prices which has been going on for weeks

was a technical reaction. He asserted that this description applied only to the market which developed on Wednesday afternoon and yesterday.

*"Susceptible of Betterment."*

Predictions as to the future course of the stock market, Mr. Lamont described as the last thing in which a prudent banker would indulge. He did, however, say that in the opinion of the banking group which met yesterday, the situation on the Stock Exchange was "susceptible of betterment."

Through a misunderstanding, reports of Mr. Lamont's statement appearing on the news tickers made it seem that he had said he expected the Federal Reserve authorities to take some action today upon the stock market situation. In a later interview he disclaimed all such intention, pointing out that he would hardly be in a position, even should he care to do so, to forecast the actions of the Federal Reserve Board. Nevertheless, this erroneous quotation figured largely in Wall Street's appraisal of the situation. It was commonly accepted among members of the commission house group that the bankers had conferred by telephone with the authorities at Washington and that the way had been cleared for a reduction in the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

When the spokesman for the local Reserve bank appeared after a meeting which had lasted two and three-quarter hours later on in the afternoon and announced the failure to alter the rediscount rate with the stereotyped phrase, "no announcement," the financial community accepted the news with some consternation.

The failure of the Reserve Bank to live up to expectations by reducing the rate added further point to the quiet reconvening, immediately after the Reserve meeting, of the same group of bankers at the Morgan offices.

This later meeting lasted until shortly after 6 o'clock and then Mr. Lamont again spoke to the newspaper men.

His first interest was to inquire whether there had been discovered any definite word of a financial institution or brokerage house in difficulties. He was assured that while the Street had been vibrating all day with stories of imminent failures no definite word of injury to a Wall Street house had been encountered.

Following this second meeting of the bankers it was again indicated that careful inquiry had disclosed that the situation regarding margins on security loans and upon the accounts of brokers' customers was sound. Assurance had been given by the Stock Exchange, it was learned, that no member was in trouble.

Exactly how the conferences of the bankers came to be called could not be determined. Shortly after noon Mr. Mitchell was seen to enter the Morgan offices and in the temper of Wall Street at that time, this news was sufficient to set brokerage offices buzzing with conjecture. Soon after Mr. Mitchell's arrival, Mr. Wiggin walked over from the Chase Bank, one block north of the Morgan headquarters and he was followed by Mr. Potter and Mr. Prosser.

The meeting was described by the bankers as having resulted spontaneously from a mutual concern over the situation and a desire to exchange information as to the condition of the principal financial institutions.

At the end of the conference, which lasted twenty minutes, newspaper men crowded the doorway, and pushed forward as the bankers came out of the elevator. The five men looked grave. All left hurriedly to return to their offices, leaving Mr. Lamont to explain their position.

Already, across the street on the floor of the Exchange, the tide had turned and stocks were recovering, slowly at first and then more rapidly. It was with grave manner that Mr. Lamont, the Morgan partner, explained the position of the bankers and there was no mistaking the attitude of seriousness toward the crisis. The press conference lasted little more than five minutes.

Whether succeeding meetings will be held in the next few days could not be learned, nor could definite information as to the likelihood of active banking support for the market in the event of a further break in prices be obtained. Such support, it was indicated, would be the concern of the individual institutions.

Regarding the pool formed to stabilize the situation, the New York "Evening Post" of last night (Oct. 25) stated:

The First National Bank, of which George F. Baker is the head, joined the group of leading financial institutions which have pooled their resources to stabilize market conditions, it was announced today. The others are:

J. P. Morgan & Co., the National City Bank, the Guaranty Trust Company, the Chase National Bank and the Bankers Trust Company.

This was said to have been the first time banks here had pledged their institutions actually to buy stocks in the market. In other periods of demoralized trading organized banking support had contented itself with supplying funds for the call money market and accepting stocks as collateral.

Bankers commenting on the outlook today were virtually unanimous in the opinion that the collapse in prices had been brought on by over-speculation and not by any upset in fundamental economic conditions. Business is held to be sound and credit apparently is abundant, judged by time and demand rates. Banks are said to be thoroughly liquid.

Collateral held by banks on security loans is generally well margined, according to observers conversant with such conditions. Banks grandly in recent weeks have been marking down values of stocks acceptable as collateral, with the result that margins proved adequate even in yesterday's sever recession.

More funds flowed into the market today in meeting brokers' demands for larger margins, with the result that a much stronger technical position prevailed throughout the financial district.

Yesterday (Oct. 25) the trading on the Stock Exchange amounted to 5,922,220 shares; on the Curb the stock transactions totalled 2,731,900 shares. The "Sun" of last night stated:

From the orderly movement of values throughout the day it became apparent that the financial leaders, including the house of J. P. Morgan & Co., the First National Bank, the National City Bank, the Bankers Trust Company and the Guaranty Trust Company, were more concerned with providing stabilization than with a sharp recovery.

Buying orders were placed just under market prices, serving to halt any attempts at another runaway like that of yesterday, when wide open breaks of five and ten points between sales broke the morale of traders.

The gallery today was not open to visitors. Throngs of sightseers flocked to the financial district expecting vaguely some visual evidence of the strain to which Wall Street has been subjected. Extra police were assigned to the district, and around the Stock Exchange entrance kept the sidewalk entirely clear.

Orderly activity again characterized the floor dealings.

It has been reported that the Exchange would probably be closed to-day (Saturday) to enable the brokerage houses to catch up with the unusually heavy trading, but it was stated yesterday that the Exchange would be opened as usual to-day. The following is from the "Sun" of yesterday.

*A 23,000,000 Share Day.*

Transactions of nearly 23,000,000 shares yesterday (Oct. 24) on the principal organized exchanges of the United States and Canada were indicated in a compilation made by Pynchon & Co., one of the large wire houses.

Estimated transactions of 5,000,000 shares over the counter would bring the total to nearly 28,000,000 shares, not including odd lot transactions of New York Stock Exchange securities not appearing on the tape.

The volume on the leading exchanges yesterday follows:

New York Stock Exchange.....	12,894,650
New York Curb Exchange.....	6,337,400
New York Produce Exchange.....	216,745
Chicago Stock Exchange.....	1,220,000
Philadelphia Stock Exchange.....	423,029
Baltimore Stock Exchange.....	14,116
Boston Stock Exchange.....	209,330
Toronto Stock Exchange.....	150,000
Montreal Stock Exchange.....	382,521
Cincinnati Stock Exchange.....	13,629
San Francisco Stock Exchange.....	439,036
Los Angeles Stock Exchange.....	206,136
Los Angeles Curb Exchange.....	162,131
Cleveland Stock Exchange.....	9,070
Detroit Stock Exchange.....	66,885
Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.....	45,648

Total Stock Exchanges..... 22,790,326

Unlisted Transactions ..... \*5,000,000

Grand Total ..... 27,790,326

\* Estimated.

**Stock Slump Only Temporary, According to Professor Irving Fisher—Says Market Rise Since War Has Been Justified—"Public Speculative Mania" He Declares Least Important Cause of Price Inflation.**

Fears that the price level of stocks might go down to where it was in 1923 or earlier, engendered by recent breaks in the market value of securities, are not justified by present economic conditions, Professor Irving Fisher, Professor of Economics at Yale University, said in an address on Oct. 23 before the District of Columbia Bankers Association. In indicating what he had to say a Washington dispatch Oct. 23 to the New York "Times" added:

He repeated his recent statement that security values in most instances were not inflated to the extent which some commentators have asserted.

Professor Fisher classed the "public speculative mania" as the least important of a dozen causes for the enhancement of security values witnessed in the upward movement of stocks for three years preceding the present bear market.

He gave as one reason why security values were high "that we are living in the age of mergers under the Coolidge and Hoover Administrations and the old 'trust-busting' sentiment has lapsed almost completely, as is shown by the inability of the opponents of these administrations to get the public excited on the subject."

"These mergers," he declared, "have effected great economies and have therefore increased the profits of corporations to a great extent. Every merger boosts the stock of the merged companies because of this expectation. A considerable part of the rise in stock prices in the last two years has been due to the increased rate of formation of these mergers and the anticipation of future economies arising from them."

*Assails Market's "Lunatic Fringe."*

Professor Fisher said he did not see how a collapse of "60 to 80 points on the Dow-Jones barometer" could be expected, unless it was brought about by shakedowns of from 5 to 12%, followed by recovery.

"These will probably be required," he said, "as thousands of small and inexperienced investors try to scramble abroad the stock market bandwagon from time to time, hanging on by their eyelids, that is, inadequate margins and lacking needed specific knowledge of the stock they thus overbuy. It seems impossible ever to shake the market entirely free from this lunatic fringe of reckless speculation."

In the face of the bad break in the market to-day Professor Fisher argued that the smash would be followed by a recovery, based upon the changed economic condition which enhanced the value of common stocks in the eyes of investors.

"We may summarize," he said, by saying that the stock market rose after the war above the pre-war level by from 50 to 100% because of war inflation, and that since then it has doubled because of increasing prosperity from less unstable money, new mergers, new scientific management and the new labor policy of waste saving."

*Puts Prohibition Among Causes.*

He added to these causes "new inventions, prohibition, the magnification of effects of all the preceding causes to the extent that bonds and other senior securities do not share in the increased earnings; investors new confidence in common stocks through diversification, through investment trusts, investment managers and mergers; the investor's recent loss of confidence in bonds because, being in terms of dollars, they impose on the investor a risk of a loss in the purchasing power of the dollar; an income tax which has been perverted into a capital tax and a public speculative mania. Of these dozen causes the last is in my opinion among the least important."

Professor Fisher characterized tax on gains in the stock market as "this silly taxation system which counts realized capital gain as income."

"A holder of Allied Chemical and Dye stock," he said, "told me he had acquired it at 35 and now would like to sell it at over 300, but avoids doing so because he would be 'soaked' in his income if he shifted the investment to something else. This means stocks which advance the most will not be sold, or sold the most reluctantly, or only on a still greater advance."

Discussing the utilities, which he said had been selling at 25½ times their earnings, Professor Fisher said it was asked why the prices of such stocks were so "inflated" as compared with the larger yields of bonds in the same companies.

#### *Stocks Get Benefit of Economies.*

"But it should not be forgotten," he continued, "that bonds will not share in future great savings and economies, such as are reasonably expected from the recent mergers in the utilities field. Stocks will get all of these greater earnings, for the bond return is fixed.

"Moreover, should the purchasing power of the dollar diminish, the real return of bonds, both principal and interest—that is, its power to purchase goods—would shrink, while the margin of its shrinkage would be transferred to the increased dividends on stock.

"So if the stock market is now inflated it would be only because the earnings apportioned to the account of stocks, both distributed and undistributed, have not increased or shown any likelihood of increasing in the ratio of the increase of the price level of stocks, but the contrary is the case."

"As to the expectation of future earnings," Professor Fisher said, "one reason why earnings in money have been greater than in 1913, and will be so in the future, keeping the stock price level on a higher plateau is that the dollar has only two thirds of its 1913 purchasing power."

Professor Fisher contended that the true measure of the proper height of security values was not of the prices but of the price-earning ratio.

Addressing the New York Credit Men's Association in a forum session at the Commodore Hotel on Oct. 21, Professor Fisher asserted that the market has not been inflated, but has only been readjusted to the decreasing value of the dollar and the increasing pace of production and trade. According to the "Times" he contended that even in the present high market the price of stocks have not yet caught up with their real values. The "Times" report likewise stated:

He dismissed yesterday's break in the market as a "shaking out of the lunatic fringe that attempts to speculate on margin." He said that he was sorry for such losers because their treatment might seem "raw," but that their elimination would promote stability. During the next few weeks, he predicted a "ragged market, returning eventually to further steady increases."

"In my opinion," he said "current predictions of heavy reaction affecting the general level of securities find little if any foundation in fact.

"Let us take the month of August 1929, when the price level of stocks had reached its record top of 200. The price level was 145 in August of the preceding year. Yet in August 1929, common stocks, as computed by the Standard Statistics Corporation, were selling at only 13 times the total earnings, as compared with 14 times the total earnings in August of the preceding year.

"In other words, while the index of prices of representative stocks has risen very rapidly during the past year, it has risen more slowly than the rate of total earnings, comprising those earnings distributed in dividends and those retained for plowing back into the industry. It is this factor of the increased rate of total earnings that should be emphasized in any appraisal of the present stock market.

"During the past six years there have been pronounced changes in the tempo of production and trade, due to the vast increment of scientific research and application of inventions. Virtually every line of manufacture witnesses daily technical development that results in a greater total of products, at reduced costs, greater profits and lower prices to consumers. These gains are continuing into the future.

"Further, the dollar has now only two-thirds the purchasing power of the pre-war dollar. That alone would account for an increase of 50% in the level of the stock market. Other factors are mergers, scientific management, co-operation between labor and management, prohibition, which makes labor more productive and dependable, and finally, common stocks have become popular as investments and share in earnings in increasing measure, due to the depreciated dollar."

#### **Jesse L. Livermore Denies Reports of Participation in Formation of Bear Pool.**

A statement as follows, declaring to be untrue reports that he was identified with a bear pool, was issued in New York on Oct. 21 by Jesse L. Livermore:

"In connection with the various reports which have been industriously spread during the last few days through the newspapers and various brokerage houses to the effect that a large bear pool has been formed, headed by myself and financed by various well-known capitalists, I wish to state that there is no truth whatever in any such rumors as far as I am concerned, and I know of no such combination having been formed by others.

"What little business I do in the Stock Market has always been as an individual and will continue to be done on such a basis.

"It is very foolish to think that any individual or combination of individuals could artificially bring about a decline in the Stock Market in a country so large and so prosperous as the United States. What has happened during the last few weeks is an inevitable result of a long period of continuous, rank manipulation of many stock issues to prices many times their actual worth based on real earnings and yield returns. The men who are responsible for bringing about these fictitious prices are the men who are directly responsible for what is happening in the Stock Market to-day. It is unfortunate for the general public when such a condition arises that real sound investment issues have to suffer to some extent along with the readjustment of issues of less merit.

"If any one will take the trouble to analyze the selling prices of different stocks, as, for instance, United States Steel, which is selling around eight to ten times its current earnings, many other issues must look, and have looked for a long time, as selling at ridiculously high prices.

"The Federal Reserve Board through its various warnings and many expressions from very high banking authorities could not stop the market from going up, so it must be plain and seem utterly ridiculous for any sane person to presume that one lone individual could have any material effect on the course of the prices of securities."

#### **Rumors Most Malicious, Says Arthur Reynolds, Chairman of Illinois Bank & Trust of Chicago—Companies are Selling Stocks to Buy Again at Bargain Prices.**

Under date of Oct. 24 the "Wall Street News" reported the following from Chicago:

"Those are the most malicious and wild rumors I have ever heard," said Arthur Reynolds, chairman of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., when rumors that the Continental Chicago Corp.; Chicago Corp., and Chicago Investors Corp. were selling stocks, with the idea of buying up the better grade issues at bargain prices, were called to his attention. "That anyone should treat them seriously thoroughly demonstrates the state of mind the general public has reached."

"The Continental Chicago Corp.," Mr. Reynolds said, "does not own a single share of stock and has no intention of purchasing any. It was not formed to hold, or trade in stocks, but to supplement the activities of the Continental Bank, and that is what it will do.

Mr. Reynolds stated further: "Chicago banks never were in a more comfortable position regarding credit, and there has been no thought of reducing collateral loans. There is plenty of money available for all legitimate purposes. As a matter of fact, it is becoming more difficult to find employment for funds. There are no developments in the general business situation. We have had some recession in business, but this is very largely seasonal and I look forward with confidence to a satisfactory volume during the closing months of this year. Fundamental conditions are sound. In fact, we have never been in a more promising position."

#### **Aid to Europe Broke Market, Says Representative McFadden—Federal Reserve Board's Gold Withdrawal Policy Blamed by Representative.**

The following, under the above head, appeared in the New York "Herald Tribune" of Oct. 25:

The sharp decline in prices of securities on the nation's stock exchanges yesterday may be traced to the Federal Reserve Board's policy of encouraging the withdrawal of the gold supply from this country to assist in the rehabilitation of Europe, Representative Louis T. McFadden, Chairman of the House Committee on Banking and Currency, charged here last night.

Criticizing the Board's policy as one which is resulting in shaking public confidence in the basic soundness of American industry and common stocks, Representative McFadden asserted that such a policy was calculated to entangle our nation in foreign economic and political controversies. He asserted that the demonstration in Wall Street yesterday was certain to curtail trade and was likely to result in loss of confidence on the part of the buying public. He predicted that the situation would be likely to bring about a condition favorable to the marketing in America of foreign bonds.

#### *Text of McFadden's Statement.*

Representative McFadden's statement follows:

"I said last Feb. 7, in commenting on the changed policy put into operation by the Federal Reserve, that if they persisted in that policy it would bring forth untold harm in this country, which would result in injuring business and which in turn would bring about unemployment and would cause much hardship and losses to innocent people. The climax of this prediction was evidently reached to-day, when loss of confidence brought about by continuance of this same policy brought on a panic in Wall Street when innocent holders with small means were completely wiped out, and, as usual, stocks were taken by strong groups at attractive prices.

#### *Fundamental Conditions Good.*

"Fundamental conditions in this country are good. Optimism and confidence in America and its institutions are necessary and essential to welfare of the people of this country and in the maintenance of the present high standard of living.

"I regard the maintenance of the present high standards of living as the most important function before us to-day. Nothing will interfere more seriously with this than the loss of confidence precipitated by carrying out of unwise policies. Apparently the Federal Reserve officers feel that the credit situation is now on a much sounder basis than it has been for several months. Their view is quoted to be that the whole world-wide credit situation is now on a better basis, and that if there are funds withdrawn from the United States these withdrawals will be offset by easier money in other directions.

#### *Comments on Gold Withdrawal.*

"On previous occasions I have called attention to a change of Federal Reserve policy which resulted in the withdrawal of large amounts of gold from this country to assist in the rehabilitation of Europe. I refer to the cheap money situation created during the summer of 1927 and the subsequent withdrawal of \$500,000,000 of our gold for the purpose of assisting Europe and England back on a gold basis, which, incidentally, was the beginning of the speculative situation of which to-day's operations may be the consummation.

"In view of the fact that we are approaching additional financial assistance to Europe in the form of financing reparation settlements, one cannot help but wonder whether or not we are not again in the midst of a preparation for large financial flotations in this country of foreign securities. It seems unfortunate, if this is the case, that in this preparation confidence should have to be destroyed in that class of securities which have become so popular in the last two years, viz., common stocks, in order to make a market for foreign government bonds which are apt to be issued and sold in this country through the auspices of international banking houses who at the same time are frequently fiscal agents of the foreign countries who will benefit from the distribution of these securities in this country.

#### *Warns of Foreign Tangle.*

"I have recently voiced the opinion that interests of the American people could best be served by our Federal Reserve system and its American banking affiliations by so operating the system as to first benefit American and not become entangled in the economic and political controversies of Europe.

"The present dilemma is, in my judgment, the direct result of the putting into operation by the Federal Reserve system of this changed policy in conjunction with the operations of the Bank of England and other central banks of issue who are working in harmony for bringing about favorable conditions for international financing. It is about time that the Federal Reserve system should be managed by and for the people of the United States and should be freed from the domination of international banking influences.

"It is hard to estimate on the business of this country such as has been staged in Wall Street to-day. It would seem probable that it will result in slowing up the fall trade to the extent of 25 to 50% in destroying the purchasing power and in loss of confidence on the part of the buying public. It is most important for the people of America that the management of its banking system should not permit a condition like this to happen."

### Complete Record Stock Clearings—Wind-up of Work Confirms Banker's Statement No Houses are in Difficulty.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of last night (Oct. 25), we take the following:

Clearing of the record transactions on the Stock Exchange Thursday has been completed by the Stock Clearing Corp. and all tickets on balances have been sent out.

Aside from the display of efficiency of Stock Exchange machinery which this feat represents, the completion of clearings and sending out of balance tickets this morning may be taken as confirmation of the statement, following the conference of bankers, Thursday, that no houses are in difficulty.

The size of the performance of the Stock Clearing Corp. in handling the tremendous volume of business within the allotted period, that is before renewal of business the next day, may be gleaned from the fact that Thursday's business volume going through clearings of 12,894,600 shares was 50% larger than the previous record business.

The clearing of stock sheets was completed by 5 a. m. this morning, some hours later than usual, but well within the permitted time. This permitted the arrival at balances of the hundreds of Stock Exchange house and the sending out of the balance tickets, the "To Whom" and "From Whom" figures, which houses must have to know to whom they owe money and from whom they are to receive checks as a result of Thursday's business.

### Treasury Officials Blame Speculation—Drastic Market Decline Found not Due to Any Basis Business Weakness—Federal Reserve Board Meets Twice in Day and Keeps in Touch With Market.

After two extended meetings, over the second of which Secretary Mellon presided, the Federal Reserve Board late on Oct. 24 decided that the avalanche of selling on the New York stock market had not resulted in a situation serious enough to call for any immediate formal declaration. The Washington correspondent of the "New York Times," on Oct. 24, in stating this further, said:

While the tremendous liquidation was at its height there were indication was at its height there were indications that the Board would make an announcement, but such action was withheld when the closing hour on the Exchange showed a part recovery of values.

Throughout the day, however, there were scenes of unusual activity about the offices of the Board in the Treasury Building and members were requested to keep constantly in touch with developments.

After the afternoon meeting, which lasted from about 3:30 until 5 o'clock, Mr. Young met all inquiries with the statement that there was nothing to say, except that the bill rate in New York had been reduced to 5%. No action was taken in regard to the New York bank's 6% rediscount rate.

Secretary Mellon also refused to make any formal comment.

#### Brokers' Loans Show Decline.

While the Board was meeting in the afternoon the report of brokers' loans made by New York member banks was issued, showing a decline of \$167,000,000 to a total of \$6,634,000,000, as compared with 6,801,000,000 one week ago. The report covered the loans up to the close of the market Tuesday night, and represent only a part of the drop which must have occurred as a result of the liquidation yesterday and today.

The chief concern of the Board over the situation admittedly came in the early afternoon when selling orders were pouring into the market in unprecedented volume. Minute and almost continuous reports were telephoned, it is said, not only by officials of the New York Reserve Bank, but by other prominent banking leaders, but the identity of those who may have been in touch with the Board was withheld.

The first meeting of the Board began at 10:45 A. M., before the selling had gained full force, and continued until 1 P. M.

While officials of the Treasury would not permit themselves to be quoted a definite reflection of their opinion was made available. This was that the break was the result of undue speculation and could be laid at the door of unsound technical condition of the market rather than to any adverse business conditions or weakness in the nation's banking and general financial structure.

One of the highest officials expressed the opinion that the break would not prove disastrous to business and the prosperity of the country and argued that if business conditions remained good stock prices would become stabilized after the bear movement had run its course and would work their way upward again.

The Treasury made the point that, while the reports of the break drew a disastrous picture, the bulk of losses on the stock market were "paper losses" of unrealized profit. Speculators and investors who suffered actual heavy cash losses, it was held, represented a relatively small sector of those involved in the market crash.

The fact that industry and commerce were operating on an exceedingly high level, with profits of corporations showing a sharp increase as compared with last year, was pointed out as demonstrating that the basic conditions were sound.

The Treasury, it was said, has not abandoned hope of recommending a tax reduction of \$200,000,000 or more. Tax on capital gains, admittedly, will be less than last year, but it is believed that losses reported against taxable income will not be as great as might be thought, because many holders of big blocks of stock bought them months ago at a price below that at which they sold, thus suffering no actual deductible loss.

One official frankly expressed the opinion that security values were sinking because speculation had been overdone and the stock market was correcting itself. Just how far the corrective movement would go, he said, no one was in a position to say. He predicted that the readjustment would be accomplished without disastrous consequences to the nation's business and prosperity.

Other points made were that the country is growing, and the earnings from the country's accumulated wealth increasing, but that such things receive small attention in a collapse of market values such as has been witnessed during the last few days.

Reviewing evidence of the soundness of national prosperity one prominent official said that while business was not at its peak it was going along at a high level. The textiles and coal were referred to as the

weak spots, but officials felt that the coal industry had surmounted many of the difficulties which have faced it since the war and is in a much more favorable position than recently.

It was felt that the tendency of the present market reaction would be toward easier money, although that might not come for some time. Nothing was said to indicate that there would be any immediate change in the rediscount rates of the Reserve banks, however. The New York bank now has a rate of 6% while the other eleven banks are on a 5% level.

### President Hoover Says Fundamental Business of Country Is on Sound and Prosperous Basis.

At his semi-annual conference with newspaper correspondents yesterday (Oct. 25) President Hoover stated that the fundamental business of the country is on "a sound and prosperous basis." The President's statement, in reply to the questions of newspaper men, is as follows, according to the Associated Press:

The fundamental business of the country—that is, the production and distribution of commodities—is on a sound and prosperous basis. The best evidence is that although production and consumption are at high levels, the average prices of commodities as a whole have not increased and there have been no appreciable increase in the stocks of manufactured goods.

"Moreover, there has been a tendency of wages to increase and the output per worker in many industries again shows an increase, all of which indicates a healthy condition.

"The construction and building industries have been to some extent affected by the high interest rates induced by stock speculation, and there has been some seasonal decrease in one or two other industries, but these movements are of secondary character when considered in the whole situation.

"A temporary drop in grain prices sympathetically with Stock Exchange prices usually happens, but, as the Department of Agriculture points out, the overriding fact in grain is that this year's world wheat harvest is estimated to be 500,000,000 bushels less than that of last year, which will result in a very low carryover at the end of the harvest year."

### Roger W. Babson Sees Orderly Decline—Predicts it Will Follow Rally in Stocks and be Succeeded by Dullness.

Roger W. Babson, the statistician, in a statement to The New York Sun, published in its issue of yesterday (Oct. 25), said:

"The market should rally from the present figures, due to banking support. But such stocks as are bought for supporting the market will be fed out again as soon as possible.

"This means that there should be further declines, but they should be of an orderly nature. Then the market will continue down for some time, with comparatively little trading.

"Crazy markets such as we had yesterday must be followed by a resting up.

"As to the future of common stocks, I would say that each issue should be considered on its own merits and according to its yield. Speculative buying for profit is over for a while. The buying from now on will be of a legitimate investment nature. This means that prices will be determined by yield rather than by prospects.

"Good stocks that yield well should hold up in price, and a few will go higher. But those which do not yield well will continue to decline until their prices get down to a figure that gives legitimate investors a fair deal."

The "Sun" added:

On September 3 last the Dow-Jones industrial average was recorded as 381.17. Mr. Babson, with the market at the highest point in its history, publicly predicted there would be a decline of from 60 to 80 points. Yesterday's industrial average was 299.47, a decline of 81.70 points.

### Return From Abroad of Charles E. Mitchell of National City Bank—Sees Nothing Wrong With Stock Market—Comments on Federal Reserve District Rate.

The view that there is nothing alarming about the stock market decline but is a "healthy reaction which probably has overrun itself" was expressed on Oct. 22 by Charles E. Mitchell, chairman of the National City Bank, with his return to New York on the Steamer Majestic, following a brief trip abroad.

The New York "Evening Post," reported Mr. Mitchell as saying:

"In a market like this, fundamentals are the things to look for and if you can show me anything wrong with the situation generally then I would be concerned.

"I know of nothing fundamentally wrong with the stock market or with the underlying business and credit structure. Such slight business recessions as have been reported are naturally over estimated in a bear market."

Mr. Mitchell also indicated that he favored the covering of the rediscount rate of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York; in reporting his comments the "Times" of Oct. 23 said:

#### Favors Lower Rediscount Rate.

Discussing the possibility of a reduction in the rediscount rate, Mr. Mitchell said that he was merely expressing his own opinion and that he had no knowledge of what the Reserve authorities contemplate.

"As you know, he remarked, "I am not at liberty to discuss any actual knowledge I may have of Federal Reserve plans. It is because I have been out of touch with these matters for over a month that I feel more free to talk than I would otherwise."

Mr. Mitchell said that the thing chiefly to be desired now was lower interest rates. The chief factor, he said, in determining changes in the rediscount rate should be the volume of Reserve credit outstanding.

Discounting in the New York district has been reduced to an extremely low figure, he declared, and there would appear to be no reason for not reducing the charge.

While the present ease in money rates does not appear permanent, Mr. Mitchell said, conditions appear to be working toward easier credit and a reviving bond market. We have not reached an improved bond market, he said, but we appear to be headed toward one.

*Discusses Foreign Financing.*

In this connection Mr. Mitchell observed that the hostility of our bond market recently to foreign financing, while it has appeared to work a hardship upon European States and municipalities, has actually worked a benefit.

He said that German provinces and cities, for instance, often had used extravagantly the large sums borrowed here during the period when easy money conditions prevailed. In particular, he said, they indulged their penchant for ownership of equities in public utility enterprises. The recent poor market for foreign financing here has forced such units back to more rigid economies and has compelled many to dispose of these equities, Mr. Mitchell said that he looked for greater interest by the American investing public in the German power and light enterprises.

Mr. Mitchell refused to discuss developments concerning the National City Bank, saying that he had been out of touch with matters too long to make any statements on that score. He did, however, discredit the rumor of plans to acquire the New York Title and Mortgage Company.

When asked if he believed the saturation point had been reached in large bank amalgamations, Mr. Mitchell replied that it was a difficult question to answer as there are so many motives for consolidation. It seemed to him, he added, more likely than otherwise that the movement would continue not only in New York, but elsewhere.

He was also asked if he thought Germany would ask for financial assistance shortly, and indicated he thought there would be a movement "in some form or other." He said Germany was making great progress.

*Decries Worry Over Brokers' Loans.*

Mr. Mitchell said that his organization is deeply interested in the development of Zeppelin transportation, but that the International Zeppelin Transport Company recently formed in Delaware was purely experimental and that actual transportation work or public financing for a Zeppelin company was still remote. At this stage, he said, the matter is one which offers no prospect of public participation.

Mr. Mitchell said that far too much concern had been given to the problem of "undigested securities" and the allied question of mounting brokers' loans. He attributed the high total of brokers' loans to a shifting from long term to short term financing. The alarm over the size of the totals, he said, results from improper understanding of their significance.

"The public is suffering from 'brokers loanitis,'" Mr. Mitchell said. "The situation is one which will correct itself if left alone. When one considers the huge volume of new financing and the large amount of rights which have to be taken up, it is not surprising that brokers' loans have advanced. But the funds secured in this way are going, in many cases, to reduce funded indebtedness. The result is simply a shifting of credit, brought about by new methods of financing from long term credit to short term credit. It is nothing to become alarmed about."

The resolution adopted by the American Bankers Association which described the brokers' loans figures as a spectacular figure rather than a scientific one and which called for a study of the subject by banking experts, was commended by Mr. Mitchell. It is high time, he said, that some such opinion was brought forward to offset the erroneous notions concerning brokers' loans which have agitated the public.

It was stated by the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 24, that the question of whether or not the rediscount rate should be lowered was, according to the expectation of well informed bankers, to be debated that afternoon at the weekly meeting of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. The same paper also said in part:

Mr. Mitchell was said to have held several conferences yesterday in which he went over the general financial situation and prepared statistics supporting his contention that a lower rediscount rate would be a sound development at the moment.

It was believed that the demand for a downward revision of the rediscount rate would not meet with immediate acceptance either by the majority of other directors of the local institution or by the Federal Reserve Board in Washington, which must approve requests for changes in rediscount rates by the regional Federal Reserve banks.

At the close of the meeting of the directors of the Reserve Bank on Oct. 24, announcement was made that no change had been made in the rediscount rate of 6%, but that the rate at which the Federal Reserve banks hereafter will purchase banker's acceptances from dealers had been cut 1/8 of a point to 5%.

Commenting on the meeting the "Journal of Commerce" said:

Because of the late meeting of the directors of the Federal Reserve Bank, which lasted nearly three hours, and the fact that one of the directors, Charles E. Mitchell, publicly had declared himself in favor of a lower rediscount rate, it was well understood while the termination of the meeting was being awaited that the question of the rediscount rate was the chief point of discussion.

The crash on the stock market on Oct. 24, when a record day's trading was witnessed with a severe break in prices brought from Mr. Mitchell the statement:

"I still stand back of the statement I made when getting off the ship Tuesday. I still see nothing to worry about."

**Federal Reserve Officials Should Declare Stand on Bank for International Settlements, Representative McFadden Asserts.**

It is the obligation of those in control of the Federal Reserve Bank to declare themselves for or against the Interna-

tional Bank for Reparations, asserted Louis T. McFadden in an address on Oct. 23. In its account of what he had to say the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated:

Those who represented the United States in the formation of the Reparations Bank, he intimated, has discussed the ground with Federal Reserve officials while the latter were well informed as to what is taking place. The American people, he declared, ought to know whether they are being drawn into relationship with the institution.

"If the International Bank is to occupy a position intended for it, such an institution will have difficulty in its operations without the co-operation of the Federal Reserve system," he asserted. "On the other hand, if the International Bank should operate without the co-operation of the Federal Reserve system, its influence would be bound to react on the financial affairs in the United States. The Federal Reserve system cannot be expected to co-operate with the International Bank without becoming involved in its management. Can the Federal Reserve ask for favors without giving favors?"

"I am at a loss to understand why more of the men who are able to discuss this matter of the International Bank; such as, bankers, economists and students of finance, are not discussing this problem at this time, so that the American people may know what we are asked to do in this connection.

"I have been wondering if in the last few days there is not an influence at play which will slow down business and create hard times in this country. The state of mind as to what tomorrow will bring forth—stagnation and loss of employment is right where it belongs—the policy of the Federal Reserve system.

"Entangling of our banking system with the European banking systems should not take place. It seems to some of us that the important and most beneficial part that we can play is the management of our own financial system and keep our house in order less we be brought down into the chaos of the European countries.

"Personally I am one of those who was opposed to the League of Nations. There are some of us still who feel that we should go slow in becoming involved in the European financial and political situation.

It is hard to believe that two important bankers or the type that represented the United States in the discussion of the organization of this International Bank have not discussed it with the Federal Reserve people. It is hard to believe that the Federal Reserve people do not know what is exactly taking place. It seems to me that it is the obligation of the management of the Federal Reserve System to declare themselves for or against this institution, so that the American people may know that they are being drawn into this without knowing what they are doing."

**Comptroller of Currency Pole Avers U. S. Business Fabric Strong—Sees no Danger of Depression—Stock Market Cannot be Used as Barometer—Bank Mergers an Aid.**

The Wall Street "News" reported the following from Washington under date of Oct. 22:

The business fabric of the United States is strong; there is no danger of a business depression, and fluctuations of the stock market cannot be used as a barometer, Comptroller of the Currency Pole declared to-day.

The recent formation of large banking houses through amalgamation of smaller concerns in various parts of the country has helped and will continue to help to keep business conditions good, he declared.

Commenting upon the recent bankers' convention in San Francisco, from which he has just returned, Mr. Pole said:

"The convention was very successful from my point of view, in that sentiments in favor of extension of branch banking was favorably received in so very many unexpected quarters.

"I am quite sure if my speech advocating the extension of branch banking had been made one or two weeks ago the attitude would have been different."

Mr. Pole pointed out the bankers realize that the whole banking structure in the United States is changing rapidly. Holding companies are forming everywhere, and the whole country will be covered with group banks before we know it.

"The practical effect of these changes," Mr. Pole said, "will be to enable us to carry to the large majority of the population of the country, principally the agricultural communities, a safe and sound metropolitan banking service, which they have not had up to this time."

Mr. Pole declared that branch banking legislation will be introduced at the regular session of Congress and that the whole question will be thoroughly threshed out. It will be decided not only if branch banking is the proper system, but also what the areas to be covered should be.

He said that reports from bankers in all parts of the country are very encouraging.

**Changes Likely in Banking Law—Amendment to Permit State Bank System Members to Establish Foreign Branches Up.**

Enactment of an amendment to the Federal Reserve Act, so as to permit State bank members of the Federal Reserve System to establish branches in foreign countries appears likely at the coming regular session of Congress, said the "Wall Street Journal" of Oct. 19 in advices from its Washington correspondent, which went on to say:

Chairman McFadden, of House Banking and Currency, has under consideration such a proposal.

Other amendments to national banking laws are contemplated by Senator Glass. He is preparing a bill which would liberalize the branch banking laws, by removing certain restrictions now in existence in connection with the establishment of branches by national banks in states where the laws permit.

The foreign branch banking amendment was drafted by the Federal Reserve Board after the Attorney General had ruled that under the present law State bank members could not establish foreign branches. Little opposition to the proposal is expected. Chairman McFadden stated the matter would have been brought up during the special session of Congress, but for the fact that the Banking and Currency Committee of the House was not organized. He stated when the McFadden Banking Act was enacted in 1927, the same rights extended national banks in the establishment of foreign branches were inadvertently omitted in the case of state bank members.

*To Give State Banks Equal Rights*

Under the present law, any national banking association possessing a capital and surplus of \$1,000,000 or more may file application with the Federal Reserve Board for permission to establish branches in foreign countries or insular possessions of the United States. It is believed certain that the law will be so revised as to give the State institutions equal rights in this respect.

The Attorney General's ruling also applied in the case of consolidations. The ruling held that state bank members could not acquire branches in a foreign country by consolidating with a bank which maintained a foreign branch and retain stock in the Federal Reserve Bank of which it is a member.

At that time the Attorney General said: "It has been urged that Congress could not have intended to discriminate against state bank members by denying them what is allowed national banks, and that no reason for such discrimination is apparent."

*Other Amendments Proposed*

The amendment to liberalize the branch banking laws, as proposed by Senator Glass, has not been given much discussion, but he has always favored nationwide branch banking and will seek consideration of such legislation at the coming regular session of Congress.

The Senator has stated that in the event his stock tax amendment to the tariff bill is defeated, he will reintroduce it at the regular session as an amendment to the Federal Reserve Act. This amendment would authorize a tax on stock transactions of less than 60 days' duration. It is intended to curb marginal trading on the Stock Exchange.

Other amendments to the Federal Reserve Act to be pressed by Senator Glass include increasing the net balance reserve requirements of member banks with their Federal Reserve banks to 5% of their time deposits. Present requirements for reserve against demand deposits, varying from 7% to 13% of such demand deposits, would remain unchanged. Further proposal would provide additional dividend payments of 2% on paid-in capital stock of the Federal Reserve banks, after the regular 6% dividends have been met.

### Representative Garner to Advocate Reduction of Taxes at Regular Session—Cut in Corporate Rate 10%, Higher Allowance on Earned Incomes Planned—Treasury to Urge Similar Program on Congress Following Hoover's Annual Address.

Reduction of the present 12% corporate income tax rate to 10%, an increase in the present 25% allowance on account of earned income to 30 or 33%, and the removal of the last of the war nuisance taxes, that of 10% on club dues, constitutes the tax revision program advocated by Representative John N. Garner (Texas), Democratic floor leader and ranking minority member of the House Ways and Means Committee. We quote the foregoing from a Washington account Oct. 20 to the New York "Journal of Commerce," this adding:

Anticipating that a tax reduction program, running into the millions of dollars, would be asked of Congress soon after the beginning of the regular session on Dec. 2, Representative Garner indicated that he "would have some ideas of his own on that subject." In advancing his personal view as to how the reduction should be made and in what amounts, the Texas leader asserted that he did not propose to commit the Democratic organization either in the House or Senate. However, since the House Democrats have always been willing to follow Garner in tax matters, his discussion may be said to take on a special significance.

*To Leave It to Treasury.*

Mr. Garner pointed out that, according to Treasury examinations, taxes could be reduced to the extent of \$300,000,000 or \$400,000,000, but he considered it doubtful that the White House would give approval to so great a cut. Leaders in Congress expect President Hoover to recommend in his annual message to Congress in December that consideration to be given tax reduction, leaving it to the Treasury Department to suggest the details, its program to be advanced as that of the Administration.

The Texan believes that his proposals will be found to be about what the House Democrats would approve. The suggested reduction in the corporate rate would amount to about \$200,000,000; the repeal of the club dues tax would mean a loss of Federal revenue of about \$8,000,000, and the increase in the exemption on account of earned income would run from \$25,000,000 to \$50,000,000, according to the extent of the cut to be made.

"Under the present law," said Mr. Garner, "a single person is allowed a general deduction of \$1,500, and I would favor making it \$2,000. The married taxpayer or head of a family is allowed a deduction of \$3,500, and I would increase that allowance to \$4,000. This reduction would run to all taxpayers, high and low, and the total might be as much as \$30,000,000 in the aggregate. Then I would advocate dropping off \$5,000,000 more by increasing the exemption for dependents from the present \$400 to \$600. All of these proposals would be for the benefit of the small taxpayers particularly."

*A Political Weapon.*

It is the expectation of those who have been studying the situation that the Treasury Department's recommendations will include the repeal of the Federal estate taxes and a reduction of the present 20% surtax maximum to 15%. This, it is said, would amount to a large aggregate reduction, operating in favor of every taxpayer having an income of \$56,000 or more. The Treasury is expected also to favor reduction in the corporate tax rate, extension and probable enlargement of the earned income allowance and repeal of the levy on club dues.

How high the Treasury is willing to go in the total tax cut, Mr. Garner said, is a question. He pointed out that the Republican party has advocated a tax reduction every two years, just before elections.

### President Hoover at Completion of Ohio River Channel Indicates Plans for Development of Inland Waterways.

In a speech at Louisville, Ky., Oct. 23, at a celebration signaling the completion of the nine-foot channel of the Ohio River from Pittsburgh, Pa. to Cairo, Ill., President

Hoover told of the plans of the administration for the development of the nation's waterways, saying:

Without delaying to traverse the detailed ramifications of these great natural waterways, I may well summarize their present condition and enunciate the policies of my administration in respect to them:

1. As a general and broad policy I favor modernizing of every part of our waterways which will show economic justification in aid of our farmers and industries.

2. The Mississippi system comprises over 9,000 miles of navigable streams. I find that about 2,200 miles have now been modernized to nine feet in depth, and about 1,400 miles have been modernized to at least six feet in depth. Therefore some 5,000 miles are yet to be connected or completed so as to be of purpose to modern commerce. We should establish a nine-foot depth in the trunk system. While it is desirable that some of the tributaries be made accessible to traffic at six or seven feet, yet we should in the long view look forward to increasing this latter depth as fast as traffic justifies it.

This administration will insist upon building these waterways as we would build any other transportation system, that is, by extending its ramifications solidly outward from the main trunk lines. Substantial traffic or public service cannot be developed upon a patchwork of disconnected local improvements and intermediate segments. Such patchwork has in past years been the sink of hundreds of millions of public money.

3. We must design our policies so as to establish private enterprise in substitution for government operation of the barges and craft upon these waterways. We must continue government barge lines through the pioneering stages, but we must look forward to private initiative not only as the cheapest method of operation, but as the only way to assured and adequate public service.

4. We should complete the entire Mississippi system within the next five years. We shall then have built a great north and south trunk waterway entirely across our country from the Gulf to the northern boundaries, and a great east and west route half way across the United States. Through the tributaries we shall have created a network of transportation. We shall then have brought a dozen great cities into direct communication by water; we shall have opened cheaper transportation of primary goods to the farmers and manufacturers of over a score of States.

5. At the present time we have completed 746 miles of intracoastal canals. We still have approximately 1,000 miles to build. We should complete this program over a period of less than 10 years.

6. We should continue improvement of the channels in the Great Lakes; we should determine and construct those works necessary for stabilizing the lake levels.

7. One of the most vital improvements to transportation on the North American Continent is the removal of the obstacles in the St. Lawrence River to ocean-going vessels inward to the Great Lakes. Our nation should undertake to do its part whenever our Canadian friends have overcome those difficulties which lie in the path of their making similar undertakings. I may say that I have seen a statement published lately that this improvement would cost such a huge sum as to make it entirely uneconomical and prohibitive. To that I may answer that, after we have disposed of the electrical power, we could contract the entire construction for less than \$200,000,000, divided between the two governments and spread over a period of 10 years.

8. We shall expedite the work of flood control on the lower Mississippi in every manner possible. In the working out of plans we find it necessary to reconsider one portion of the project, that is, the floodway below the Arkansas, but work in other directions will proceed in such fashion that there will be no delay of its completion under the ten-year program assigned to it.

9. With the increasing size of oceangoing vessels and the constantly expanding volume of our commerce, we must maintain unceasing development of our harbors and the littoral waterways which extend inland from them.

10. The total construction of these works which I have mentioned amounts to projects three and four times as great as the Panama Canal. In order that there may be no failure in administration, and as an indication of our determination to pursue these works with resolution, we have in the past month entirely recast the organization of this executive staff in the government.

With the approval of the Secretary of War, and under the newly appointed Chief of Engineers, we have assigned to each of these major projects a single responsible engineer. We thus secure a modern business organization, direct responsibility and continuous administration. We wish to see these projects completed with all the expedition which sound engineering will permit. We shall be able by this means to place responsibility without question in failure, and to give credit without question to the men who bring these great projects to successful completion.

At the present time we are expending approximately \$85,000,000 per annum on new construction and maintenance of these works. To complete these programs within the periods I have mentioned will require an increase in the government outlay by about \$10,000,000 per annum, not including the St. Lawrence; at most, including that item, an increase in our expenditures of say \$20,000,000 a year. A considerable proportion of this will end in five years' time. It is of the nature of a capital investment.

This annual increase is equal to the cost of one-half of one battleship. If we are so fortunate as to save this annual outlay on naval construction as the result of the forthcoming naval conference in London, nothing could be a finer or more vivid conversion of swords to plowshares.

To carry forward all these great works is not a dream of the visionaries; it is the march of the nation. We are reopening the great trade routes upon which our continent developed. This development is but an interpretation of the needs and pressures of population, of industry and civilization. They are threads in that invisible web which knits our national life. They are not local in their benefits. They are universal in promoting the prosperity of the nation. It is our duty as statesmen to respond to these needs, to direct them with intelligence, with skill, with economy, with courage.

A nation makes no loss by devotion of some of its current income to the improvement of its estate. That is an obligation we owe to our children and our grandchildren. I do not measure the future of America in terms of our lifetime. God has truly blessed us with great resources. It is our duty to make them available to our people.

At the outset of his address the President spoke as follows:

To My Fellow Citizens:

I am sure it is a great disappointment that this meeting could not have been held upon the waterfront as planned. It seemed to me that the plan of your committee for me to address you upon the policies of this administration in waterway development from the pilot house of the steamer upon which we arrived at Louisville this evening had a peculiar fitness.

I was greatly relieved, however, when you changed that plan. The enthusiasm of the citizens of Louisville for waterway development was well shown by the thousands who met us upon our arrival and I fear that their earnestness for that cause would have led them to brave the cold rain even at the risk of health.

During the day we have completed the journey from Cincinnati to Louisville as part of the celebration of the Ohio Valley upon the completion of the improvement of the Ohio River, into a modern waterway.

The river has now been formally opened to traffic from above Pittsburgh, 1,000 miles to Cairo, on the Mississippi, from which point another 1,000 miles of modernized waterway leads to the sea at New Orleans. By dams and locks, by dredging and revetments, we have transformed the Ohio River from a stream of shallows, oftentimes dangerous even to rafts, into a canalized waterway of an assured nine feet of depth at all seasons. This transformation will not revive the romantic steamboat days of Mark Twain, but it will move more goods.

The picturesque floating palaces of Mark Twain's day drew two or three feet of water and even then found their way precariously around the bends among the snags and over sand bars. In time they were unable to compete with the spreading railroads, and river navigation passed into its Dark Ages. But now is its day of renaissance. Upon deep and regular channels unromantic Diesel tugs now tow long trains of steel barges.

What the river has lost in romance it has gained in tonnage, for in steamboat days 500 tons was a great cargo, while to-day 10,000 tons is moved with less men and less fuel. It is thus by deeper channels and new inventions that our rivers come back as great arteries of commerce after half a century of paralysis. And the new waterways are not competitive but complementary to our great and efficient railroads. It is the history of transportation that an increase of facilities and a cheapening of transportation increase the volume of traffic.

In the steamboat days the rivers were the great arteries for travel. Those who must hurry will have little inclination to journey by river steamers, but those who wish recreation may well return to this magnificent and powerful river. The majestic of the Ohio was born of the Ice Age, half a million years ago. Its beauty remains to-day undisturbed by our improvements, and will remain long after our nation and race have been replaced with some other civilization. And those who love the glories of "Ol' Man River" may now again find rest and food for the soul in travel on its currents.

The Ohio has a large place in the history of our race. On this route 250 years ago birch canoes carried La Salle and his first party of white men into the wilderness of the Middle West. He was the first to visit the falls of Louisville, whose roar is this moment in my ears. Down this valley through succeeding centuries poured the great human tide that pioneered the greatest agricultural migration in history.

In turn came the explorer, the trapper, the early settler, the sweep of farmers ever pressing back the frontier in search of virgin land and independent homes, the merchant, the manufacturer, the city builder, until this great valley is to-day one of the rich places of the earth. It is rich not alone in the sense of property but in the sense of happy and independent homes of virile men and women. From forefathers schooled of courage, adventure and independence, of a spirit tempered by hardships, have sprung a race of men and women who have oft given leadership to the building of our Republic.

The improvement of this great water route has been ever present in the vision of our statesmen. George Washington first voiced its potentiality to our new-born Nation. In reporting one of his early journeys, he said:

"Prompted by these actual observations, I could not help taking a more extensive view of the vast inland navigation possibilities of the United States, both from maps and the observations of others as well as myself, and could not but be struck with the immense extent and importance of it and with the goodness of that Providence which has dealt its forces to us in so profuse a hand. Would to God that we may have the wisdom and courage to improve them."

To-day, after this 160 years, Washington's prayer is come true in a greater sense than even he dreamed. Other Presidents in succession over our history have striven for its development, from Jefferson on down. Lincoln's first political speech was a plea for its improvement. Our Nation sometimes moves slowly, but its will is not to be thwarted. It has been a gigantic task, this transformation of the Ohio. It represents an expenditure and a labor half as great as the construction of the Panama Canal. Like many current problems, the development of our rivers is never a finished accomplishment, it must march with the progress of life and invention.

While I am proud to be the President who witnesses the apparent completion of its improvement, I have the belief that some day new inventions and new pressures of population will require its further development. In some generation to come they will perhaps look back at our triumph in building a channel nine feet in depth in the same way that we look at the triumph of our forefathers when, having cleared the snags and bars, they announced that a boat drawing two feet of water could pass safely from Pittsburgh to New Orleans. Yet for their times and means they too accomplished a great task. It is the river that is permanent; it is one of God's gifts to man, and with each succeeding generation we will advance in our appreciation and our use of it. And with each generation it will grow in the history and tradition of our Nation.

#### *But Part of Large Plan.*

And while we celebrate the completion and connection of a great waterway 2,000 miles from Pittsburgh to New Orleans, we have still unfinished tasks in improvement of our other great waterways up to the standards we have established upon the Ohio.

Some have doubted the wisdom of these improvements. I have discussed the subject many times and in many places before now, and I shall not repeat the masses of facts and figures. The American people, I believe, are convinced. What they desire is action, not argument. I may, however, mention that as the improvement of the Ohio and its tributaries has marched section by section during this past 12 years the traffic has grown from 25,000,000 tons to over 50,000,000 tons annually. Yet it only to-day this great branch line is connected with the main trunk of this transportation system, the Mississippi. It is only now that the full movement of goods can take place between the great cities of Pittsburgh, Cincinnati, Louisville, on one hand, and St. Louis, Memphis, New Orleans and the wide ocean on the other.

With the completion of our National job on the Ohio, with the celebration of this day, we can well turn our minds toward the other great jobs in waterway improvement which lie before us. The Ohio is but one segment of the natural inland waterways with which Providence has blessed us. We have completed the modernization of but one other of the great segments of this system, that of the lower Mississippi.

Five or six years ago I had opportunity to join with those many representatives of the Midwest in council as to the method by which we could strengthen National interest in the energetic development of the other parts of this great system. At that time I suggested that all these tributaries of the Mississippi and the Great Lakes comprised a single great transportation system. That it must be developed in vision of the whole and not in parts.

#### Address of President Hoover at Celebration of 50th Anniversary of Invention of Electric Lamp by Thomas A. Edison.

As part of the celebration of the 50th Anniversary of the invention of the electric light by Thomas A. Edison, a dinner was tendered the veteran inventor at Dearborn, Mich., on Oct. 21, at which President Hoover paid tribute to the accomplishments of Mr. Edison. "Mr. Edison," he said, "using organized, systematic laboratory research, has been one of the great leaders who have converted the pure physics of electricity into a taxable product. To-day the governments of the world levy upon upward of sixty billions of new wealth founded upon electricity. But," added President Hoover, "the taxes and new wealth are not the major accomplishments of the men of this genius. These are the rivers of sweat saved from the backs of men and the infinite drudgery relieved from the hands of women. His life," said the President, "gives renewed confidence that our institutions hold open the door of opportunity to all those who would enter." The President's address follows:

Fellow Countrymen and Women:

This ceremony is a part of the celebration of Mr. Edison's invention of the electric lamp. It is also the dedication of the Edison Institute of Technology, the gift of Mr. Ford. Both are, in fact, national tributes to Mr. Edison.

The multiplication of the amount of light in the world a thousandfold is worthy of celebration, for darkness is a forbidden limitation upon righteous human activities.

When Mr. Edison invented the electric lamp he may perhaps have thought just to produce plain light and more of it at less cost. I surmise that his wildest ambition was to relieve the human race from the curse of always cleaning oil lamps, scrubbing up candle drips, and everlastingly carrying one or the other of them about. He may have thought to add safety to Chicago against a second accident from an oil lamp.

But the electric lamp has found infinite variety of unexpected uses. It enables us to postpone our spectacles for a few years longer; it has made reading in bed infinitely more comfortable; by merely pushing a button we have introduced the element of surprise in dealing with burglars; the goblins that lived in dark corners and under the bed have now been driven to the outdoors; evil deeds which inhabit the dark have been driven back into the farthest retreats of the night; it enables the doctor to peer into the recesses of our insides; it substitutes for the hot-water bottle in aches and pains; it enables our cities and towns to clothe themselves in gaiety by night, no matter how sad their appearance may be by day.

And by all its multiple uses it has lengthened the hours of our active lives, decreased our fears, replaced the dark with good cheer, increased our safety, decreased our toil, and enabled us to read the type in the telephone book. It has become the friend of man and child.

In making this, as in his other great inventions, Mr. Edison gave an outstanding illustration of the value of the modern method and system of invention, by which highly equipped, definitely organized laboratory research transforms the raw material of scientific knowledge into new tools for the hand of man.

In earlier times mechanical invention had been the infrequent and haphazard product of genius in the woodshed. But science had become too sophisticated a being to be wooed in such surroundings. Nowadays a thousand applied-science laboratories, supported by industries of our country, yearly produce a host of new inventions.

I can perhaps illustrate this modern method of invention. The fundamental natural laws of electricity were discovered three-quarters of a century ago by Faraday, Hertz, Maxwell and other great investigators in the realms of pure physics and mathematics. Faraday discovered that energy could be transformed into electricity through induction, the theory of the electrical generator. It was one of the momentous discoveries of history. It is related that M. Gladstone was induced to visit Faraday's laboratory to see this new scientific contraption. When Gladstone is said to have made the characteristic practical man's inquiry, "Will this ever be of use to mankind?" Faraday replied, "Some day you will collect taxes from it."

Mr. Edison, using organized systematic laboratory research, has been one of the great leaders who have converted the pure physics of electricity into a taxable product. Today the governments of the world levy upon upward of \$60,000,000,000 of new wealth founded upon electricity.

But the taxes and new wealth are not the major accomplishments of the men of this genius. These are the rivers of sweat saved from the backs of men and the infinite drudgery relieved from the hands of women.

I may emphasize that both scientific discovery and its practical application are the products of long and arduous research. Discovery and invention do not spring full grown from the brains of men. The labor of a host of men, great laboratories, long, patient, scientific experiment build up the structure of knowledge, not stone by stone, but particle by particle. This adding of fact to fact some days brings forth a revolutionary discovery, an illuminating hypothesis, a great generalization or a practical invention.

Research both in pure science and in its application to the arts is one of the most potent impulses to progress. For it is organized research that gives daily improvement in machines and processes in methods of agriculture, in the protection of health and in understanding. From these we gain constantly in better standards of living, more stability of employment, lessened toil, lengthened human life and decreased suffering. In the end our leisure expands, our interest in life enlarges, our vision stretches. There is more joy in life.

It is the increasing productivity of men's labor through the tools given us by science that shattered the gloomy prophecies of Malthus. More than a century ago that student held that increasing population would outrun the food supply and starvation was to be the inevitable executioner of the overcrowded earth.

But since his day we have seen the paradox of the growth of population far beyond anything of which he ever dreamed, coupled at the same time with constantly increasing standards of living and ever-increasing surplus of food. Malthus was right except for a new contestant in the race with his principle: That was, more scientific research, more discovery. And that race is still on. If we would have our country improve its standards of living and at the same time accommodate itself to increasing population, we must maintain on an even more liberal scale than ever before our great laboratories of both pure and applied science.

Our scientists and inventors are among our most priceless national possessions. There is no sum that the world could not afford to pay these men

who have that originality of mind, that devotion and industry to carry scientific thought forward in steps and strides until it spreads to the comfort of every home; not by all the profits of all the banks in the world can we measure the contribution which these men make to our progress.

And they are the least interested in the monetary results. Their satisfactions are in their accomplishment, in the contribution of some atom of knowledge which will become part of the great mechanism of progress. Their discoveries are not the material for headlines. Their names are usually known but to a few. But the nation owes them a great honor and is proud to demonstrate through Mr. Edison to-day that their efforts are not unappreciated. The country can well pay its tribute to the men of this genius by expanding the facilities for their labors. The nation to-day needs more support to research. It needs still more laboratories. To that Mr. Ford is making a generous contribution.

And in establishing this institute Mr. Ford is doing honor to Mr. Edison in a manner which appeals to a sense of fitness—that is, by founding an institution dedicated to education and scientific research.

And scientific research means more than its practical results in increased living comfort. The future of our nation is not merely a question of the development of our industries, of reducing the cost of living, of multiplying our harvests, or of larger leisure. We must constantly strengthen the fiber of national life by the inculcation of that veracity of thought which springs from the search for truth. From its pursuit we shall discover the unfolding of beauty, we shall stimulate the aspiration for knowledge, we shall ever widen human understanding.

Mr. Edison has given a long life to such service. Every American owes a debt to him. It is not alone a debt for great benefactions he has brought to mankind, but also a debt for the honor he has brought to our country. Mr. Edison by his own genius and effort rose from modest beginnings to membership among the leaders of men. His life gives renewed confidence that our institutions hold open the door of opportunity to all those who would enter.

Our civilization is much like a garden. It is to be appraised by the quality of its blooms. In degree as we fertilize its soil with liberty, as we maintain diligence in cultivation and guardianship against destructive forces, do we then produce those blossoms, the fragrance of whose lives stimulates renewed endeavor, gives to us the courage to renewed effort and confidence of the future.

Describing the exercises at Dearborn in honor of Mr. Edison, the account in the New York "Herald Tribune" from Dearborn, Oct. 21, said in part:

Overcome by emotions in the honors that had been heaped upon him on the fiftieth anniversary of his discovery of the incandescent electric light, Thomas A. Edison, one of the world's outstanding inventors, became faint to-night near the end of a dinner here in the presence of President Hoover and one of the most distinguished gatherings of men and women ever assembled.

The 82-year-old inventor had shared with President Hoover one of the greatest demonstrations ever accorded two men. Because of inclement weather, he had been compelled to forego a motor trip through Detroit during which at least half a million enthusiastic men, women, and children cheered the President and called for Mr. Edison. He stood up stubbornly, however, through the remainder of an arduous program until near the end of the dinner in his honor.

#### *Notables Attend Dinner.*

Many of the world's most noted living inventors and outstanding leaders of industry had gathered at a dinner of 500 guests in honor of Mr. Edison in a replica of Independence Hall, in Henry Ford's reconstructed early American village to honor the gray-haired inventor. But Mr. Edison was obliged to retire before President Hoover delivered an address in tribute to his genius and was taken to Mr. Ford's home in a highly weakened condition.

Before the strain of the day compelled him to retire, Mr. Edison had made a brief speech. \* \* \*

Mr. Edison did not give up until he had become weak twice. The first time was immediately after he had returned from re-enacting his discovery of the electric light in the same laboratory in which he worked in Menlo Park, N. J., 50 years ago. Step by step he had repeated the scene of his invention in the presence of President Hoover, Mrs. Hoover and Mr. and Mrs. Ford.

#### *Milk Revives Edison.*

The climax of the dinner was reached as Mr. Edison finished the re-enactment of his discovery. Candle light had been replaced by the flood of brilliant electric bulbs. The guests were awaiting the return of the party and an old-fashioned orchestra already was playing the march for their entrance. But instead Dr. Joel T. Boone hurried through a door and disappeared with a glass of milk. A few minutes later Mr. Edison entered with the President.

Mr. Edison had been obliged to sit down for a few minutes before entering the hall, but when he came in he smiled happily and waved his hand as the 500 guests applauded. The inventor struggled through his brief address, which was carried throughout the nation by radio, and was preparing to listen to the President's address. It was evident to everyone, however, that Mr. Edison was not well and finally he tugged at the President's sleeve, saying: "Mr. President, I am sorry, but I must retire. Acidity, it is my great enemy."

#### *Bids President Good-Bye.*

Escorted by Dr. Boone, Mr. Edison again retired and was placed on a couch in an adjoining room. Warm milk, a remedy he always relies upon, was given to him but he was unable to return to the dining hall. When the President came out, however, he insisted on standing to bid Mr. Hoover good-bye. Smiling at the President, he said:

"It has been a great day, hasn't it, Mr. President?"

The President slipped an arm around Mr. Edison's shoulder as he bade him farewell and instructed Dr. Boone to see him to Mr. Ford's home, where he is stopping. Dr. Boone said later that Mr. Edison had been overcome by the emotional events of the day.

Although it was believed for a time that the aged inventor, still weak from a recent attack of pneumonia, was in a serious condition, Dr. Boone said upon returning to the President's train, that he probably would be all right after a good rest. \* \* \*

The dedicatory ceremonies followed the dinner at Independence Hall. The President, Mr. Edison and Mr. Ford left the hall and went to the reconstructed Edison laboratory, a few steps away. There they were joined by Francis Jehl, who as a boy of 20 helped Mr. Edison make his incandescent lamp. It was the scene of 50 years ago at Menlo Park re-enacted with the exception of the presence of President Hoover, Mr. Ford, Mrs. Ford, Mr. and Mrs. Edsel Ford and Mrs. Edison in the laboratory.

The lights in the hall were turned off and the old fashioned oil lamp took their place. The story of the recreation of the first electric bulb, repeated by Mr. Edison as he went through the original process step by step, was carried from the laboratory to the dinner hall and the world by radio.

Tensely, the distinguished gathering in the hall waited in the flickering yellow light of old fashioned oil lamps. Suddenly the vigil was ended, the incandescent lamp was perfected, and the scene was flooded with the light of modern invention.

A replica of the Liberty Bell tolled from the belfry above the diners, automobile horns added their note to the bedlam, airplanes and dirigibles darted through the sky and as the brilliancy of the electric light overwhelmed the antiquated oil lamps there was a clamor from the hall, and it required the utmost efforts of Owen D. Young, toastmaster of the dinner, to quiet the guests as the President, Mr. Edison and the party returned.

Mr. Young paid tribute in the name of American industry to Mr. Edison. W. S. Barstow, President of the Edison Pioneers, also spoke. He was followed by Mr. Ford. Then the voice of Professor Albert I. Einstein was brought by radio from Berlin to the hall. Professor Einstein added the tribute of foreign scientists. President Hoover, the principal speaker, next was introduced as the spokesman for the nation's affection and gratitude.

#### *His Vitality Praised.*

Mr. Young, preparing to introduce the speakers, told Mr. Edison that his first words would not be words of congratulation for his inventive genius, but congratulations "for that vitality of spirit to do what you do."

Before introducing the speakers one after another, Mr. Young read messages of felicitation to Mr. Edison from the Prince of Wales, President von Hindenberg of Germany, and Commander Richard E. Byrd, who wireless his message from Little America, his camp deep in Antarctic.

Among the thousand guests at the dinner when the President rose to speak were Mme. Curie, Orville Wright, Owen D. Young, who was toastmaster; Charles G. Dawes, Ambassador to the Court of St. James; Charles M. Schwab, John D. Rockefeller Jr., Daniel Willard, L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson RR.; General W. W. Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania RR.; Adolph S. Ochs, Dr. William Mayo, Secretary of War Good, and P. E. Crowley, President of the New York Central RR.

### Senate Action on Tariff Bill—Export Debenture Amendment Adopted—Move to Recommit Defeated.

The plans of proponents of the farm export debenture which, as was indicated in our issue of a week ago (page 2484) had in view a program to insert the provision in the tariff bill in the form of the amendment sponsored by Senator Norris were able to push through their plans on Oct. 19. On that date by a vote of 42 to 34, the Senate adopted the amendment of Senator Norris, calling for the insertion in the bill of a provision for export debentures. On Oct. 18 the way was paved for action on the amendment by the Senate, this being indicated in the following which we take from the "United States Daily" of Oct. 19:

Under a unanimous consent agreement the Senate will vote not later than 1 o'clock, Oct. 19, to determine whether or not the export debenture plan of farm relief, condemned by President Hoover as uneconomic, is to be attached to the tariff bill (H. R. 2667.)

The agreement was reached late on Oct. 18, and was coupled with a request that the Senate meet at 10 a. m. instead of at 11 a. m. as it has done for several weeks past.

Senator Smoot (Rep.), of Utah, Chairman of the Finance Committee, made the request for an agreement on a time to vote, explaining that the debenture plan now offered by Senator Norris (Rep.), of Nebraska, is almost identical with that previously offered by him and twice voted into the farm relief Act by the Senate, and has been fully discussed.

The Senate also agreed unanimously that no Senator shall speak longer than 20 minutes on the debenture amendment or any amendments thereto.

#### *Farm Board to Control.*

The amendment as framed by Senator Norris, leaves it in the discretion of the Federal Farm Board to invoke the use of debenture certificates for any agricultural commodity. When the Board has determined that the debenture plan is needed for the benefit of any commodity, the Secretary of the Treasury is directed to issue the certificates to farmers, co-operatives, or stabilization corporations exporting domestic agricultural products for a sum equal to one-half the tariff on that commodity. These debentures are acceptable by the Treasury in payment of import duties, or, to prevent undue speculation, the Secretary of the Treasury may redeem them for cash from money collected on the import tariff.

There is also a clause for decreasing the debenture rate if the production of the commodity increases beyond certain limits.

The text of the amendment is given in another item in this issue of our paper.

As to the Senate action on Oct. 19 the report to the "Times" from Washington on that date said in part:

The Democratic-Insurgent Republican coalition in the Senate rode rough shod over the administration forces to-day when the Norris export debenture amendment to the Smoot-Hawley tariff bill was adopted by a vote of 42 to 34. With the pairs counted, it developed that the debenture had commanded even greater strength than it did in its two earlier Senate victories.

Senators Cutting of New Mexico and Thomas of Idaho, Republicans, who had previously voted against it, supported the debenture plan. The only other changes were that Senator Kendrick, Democrat, of Wyoming (who was paired for the debenture in a previous vote) opposed it, and Senator King, Democrat, of Utah, made an opposite switch.

Administration leaders are unqualifiedly against the debenture plan, which President Hoover has termed uneconomic and unworkable. They knew in advance that they would be defeated on the Senate floor and therefore decided to allow the amendment to pass without further protest and go to conference, confident that the House would reject it and that in the end it would be eliminated from the bill.

The first test on the proposition was in May, when the Senate defeated by a vote of 47 to 44 a motion by Senator Watson, Republican floor leader to eliminate the debenture from the farm bill. The bill then went to conference, but when the Senate conferees returned in June with a conference report minus the debenture, the report was rejected, 46 to 43. After a hard struggle, the House was forced to vote on the debenture and rejected it by a vote of 250 to 113. Then the Senate receded, and the bill was passed without the disputed plan.

After the vote to-day, the Republican leaders privately admitted that the coalition was in a powerful position as a result of its victories in forcing adoption of the Simmons-Norris flexible tariff amendment and of the debenture plan. They predicted that even though the House stood by the



administration it would be a very difficult task to make the Senate recede on both these amendments. There was speculation as to whether President Hoover would veto a bill containing either or both of these features.

#### Debate on Rates at Hand.

Disposal of the debenture amendment apparently paves the way for early action on the rates in the tariff bill. There are only a few amendments to the administrative sections to be completed, and these may be cleaned up Monday. After that nothing will stand in the way of debate on the rates unless Senator Thomas, Democrat, of Oklahoma, insists on pressing his motion to eliminate all rates except those on farm products or related articles. This motion, which involves recommitment of the bill to the Finance Committee, and consequent delay, has no enthusiastic support from the Democratic-Progressive group. In fact, Senator Borah expressed doubt whether the Thomas motion would be taken up at all.

Mr. Borah added a forecast that no motion would be made to consider the agricultural schedules first. On the other hand, he predicted that the debate on rates would proceed in the order of the bill, with the chemical schedules the first to be acted on.

Further plans to speed proceedings on the bill were unanimously agreed to during the day. Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee proposed meeting at 10 a. m., Monday, instead of the usual hour of 11 o'clock, and Senator Robinson, the Democratic leader, suggested that the session run until not later than 6 p. m. This arrangement met with no dissent, and its adoption carried a strong indication that the Senate is at least really trying to send the bill to conference before the special session ends.

#### Action Rests With Farm Board.

The Norris amendment provides that when the Farm Board "finds it advisable" to aid in marketing the surplus of a certain crop, it shall direct the Secretary of the Treasury to issue debenture certificates. The sellers of the specific product would receive certificates equivalent to one-half the tariff on the same product imported into the United States. These certificates would be redeemable with customs collectors at not less than 98% of their face value, and hence would be used by importers to pay import duties.

The amendment is also designed to prevent overproduction of farm products, being drawn so that the amount of the debenture would be reduced on a graduated scale inversely to the volume of production. An arbitrary debenture rate of 2 cents a pound, equivalent to about \$10 a bale, is set on standard cotton, against which there is now no import duty.

Various estimates have been made of the ultimate cost of the debenture plan, but all are speculative. Last April Secretary of Agriculture Hyde computed that with the debenture equivalent to the full rate of the tariff, the annual cost would be about \$500,000,000, an estimate which would be halved under the Norris plan.

Experts appearing before the Senate Agricultural Committee last Spring estimated an average annual cost of \$146,000,000, or about  $\frac{1}{4}$  of the total annual customs receipts of \$600,000,000. However, as the issuance of debenture certificates is conditional on the discretion of the Farm Board the matter of cost is problematical.

#### Seeks to Avert Speculation.

In a speech on the amendment Senator Norris said the chief difference from the previous plan was that the debenture certificates should be redeemable at not less than 98% of their face value. This clause was inserted, he said, to prevent speculation in the certificates.

"Every plan which those of us who wanted to give relief to agriculture have brought before Congress to take the surplus out of the way and give the farmer the benefit of the protective tariff has been defeated either in Congress or by veto of the President of the United States," he added. "This remedy, now proposed, has not been vetoed."

"The argument against the debenture is that the President will veto any bill to which it may be attached. I do not know. I cannot answer for the President. We can only answer for ourselves."

"Personally I feel a responsibility to make good the pledge. The time has come to be honest with the American farmer. We go to him in the election and get his vote on honeyed words, beautiful promises and glittering generalities. And when we are placed in power we turn our backs on him and violate our pledges."

In other twenty-minute speeches three Republicans, Senators Sackett of Kentucky, Jones of Washington and Vandenberg of Michigan, opposed the amendment. Senators Borah, Thomas of Idaho and Brookhart, Republicans, spoke in support of it, as did Senators Barkley, Heflin, Connally and George, Democrats.

Mr. Borah contended that, even though the debenture was a subsidy, it should be granted to the farmers. He quoted Alexander Hamilton as saying that a tariff was equivalent to a bounty. He went on to say that Congress had given a \$4,000,000,000 bounty to the "steel trust" since the enactment of the 1922 tariff bill, because that bill raised rates sufficiently to allow the "trust" to make that much added money.

#### Thomas for Mandatory Clause.

The switch by Senator Thomas of Idaho to the plan was an interesting feature of the debate preceding the vote. Mr. Thomas explained that he voted against the debenture on the two former occasions because he did not want to jeopardize the farm relief bill. This afternoon he came out so strongly for the plan that he wanted to make it mandatory instead of optional with the Farm Board.

Senator Walsh of Massachusetts explained that he opposed the debenture because it was "private, proprietary legislation."

According to the New York "Herald Tribune" Senator George W. Norris, in presenting the amendment, said:

This amendment is practically the same as the debenture provision which the Senate voted to put on the farm relief bill. There is one material change, and one only. There is a provision in it that the debenture, upon presentation, shall be bought by the Secretary of the Treasury and paid for out of any money in his hands coming from tariff duties at not less than 98% of the face value of the debenture.

In my judgment, if this amendment shall become the law, the Secretary of the Treasury will never have occasion to redeem any debenture at that rate. These debentures will sell upon the market at very nearly 100%.

#### The "Herald Tribune" continued:

Senator Norris added that he put this provision in because of the argument when the debenture was put into the farm bill, that the debentures would be speculated on in the market. He said further that the debenture "will have the effect of raising the price of the farm products upon which it is issued practically the amount named in the debenture."

"The argument against the debenture is that the President will veto any bill to which it may be attached. I do not know; I cannot answer for the President. We can only answer for ourselves."

"It seems to me," he said, "that the time has come when we ought at least to be honest with the American farmer. We go before the farmer

in the election and get his vote on honeyed words, beautiful promises and glittering generalities, and when, relying upon our promises, relying upon the honesty of our professions, we are placed in power, we turn or backs upon the farmer, violate the pledges, and we have refused thus far, in one way or another, to give the farmer the benefit of the tariff. Either we must do this or we must tear down the protective structure."

The 42 votes whereby the amendment was adopted were those of 14 Republicans and 28 Democrats; 31 Republicans and 3 Democrats voted against the amendment. A further amendment to the bill in the interest of the farmer was adopted on Oct. 24 when the Senate by vote of 52 to 19 decided to increase both the House and the Finance Committee rates on casein, a skimmed milk product chiefly used for coating paper, and on which agriculturists have been steadily demanding greater protection than either the House or the committee favored. We quote from the Washington advices Oct. 24 to the New York "Times" which said:

The House had retained the present rate of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents a pound and the Finance Committee raised this 1%. Senator Shortridge, a member of the Committee, took up the farmers' battle by moving to make the duty 8 cents, but Senator Blaine of Wisconsin, a progressive Republican, urged a rate of  $5\frac{1}{2}$  cents, and this was approved.

The nineteen Senators voting against the Blaine amendment were Brookhart, Nye, Frazier, Howell, Johnson, McMaster, McNary, Pine, Schall, Shortridge, Steiwer, Waterman, Couzens, Gillett, Goff, Keyes and Vandenberg, Republicans, and Walsh of Massachusetts and Wagner, Democrats.

The last five named Republicans and the Democrats opposed the amendment because they came from paper-making States, which would suffer from a high duty. The twelve remaining Republicans were credited with objections because they wanted the Shortridge 8 cent rate.

Twenty-five Republicans, including Blaine, Borah, Cutting, La Follette, Norbeck and Nye of the independent group, supported the amendment as being the best obtainable. Many old-line Republicans, such as Senators Edge, Smoot and Greene of the Finance Committee, Hatfield, Jones, Phipps and Warren, voted for the Blaine rate. Twenty-seven Democrats were recorded for it.

#### La Follette Wins A Victory.

Without a roll call, and with little opposition, Senator La Follette forced a reduction the rate on carbon tetrachloride to 1 cent a pound, as compared with the Finance Committee rate of 2 cents and the House tariff of  $2\frac{1}{2}$  cents.

This chemical is used chiefly for cleaning fluid and as a fire extinguisher. During the World War it was used as an ingredient of smoke-screen mixtures. The imports are negligible and the domestic production supplies the demand.

Likewise on a vive voce vote Senator Barkley, Democrat, of Kentucky, drove down the rate on chloroform to 4 cents a pound. The House rate, and that of the existing law, is 6 cents, but the Finance Committee cut this to 5 cents. Since the war chloroform imports have been less than 100 pounds annually, except in 1922.

Temporarily passing over the items of whiting, used as a base for putty, and coal tar dyes, the Senate agreed to the Finance Committee recommendations to place crude chicl on the free list and to reduce the duty on refined chicl from 15 to 5 cents. The House had put the 15-cent duty on refined chicl, which is the base of chewing gum. It had also retained the present duty of 10 cents a pound on crude chicl.

When the Senate recessed for the day, it was discussing a committee amendment to raise to 50 cents the House rate, of 45 cents a pound on cellulose, used in non-shatterable automobile windshields.

Senator La Follett criticized the Committee figure, but Senator Bingham commented that the proposed duty would add not more than 5 cents to the price of an automobile.

On Oct. 19 Senator Cutting, Republican, of New Mexico, offered an amendment to the bill to provide a duty of 7 cents on long staple cotton. He announced he proposed to offer another amendment seeking higher duties on wool. On the 19th the Senate by a vote of 60 to 14, defeated an amendment by Senator Waterman, Republican, of Colorado, which in effect would have abrogated this country's preferential tariff agreement with Cuba. The "Times" in reporting this added:

Under the Waterman amendment imports from Cuba would be taxed at the same rate as those from other countries. Opponents of the plan contended that it contravened a treaty and that changes in the agreement should properly be negotiated through diplomatic channels.

The 14 Senators voting for the amendment were Brookhart, Frazier, Hatfield, Johnson, McNary, Norbeck, Norris, Nye, Shortridge, Thomas (Idaho), Warren, Waterman, Republicans; Kendrick and Ransdell, Democrats.

The main question was whether the existing tariff arrangement with Cuba was actually a treaty or a convention.

Chairman Borah of the Foreign Relations Committee declared that it had always considered it a treaty, but Senator Waterman held it to be a convention, ratified by Act of Congress instead of by two-thirds of the Senate, insisting that it was only an "arrangement" and a "sentimental and emotional proposition stimulated by the Wall Street interests, which own most of Cuba."

Senator Waterman made no secret of the fact that he wanted to tax Cuban sugar to protect domestic production.

#### Two Amendments Adopted.

Two minor amendments to the tariff bill approved to-day by the Senate would restrict the period for storing imported wheat, that is, Canadian wheat, in bonded warehouses to ten months before withdrawal and have studies of valuation plans made by the Federal Trade and Tariff Commissions.

With the adoption of the debenture plan, a speeding up program on the bill was planned by the Senate, the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce" in observing this Oct. 20 saying:

To-morrow the Senate will begin work at 10 a. m. and continue until 6 p. m., thus adding two hours to each legislative day. It appears that temporarily at least the idea of night sessions has been abandoned.

It was frankly stated in legislative circles last week that the House members at least want the bill sent to conference not later than Nov. 20, so as to permit of an interval before the beginning of the regular session Dec. 2, so that the taking of mileage pay will be on a respectable basis.

By a vote of 64 to 10 the Senate rejected on Oct. 21 a motion of Senator Thomas (Democrat) of Oklahoma, to recommit the tariff bill to the Senate Finance Committee, with instructions to limit tariff revision to agriculture. The "Herald Tribune" in its account of the Senate vote on the Thomas motion said in part:

On the face of it, this represents a remarkable reversal of position since last June when the resolution of Senator William E. Borah, Republican, of Idaho, to confine the bill to agricultural and related rates failed by a single vote. As a matter of fact, the reason for the failure of most of the Democrats and insurgents to support the Thomas motion was that they are convinced the coalition has votes enough under control to shape the rates on the floor both by increasing the agricultural rates and cutting down the industrial rates.

A striking feature of the discussion in connection with the Thomas motion was the open avowal by Senator George W. Norris, Republican, of Nebraska, leader of the insurgents, and by Senator Joseph T. Robinson of Arkansas, leader of the Democrats, of a purpose not alone to block the Finance Committee increases of industrial rates, but to reduce industrial rates below the level of the existing Fordney-McCumber law. Recent victories of the coalition in dealing with the administrative provisions have given the chiefs of the alliance the belief that they can shape the rates of the pending measure almost as they please.

The vote on the Thomas motion came after a brief debate marked by speeches by Senator Thomas himself, Senators Norris, Robinson, Coleman, Blease and F. M. Simmons. The only votes in favor of the motion were cast by Senators Frazier, Howell, McMaster, Nye, Pine, Schall and Waterman, Republicans, and Harris, Sheppard and Thomas of Oklahoma, Democrats.

#### Thomas Defends Motion.

Senator Thomas, in a speech in support of his motion, said: "Agriculture can be helped in only two major ways: First, by an increased price for the things the farmer sells, and, second, by a decreased price for the things the farmer buys. The pending bills before us offers little hope for relief in the way of better prices for the products of the farm, and, on the other hand, instead of decreasing the price of the things the farmer has to buy. The bill was scientifically constructed in practically every schedule so as to raise the price of practically every article necessary to the existence of the farmer and his family.

"Because of the scope and text of the bill before us, and because of the manifest interest and evident intent of those responsible for its existence, I make bold to assert that the farmers of America will be injured rather than benefited by the passage of the measure.

#### Asks Recommittment.

"I have offered the motion to commit the bill with instructions to so alter the measure as to comply with the demands made by the farmers, the pledges made by both the major political parties and the recommendations submitted by the President and on behalf and in the name of our largest and most distressed group. I urge the adoption of the proposal."

Senator Simmons took the floor after Senator Thomas spoke. He opposed the motion. He argued that the situation had changed since the Borah resolution was voted on in June and that it was now desirable that the bill be dealt with on the floor where the rate reported by the Finance Committee could be "fully scrutinized and exposed."

Senator Simmons said, however, that if the Thomas motion prevailed, he would offer a resolution providing that in any session of the committee on finance to which the bill had been recommitted the minority members should be present and participate in the proceedings.

Two amendments to administrative sections of the bill were approved on Oct. 21 said the New York "Times" which added:

One, by Senator Steiwer, Republican of Oregon, would exempt masters and owners of vessels found to be illegally carrying opium from penalty, or the vessels themselves from seizure, if the masters or owners could prove in court they did not know the ships carried opium. The vote on the Steiwer motion was 43 to 34.

The other, by Senator King, Democrat of Utah, would fix the salaries of Tariff Commissioners at \$10,000 annually, instead of \$12,000 as in the bill and \$7,500 under existing law. It was adopted viva voce.

Aided by four Old Guard Republicans, the Democratic-Progressive coalition won the first test vote on the rates of the tariff bill when the chemical schedule was taken up in the Senate on Oct. 22; the New York "Times" from which we quote, went on to say in part:

#### Test Vote on Rate Reduction.

The test vote was on a motion of Senator Barkley, Democrat of Kentucky, to cut the duty on imported medicinal tannic acid to 18 cents a pound from the 20-cent rate proposed by the Finance Committee and in the present law and the House rate of 22 cents.

The result was 45 to 33 in favor of the Barkley amendment, with regular Republican Senators Glenn of Illinois, Jones of Washington, Robinson of Indiana, and Thomas of Idaho voting with the coalition. The only defections from the coalition were Senators Johnson, Progressive Republican, and Copeland and Wagner, Democrats, who joined 30 Old Guard members on the negative.

Action on the chemical schedule began when the Senate approved the Finance Committee amendment to make the rate on citric acid 17 cents a pound, as in existing law, against the House rate of 18 cents. It was then agreed to reduce the rates on two kinds of tannic acid from 6 to 4 cents and from 12 to 10 cents, on further committee proposals that the House figures be cut to those of existing law.

This brought the Senate to the duty on medicinal tannic acid. Mr. Barkley contended that the rate should be reduced for the benefit of buyers of medicine.

Senator Reed rejoined that as there were only 275 pounds of this chemical imported annually the total reduction would mean only a loss of \$5.50 to the Government. He sarcastically commented that the Senate was using up thousands of dollars' worth of time debating such an amendment.

Rate cuts forced by Senator La Follette, following the roll-call on the medicinal tannic acid item, affected gallic and pyrogallic acid. On the first he reduced to 6 cents the House rate of 10 cents and the committee rate of 8 cents. On the second he drove down to 10 cents the House rate of 15 cents and the committee rate of 12 cents. Both votes were viva voce

The Senate then approved committee reductions on amber and amberoid from \$1 to 50 cents a pound, caffeine from \$1.50 to \$1 a pound and caffeine citrate from 90 cents to 60 cents a pound.

The 45 votes registered in favor of the Barkley amendment were those of 28 Democrats and 17 Republicans; 31 Republicans and 2 Democrats went on record as opposed to the amendment. A weakening of the Democratic Progressive Coalition forces was evidenced on Oct. 23, when 13 Democrats who almost invariably are members of the coalition, and three Republicans, who are often adherents, deserted the combination to vote with the conservative Republicans, who won by 42 to 37. As to the amendment which brought this vote, the "Times" stated:

The vote was on a motion to tax imported calcium carbide ½ cent per pound, instead of 1 cent, as under existing law and as approved by the House.

The Senate Finance Committee originally favored a rate of ½ cent, but later recommended 1 cent, which was retained this afternoon. The roll-call showed that while Republican Senators Thomas (Idaho), Schall and Couzens had left the coalition to vote for the 1 cent rate, Senators Jones, Waterman, Capper and McNary, all regulars of the same party, had swung behind the coalition.

#### Norris Lays Duty to Power Concerns.

The desertion of the coalition was taken in the face of an earnest plea against the higher duty by Senator Norris, one of the leaders of the bloc which had wielded so much power in the Senate.

Attacking the 1-cent rate for calcium carbide, he said it was totally unwarranted and would not be demanded if hydro-electric power companies, which sell power for the manufacture of the chemical, would charge reasonable rates for their output. In Canada, the chief importer of calcium carbide to the United States, the power rates were much lower, he argued.

Senator Norris brought in national politics when he said that if Gov. Smith had been elected President there would have been no demand for a 1-cent rate and that Gov. Smith would have saved the natural resources of the country for the people, "instead of turning them over to private corporations for private gain." \* \* \*

Calcium carbide, on which the cent a pound rate was fixed, is used in making acetylene gas for artificial lighting and oxyacetylene gas for cutting and welding metals. It is also employed in Canada, Germany and other countries for the manufacture of atmospheric nitrogen. Virtually all the exports to the United States are from one Canadian plant.

There are now two American plants in Iowa and one each in Alabama, Michigan, Minnesota, New York and West Virginia. Imports in 1928 reached 2,527,205 pounds, worth \$91,975, while exports were 3,475,899 pounds worth \$173,382.

#### Coalition Blames Power Issue.

Coalition leaders admitted tonight that the existence of power plants in certain States might have influenced the votes of some Senators leaving the coalition.

They said that the plants were established in the States of these Senators who supported the 1-cent tariff: Black and Hefflin of Alabama, Brock of Tennessee, Couzens of Michigan, Schall of Minnesota, Copeland and Wagner of New York and Steck of Iowa.

Disgusted with the slow progress of the bill, the disposition of the calcium carbide amendment having consumed six hours alone, Senator Smoot late this afternoon asked for a limitation of speeches tomorrow. Senators Vandenberg and Howell, Republicans, immediately objected. There seemed little interest whether an agreement was reached or not. At the time only four Democrats and fourteen Republicans were on the floor.

#### Text of Export Debenture Amendment to Tariff Bill.

From the "Times" we take as follows the text of the export debenture amendment introduced by Senator Norris, insurgent Republican, of Nebraska, and incorporated in the tariff bill by the Senate on Oct. 19:

#### AMENDMENT.

Proposed by Mr. Norris to the bill (HR2667) to provide revenue, to regulate commerce with foreign countries, to encourage the industries of the United States, to protect American labor and for other purposes, viz.: On Page 132, after Line 9, insert the following:

#### Export Debentures.

(a) Whenever the board provided for in the agricultural marketing act approved June 15 1929, finds it advisable, in order to carry out the policy declared in Section 1 of said agricultural marketing act, with respect to any agricultural commodity, to issue export debentures with respect to each commodity, said board shall give notice of such finding to the Secretary of the Treasury. Upon the receipt of such notice it shall be the duty of the Secretary of the Treasury, commencing and terminating at such time as the board shall prescribe, to issue export debentures to any farmer, co-operative associations, stabilization corporation or other person with respect to such quantity of the commodity or any manufactured food product thereof or any product manufactured from cotton or tobacco, if the cotton or tobacco out of which it is manufactured, if exported in the raw material would have been entitled to receive a debenture therefore, as such person may from time to time export from the United States to any foreign country. The export debenture shall be in an amount to be computed under the direction of the Secretary of the Treasury, in accordance with such regulations as he may prescribe, at the debenture rate for the commodity or product that is in effect at the time of exportation. Any such computation shall be final.

#### Provision for Applications.

(b) In order to procure the issuance of an export debenture, the farmer, co-operative association, stabilization corporation or other person shall, in accordance with such regulations as the Secretary of the Treasury may prescribe, make application for such debenture and submit satisfactory proofs either (1) that the commodity to be exported was produced in the United States and has not previously been exported therefrom, or (2) that the commodity used in making the manufactured food product or any product manufactured from cotton or tobacco if the cotton or tobacco out of which it is manufactured if exported in the raw material would have been entitled to receive a debenture therefore, to be exported was produced in the United States and the agricultural commodity and the manufactured food product or any product manufactured from cotton or tobacco if the cotton or tobacco out of which it is manufactured if exported in the

raw material would have been entitled to receive a debenture therefor, have not previously been exported therefrom.

*Receivable at Face Value.*

(c) All export debenture, when presented by the bearer thereof within one year from the date of issuance shall be receivable at its face value by any collector of customs, or deputy collector of customs, or other person authorized by law or by regulation of the Secretary of the Treasury to perform the duties of collector of customs, in payment of duties collectable against articles imported by the bearer. Title to any export debenture shall be transferable by delivery. In order to prevent any undue speculation in the handling of such export debentures, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorized and directed, under such rules and regulations as he may prescribe, to provide for the redemption of such export debentures from any money in the treasury derived from the payment of duties collectable against articles imported into the United States at a rate of not less than 98% of the face value of such export debentures.

*Debenture Rates Established.*

(d) Debenture rates in effect at any time with respect to any agricultural commodity shall be one-half the rate of duty in effect at such time with respect to imports of such commodity, except that so long as no import duty is imposed on cotton the debenture rate thereon shall be 2 cents per pound. The debenture rate in effect at any time with respect to any manufactured food product of any agricultural commodity or any product manufactured from cotton or tobacco if the cotton or tobacco out of which it is manufactured if exported in the raw material would have been entitled to receive a debenture therefor, shall be an amount sufficient, as nearly as may be, to equal the debenture that would be issuable upon the exportation of the quantity of the agricultural commodity consumed in the manufacture of the exported manufactured food product, or any product manufactured from cotton or tobacco if the cotton or tobacco out of which it is manufactured if exported in the raw material would have been entitled to receive a debenture therefor, as prescribed and promulgated from time to time by said board.

*Penalties for Infractions.*

(e) Regulations requiring that metal tags or other appropriate markings be placed on all bales of cotton produced in foreign countries and allowed transit through the United States for exportation, may be prescribed by the Secretary of the Treasury. Every person who violates any such regulations of said board shall be liable to a civil penalty of \$100 for each such offense. Such penalty may be recovered in a civil suit brought by said board in the name of the United States.

(f) The Secretary of the Treasury shall prepare and issue all export debentures. Export debentures issued under authority of this act shall be obligations of the United States within the definition in Section 147 of the act, entitled "Act to codify, revise and amend the penal laws of the United States," approved March 4 1909, as amended (U. S. C. Title 18, Sec. 261).

(g) Any person who shall make any false statement for the purpose of fraudulently procuring, or shall attempt in any manner fraudulently to procure, the issuance or acceptance of any export debenture, whether for the benefit of such person or of any other person, shall be fined not more than \$2,000 or imprisoned not more than one year, or both.

*Guard Against Overproduction.*

(h) In order to prevent undue stimulation in the production of any debenturable agricultural commodity whenever said board finds that the production of any debenturable agricultural commodity during any crop year has exceeded the average annual production of such debenturable agricultural commodity for the preceding five years said board shall by proclamation prescribe that during the next succeeding year the export debenture rates for such commodity shall be reduced by the percentage hereinafter fixed. Such reductions shall become effective on the date fixed in such proclamation, not less than 60 days from the date of the issuance thereof, and shall remain in effect throughout such succeeding crop year. The term "crop year," as used in this section, means a 12 months period beginning at a time designated by said board.

Reductions in debenture rates under this section (h) shall be made in accordance with the following percentages:

- (1) For an increase in production of less than 20%, there shall be no reduction.
- (2) For an increase in production of 20%, but less than 40%, there shall be a reduction of 20%.
- (3) For an increase in production of 40%, but less than 60% there shall be a reduction of 50%.
- (4) For an increase in production of 60%, but less than 90%, there shall be a reduction of 75%.
- (5) For an increase in production of 90% or more, there shall be a reduction of 99%.

**Committees of Bar Associations Report to Gov. Roosevelt of New York on Conduct of Judge Mancuso—Statement of Latter Following Resignation from Bench Incident to Failure of City Trust Company—Indictments Handed Down.**

The special committees of the Association of the Bar of the City of New York and of the New York County Lawyers' Association in a report to Gov. Roosevelt relative to action to be taken with reference to Judge Francis X. Mancuso, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the failed City Trust Co. of New York stated that "now that Judge Mancuso has resigned his office, we assume that it is unnecessary for this committee to proceed further." "Apart from the canon of ethics," says the report, "it is our opinion that the duties of a director of a financial institution in the City of New York, when properly performed, are so onerous that they are incompatible with the performance by a judge of his judicial duties. Our study of the testimony before Commissioner Moses and our own investigation confirm us in this opinion."

Judge Mancuso resigned from the bench on Oct. 9. In a statement issued on that day he said:

I have tendered my resignation, to take effect immediately, as Judge of the Court of General Sessions, to which I was elected in 1921, after having served as a city magistrate and as an Assistant District Attorney.

I feel that the public is entitled to a statement of my reasons for resigning. I believe, of course, that the efficient administration of justice is a matter of transcendent importance to the people of this community and that, above all, it requires the utmost confidence in those who have been called upon to administer it.

Since the failure of the City Trust Co. I have been compelled to attend numerous hearings, investigations and conferences, and these, necessarily, have interfered with the sessions of my court.

In view of the fact that suspicion, just or unjust, in the public mind has been attached to the conduct of the officers of the trust company, I feel that my efficiency as a Judge of the Court of General Sessions has perhaps been impaired.

Inasmuch as the proper administration of justice is of more consequence to the community than those who may be called upon to administer it, I have concluded that the step I have taken is in the best interest of the public.

In justice to me, however, I hope that the people of this community will form no opinion with respect to my acts as Chairman of the Board of the City Trust Co. until all the facts with respect to its management and my participation therein have become fully known. For I am confident that they will then conclude that, at most, I have been the victim of badly misplaced confidence in those whom I considered not only my friends, but honest and above suspicion, and that my resignation from high judicial office is a tremendous price to pay for such misplaced confidence.

The report of the Committee of the bar associations, which was made public at Albany on Oct. 19 by Gov. Roosevelt, follows:

The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt, Governor of the State of New York, Albany, New York.

Your Excellency:

The undersigned were appointed a special committee, representing the Association of the Bar of the city of New York and the New York County Lawyers' Association to investigate and report to you on the conduct of Judge Francis X. Mancuso, pursuant to your telegram of July 18, 1929, requesting the two associations to study the report of Commissioner Moses on the affairs of the City Trust Co. and the testimony taken before him with reference to Judge Mancuso and to make recommendations to you as to what action should be taken.

Immediately upon its organization the joint committee undertook the study of the report of Commissioner Moses as well as of the voluminous testimony taken before him, particularly with respect to the conduct of Judge Mancuso. Thereafter Judge Mancuso appeared with counsel before the committee at his own request and was examined at considerable length on three occasions. The committee also made its own independent investigation of various matters with respect to the conduct of Judge Mancuso.

This examination and our consideration of the matter were interrupted by the criminal investigations of the case made by the District Attorneys and grand juries of New York and Kings Counties, and the pendency of these criminal investigations caused us to defer our expected report to you until all the facts were available to the committee. Now that Judge Mancuso has resigned his office, we assume that it is unnecessary for this committee to proceed further.

The facts considered by the committee are now substantially before the courts for consideration by reason of the recent indictment of Judge Mancuso. It is not proper, therefore, for this committee to state any conclusions concerning the issues now to be determined by a judicial tribunal, and the committee refrains from expressing any opinion thereon.

However, Judge Mancuso's connection with a bank and an investment or securities company as Chairman of their respective boards of directors, in itself not indictable, suggests to us that it is an appropriate time to call attention to the following provision of the canons of judicial ethics of the American Bar Association:

He (a judge) should avoid giving ground for any reasonable suspicion that he is utilizing the power or prestige of his office to persuade or coerce others to patronize or contribute, either to the success of private business ventures or to charitable enterprises. He should, therefore, not enter into such private business, or pursue such a course of conduct as would justify such suspicion, nor use the power of his office or the influence of his name to promote the business interests of others; he should not solicit for charities, nor should he enter into any business relation which, in the normal course of events reasonably to be expected, might bring his personal interest into conflict with the impartial performance of his official duties.

Apart from the canon of ethics, it is our opinion that the duties of a director of a financial institution in the city of New York, when properly performed, are so onerous that they are incompatible with the performance by a judge of his official duties. Our study of the testimony before Commissioner Moses and our own investigation confirm us in this opinion.

Respectfully submitted,

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EDWARD J. MCGUIRE,  
W. M. K. OLCOTT.

Committee of the New York County Lawyers' Association;  
HAROLD HARPER,  
GEORGE Z. MEDALIE,  
KENNETH M. SPENCE,  
Committee of the Association of the Bar.

From the New York "Times" of Oct. 10 we take the following:

*Insisted Post Was Honorary.*

Judge Mancuso had consistently maintained since the Superintendent of Banks closed the City Trust on Feb. 11 that his position as head of the Board was more honorary than actual and that he knew nothing of the maze of dubious transactions which bank examiners uncovered. A month ago canceled checks for \$1,000 each drawn by Ferrari and indorsed by Judge Mancuso were found in a Brooklyn safe deposit vault. He explained that he had made a \$20,000 stock subscription on money borrowed from Paladino, who was a close personal friend. He said that the stock was not delivered and that Ferrari repaid him in instalments.

With regard to indictments handed down on Oct. 16 in the City Trust Case, we quote as follows from the "Times" of Oct. 17:

The extraordinary grand juries in Brooklyn and Manhattan, which for the past three months have been considering evidence in the \$5,000,000 City Trust Co. failure, handed up 18 true bills against 14 defendants to Justice Arthur S. Tompkins yesterday. Neither grand jury has completed its work and the members were not discharged. Those indicted were:

*In Manhattan.*

Francis X. Mancuso, Chairman of the board of directors, who resigned as a Judge of General Sessions last week after testifying before the grand jury;

accused of participating as a director in a fraudulent insolvency of a moneyed corporation, a misdemeanor.

Anthony Di Paola, Cashier of the bank; two indictments for making false entries in a report, and one for participating in fraudulent insolvency, charging two felonies and one misdemeanor.

Frederico Ferrari, Vice-President and brother of the late Francesco M. Ferrari, President, for making false entries and participating in a fraudulent insolvency; felony and misdemeanor. Leonard Rose, Harlem druggist, for making false entries in a report, and participating in fraudulent insolvency felony and misdemeanor.

Zalvatore Soraci, contractor, accused of making a false report and participating in a fraudulent insolvency; felony and misdemeanor.

Francis S. Paterno, real estate operator, for participating as a director in fraudulent insolvency; misdemeanor.

Isidore Sigeltuch, Attorney, for participating as a director in a fraudulent insolvency; misdemeanor.

Frank H. Warder, former Superintendent of Banks, an additional sealed indictment.

*In Brooklyn.*

George Ziniti, Vice-President, four indictments for third degree forgery and two for grand larceny; felonies.

Louis Tavormina, Vice-President and Manager of the Atlantic Ave. branch, for third degree forgery and grand larceny; felonies.

Arthur F. Beyerle, employee of bank, for subornation of perjury, third degree forgery and grand larceny; felonies.

William M. Bailey, contractor, for perjury; felony.

Gennaro Ascinone, custom house broker for perjury; felony.

Sydney G. Harnett, a director, for perjury; felony.

*Defendants Plead Not Guilty.*

All defendants were admitted to bail and all pleaded not guilty, except Di Paola and Ferrari, who will plead on Monday.

John Burlinson, foreman of the New York County jury, commended the thorough and painstaking manner in which Assistant District Attorney Harold W. Hastings and Special Assistant Hiram. Todd, presented the evidence, "leaving no stone unturned to locate evidence of criminal acts in the City Trust case."

When the indictments were returned in Manhattan the defendants were in Court and represented by counsel except Mancuso. Martin Conboy, his attorney, arrived during the proceedings and when Mancuso's name was called by the Clerk he hurried up the aisle at the side of an attendant.

In the familiar locale where for six years the entire Court had to rise while he walked to his seat on the Bench, the former judge hurried up the aisle. Facing the bench from which he has so often surveyed the court room, his face muscles worked convulsively as he listened to the loud tones of the Clerk:

"Francis Mancuso, you have been indicted; you are accused of participating as a director in the fraudulent insolvency of a moneyed corporation. How do you plead."

"Not guilty," Mancuso replied in a voice so husky it was scarcely audible. Then he hurried out, leaving details of bail to be attended to by his attorney. A newspaper man, a friend of long standing, walked out with him, and he begged:

"Don't let them take any pictures."

His bail bond was signed by a former associate, Judge William Allen.

The other defendants took their arraignment more matter of fact—Di Paola with his ever-present grin, Ferrari with his usual bewildered expression as his attorneys, Bernard Flashnick and Caesar Barra did the talking for him. Sigeltuch, represented by Robert S. Johnston, seemed unconcerned. Paterno, Rose and Soraci, all represented by Isidore Glauberman, were more solemn.

*Warder Wants Bill of Particulars.*

James I. Cliff, attorney for Mr. Warder who is to go on trial on Monday on a charge of accepting a bribe, moved for a bill of particulars on the indictments. Assistant District Attorney Ferdinand Pecora conceded two points but opposed the others. Justice Tompkins reserved decision.

The charges on which the men were indicted allege that as directors they participated in the insolvency in violation of Section 297 of the banking law. The additional felony indictments against Ferrari, Rose, Soraci and Di Paola are in connection with the semi-annual reports required to be filed with the Banking Department. It is alleged that false information was contained in these reports.

Both Soraci and Rose had testified that they signed the reports without knowledge of their contents.

The Brooklyn defendants, having all been indicted for felonies, were taken to Brooklyn Police Headquarters and fingerprinted. They were released in bail after that formality and have until Oct. 26 to amend their pleas or to make motions.

The forgery charges against Ziniti concern the making out of false credit tickets, it having been previously established at the Moreland Commissioner investigation that two sets of books were kept, one showing overdrafts and the other concealing them and that false credits were put in to cover the overdrafts.

The grand larceny indictments charge that he used funds of the bank amounting to \$14,566 and \$13,283, respectively.

**The Twenty-Fifth Anniversary of the Bank of Italy.**

In connection with the celebration last week of the 25th anniversary of its founding, former President James A. Bacigalupi of the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association issued the following, giving a resume of the history and progress of the institution:

*Anniversary Message from James A. Bacigalupi.*

On this 25th anniversary of the founding of the Bank of Italy, all of us are aware that we stand at the threshold of a new era in banking in which we are to see branch banking established on a greatly enlarged scale in the United States.

It is the realization of this ideal, so clearly visioned by A. P. Giannini a quarter of a century ago and sturdily battled for by him through that long period, rather than the remarkable material progress of our institution, that gives to the day its significance in the eyes of California and the Nation.

Our 25th anniversary finds us on the last lap of one of the Bank of Italy's greatest undertakings—our "Billion Dollar Campaign". Its successful termination will be attributable to the wonderful loyal support we have been given by our entire organization, our stockholders and our friends.

To me and, I trust, to my 5,000 fellow workers who make up this great Bank of Italy family, the day has an added importance in that it marks the completion of my 5-year term of office as President,—in accordance with the rule so wisely promulgated by our founder. However, as a member of the board of directors, the general executive committee and of the advisory committee, I shall continue to support our great institution as well as to give my whole-hearted moral co-operation to our new President, Arnold J. Mount.

Mr. Mount assumes his new responsibilities at a time when the situation calls for an executive of large caliber and to you, who have known him so well as our senior Vice-President and who are likewise familiar with his long and successful career in banking, I hardly need to say that, in every respect, he measures up to these requirements. If I may for the moment assume the role of a prophet, I believe that I am safe in saying that the next five years will see developments in our institution as great or greater than the last five years have witnessed.

In order that we may have some idea of what the future holds for our institution, let us see what we have accomplished in the past five years. The greatest single event, that contributed to the advancement of our institution, came in 1927. In the early part of that year the Congress of the United States enacted into law the McFadden Bill which effectively liberalized and modernized the National Bank Act.

This event rendered possible and advisable the great consolidation, in February, of our affiliated banking institutions—the Liberty Bank of America, the Italian-American Bank and the rest, thus giving to the Bank of Italy 178 additional offices.

Next in order, on March 1, came the Nationalization of the Bank. This act not only cemented our membership in the Federal System, but permitted us to take a prominent place among the great National Banks of the country, thereby adding greater prestige to California.

Out of a desire to further serve our customers and in carrying out Mr. Giannini's idea of making the Bank a complete department store of finance, we have added several new services. In this brief outline, which is not a complete report, it is possible only to enumerate these services. They are:

1. Bankitaly Mortgage Co., engaged in lending money on improved real estate, in cities of 10,000 population or more. It is estimated to serve borrowers whose legitimate needs might be greater than could be met by a National Bank.
2. Americommercial Corporation, functions as a general insurance broker and agent, and together with Pacific National Fire Insurance Company owned by Transamerica Corp., and the Life Insurance Division of National Bankitaly Co., greatly amplifies our general service to the patrons of our Bank.
3. Bankitaly Agricultural Credit Corp., extends credit to facilitate orderly marketing of dairy products and makes loans on live stock.
4. Travel Department: This department does a general travel business, selling railroad, steamship and air transportation tickets, secures hotel accommodations throughout the world and performs a variety of services for the bank's customers.
5. Bank of Italy Travelers' Cheques: Provide the bank's customers with safe and convenient means for carrying their funds while away from home. Besides opening an entirely new field for legitimate profit to our stockholders, in its first year of operation, Travelers' Cheques have helped to build the prestige of the Bank the world over.
6. The Personal Loan Department: This department seeks to aid persons of moderate means who require emergency financing. It makes available to them a legitimate banking service at reasonable rates. While the department is expected to return a fair profit it operates as a good-will builder in securing new accounts.

For the graphic story of the last five years, growth and progress, let us turn now to our ledgers.

The remarkable growth of our Trust Department is told in the single sentence: Every 18 minutes during business hours some Californian or his attorney deposits his will with the Bank of Italy. For a more detailed recital of my views on the growing importance of this department, you are referred to my recent addresses before both the California and the American Bankers Associations.

On June 30 1924, capital, surplus and undivided profits of the Bank were \$24,678,474 whereas after the consolidation in 1927 capital, surplus and undivided profits of the Bank, combined with National Bankitaly Co. were in excess of \$200,000,000. Total resources increased from \$326,509,405.36 in 1924 to \$851,705,810.70 in 1929 or a gain of \$525,196,405.34—160.9%. Savings deposits in 1924 were \$204,591,886.80 while in 1929 they had grown to the stupendous figure of \$477,953,271.16, an increase of \$273,361,384.36 or 133.5%. Commercial deposits had likewise shown an increase from \$92,384,118.91 to \$227,188,223.32, a gain of \$134,804,104.41 or 145.9%.

On June 30 1924, we enjoyed a reputation as one of the great financial institutions of America. We then had 86 banking offices in 58 cities of California, while our progressive policy of expansion had centered the eyes of the Nation's bankers upon us. Capital, surplus and undivided profits of the Bank, combined with the then Stockholders Auxiliary Corp. now National Bankitaly Co., were \$36,206,781.49.

That Bank of Italy of 1924 was a mere pigmy compared to the giant of to-day. Instead of 86 branches in 58 cities, we now have 292 offices providing a metropolitan banking service to customers in 166 cities from the Oregon line to the Mexican border.

Our savings deposits in 1924 were quite respectable for that day, \$204,591,886 to be exact; on June 30 1929, they were \$477,953,271, an increase of \$273,361,384, representing a gain of 133.5%. Commercial deposits show a corresponding increase from \$92,384,118 to \$227,188,223, a gain of \$134,804,104 or 145.9%.

**Cost of Locomotive Fuel Coal in August Lower Than a Year Ago.**

The quantity and average cost per net ton of coal used by Class I railroads in locomotives in yard switching and transportation train service during the months of August 1929 and 1928 were as follows:

	Net Tons Used.		Average Cost per Net Ton.			
	1929.	1928.	Incl. Direct Freight Charges.		Excl. Direct Freight Charges.	
			1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Eastern District.....	4,390,619	4,246,483	\$2.45	\$2.55	\$1.88	\$1.97
Southern District.....	1,829,306	1,836,380	1.96	2.05	1.67	1.75
Western District.....	2,804,184	2,778,304	2.62	2.81	2.48	2.66
United States.....	9,024,109	8,861,167	\$2.41	\$2.53	\$2.02	\$2.14

The averages, both those including direct freight charges and those excluding such charges, as shown above, include charges for labor and supplies incidental to the handling of the coal.

There you have the romantic story of five full years rise in the Bank of Italy told in the prosaic figures of a bank ledger. Hidden in its pages are a thousand tales of genius, almost superhuman effort, a great moral courage and of never failing loyalty, on the part of a "go-getting" organization that in my humble opinion cannot be surpassed or even equalled anywhere else in the world.

From the despised role of the "out-law" (as so many of the old line American bankers were wont to allude to our institution up to only a few years ago) the Bank of Italy National Trust and Savings Association is to-day the model or the pattern after which many of our Country's leading banks are seeking to fashion their institutions. From the "pioneer" we have suddenly become the proven exemplar of what a modern American bank should be. As great as have been our bank's past accomplishments, therefore, I firmly believe that the years yet to come will witness an even greater growth and prosperity in the Bank of Italy as the field of operations broadens apace with the inevitable extension and development of branch banking in our great Country.

While I am fully conscious of the insignificant part I have played in this wondrous development during the past 21 years of my indirect and direct active connection with it, I wish to assure you that the very little I have done has been of greatest satisfaction to me, and the happy memory of the past five years of my Presidency I would not exchange for any other.

With our policies firmly set, the experience of the past, and the splendid organization at his command, my successor has assured unto him a regime of even greater glory than any that has as yet been experienced.

Please permit me to avail myself of this most joyous and auspicious occasion to thank you most cordially for your magnificent co-operation during that past five years, and to bespeak for Mr. Arnold J. Mount, our new President, your unstinted loyalty and support.

Under the caption "The Story of 100 Shares of Bank of Italy Stock," the bank undertakes to show the status on Oct. 10 1929 of an investor who purchased 100 shares in the Bank of Italy in January 1920 and exercised all his rights to purchase additional shares.

Taking into account all cash and stock dividends, and computing the worth of the privilege of purchasing Intercoast Trading stock on the basis of the selling price of rights, \$11, the stockholder would hold to-day 11,629 shares of new Transamerica stock worth \$755,885 at the present market price of \$65 a share, obtained for \$188,014—equivalent to an average of \$16 per share, and representing a profit of \$567,871 or an average profit of \$49 per share.

Including the dividend payments of \$69,170.80, the combined profit from both the appreciation in market value of shares held, with dividends received, totals \$637,041.80. This amounts to an average total profit per share purchased of \$55, or 344 per cent for the 9½ year period, or approximately 35% a year.

Individual steps in development of the stockholder's position are shown as follows, based on an acquisition in January 1920 of 100 shares of Bank of Italy at \$160 per share:

- (a) Special dividend of \$7.50, voted to apply as National Bankitaly Co. initial capital.
- (b) Dividends paid quarterly hereafter.
- (c) Stock split 4 for 1—par value reduced to \$25.
- (d) Stock dividend of 25%.
- (e) Special 50c dividend on National Bankitaly profits.
- (f) Transamerica Conversion (1¼-1).
- (g) Stock dividend 1-40; 1 share of Bank of America for 40 shares of Bank of Italy stock. Later converted into Transamerica stock on basis of 1 share of Bank of America for 1½ sh. Transamerica Corp.
- (h) Dividend amount changed to \$1 and date forwarded to April 25 1929.
- (i) Stock dividend (1-100).
- (l) Stock dividend (1-100).
- (m) Intercoast warrants issued on the basis of 1 for 9 (rights to subscribe to 492 shares on basis of 4,429 shares as of July 25 1929). Selling price of rights \$11.00.
- (n) 150% stock dividend on stock of record 7-25-29 (4,429 shares).
- (o) 1% Stock dividend on stock of record Oct. 5 1929 (11,072 shares).
- (p) Dividend changed to \$1.60 on basis of 40c per quarter. On stock as of record Oct. 5 1929.
- (q) Rights to purchase additional shares of new Transamerica stock to be issued Nov. 20 1929 to stockholders on record Nov. 5 1929. Basis of rights 1-25; rate \$55. The value of the stock acquired through exercising these rights is shown as the price prevailing at the time this table was calculated, namely, Oct. 10 1929.

### New Economic Policy Commission of American Bankers Association to Report on Proposal of Comptroller of Currency for Extension of Branch Banking.

The new Economic Policy Commission of the American Bankers Association, to which special importance is attached this year in the banking world because this body was specifically instructed by general convention resolutions at the association's recent San Francisco meeting to watch and report on developments under the proposal of Comptroller of the Currency John W. Pole for an extension of branch Banking in the National banking system, has been announced by John G. Lonsdale, President of the association, as follows:

- R. S. Hecht, President Hibernia Bank and Trust Co., New Orleans, Louisiana, Chairman;
- George E. Roberts, Vice President National City Bank, New York; N. Y., Vice-Chairman.
- Nathan Adams, President American Exchange National Bank, Dallas, Texas.
- Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio.
- Frank W. Blair, Chairman of Board Union Trust Co., Detroit, Michigan.
- Walter W. Head, President State Bank of Chicago, Chicago.
- W. D. Longyear, Vice-President Security-First National Bank, Los Angeles, California.
- Walter S. McLucas, Chairman of Board Commerce Trust Co., Kansas City, Missouri.
- Max B. Nahm, Vice-President Citizens National Bank, Bowling Green, Kentucky.
- Melvin A. Traylor, President First National Bank, Chicago.

Paul M. Warburg, Chairman of Board International Acceptance Bank, New York, N. Y.

O. Howard Wolfe, Cashier Philadelphia National Bank, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Gurden Edwards, American Bankers Association, New York City, Secretary.

All of these were members of the commission last year with the exception of Messrs. Blair, Head and Longyear, who are new members.

The resolutions adopted at the San Francisco convention (given on page 87 of our American Bankers Convention number), pointed out "that new economic forces are actively at work vitally affecting our present banking systems, both State and National, and the trend toward group and chain banking is a matter of great concern and of far-reaching importance to National and State bankers alike," and then alluded to the fact "that suggestions have been made looking toward an extension of branch banking in the National banking system and the Comptroller of the Currency has expressed views which may lead to the appointment of a Congressional committee to investigate the subject." The resolutions declared that "we believe all classes of membership in the association should be represented in any further study of the matter to the end that sound conclusions may be reached as to what system or systems would best serve the economic needs of the country." They went on to instruct the Economic Policy Commission to continue its investigation in this matter and to represent the association in seeking co-operation with any committee which may be appointed by Congress on the subject," charging it with the duty of "watching all developments in the interests of our members" and directing it to report its conclusions and recommendations to the Executive Council. The Council, which is the governing body of the organization between meetings of the annual convention, will hold its next session in the spring of 1930.

Under the direction of R. S. Hecht, the Chairman of the Commission who presented at the San Francisco convention a survey showing the extent to which chain and group banking has developed in the United States, a further intensive investigation of this subject is being made. With revised material since the preliminary report, this is being issued in book form by the American Bankers Association in New York City.

### Committee on National Bank Research Named by President of National Bank Division of A. B. A.

Carrying into effect an announcement which he made when installed as the new President of the National Bank Division of the American Bankers Association, John W. Barton, Vice-President Metropolitan National Bank of Minneapolis, has since appointed the following as members of the Special Committee on National Bank Research:

George H. Hamilton, Vice-President Fourth National Bank, Wichita, Kan., Chairman; Arch W. Anderson, Vice-President Security-First National National Bank of Los Angeles; Robert V. Fleming, President Riggs National Bank, Washington, D. C., and Edmund S. Wolfe, President First National Bank, Bridgeport, Conn., and Vice-President of the National Bank Division. The latter with Mr. Barton are ex-officio members of the committee. The creation of this special committee is an outgrowth of the present condition in which the National banking system finds itself by reason of deflections from it and the consequent lessening of National banking and Federal Reserve resources. The concomitant effect of these losses and the rapid changes being made with respect to group, chain and branch banks, makes it desirable that the entire problem be given very studious consideration, according to President Barton.

### President Lonsdale of A. B. A. Visits New York.

John G. Lonsdale, President of Mercantile-Commerce Bank & Trust Co. of St. Louis and newly elected President of the American Bankers Association, has been visiting New York. Asked regarding his mission, Mr. Lonsdale said that, modern business being conducted on facts, not theories, every executive finds it necessary to add continually to his fund of information because understanding must always precede wise action. "Since moving to St. Louis from New York," he said, "I have made it my practice to come back quite frequently. I know of no better place than this city where one can put his ear to the ground and quickly catch the drift of economic events."

### ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

At a meeting of the executive committee of the board of directors of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York on Oct. 24, the following appointments were made: John T. Corsa, Asst. Treas.; James Edwin Hollingsworth, Asst. Treas.; and Donald M. Street, Asst. Trust Officer.

At a meeting of the organization committee of the National Exchange Bank & Trust Co. of New York, A. S. Somers was named President of the new institution, and W. R. Miller, Vice-President of the Midwood Trust Co., Executive Vice-President. Other officers elected were Milton Dammann, President, American Safety Razor Corp., Chairman of the Board; Manasseh Miller, President, National Title Guaranty Co., and J. J. Brooke, Vice-President of the same company, Vice-Presidents. The Exchangebank Financial Corp., which is affiliated with the National Exchange Bank & Trust also elected its officers. T. H. Whitney, Vice-President, Brooklyn Manhattan Transit Co., was elected President; Mr. Somers, Vice-President, M. S. McNamara, Treasurer, National Title Guaranty Co., Treasurer; and H. L. Delatour, Secretary. In addition to Mr. Somers, five new directors were added to the board of directors of the bank. These were Michael Furst, Chairman of the Board, National Title Guaranty Co.; E. A. Richards, President of the East New York Savings Bank; Clarence Levy, director, National Title Guaranty Co.; J. R. Sexton, President, Board of Taxes and Assessment; and Clarence Kempner, Vice-President, National Title Guaranty Co.

The new bank was organized by several of the directors of the National Title Guaranty Co. and other associates, and is expected to open for business late in November in its quarters on the ground floor of the new 12-story building recently erected by the latter at 185-187 Montague St., Brooklyn. Mr. Somers is the present owner and President of Fred L. Lavenburg Co., and is turning over his interest in this business to his sons in order that he may devote his time to the bank. For several years he was President of the New York Board of Education and for many years has been Chairman of the Budget Committee of the Board of Education. He is a director of the Brooklyn Fire Insurance Co., the Brooklyn National Life Insurance Co., Manufacturers' Trust Co., the Brooklyn & Manhattan Transit Co., and a trustee of the Lincoln Savings Bank. He is also a director of the Long Island RR. Co. He has been President of the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce and President of the Long Island Chamber of Commerce.

A plan for the recapitalization of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York and for the creation of such a securities company has been approved by the Board of Trustees of the Trust company. The consummation of this plan will result in the following capital structures:

Trust Company—Capital	-----	\$50,000,000
Surplus	-----	55,000,000
Undivided profits (approximate)	-----	5,800,000
Securities Company	-----	25,000,000
Total	-----	\$135,800,000

#### The notice to the stockholders says:

If the plan is approved by the stockholders and carried out in the manner described below, each holder of 3 shares of stock of the Trust Co. of the par value of \$100 each will receive—

(a) 12 shares of stock of the Trust Co. of the par value of \$20 each, in exchange for his 3 shares of the par value of \$100 each without further payment; and

(b) A warrant entitling him to receive 4 shares of stock of the Trust Co. of the par value of \$20 each, upon payment of \$70 per share.

Upon final consummation of the plan the certificates representing the shares of \$20 par value stock of the Trust Co. will have endorsed thereon an appropriate legend evidencing the interest of the holder in an equal number of shares of the new securities company stock.

It is planned to pay dividends on the new stock at the annual rate of 3% per share, which is equivalent to the existing rate.

It is contemplated that the plan shall be carried out in the following manner:

(a) On Nov. 6 1929 the capital stock of the Trust Co. will be reduced from \$46,500,000 (consisting of 465,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each) to \$37,200,000 (consisting of 1,860,000 shares of the par value of \$20 each) and the sum of \$9,300,000 (the amount by which the capital stock shall have been reduced) will be transferred to surplus so that the holder of each share of the par value of \$100 shall receive four shares of the par value of \$20 each; and

(b) Immediately thereafter the capital stock of the Trust Co. will be increased to \$50,000,000 (consisting of 2,500,000 shares of the par value of \$20 each) by offering for sale 620,000 shares of such new stock of the par value of \$20 each to the stockholders of record at the close of business Nov. 7 1929, at the price of \$70 per share, in the proportion of one share of such new stock of the par value of \$20 for each three shares of such new stock of the par value of \$20 each then outstanding, and, in order to avoid a complicated fraction, by offering for sale 20,000 shares of such new stock of the par value of \$20 each (out of a total of 2,500,000 shares of such new stock of the par value of \$20 each then authorized) at public auction at the price of not less than \$70 per share.

The plan also contemplates that, as soon as practicable after the recapitalization of the Trust Co. has been effected, securities owned by the Trust Co.

of the aggregate value of approximately \$25,000,000 will be transferred to a securities company which will have a capital stock of 2,500,000 shares of no par value or of the par value of not to exceed \$10 per share, which shares of stock shall be held for the stockholders of the Trust Co. pro rata under an agreement providing for the stamping on each certificate of stock of the Trust Co. of an appropriate legend evidencing the interest of the holder of the Trust Co. stock in an equal number of shares of deposited securities company stock.

It is also thought desirable that proper stockholders' action be taken to withdraw the stock of the Trust Co. from being listed on the New York Stock Exchange, as the reason for the original listing is no longer present, and as it is believed the advantage of listing to the stockholders of a banking institution is not sufficient to justify the expense.

Directors of the Security Trust Co. of Rochester, N. Y., at their regular meeting on Oct. 17 declared a quarterly dividend of \$10 a share on the capital stock of the institution and an extra dividend of \$22 a share, payable Nov. 1 to stockholders of record Oct. 29. These dividend declarations bring the total for the year to \$50 a share. The stock of the company is now on a regular quarterly basis of \$10 a share. In reporting the matter in its issue of Oct. 18 the Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle" went on to say:

Capital stock of the Security Trust Co. is \$300,000 and the surplus and undivided profits, in accordance with its last printed statement, stood at \$2,924,167.77. Resources of the banking department totaled \$35,903,790.83 and the assets in the trust department aggregated \$105,448,178.86. This total for the trust department, which does not include the resources of the general banking departments, is one of the greatest in the State, excluding one or two of the largest banking units in the metropolitan district. The bank has just completed one of its most successful years.

The personnel of the Security Trust Co. is as follows: President, James S. Watson; Vice-Presidents, Julius M. Wile, Edward Harris and Jesse W. Lindsay; Vice-President and Secretary, Carl S. Potter; Vice-President and Trust Officer, William H. Stackel; Treasurer, George F. Stone; Assistant Secretaries, Harvey W. Miller, David Gales and Earl G. Hook; and Assistant Trust Officers, Grace E. Howie, G. Morton Minot, Seward H. Case and Benjamin E. Lull.

Raymond N. Ball, Treasurer of the University of Rochester N. Y., assumed the Presidency of the Lincoln-Alliance Bank & Trust Co. of Rochester on Tuesday of this week, according to the Rochester "Democrat and Chronicle" of that date. He succeeds Thomas E. Lannin who became Vice-Chairman of the Board of Directors. Mr. Lannin, it is understood, was obliged to relinquish the Presidency because of impaired health. Associated Press advices Oct. 20 from Rochester, appearing in the New York "Times" of Oct. 21 spoke of Mr. Ball as follows:

Mr. Ball has gained wide attention by his administration of the \$62,000,000 funds of the university. He is credited with spending \$7,000,000 for the new men's college on profits on investments without touching the principal.

Born in Wellsville, he was graduated from the University of Rochester in 1914. He first became associated with Kingman N. Robins, then university treasurer, in Associated Mortgage Investors, served as Captain in the war, returned to become alumni and executive secretary of the university, controller and then treasurer on the death of Mr. Robins in 1923.

Stockholders of the Federal National Bank of Boston, Mass., on Oct. 18 ratified a proposal reduction in the par value of the bank's stock from \$100 a share to \$20 a share, according to the Boston "Transcript" of the same date. Another special meeting of the stockholders will be held, it was stated, on Oct. 31 to approve a proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$1,500,000 to \$1,650,000. Following the approval of the increase a 10% stock dividend will be payable to stockholders of record Oct. 31, it was said.

Directors of the National Mt. Wollaston Bank of Quincy, Mass. have agreed to sell a substantial interest in the institution at \$327 a share, according to the Boston "Herald" of Oct. 20, which stated that it is likely that sale of stock by other stockholders will give the Old Colony Trust Associates ownership of a majority of the stock. This is the first bank in Quincy to be acquired by the Old Colony Trust Associates. Continuing the "Herald" said:

National Mt. Wollaston ranks as one of Quincy's outstanding banking institutions with deposits of approximately \$3,400,000 and capital and surplus of about \$400,000. Bank is favorably located and has been conducted conservatively since organization in 1853. With Appleton National Bank of Lowell, more than 51% of which stock has now been acquired, Old Colony Trust Associates owns substantial, and in most instances, controlling interest, in 18 suburban banks. Deposits aggregate nearly \$100,000,000, compared with \$71,000,000 in early September.

Acquisition will not mean immediate financing by Old Colony Trust Associates.

Associated Press advices from Leominster, Mass., on Oct. 22, printed in the New York "Times" of Oct. 23, said that announcement had been made on that day (Oct. 22) of the consolidation of the Leominster National Bank with the Worcester County National Bank of Worcester, Mass., making the seventh bank in Worcester County to be absorbed by that institution recently. The individual banks retain their personnel, but adopt the policy of the controlling institution.

At a special meeting of the directors of the Central Trust Co. of Cambridge, Mass., held on Oct. 21, Harry H. Young, Treasurer of the J. L. Hammett Co., was unanimously appointed a member of the Board.

On Oct. 15, the directors of the Riverside Trust Co. of Hartford, Conn., organized the Riverside Co., as a security investment affiliate, according to the Hartford "Courant" of the following day. The directors have taken into consideration the bank's employees and clients, as well as the stockholders, offering them stock subscriptions. The new company will have an authorized capital of 200,000 shares of no par value and 5,000 shares of voting stock. The initial issue will be 30,000 shares. At the offered price the company will raise slightly more than \$600,000. Continuing the "Courant" said in part:

Of the first issue 16,000 shares will be allotted to the stockholders, the subscription privilege being 4 shares in the company to every share of bank stock. At this time 1,000 shares have been allocated for subscription by employees of the bank. The price for stockholders and employees will be at \$20 a share. One thousand shares of voting stock have been apportioned to the bank itself, also at \$20 a share.

Twelve thousand shares have been allocated for subscription by depositors in the commercial department of the bank. These shares, representing 40% of the issue, will be subject to subscription and allotment will be made in proportion to the customary commercial deposit balance of the bank client. If the customers' subscriptions exceed the 12,000 shares the officers of the bank will make allotments in as fair and equitable a manner as is humanly possible. President E. T. Garvin, stated.

The subscription price for stock to clients of the bank will be at the rate of \$22 a share.

The rights to subscribe for shares will accrue to stockholders of record Oct. 15, and the apportionment of shares to customers of the bank will be based on the accounts open as of Oct. 15.

From the Buffalo "Courier" of Oct. 22 it is learned that a charter has been granted for a new National bank in that city to be known as the Niagara National Bank. The new bank will be located at Niagara and Hudson Streets, and will start with a capital of \$300,000, surplus of \$200,000, and undivided profits of \$25,000. Officers chosen are as follows: Carmelo Gugino, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Charles I. Martina, President; Carl W. Wenger, First Vice-President, and Dr. August Lasola, Second Vice-President.

On Oct. 15 a merger was effected of the First National Bank of Oswego, N. Y., and the Second National Bank & Trust Co. of Oswego. The new institution is known as the First & Second National Bank & Trust Co. of Oswego, and is capitalized at \$400,000. The approaching consolidation of these banks was noted in the "Chronicle" of Aug. 3, page 744.

Benjamin A. Armstrong, President, since 1904, of the National Bank of Commerce of New London, Conn., and a prominent manufacturer of that city, died on Oct. 20, after a brief illness, in his eighty-sixth year. Mr. Armstrong began his business career as a bookkeeper in the Williams Silk Co. of New York, and in 1867 entered into partnership with James P. Brainerd under the firm name of Brainerd & Armstrong, which in 1922 was merged with the Nomocuck Silk Co. under the title of the Corticelli Silk Co. At the time of his death Mr. Armstrong was Chairman of the Board of Directors of the company and was considered the dean of the silk industry, having been connected with it for nearly sixty-eight years.

The Hartford Trust Co., West Hartford, Conn., is to acquire control of the West Hartford Securities Co., a recently incorporated company, and will operate it as a subsidiary organization, according to the Hartford "Courant" of Oct. 18. Roy T. H. Barnes, President of the West Hartford Trust Co., is President of the securities company. The Secretary and Treasurer of the securities company will be Clarence A. Boyce, who also is Secretary and Treasurer of the West Hartford Trust Co. The directors of the West Hartford Securities Co., with the exception of Erastus C. Geer, Jr., are trustees of the trust company. The new company has an authorized capital of 10,000 voting shares and 30,000 non-voting shares, all without par value. All of the issued voting shares will be held by the bank to insure the continued control, it was said, but a public offering of non-voting shares will presently be made on terms to be announced later. Preference in subscribing will be given to the stockholders and depositors of the bank. The non-voting shares will in all other respects enjoy equal participation with the voting shares. It was furthermore stated that the company will not engage in the handling of securities as a dealer or in the transaction of a banking or trust business.

The First National Bank of Ridgewood, N. J., and the Ridgewood Trust Co. of that place were consolidated on Oct. 14 under the title of the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Ridgewood with capital of \$400,000.

The proposed merger of the Colonial Trust Co. and the Belmont Trust Co., both of Philadelphia, under the title of the former, noted in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 21, page 1839 became effective on Monday of this week, Oct. 21, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of that date. The consolidation plan called for the exchange of 8-15ths of a share of Colonial stock and \$15 in cash for each share of Belmont Trust Co. stock.

The board of directors of the Tradesmen's National Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia has declared a quarterly dividend of \$3 per share, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record at the close of business to-day, Oct. 26 1929.

On Wednesday of this week (Oct. 23) the Union Trust Co. of Baltimore purchased the National Bank of Baltimore, one of the oldest financial institutions in that city, at the price of \$430 a share, or five shares (par value \$10 a share) of Union Trust Co. stock for one share (par value \$100 a share) of National Bank of Baltimore stock, according to the Baltimore "Sun" of Oct. 24. The Century Trust Co. of Baltimore also was a competitor for the control of the institution and it was only after a financial battle between the two trust companies that the Union Trust Co. finally was successful. That there is now a possibility of the purchase by, or consolidation with, the Union Trust Co. of the Century Trust Co. of Baltimore, is indicated in the same issue of the "Sun", which says:

The next step in a move to create the largest banking house in Baltimore will be made by the Union Trust Company next week with an offer for the purchase or merger of the Century Trust Company, it was learned late yesterday.

Officials of both institutions declined to discuss the report of it earlier in the day, when it was the principal topic of discussion in banking circles following the successful fight of the Union Trust to buy the National Bank of Baltimore. At the offices of the Century Trust it was said the bank was not for sale.

While no offer had been made to the Century Trust Company, such a merger was regarded as the next "logical" step an offer may be made next week. A merger of the Century Trust with the National Bank and the Union Trust would create an institution with assets of more than \$83,000,000.

The combined assets of the Union Trust Co. and the National Bank of Baltimore (both of which are capitalized at \$1,500,000) aggregate approximately \$66,000,000. For the present both the offices in the Union Trust Building and the National Bank of Baltimore Building will remain open. The new organization will be operated under a State charter, and will retain the name of the Union Trust Co. John Schoenewolf, President of the National Bank of Baltimore, will be Chairman of the Board of Directors, while John M. Dennis, President of the Union Trust Co. will continue in that capacity. Howard E. Young, Chairman of the executive committee of the trust company, will also remain in that office. There will be no change in the personnel of either bank.

The proposed consolidation of the Cleveland Trust Co. of Cleveland and the Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co. of that city, under the title of the former, was ratified by the respective stockholders of the institutions on Wednesday of this week (Oct. 23) and the union will become effective at the close of business to-day (Oct. 26). The merger involves resources of \$330,000,000. In reporting the matter in its issue of Oct. 24, the Cleveland "Plain Dealer" stated that under the merger plan the stockholders of the Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co., after receiving a 20% stock dividend, will exchange their stock share for share for stock of the Cleveland Trust Co. The enlarged bank will then have a capital of \$13,800,000 and a combined capital and surplus of about \$23,000,000. It will have 58 offices located in three Northern Ohio Counties. The four offices of the Pearl Street bank will continue in charge of the same officers as heretofore. These branches are located at W. 25th St. and Clark Ave., S. W.; Clark Ave. and W. 50th St.; Pearl and Broadview Roads; and Lorain Ave. and Triskett Road. A new building to house the W. 25th St. office is nearing completion and is expected to be ready for opening about Christmas time. Seven officers and directors of the Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co. will be added to the Directorate of the Cleveland Trust Co. and 18 members of the Pearl St. Board will be added to the company's West Side Advisory Board. Henry W. Stecher, former Chairman of the board; A. F. Humel, former President, and Fred J. Greiner, former Executive Vice-President of the Pearl St. Bank, will become Vice-

Presidents of the Cleveland Trust Co., while E. J. Franke and Elmer C. Gehring (former Asst. Vice-Presidents); Trust Officer Ralph McQuat; Asst. Treasurers Walter T. Young, Harvey J. Webster, J. H. Kapl and Lorenz E. Stockhaus; Asst. Secretaries H. F. Brandt, W. E. Shepherd, Harold Busch and O. L. Rieder; Asst. Trust Officers Erwin W. Senghas and John S. Lucas and Asst. Auditor Roy B. Price will be made Asst. Vice-Presidents.

In announcing the ratification of the merger by the stockholders, Harris Creech, President of the Cleveland Trust Co., said:

"The affiliation of the Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co. with the Cleveland Trust Co. effected yesterday, will give the people of Cleveland a banking convenience and financial service unmatched in this section of the United States.

"This greater financial organization with 58 complete banking offices covering the entire metropolitan area will offer every form of banking, trust and investment service with no change of management, policy or personnel.

"To small as well as large depositors and clients this will mean increased facilities and improved accommodations in every department, with the same friendly, personal relationships that have always existed between customers and the individual banks making up this greater institution."

An item with reference to the proposed consolidation of these banks appeared in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 12, p. 2338.

The Urbana Banking Co. of Urbana, Ill., with capital of \$100,000 and deposits of \$1,250,000, failed to open for business on Oct. 21, according to a press dispatch from Urbana on that date, appearing in the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Oct. 22. A notice posted on the door of the institution stated that it had been closed for "examination and readjustment." Frozen assets in the form of uncollectable accounts amounting to between \$220,000 and \$350,000 were reported, the dispatch said, to have caused the closing of the bank by its directors. The Urbana Banking Co. was organized 25 years ago and had the largest aggregate of deposits of any bank in Urbana. The advices went on to say:

A shipment of \$500,000 from the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago was brought here this afternoon for the assistance of the other banks of Champaign and Urbana should a run develop on any of them, but such an outcome was not expected.

That the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, Chicago, has, together with certain individuals, acquired substantial holdings in the Congree Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, was reported in Chicago advices to the "Wall Street Journal" on Oct. 21. The dispatch said:

Central Trust Co. of Illinois has extended its influence to another downtown Chicago bank. Central Trust, together with Philip F. W. Peck, Robert H. McCormick, Mitchell D. Follansbee, Fred A. Preston and others, recently have acquired substantial holdings in Congress Trust & Savings Bank, 510 S. Wabash Ave.

Sanford Otis, Vice-President of Central Trust & Messrs. McCormick and Preston will become directors of the Congress Trust & Savings Bank.

It is understood that the capital of the Congress Trust will be increased, and that a well-known Chicago banker will be chosen President to succeed Henry S. Hensen, who will become President of the Chicago Bank of Commerce, now being organized.

According to a dispatch from Taylorville, Ill., on Oct. 18 to the New York "Times," the arrival of Federal Reserve officers by airplane from Chicago on that day with \$500,000 in cash halted an all-day "run" on the Farmers' National Bank of Taylorville, the only one of four banks in that place remaining open and is believed to have broken the back of a money scare that had caused the closing of six Christian County banks in that week. The dispatch continuing said:

The money was dispatched from Chicago in response to a telephone call for help from J. J. Adams, President of the Farmers' National Bank here, after the "run" had threatened to exhaust all the bank's available cash.

The "run" of the Farmers' National was precipitated when the First National, the Taylorville National and the Turner State Bank at Edinburg, near here, posted notices this morning that they had decided to close their doors "to protect depositors."

The closing of these three banks was a result of the closing of the J. B. Colegrove State Bank in Taylorville, Thursday, of last week, followed by that of the Farmers' State Bank at Bulpitt the following day, and the closing of the Farmers' State Bank at Edinburg yesterday.

The failure of the Colegrove bank was the first in the history of this city and was caused by decline in farm values and slump in the coal business.

At special meetings of the stockholders of both the Guardian Detroit Group, Inc., and the Union Commerce Corp., Detroit, held Oct. 18, the proposed plan of merger of these two institutions was unanimously approved by vote of all the stock represented at each of such meetings. In accordance with the foregoing action, immediate steps will be taken to consummate the merger. The official announcement in the matter goes on to say:

There will be affiliated with the Guardian Detroit Union Group a large number of financial institutions throughout the State of Michigan, the best known of which are: Guardian Detroit Bank, National Bank of Commerce, Bank of Detroit, Union Trust Co., Guardian Trust Co., Guardian Detroit Co., Keane, Higbie & Co., Highland Park State Bank, Highland Park Trust Co., Union Industrial Bank, Flint; Union Industrial Trust Co., Flint; Grand Rapids Savings Bank, Grand Rapids National Bank, Grand

Rapids Trust Co., Peoples National Bank & Trust Co., Jackson; National Union Bank & Trust Co., Jackson; First National Bank & Trust Co., Kalamazoo; First National Bank & Trust Co., Port Huron; Federal Commercial & Savings Bank, Port Huron; Capital National Bank, Lansing; City National Bank & Trust Co., Battle Creek; City National Bank & Trust Co., Niles, and Plymouth United Savings Bank, Plymouth.

The capital assets of this new group of financial institutions approximate \$70,000,000, deposits are over \$400,000,000 and the aggregate of resources exceeds \$550,000,000.

Affiliation of five more banks with the Guardian Detroit Union Group was announced in Stanton, Mich., on Wednesday, Oct. 23, by Andrew W. Orr, President of the State Bank of Vestaburg, according to Associated Press advices from Stanton on that day, printed in the Detroit "Free Press" of Oct. 24. The institutions involved are: The State Bank of Vestaburg, the State Bank of Six Lakes, the State Savings Bank of Stanton, the State Savings Bank of Remus, and the Blanchard State Bank, all Michigan institutions. Each bank will keep its own officers and 40% of the stock of each will be transferred to the Detroit group, it was stated.

Resources of the group of 59 banks and financial institutions affiliated with the First Bank Stock Corp. (joint headquarters St. Paul and Minneapolis) now exceed \$426,000,000, a compilation of the October call statements reveals. This is an increase of more than \$90,000,000 since the corporation was launched by the First National Bank of Minneapolis and the First National Bank of St. Paul the latter part of August, according to a statement issued from the headquarters in Minneapolis. The statement says in part:

Concentrated in the Ninth Federal Reserve District and designed to serve this territory exclusively, the First Bank Stock Corp. now controls 27 units in 12 cities in Minnesota, 12 units in 10 cities in Montana, 9 units in 9 cities in North Dakota, 8 units in 7 cities in South Dakota and 3 units in as many cities in northern Michigan. The group is the largest financial institution operating exclusively in the Ninth Federal Reserve District.

Twenty banks have affiliated since the corporation was launched and new affiliates are being announced rapidly. Charters for two new banking corporations sponsored by the holding company have been approved by the Comptroller of the Currency. The Security National Bank of Huron, So. Dak., with paid-in capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$260,000, will begin operations in the spring upon completion of a new banking building on which work is to start immediately. The National Park Bank in Livingston is the corporate successor of the National Park Bank of Livingston and is now operating.

Resources of the group were approaching the 400-million mark based upon June statement totals when the National bank call was issued as of Oct. 4, disclosing an increase through operations of more than \$30,000,000, a reflection largely of increased deposits.

Rapidly mounting deposits, coupled with the oversubscription by 10 times to the recent public offering of stock in the corporation, is interpreted by executives of the holding company as an expression of public confidence from the Northwest in the group plan of banking. Several of the recently affiliated units have shown an almost immediate upturn in deposits and expansion of general operations. \* \* \*

Management of the First Bank Stock Corp. in its general functions will rest in an executive committee of ten, it was announced to-day (Oct. 22). The committee will meet regularly in Minneapolis and St. Paul, joint headquarters of the corporation. Members of the committee are C. T. Jaffray, Chairman of the board of the corporation; Richard C. Lilly, Vice President of the corporation and President of the First National Bank of St. Paul; Lyman E. Wakefield, Vice-President and President of the First National Bank in Minneapolis; James E. Woodard, President of the Metals Bank & Trust Co., Butte; Sam Stephenson, President First National Bank, Great Falls; J. A. Oace, Vice-President of the First National of St. Paul; P. J. Leeman, Vice-President and General Manager and Vice-President of the First National in Minneapolis; R. W. Webb, President of the First Minneapolis Trust Co.; Julian B. Baird, Vice-President of the Merchants Trust Co., St. Paul, and N. P. Delander, President of the First St. Paul Co. George H. Prince, President of the corporation and Chairman of the First National Bank of St. Paul, is ex-officio Chairman of the committee. All members of the executive committee are also members of the board of directors of the corporation.

A list of the affiliated banks of the corporation, according to States, together with their resources, follows:

MINNESOTA.		
Bank and City—	Capital.	Resources.
First National Bank, Minneapolis*	\$6,000,000	\$127,717,697
First Minneapolis Trust Co., Minneapolis	1,000,000	29,423,935
The First Minneapolis Co., Minneapolis	1,500,000	4,003,831
The Minneapolis Trust Joint Stock Land Bank, Minneap.	450,000	5,206,252
Minnehaha National Bank, Minneapolis	100,000	2,000,302
Bloomington-Lake National Bank, Minneapolis	200,000	2,708,462
Produce State Bank, Minneapolis	100,000	1,493,262
First National Bank, St. Paul	6,000,000	109,302,948
Merchants Trust Co., St. Paul	800,000	8,752,596
First St. Paul Co., St. Paul	500,000	4,764,484
Grand Avenue State Bank, St. Paul	25,000	619,036
Farmers & Merchants State Bank, St. Paul	50,000	1,011,473
Farmers National Bank, Alexandria	100,000	1,052,822
Austin National Bank, Austin	75,000	2,079,814
Austin National Co., Austin	150,000	150,000
Farmers National Bank, Blue Earth	50,000	752,643
First National Bank, Brainerd	100,000	3,536,286
First National Bank, Graceville	25,000	917,266
American National Bank, Little Falls	100,000	1,723,974
First National Bank, Mankato	250,000	4,131,158
Mankato Loan & Trust Co., Mankato	60,000	170,000
Northfield National Bank & Trust Co., Northfield	100,000	1,291,278
First National Bank, Owatonna	100,000	1,948,830
First National Bank, Rochester	200,000	4,275,016
*Figures for the North Side office, the West Broadway office and the St. Anthony Falls office of the First National Bank in Minneapolis are included in the totals of the main office.		
NORTH DAKOTA.		
Bank and City—	Capital.	Resources.
First National Bank, Bismarck	\$200,000	\$5,291,684
First National Bank, Cando	50,000	857,872
First National Bank, Cooperstown	50,000	395,264
Merchants National Bank & Trust Co., Fargo	250,000	3,223,003
Red River National Bank & Trust Co., Grand Forks	200,000	931,644
First National Bank, Hebron	25,000	838,746
National Bank & Trust Co. of Jamestown, Jamestown	100,000	1,707,417
First National Bank, New Rockford	25,000	919,303
National Bank of Valley City, Valley City	100,000	1,507,126



MONTANA.		
Bank and City—	Capital.	Resources.
Midland National Bank, Billings.....	\$200,000	\$4,705,204
Commercial National Bank, Bozeman.....	150,000	3,612,307
Metals Bank & Trust Co., Butte.....	600,000	22,000,568
First National Bank, Great Falls.....	200,000	14,392,785
Montana National Bank, Havre.....	50,000	1,233,923
American National Bank, Helena.....	200,000	5,187,430
National Bank of Montana, Helena.....	250,000	4,375,439
Montana Trust & Savings Bank, Helena.....	150,000	2,903,706
National Park Bank in Livingston, Livingston.....	100,000	3,500,000
First National Bank, Miles City.....	150,000	3,184,033
Western Montana National Bank, Missoula.....	200,000	5,089,184
First State Bank, Shelby.....	25,000	587,109

  

SOUTH DAKOTA.		
Bank and City—	Capital.	Resources.
Aberdeen National Bank & Trust Co., Aberdeen.....	100,000	3,932,690
First State Savings Bank, Aberdeen.....	50,000	989,278
First National Bank, Highmore.....	50,000	934,593
Security National Bank, Huron.....	200,000	260,000
First National Bank, Miller.....	50,000	1,222,388
First National Bank, Ree Heights.....	25,000	332,856
First National Bank, St. Lawrence.....	25,000	370,241
First National Bank & Trust Co., Vermillion.....	100,000	2,437,944

  

MICHIGAN.		
Bank and City—	Capital.	Resources.
First National Bank, Calumet.....	\$200,000	\$4,913,426
First National Bank, Hancock.....	100,000	3,593,516
First National Bank, Laurium.....	100,000	2,121,540

Recent reports that the Giannini interests were allied with the First Bank Stock Corporation, the holding company organized last August by the First National Banks of Minneapolis and St. Paul, has prompted a flat denial from Richard C. Lilly, President of the First National of St. Paul and Vice-President of the First Bank Stock Corporation. Mr. Lilly as spokesman for the holding company declared that his organization was strictly a Ninth District group, administered and directed by Northwestern men and confining its activities and operations within the boundaries of the district. The Ninth District comprises the States of Minnesota, North and South Dakota, Montana, upper Michigan and northwestern Wisconsin. In his statement Mr. Lilly said:

Within the past few days a report has been spread through the financial press that the First Bank Stock corporation was in some way associated with the Giannini interests. This rumor probably found its source in the fact that the Bancamerica-Blair corporation, a Giannini subsidiary, was the holder of a stock interest in the First National Bank of St. Paul, purchased several years ago from a group of the Hill heirs, prior to the consolidation of the First National with the Merchants National. Following this purchase, Roger K. Ballard of Chicago and Hunter P. Marston of New York, Vice-Presidents of Blair & Co., Inc., were elected to the board of the First National of St. Paul and have maintained this relationship since the consolidation with the Merchants and the transfer of control to the First Bank Stock corporation. The Bancamerica-Blair holdings amount to less than 1% of the total issue of the First Bank Stock corporation and the Giannini interests are not represented in any way in the directorship or executive personnel of the new parent corporation, nor by any alliance or understanding.

When the First Bank Stock corporation was organized we announced that it was our intention to confine our activities to the Ninth Federal Reserve District, and this policy has been adhered to strictly. Our stock is held in an overwhelming majority within the district. Stock represented by interim certificates issued to date has been largely exchanged for shares of unit banks affiliating with the corporation. These banks were in nearly every instance locally owned and the holding company shares represent a transfer of holdings from the individual bank to that of the group. An issue of 200,000 shares for treasury purposes was issued a month ago, and the distribution of this block was confined arbitrarily in small units to residents of the Ninth Federal Reserve District.

The board of directors, the executive committee and the executive personnel of this corporation are representative of Northwestern interests exclusively.

That two important Atlanta (Ga.) banks—the Atlanta & Lowry National Bank and the Fourth National Bank—are to consolidate and form a new organization with total resources (including subsidiary companies) in excess of \$150,000,000, was announced on Oct. 19 in a joint statement by Thomas K. Glenn and John K. Ottley, the respective Presidents of the institutions. The proposed amalgamation will be submitted to the shareholders of both banks for final ratification at a joint meeting to be held Nov. 20. The new bank, which will be known as the First National Bank of Atlanta, according to the Atlanta "Constitution" of Oct. 20, from which the above is learned, will have deposits of more than \$101,000,000 and combined resources of \$141,102,187, making it the largest financial institution in the Southeastern States. The resources of the affiliated companies of the two banks, namely the Trust Co. of Georgia, the Trusco Securities Co., the Trusco Investment Co., the Fourth National Associates and the Fourth National Co., will bring the total resources of the new organization to more than \$150,000,000. It was announced that the new bank will be formed entirely by a combination between the Atlanta & Lowry and the Fourth National Bank with no outside interests represented in any way. No announcement was made as to the official roster of the new institution, beyond the statement that a committee, representing the directors of both banks, had been named to make recommendations to the new board of directors at its session immediately following the stockholders' meeting on Nov. 20. Under the merger plan the capital stock of the new First National Bank of Atlanta will be \$5,400,000, consisting of 540,000 shares

of the par value of \$10 a share. Atlanta & Lowry shareholders will receive one share of the new stock for each share they hold, the par value of which is \$10 a share. Since the par value of Fourth National Bank stock is \$20 a share, the stockholders of that institution will receive two shares for each share held. Under the agreement the capital stock of the Trust Co. of Georgia will be held by the shareholders of the new bank and the name of the trust company will be changed to the First Trust Co. of Georgia. The Fourth National Co. and the Trusco Securities Co. will be consolidated, as will also be the Fourth National Associates and the Trusco Investment Co. We give in part below the joint statement of the banks' Presidents as given in the paper mentioned:

"The directors of the First National Bank of Atlanta, when organized, will be composed of all of the directors of the two boards as at present constituted. A committee from each of the boards will nominate the officers. All of the officers and employes of the combined institutions will be retained and the customers of the two institutions will continue to deal with the same officers and employes.

"The banks will be consolidated under the old charter of the Atlanta National Bank, which was granted in 1865 and is the oldest National bank charter in the Southeast. The consolidated institutions will be known as the First National Bank of Atlanta...\*

"The Trust Co. of Georgia will be operated as at present with a capital of \$2,000,000 and surplus and undivided profits of \$3,000,000, the entire capital stock of which will be owned by the stockholders of the First National Bank of Atlanta.

"The Trusco Securities Co., and the Trusco Investment Co., the entire capital stock of which is owned by the Trust Co. of Georgia, will be merged with the Fourth National Associates and the Fourth National Co.

"The Fourth National Bank owns its main office building and its branch bank buildings in Decatur and West End, and also operates branches at the corner of North Avenue and Peachtree Street and Euclid and Moreland Avenues. It also, through stock ownership held in its subsidiary companies, owns the controlling interest in the First National Bank of Rome; in the National Exchange Bank of Augusta, and in the Fourth National Bank of Columbus, Ga.

"The Atlanta and Lowry National Bank, through the ownership of its affiliated companies, owns the controlling stock of the Continental Trust Co. of Macon, Ga. It also owns its main bank building at the corner of Pryor Street and Edgewood Avenue, its Whitehall office building at the corner of Whitehall and Alabama Streets, and its Marietta Street branch building at the corner of Marietta Street and Bankhead Avenue, and operates its Peachtree office at the corner of Peachtree and Ellis Streets.\*\*\*

"The combination of these two well-known banks will make Atlanta the financial center of the Southeast and through their combined efforts the new institution will be able to render greater service in the future than in the past.

"The First National Bank of Atlanta, when organized, with capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$12,602,836.50, will be a bulwark of strength and will be able to meet every financial demand of this great city and section, and with the added services of the Trust Co. of Georgia, with its capital, surplus and undivided profits of more than \$5,000,000, and the services of its affiliated companies, will be able to offer every form of modern bank and trust service.

"The resources of the new institution with its affiliated companies will exceed \$150,000,000."

Purchase of the Woodside National Bank of Greenville, S. C., by the People's State Bank of South Carolina (head office Columbia) was announced by the officers of the acquired bank on Oct. 18, according to Greenville advices on that date to the Columbia "State." The merger, it was said, would become effective the next day, Oct. 19. In accordance with the policy of the People's State Bank of South Carolina that each unit bank shall have a purely local board of control, headed by a local executive vice-president, Alester G. Furman, Jr., was appointed to this position. The members of the local board, it was said, would be announced later. No change in the present personnel of the bank is contemplated at this time, it was stated. The Woodside National Bank was organized in 1919 and is capitalized at \$250,000. Robert T. Woodside is President. The People's State Bank of South Carolina (formed several months ago by the amalgamation of ten in lower South Carolina, as noted in our issues of April 6 and June 1, pages 2218 and 3631, respectively), now has, according to the dispatch, resources of \$23,000,000 and unit banks in the following cities and towns of South Carolina: Charleston, Columbia, Greenville, Abbeville, Anderson, Allendale, Darlington, Dillon, Florence, Georgetown, Kingstree, Greeleyville, Johnsonville, Lamar, Moncks Corner, St. Stephens, Manning, Seneca, St. George, Summerville, Timmonsville, Varnville, Estill and Ehrhardt. R. Goodwyn Rhett of Charleston, is Chairman of the Board of the institution, and R. Goodwyn Rhett, Jr., is President. Mr. Rhett, Sr., is also Chairman of the Board of the People's First National Bank of Charleston, while Mr. Rhett, Jr., is President. The latter is also Chairman of the Board of the First State Bank of Columbia.

From a more recent issue of the paper mentioned (Oct. 24) it is learned that the National State Bank of Columbia was acquired the previous day by the People's State Bank of South Carolina, the transfer being effected on Oct. 24. William Barnwell, President of the National State Bank,

has been made Active Vice-Chairman of the People's State Bank of South Carolina, but will continue to head the former National State Bank. There will be no change in the personnel of the institution. The acquisition of the National State Bank gives the People's State Bank of South Carolina two unit banks in Columbia and increases its total resources to more than \$23,000,000.

According to Associated Press advices from Winter Haven, Fla., on Oct. 16, printed in the Florida "Times-Union" of the next day, a new bank under the title of the American National Bank was opened in Winter Haven the previous day, Oct. 15. The institution is capitalized at \$100,000 and has a paid-in surplus of the same amount. It occupies quarters formerly used by another financial institution which failed some months ago, and has the same officers and staff, and practically the same board of directors. The new institution, it was said, has assumed all the liabilities and practically all the assets of the former banking house, according to officers. Charles A. Monroe, of New York, President of the Harriman Investment Trust Co., is Chairman of the Board; Norman A. Street, President; W. D. Gray, Vice-President and Cashier, and O. R. Lindstrom, Assistant Cashier.

Effective Oct. 16, the First National Bank of Brooksville, Fla., capitalized at \$50,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation. It is succeeded by the First National Bank in Brooksville.

An application to organize the Barrett National Bank of Cocoa, Fla., was approved by the Comptroller of the Currency on Oct. 18. The new institution will be capitalized at \$50,000.

That a new bank is being organized in Baton Rouge, La., was reported in the following press dispatch from that city on Oct. 17, printed in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of Oct. 18:

The Citizens' Bank & Trust Co. is being organized as the city's fourth banking institution, according to Charles M. Downs, who has had many years' experience in Baton Rouge banks. The new institution, which plans to have its home on Main Street, will be capitalized at \$50,000 with a surplus of \$25,000, Mr. Downs announces. Albert Ligon is to be Vice-President and John D. Tempel Cashier of the new bank.

That the status of the proposed consolidation of the Crocker First National Bank, Crocker First Federal Trust Co. and the American Trust Co., all of San Francisco, remains unchanged is indicated in the following San Francisco advices on Monday of this week (Oct. 21) to the "Wall Street Journal":

Reports of cessation of negotiations for consolidation of the American Trust Co. with the Crocker National Bank of San Francisco are met with the statement of officials that the situation is unchanged, and that appraisals of the properties and loans of both institutions are continuing. Completion of the appraisals is expected early in 1930.

It is understood that either party to the agreement to consolidate is at liberty to withdraw before final consummation of the merger, pending the outcome of valuation proceedings. No official indication has been given, however, that the deal will not be completed.

The original basis of the formation of a consolidated institution provided for placing 20% of the stock of the new bank in the hands of the Crocker interests, 20% with Pacific American Associates or its affiliates, and the remaining outstanding stock with stockholders of the American Co., holder of all capital stock of the American Trust Co.

In the meantime, American Co. stock has been exchanged for that of Goldman Sachs Trading Corp., under terms of an offer of nine shares for seven American Co. held. The exchange has been completed, according to American Co. officials, on more than 99% of outstanding American Co. stock.

If the original basis of the formation of the consolidated bank is carried out, the 60% remaining after provision for the 40% allocated with Crocker and the Pacific American Associates will go to the present holders of the exchange Goldman Sachs stock.

Items concerning the proposed merger of these institutions appeared in the "Chronicle" of June 15 and June 29, pages 3952 and 4366, respectively.

According to advices from Spokane, Wash., on Oct. 22 to the "Wall Street Journal," the Spokane Savings & Loan Society has become the Spokane Savings Bank, with combined capital and surplus of \$1,000,000. The change was made to enable the bank to take advantage of the favorable position in which capitalized institutions find themselves under the new State of Washington excise tax law, and will effect a saving in taxes of almost \$40,000 a year, according to J. L. Cooper, President. Interest will continue at 5% on savings, it was stated.

#### THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The Stock Market the present week suffered the worst crash in Stock Exchange history, excepting only the collapse which occurred at the outbreak of the World War in 1914,

particularly on Thursday when the break assumed alarming proportions as the day's transactions reached the unprecedented total of 12,894,650 shares. Pandemonium reigned for a time and prices faded away under an avalanche of sales. The ticker service found it impossible to "keep the pace" and at the close of the Market was more than four hours behind the transactions on the floor. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank made public after the close of business on Thursday showed a decrease of \$167,000,000 in brokers' loans. Call money renewed at 6% on Monday and fluctuated between 6% and 5% throughout the week.

The 2-hour session on Saturday was noteworthy for the widespread liquidation and aggressive selling that carried a long list of popular stocks downward from 5 to 12 points to new low levels for the year. The market rallied slightly at the beginning of the second hour but again plunged downward at the close. Public utilities were again pressed for sale, North American opening 7 points lower on a block of 4,700 shares, while Consolidated Gas yielded more than 5 points. General Electric and Westinghouse were without nearby support, the former dropping more than 15 points. U. S. Steel held up somewhat better and closed with a loss of about 2 points. Montgomery Ward was particularly weak and lost about 10 points, American Can was off about 11 points and Amer. Tel. & Tel. dipped about 6 points.

Many new low levels were recorded in the new wave of selling that swept through the market on Monday, though the tension was lifted to some extent in the final hour when a brisk rally carried a number of the speculative favorites above their early lows. The volume of trading was extremely large, more than 6 million shares, and the ticker tape was more than an hour behind the transactions on the floor. The low prices of the day were reached about mid-session and from that time on the tone slowly improved. In the closing hour U. S. Steel had worked upward more than 5 points above its early low and registered a gain of nearly 2 points on the day, American Can was up nearly 4 points and closed at 159 $\frac{3}{4}$  and a number of other active issues scored gains ranging from 2 to 3 points. Oil shares were stronger, many of the public utilities were higher and railroad issues were somewhat firmer than most of the other groups.

The tone of the market was considerably improved on Tuesday and in the opening hour prices generally moved upward, though with some irregularity. Public utilities again started upward and many substantial gains were recorded at the close, including such standard issues as Standard Gas & Electric which was up 11 $\frac{3}{4}$  points, Detroit Edison which improved to 355 with a gain of 5 points, Federal Light & Traction which shot ahead 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  points to 92, American Power & Light which moved ahead 4 $\frac{7}{8}$  points to 110 $\frac{1}{2}$  and American & Foreign Power which gained 3 $\frac{1}{8}$  points to 135 $\frac{1}{2}$ . Railroad stocks were represented in the advance by New York Central which advanced 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  points to 218 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Chesapeake & Ohio which scored a gain of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$  points at 260 and Chicago & North Western which closed at 96 $\frac{1}{2}$  with a gain of 2 $\frac{1}{4}$  points. General Electric registered an advance of 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  points, Westinghouse 4 $\frac{3}{8}$  points at 213 $\frac{1}{2}$ , Auburn Auto 18 points at 345, and Western Union Telegraph Co. 18 $\frac{3}{4}$  points at 268 $\frac{3}{4}$ .

Wild confusion characterized the movements of the Stock Exchange on Wednesday as a huge volume of shares was thrown overboard in urgent efforts to liquidate. As the day advanced a strong selling wave developed which brought about a sharp break all along the line. Within a few minutes of the close a moderate rally occurred which carried a few issues somewhat above the early low levels, but for the most part of the list closed below the preceding day. Very pronounced liquidation was again apparent in the public utilities, American & Foreign Power yielding about 17 points and closing at 112; Columbia Gas dropped 10 points to 97 $\frac{3}{4}$  and United Corp. was down 5 points to 47. Radio Corp. dropped 12 points and General Electric was off 20 points as it closed at 314. United States Steel common slid down over 8 points to 204, Bethlehem Steel was off 6 points at its final price at 101 $\frac{1}{4}$ , American Can was lower by 7 points as it closed at 154 $\frac{1}{2}$  and Amer. Tel. & Tel. lost 15 points as it ended the day below 268.

On Thursday the market collapsed in the most disastrous decline in the history of the New York Stock Exchange. The day's transactions were 12,894,650 shares, with a total of 974 separate issues dealt in, and the break carried down with it an untold number of speculators, both large and small, in every part of the country. The ticker service which had been unable to keep up with the dealings on the floor was about four hours late and did not complete the





THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Oct. 9 1929:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £129,120,543 on the 2d inst. (as compared with £131,937,837 on the previous Wednesday), and represents a decrease of £24,785,772 since April 29 1925—when an effective gold standard was resumed.

About £816,000 of bar gold from South Africa was offered in the open market yesterday. Owing to the more favorable tendency of the exchanges towards sterling following the rise in the Bank rate there was little competition; the gold was disposed of at 8s. 10 1/2 d. per fine ounce, the Bank of England securing £660,000. Of the remainder the Home trade took £50,000, the Continental trade £70,000 and India £30,000.

The following movements of gold to and from the Bank of England have been announced, showing a net influx of £1,613,205 during the week under review:

Table with columns: Received, Withdrawn, Oct. 3, Oct. 4, Oct. 5, Oct. 7, Oct. 8, Oct. 9. Values in £.

Included in the amount received on the 4th inst. is £1,000,000 in sovereigns from Australia.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from midday on the 30th ult. to midday on the 7th inst.:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports, and values for various countries like British West Africa, Germany, etc.

SILVER.

The silver market has been rather quiet but the tendency has continued weak. The moderate amounts offered served further to depress prices, a still lower level being reached on the 8th instant when prices were quoted at 22 15-16d. for cash and 23 1-16d. for two months' delivery respectively.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from midday on the 30th ult. to midday on the 7th inst.:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports, and values for various countries like Norway, U. S. A., etc.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with columns: (In lacs of rupees.), Sept. 30, Sept. 22, Sept. 15. Rows include Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion, etc.

The stocks in Shanghai on the 5th inst. consisted of about \$3,100,000 ounces in sycee, 137,000,000 dollars and 6,480 silver bars, as compared with about \$3,100,000 ounces in sycee, 137,000,000 dollars and 5,960 silver bars on the 28th ult.

Table with columns: Quotations during the week, Bar Silver per Oz. Std., Bar Gold per Oz. Fine. Rows include dates from October 3 to Average.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKETS—PER CABLE.

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

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows include Silver, Gold, Consols, British 5s, etc.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Table with columns: Silver in N. Y., Foreign. Rows include Oct 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25.

Bank Notes—Changes in Totals of, and in Deposited Bonds, &c.

We give below tables which show all the monthly changes in national bank notes and in bonds and legal tenders on deposit therefor:

Table with columns: Amount Bonds on Deposit to Secure Circulation for National Bank Notes, National Bank Circulation, Afloat on—Bonds, Legal Tenders, Total. Rows include dates from Sept. 30 1929 to May 31 1927.

\$3,557,901 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Oct. 1 1929, secured by lawful money, against \$4,049,608 on Oct. 1 1928.

The following shows the amount of each class of United States bonds and certificates on deposit to secure Federal Reserve bank notes and National bank notes Sept. 30 1929:

Table with columns: U. S. Bonds Held Sept. 30 1929 to Secure—Bonds on Deposit Oct. 1 1929, On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes, On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes, Total Held. Rows include U. S. Consols of 1930, U. S. Panama of 1936, U. S. Panama of 1938.

The following shows the amount of National bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Sept. 1 1929 and Oct. 1 1929 and their increase or decrease during the month of September:

Table with columns: National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—Amount afloat Sept. 1 1929, Net increase during September, Amount of bank notes afloat Oct. 1, Legal-Tender Notes—Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Sept. 1, Net amount of bank notes redeemed in September, Amount on deposit to redeem national bank notes Oct. 1 1929.

Foreign Trade of New York—Monthly Statement.

Table with columns: Merchandise Movement at New York, Customs Receipts at New York. Rows include Month, Imports, Exports, 1929, 1928. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, Total.

Movement of gold and silver for the seven months:

Table with columns: Gold Movement at New York, Silver—New York. Rows include Month, Imports, Exports, 1929, 1928. Rows include January, February, March, April, May, June, July, Total.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Btd., Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Btd., Asked. Rows include Dec. 15 1929, Mar. 15 1930, June 15 1930.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask, Bid, Ask. Rows include Alliance R'ty Am Surety, Bond & Mtg G, Home Title Ints, Lawyers Title & Guarantee, Lawyers Westchest M & T, Mtge Bond, N. Y. Inv'trs 1st pref., Westchester Title & Tr.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table listing various banks and trust companies in New York City, including Bid and Ask prices for different types of shares and securities.

\* State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-stock div. ¶ Ex-rights.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 2712.—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.

Table showing receipts of flour, wheat, corn, oats, barley, and rye at various ports like Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, etc., for different weeks.

Table showing total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 19, 1929, compared with previous weeks and since August 1st.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 19, follow:

Detailed table of total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Oct. 19, 1929, broken down by port and commodity.

\* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports on through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday Oct. 19 are shown in the following statement:

Table showing exports from various ports (New York, Baltimore, Norfolk, etc.) for wheat, corn, flour, oats, rye, and barley.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1929 is as below:

Table showing the destination of exports for the week and since July 1 1929, categorized by region like United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., etc.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Oct. 19, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

Table showing grain stocks in bushels for various locations including United States, New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc., for wheat, corn, oats, rye, and barley.

Summary table of grain stocks for Total Oct. 19 1929, Total Oct. 12 1929, and Total Oct. 20 1928.

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats, New York, 92,000 bushels; Philadelphia, 3,000; Baltimore, 4,000; Buffalo, 165,000; Duluth, 17,000; total, 281,000 bushels, against 243,000 bushels in 1928.

Table showing Canadian grain stocks for Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, and Other Canadian ports.

Summary table of Canadian grain stocks for Total Oct. 19 1929, Total Oct. 12 1929, and Total Oct. 20 1928.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ended Friday, Oct. 18, and since July 1 1929 and 1928, are shown in the following statement:

Table showing world's shipments of wheat and corn for 1929 and 1928, categorized by region (North Amer., Black Sea, Argentina, Australia, India, Oth. countries).

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

- List of national banks and their financial status, including applications to organize, charters issued, and voluntary liquidations.

Oct. 19.—The First National Bank of Brooksville, Fla. 50,000
Effective Oct. 16 1929. Lig. Agent; Board of Directors of The First National Bank in Brooksville, Fla. Succeeded by The First National Bank in Brooksville, Fla. No. 13320.

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Oct. 14.—The First National Bank of Ridgewood, N. J. 100,000
Oct. 14.—Ridgewood Trust Co., Ridgewood, N. J. 150,000
Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918, as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter of The First National Bank of Ridgewood, No. 5205, and under the corporate title of "First National Bank & Trust Co. of Ridgewood," with capital stock of \$400,000.

BRANCH AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.
Oct. 10.—The National City Bank of New York, N. Y. Location of branch, southeast corner of 79th St. and 1st Ave. (1512 1st Ave.), Manhattan, New York City.
Oct. 11.—The Fourth National Bank of Atlanta, Ga. Location of branch, northwest corner of South Main St. and West Columbia Ave., College Park, Atlanta, Ga.
Oct. 16.—The Fulton National Bank of Atlanta, Ga. Location of Branch: Peachtree and Paces Ferry Roads, Atlanta, Ga.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

Table listing auction sales by Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York. Columns include Shares, Stocks, and \$ per Sh. with various company names and prices.

Table listing auction sales by Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia. Columns include Shares, Stocks, and \$ per Sh. with various company names and prices.

Table listing auction sales by A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo. Columns include Shares, Stocks, and \$ per Sh. with various company names and prices.

Table listing auction sales by Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston. Columns include Shares, Stocks, and \$ per Sh. with various company names and prices.

Table listing securities by R. L. Day & Co., Boston. Columns include Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh., and company names.

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.

Large table listing dividends for various companies. Columns include Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, and Books Closed, Days Inclusive.













Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Oct. 24, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 2609, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS OCT. 23 1929.

Main table showing resources and liabilities of Federal Reserve banks from Oct 23 1929 to Oct 24 1928. Includes sub-sections for RESOURCES and LIABILITIES with various categories like Gold, Deposits, and Securities.

\* Revised figures.
NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption, "All other earning assets," previously made up of 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 OCT. 23 1929

Table showing weekly statement of resources and liabilities for 12 Federal Reserve banks: Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, and San Fran.



Bankers' Gazette

Wall Street, Friday Night, Oct. 25 1929.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—See page 2635. Stock Exchange sales this week of shares not in detailed list:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Oct. 25, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Ala & Vicksburg, Albany & Susq, etc.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Oct. 25, Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Lists various stocks like Ind. & Misc. (Conc.) Pa, Myer (F E) & Bros, etc.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Oct. 19, Oct. 21, Oct. 22, Oct. 23, Oct. 24, Oct. 25. Lists bond prices for First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, Fourth Liberty Loan, and Treasury.

Foreign Exchange.—

Table with columns: Foreign Exchange rates for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders, and Germany Bankers' Marks.

Quotations for U.S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness.—p.2637. New York City Realty and Surety Companies.—p. 2637. New York City Banks and Trust Companies.—p.2638.





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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Railroads (Con.), Industrial & Miscellaneous); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Wabash, Abitibi Pow & Pap, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day # Ex-dividend. # Ex-rights

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Austin, Nichols & Co., Preferred, etc., with their respective prices and ranges.

Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. d Ex-div. 100% in common stock. g Ex-dividend and ex-rights. z Ex-dividend y Ex-rights.

New York Stock Record—Continued—Page 4

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

Table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), stock names, share prices, and exchange information. Includes sub-sections for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.' and 'NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Lists various companies like Corn Products Refining, Cuyahoga Falls, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. \* Ex-dividend. b Ex-dividend ex-rights

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

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE (Indus. & Miscel. (Con.) Par); PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest); PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Grant (W T), Gt Nor Iron Ore Prod, Great Western Sugar, etc.

\* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend 75% in stock. z Ex-dividend. s Shillings. y Ex-rights.

New York Stock Record—Continued—Page 6

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

Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and PNR SHARE (Range for Previous Year 1928). Rows list various stocks like Mallison (H R) & Co., McCall Corp., and others with their respective prices and share information.

\*Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. d Ex-dividend and ex-rights, # Ex-dividend.

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

Table with columns for High and Low Sale Prices, Stocks New York Stock Exchange, and PRR Shares. Includes sub-headers for 'Sales for the Week' and 'Range for Previous Year 1928'. Rows list various stock symbols and their corresponding prices and shares.

Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-Dividend. Ex-Rights. 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 with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Oct. 25, Interest Period, Price Friday Oct. 25, Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and another set of columns for the right side of the table.

c On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling. o Sales for cash.



Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, Bonds Sold, and Range Since Jan. 1. Includes sections for Railroad, N. Y. Stock Exchange, and various bond series.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various market indicators. Includes sections for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'Louisville & Nash (Concluded)'.

Due Feb. 1.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other financial metrics. Includes sub-sections for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

4 Day Mty. 6 Day June. 8 Day August.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various other details. The table is split into two main sections: 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Oct. 25.' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Oct. 25.'.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Oct. 25, Interest Period, Price Friday Oct. 25, Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for McCrory Stores Corp, Manhattan Ry, Manilla Elec Ry, etc.

Table with columns: N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Oct. 25, Interest Period, Price Friday Oct. 25, Week's Range of Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes entries for Reinhold Union 7s with war, Richmond Union 7s, Rhine-Main-Danube 7s, etc.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low., High., Sales for Week, Shares., Range Since Jan. 1., Low., High. Includes sections for Railroad, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low., High., Sales for Week, Shares., Range Since Jan. 1., Low., High. Includes sections for Bonds and Western Tel & Tel.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks—, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Low., High., Sales for Week, Shares., Range Since Jan. 1., Low., High. Includes sections for Abbott Laboratories, American Radio & Tel, and various other companies.

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Cord Corp, Dexter Co, El Household Util Corp, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Rellance Mfg Co, RollinsHos Mills conv pf, Ross Gear & Tool com, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of bond prices, including Chlc City & Con Ry 5 1/2 '27, Chlc Gas Lty & Co 5 1/2 '1937, etc. Columns include Bond Name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies, including Almar Stores, American Stores, Bankers Securities pref, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, 1934. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Baltimore Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, 1934. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for St. Louis Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, 1934. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for St. Louis Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, 1934. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for St. Louis Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, 1934. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).



Table with columns: Bonds, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes Street Railway Bonds, Miscellaneous Bonds, etc.

\* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Large table listing various stocks with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes Aluminum Industries Inc., Am Laund Mach com., etc.

\* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table listing various stocks with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes Aetna Rubber common, Akron Rubber Reel, etc.

Table listing various stocks with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes City Ice & Fuel, Cleve Alton Mach com, etc.

\* No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table listing various stocks with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes Aero Corp of Calif, Bank of America of Calif, etc.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Monolith Portland Cement, Moreland Motors, and others. Columns include Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Eldorado Oil Works, Emporium Capwell, and others. Columns include Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Anglo & Lon Paris N Bk., Asoc Ins Fund Inc., and others. Columns include Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Occidental Ins Co., Pacific Gas & Elec rights, and others. Columns include Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

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 (Oct. 19) and ending the present Friday (Oct. 25). 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.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Acetel Products, Acme Steel, and others. Columns include Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Amer Dept Stores Corp., American Equities, and others. Columns include Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, and Range Since Jan. 1.



Table with 15 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 (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). The table lists various companies and their financial performance metrics.



Table with multiple columns: Public Utilities (Conc. Par.), Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Mining Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Table of financial data for 'Bonds (Continued)'. Columns include: Bond name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and dates. Rows include Gulf Oil of Pa 5s, Sinking fund deb 5s, Gulf States Util 5s, Hamburg Elec 7s, etc.

Table of financial data for 'Bonds (Concluded)'. Columns include: Bond name, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and dates. Rows include So'west Dairies 6 1/2s, With warrants, S'west C & E 5s, Southwell L & P 5s, etc.

\*No par value. l Correction. m Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. n Sold under the rule. o Sold for cash. s Option sales. t Ex-rights and bonus. w When issued. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.
"Under the rule" sales were made as follows:
a American Meter Co., Jan. 15 at 128; b \$2,000 Procter & Gamble 4 1/2s of 1947 Aug. 20 at 100; c Danish Consolidated Municipal 5 1/2s, 1955, Jan. 15, at 105; d Ainsworth Manufacturing, July 8 at 58 1/2; f Parmelee Transportation, July 22 at 26; h Southwest Power & L. Cs, 2022, Oct. 4, \$1,000 at 112; i Interstate Equities, 200 conv. pref. Oct. 3 at 50 1/2; j Internat. Projector, 50 com. Sept. 20 at 64; p Educational Pictures preferred, Feb. 6 at 100; r United Milk Products, March 21, preferred, at 81; e Allied Packers 6s, 1939, April 2 at 59; y Mayflower Associates, May 29, 200 at 65; z Investors' Equity 5s, 1947, \$7,000 at 98. g S. W. Pow. & Lt. 7% pref., Oct. 22, 6 at 113.
"Cash" sales were made as follows:
d Arkansas Power & Light 1st & ref. 5s, Jan. 22 at 99.
"Option" sales were made as follows: u Schutter-Johnson Candy class A, March 5 100 at 6; v Schulte R. E. 6s, 1935, without warrants, Oct. 4, \$5,000 at 79.
§Goldman Sachs Trading Co. paid 100% stock dividend in April. Range of old stocks before payment of stock dividend was 117 1/2 low, 226 high.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "T".

Main table containing multiple columns of financial data, including Public Utilities, Railroad Equip., Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks, and various bond and stock listings with prices and par values.

\* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Par value less paid-up dividend. ¶ Last sale. \*\* Nominal. †† Ex-dividend. ††† In-cash. †††† Same as quotation. ††††† Same as price.





Maine Central RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Railway operating revenues, Surplus after charges.

Minneapolis, St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie Ry.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, All other revenue, Total revenues, Total expenses, Net railway revenues, Taxes and uncoll. ry. rev., Net after taxes, Hire of equipment, Rental of terminals, Net after rents, Other income-net, Interest on funded debt, Net profit.

New York New Haven & Hartford RR. Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Railway oper. expenses, Net rev. from ry. op., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible ry. revs., Railway oper. income, Equipment rents, net, Joint facility rent, net, Net ry. oper. income, Net after charges, Surplus, After guarantees and preferred dividends.

New York Ontario & Western Ry.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncoll. railway revenues, Total ry. oper. income, Equip. & jt. facil. rents (net), Net operating income, Other income, Total income, Deductions, Net income.

Norfolk & Western Railway Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Average mileage operated, Operating Revenues, Freight, Pass., mail & express, Other transportation, Incidental & joint facility, Railway oper. revenues, Operating Expenses, Maint. of way & structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, rail line, Miscellaneous operations, General, Transp. for invest., Railway oper. expenses, Net ry. oper. revenues, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway rev., Railway operating income, Equipment rents (net), Joint facility rents (net), Net ry. oper. income, Other inc. items (balance), Gross income, Interest on funded debt, Net income, Prop. of oper. exps. to oper. revenues, Prop. of transp. exps. to oper. revenues.

Pere Marquette Ry.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Railway operating revenues, Railway operating expenses, Net rev. from ry. oper., Net railway oper. income, Other income-net, Bal. before deduct. of int., Total interest accruals, Surplus.

St. Louis-San Francisco Railway Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating mileage, Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Other revenue, Total operating revenue, Maint. of way and structures, Maint. of equipment, Transportation expenses, Other expenses, Total operating expenses, Net railway oper. income, Balance available for int., Surplus after all charges.

Southern Pacific Lines.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Avge. miles of road operated, Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, All other transportation, Incidental, Joint facility-Credit, Joint facility-Debt, Railway oper. revenues, Expenses, Maint. of way & structures, Maint. of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscellaneous, General, Transp. for invest.-Credit, Railway oper. expenses, Income, Net rev. from ry. oper., Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible ry. revenues, Equip. rents (net), Joint facility rent (net), Net railway oper. income.

Union Pacific System.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating Revenues, Freight, Passenger, Mail, Express, All other transportation, Incidental, Railway operating revs., Operating Expenses, Maint. of way & structures, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic, Transportation, Miscellaneous operations, General, Transp. for investment-Cr., Ry. operating expenses, Income Items, Net rev. from ry. operations, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible ry. revenues, Ry. operating income, Equipment rents, net, Joint facility rents, net, Railway oper. income, Average miles of road oper., Ratio of expenses to revenues.

Wabash Railway Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net railway oper. income, Gross income, Net corporate income.

a Includes \$386,751 covering back mail pay.

Wisconsin Central Ry.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, All other revenue, Total revenues, Maint. of way & struc. exps, Maintenance of equipment, Traffic expenses, Transportation expenses, General expenses, Total expenses, Net railway revenues, Taxes and uncoll. ry. rev., Net after taxes, Hire of equipment, Rental of terminals, Net after rents, Other income-net, Interest on funded debt, Net profit, Net deficit.

Western Maryland Railway Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 9 Mos. End. 1929, Sept. 30. 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Total operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Operating income, Equipment rents, Joint facility rents, Net railway oper. income, Other income, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Earnings. -Below we give the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility companies making monthly returns which have reported this week:

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System (Including Brooklyn & Queens Transit Corp.)

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 3 Mos. End. 1929, Sept. 30. 1928. Rows include Total operating revenues, Total operating expenses, Net revenue from oper., Taxes on oper. propert es., Operating income, Net non-oper. income, Gross income, Total income deductions, Net income.

\* Accruing to minority interests of B. & Q. Tr. Corp., \$102,046. a Accruing to minority interests of B. & Q. Tr. Corp., \$264,486.

Chicago Surface Lines.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Operating expenses, renewals and taxes, Residue receipts, Joint account expenses, Federal taxes, &c., City's 55%, Balance.

Commonwealth & Southern Corp. (And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 12 Mos. Ended 1929, Sept. 30. 1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exp., incl. taxes & main, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Provision for retirement reserve, Balance.

Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. (And Subsidiaries)

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 9 Mos. Ended 1929, Sept. 30. 1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exp. and general taxes, Net earnings, Interest on funded debt, Balance available for res., Fed. taxes & dividends, Dividends on class A stock.

Consumers Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 12 Mos. End. 1929, Sept. 30. 1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exp., incl. taxes & main, Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, Balance.

Gulf Coast Lines.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net railway oper. income, Gross income, Net corporate income.

Hudson & Manhattan RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 9 Mos. Ended 1929, Sept. 30. 1928. Rows include Gross revenues, Oper. expenses and taxes, Balance applic. to charges, Charges, Balance.

Gulf Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross earnings from operations, Operating expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance, Net earnings from operations, Other income, Total income, Interest on funded debt, Balance, Other deductions, Dividends on \$6 cumulative preferred stock, Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends.

International-Great Northern RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net railway oper. income, Gross income, Net corporate income.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 12 Mos. End. 1929, Sept. 30. 1928. Rows include Gross earnings (all sources), Oper. exps. (incl. maint., gen. & income taxes), Net earnings, Interest charges, Balance, Amort. of disct. & premiums, Divs. on 1st pref. stock, Surplus earnings avail. for deprec. & com. stock divs.

Missouri Pacific RR.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenues, Operating expenses, Net railway oper. income, Gross income, Net corporate income.

Market Street Railway Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, incl. other income before provision for retirement, Income charges, Balance.

Minnesota Power & Light Co. (American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Oper. exps. and taxes, Net earnings from operation, Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. and deductions, Balance, Dividends on preferred stock.

(The) Nevada-California Electric Corp. (And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross operating earnings, Oper. & gen. exp. & taxes, Operating profits, Non-oper. earnings (net), Total income, Interest, Balance, Depreciation, Disc. & exp. on secur. sold, Miscellaneous additions and deductions (net credit), Surp. avail. for redemption of bonds, dividends, &c.

New York Westchester & Boston Ry. Co.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 9 Mos. End. 1929, Sept. 30. 1928. Rows include Railway operating revenue, Railway oper. expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deductions-Rent, Bond & equip. trust certificate interest, Other deductions, Total deductions, Net income, Deficit.



before it is in a condition to require reconstruction, it has been found that the average life is about 18 years.

The injustice of the paving tax, with which street railways operating in New York State are burdened, is becoming better understood and we have hopes of relief.

There has been very little change in the bus situation in Manhattan but in the territory North of the Harlem River, bus operation is finding and filling its proper field.

The threat of the destruction of trolley lines of the system by bus competition has disappeared. The bus lines now in operation have been laid out in the main to feed and supplement existing trolley lines.

Franchise agreements with various communities and the agreements for the substitution of buses where desirable have practically all been concluded.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF INCOME OF THE COMPANY AND CONTROLLED COMPANIES, YEARS ENDED JUNE 30. Table with 4 columns for years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926.

Table continuing the consolidated income statement with categories like Operating Revenue, Operating Expenses, and Total operating revenue.

Net income def287,069 x Includes reserve of \$263,535.

CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEET JUNE 30. Table with 4 columns for years 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926, showing Assets and Liabilities.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class I railroads on Oct. 8 had 111,458 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service.

Freight Cars in Need of Repair.—Class I railroads on Oct. 1 had 132,611 freight cars in need of repair, or 6% of the number on line.

Locomotives in Need of Repair.—Class I railroads of this country on Oct. 1 had 7,668 locomotives in need of repair, or 13.5% of the number on line.

according to reports just filed by the carriers with the car service division of the American Railway Association. This was a decrease of 86 compared with the number in need of repair on Sept. 15.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Oct. 19.—(a) I.-S. C. Commission to apply O'Fallon rule—will consider reproduction new factor in N. Y. Connecting Ry. valuation—principles recognized, p. 2485.

Alabama & Vicksburg Ry.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$7,827,500 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1918.

Alleghany Corp.—Earnings.—Table with 4 columns for quarters: Sept. 30 '29, Dec. 31 '28, Mar. 31 '28, Jun. 30 '27.

Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.—Control of Orient.—The I.-S. C. Commission, Oct. 8, approved the acquisition by the company of direct control of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Ry. Co. of Texas.

Authority was also granted to the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Ry. to issue a 1st mtge. 6% gold bond, series A, in the amount of \$2,500,000 and 55,000 shares of its common stock (par \$100).

The report of the Commission says in part: Our certificate and order of Aug. 23 1928, authorized, among other things, the Orient (Kansas City, Mexico & Orient Ry.) to issue 35,000 shares of capital stock without par value.

The Santa Fe proposes to acquire direct control of the Orient of Texas and change its holdings of stock in the Orient from no par value stock to common stock.

Atlanta, Birmingham & Coast RR.—Final Value.—The I.-S. C. Commission recently placed a final valuation of \$25,230,122. as of June 30 1914.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Equip. Trusts Offered.—Bankers Co. of New York, Continental Illinois Co., Inc. and Evans Stillman & Co. are offering \$13,500,000 4 1/2% equip. trust certificates.

Dated Nov. 1 1929; serial maturities of \$900,000 per annum from Nov. 1 1930 to Nov. 1 1944 incl. Dividends warrants payable (M. & N.).

Legal Investments for savings banks and trust funds in New York, New Jersey and Connecticut.

Security.—Certificates are issued under an equipment trust agreement covering new equipment, listed below, estimated by the company to cost at least \$18,000,000.

Equipment consists of 3,500 50-ton steel box cars, 2,000 70-ton steel hopper cars, 2,000 70-ton steel gondola cars, and 50 steel passenger coaches.

Buffalo & Susquehanna RR. Corp.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of certificates of deposit of the Continental Bank of N. Y. for 40,000 shares (par \$100).

Consolidated Income Statement Eight Months to Aug. 31 1929. Table with 2 columns: Income, Expenses.

Table continuing the consolidated income statement for the Buffalo & Susquehanna RR. Corp.



ing by any railroad other than the lessee's railroad and consigned in care of the lessor or tenants thereof, &c. The semi-annual rentals of \$58,655.20 are equivalent to interest at the rate of 6% per annum on the aggregate amount of \$1,955,173, which the terminal company is to pay for the year.

Commissioner Eastman, dissenting, said: The lease of this railroad yard by applicant is, so far as I can see, quite unnecessary. The yard was constructed by applicant's dummy corporation, the development company (Nickel Plate Development Co.), with funds furnished by applicant.

New Orleans Great Northern RR.—Minority Stockholders Committee to Protest Gulf Mobile & Northern Offer Before I.-S. C. Commission.

Franklin P. Ferguson, counsel for the minority stockholders' committee of the company, in a statement announces that the committee is filling with the I.-S. C. Commission an application to intervene before the Commission to protest against the offer made by the Gulf Mobile & Northern RR. to purchase the stock of the New Orleans Great Northern RR.

Mr. Ferguson's statement continues: "Assurance of enough support to block the proposed deal has been received, as the offer is contingent upon 70% of the stock being deposited by Nov. 1 1929. The fact that A. C. Goodyear, president of the New Orleans Great Northern, is a director and stockholder in the Gulf Mobile & Northern is in itself detrimental to the best interests of the New Orleans Great Northern."

"In 1926 the Gulf Mobile & Northern, seeking to enter New Orleans, extended its line to Jackson, Miss., the northern terminus of the New Orleans & Great Northern and entered in a reciprocal arrangement whereby the New Orleans Great Northern was to have the New Orleans traffic of the Gulf Mobile & Northern and the Gulf Mobile & Northern was to carry the freight of the New Orleans Great Northern to points north of Jackson, Miss."

Norfolk & Western Ry.—Extra Dividend of 4%—New Director.—The directors on Oct. 22 declared an extra dividend of 4% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2% on the common stock, both payable Dec. 19 to holders of record Nov. 30.

In each of the preceding 11 quarters a regular distribution of 2% was made, as compared with regular quarterly dividends of 1 3/4% each paid from June 1916 to Dec. 1926, incl. In addition, the company paid the following extra dividends: 1% each in June 1916, March 1917, Dec. 1922, Dec. 1923, Dec. 1924 and Dec. 1925, 3% in Dec. 1926 and 2% each in Dec. 1927 and 1928.

James K. Norfleet, of Winston-Salem, N. C., has been elected a director to succeed the late N. D. Maher.

Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$236,240,000 on the owned and used properties of the company, as of June 30 1916.—V. 129, p. 126.

Northern Pacific Ry.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$416,290,000 on the owned and used property, \$2,261,760 on the leased properties and \$3,945,470 on the owned but not used properties, as of June 30 1917.—V. 128, p. 4318.

Panama RR.—5% Dividend for 1929.—A dividend of 5% has been declared on the capital stock, out of net allowance for the fiscal year ended June 30 1929. A company check for \$350,000 covering this dividend has been endorsed by the Secretary of War payable to the order of the Treasurer of the United States and has been transmitted to the Treasury Department. See also V. 128, p. 2800.

Pennsylvania RR.—Electrification Program.—Negotiations which have just been concluded by the Pennsylvania RR. and the City of Baltimore now open the way for complete electrification of this company from New York to Washington, including the Baltimore tunnels.

The new agreement will have far-reaching effects upon the operation of both passenger and freight trains on the company's eastern lines. It will enable the New York-Wilmington electrification to be extended to include Washington and the Washington terminal area for both passengers and freight. Completion of the project upon this larger scale will give the Pennsylvania RR. System a total of 799 miles of line and 2,759 miles of track electrically operated.

will permit the Pennsylvania RR. to operate a 4-track main line all the way through the city from the eastern to the southwestern boundary, a distance of 6 miles, with ample clearance for the largest and heaviest cars and locomotives, as well as unusual sized shipments such as turbines, generators and other large machinery shipped in special cars. All grade crossings will be eliminated.

Two large freight warehouses, centrally located, will be constructed adjacent to Calvert Station, which will be rebuilt.

Between 5 and 6 years are allowed in the agreement for completion of the tunnel work, new station, freight warehouses, grade crossings and electrification. It is anticipated that before the expiration of that period the electrification from New York to Wilmington will have been completed.

Both of the new tunnels will be located entirely on private property, with the exception of the points at which they intersect street lines.—V. 129, p. 2532.

Peoria & Pekin Union Ry.—Redeems Bonds.—

The company announces that on Oct. 31 it will retire \$45,000 of debenture bonds, dated Nov. 1 1911 which will leave \$30,000 outstanding of this issue as of Nov. 1 1929.—V. 128, p. 3823.

Pere Marquette Ry.—Personnel.—

The following officers, directors, and executive committee were recently appointed: Officers.—O. P. Van Sweringen, Chairman; J. J. Bernet, President; W. J. Harahan, Senior Vice-President; H. Fitzpatrick, Vice-President and General Counsel; L. C. Probert, R. J. Bowman, Vice-Presidents; A. Trevelt, Secretary and Treasurer; H. F. Lohmeyer, Asst. Secretary; W. E. Martin, Asst. Sec. and Asst. Treasurer; C. S. Sikes, Comptroller. Directors.—O. P. Van Sweringen, J. J. Bernet, W. J. Harahan, H. Fitzpatrick, Geo. T. Bishop, W. W. Colpitts, S. T. Crapo, J. E. Davidson, Michael Gallagher, F. H. Ginn, Otto Miller, J. W. Stedman, E. V. R. Thayer and Alva Bradley. Executive Committee.—O. P. Van Sweringen, J. J. Bernet, Geo. T. Bishop, Alva Bradley, F. H. Ginn and Otto Miller.—V. 129, p. 2067.

Potosi & Rio Verde Ry.—Sale of Bonds.—

The American Smelting & Refining Co. in July last offered to purchase the outstanding 1st mtge. bonds, 6% scrip and non-interest bearing warrants, provided delivery is effected of not less than 98% thereof at the price of \$750 for each \$1,000 bond if accompanied by all scrip and warrants appurtenant to such bond and by all coupons on both the bond and scrip that have not been paid.

Spencer Trask & Co., New York, in their recent letter to the bondholders, stated in part: "The scrip and warrants were issued for interest which the Potosi company had been unable to earn; the principal of the bonds was due and payable last October, and the alternative to a cash sale is a reorganization of the property involving either a foreclosure of the mortgage or an extension of the maturity of the mortgage and an exchange of scrip and coupons for some form of preferred stock, or other form of reorganization. After careful examination of the situation, our judgment is clear that a cash price of \$750 is a much better outcome for the bondholders than to face the uncertainties of the futures."

"All of the stock of the Potosi company is owned by the Towne Mines, Inc., but that company is in no position to purchase or pay the bonds, scrip and warrants. The American Smelting & Refining Co., has, however, agreed with us and with Towne Mines, Inc. that, if its offer to purchase is accepted, it will not use these bonds, scrip or warrants to embarrass Towne Mines, Inc. but will on payment to it of the money advanced for their purchase, together with interest and an agreed profit, deliver the same to the Railway company for cancellation, so that the equity of the Towne Mines, Inc. in the Railway shall be maintained."—V. 107, p. 1193.

Tulsa Union Depot Co.—Bonds.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Oct. 17 authorized the St. Louis-San Francisco Railway, the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR., and the Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Railway to assume obligation and liability, as lessees in respect of not exceeding \$2,000,000 of first-mortgage 30-year 4 3/4% sinking fund gold bonds of the Tulsa Union Depot Co.

Vicksburg Shreveport & Pacific Ry.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$8,725,000 on the owned and used, and \$290,000 on the owned but not used properties of the company, as of June 30 1918.—V. 128, p. 2989.

Western New York & Pennsylvania Ry.—Off List.—

The common stock and income mortgage bonds due April 1 1943, were withdrawn from the regular list of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange on Oct. 17. (See also V. 126, p. 2785.)—V. 129, p. 628.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Oct. 19.—(a) Massachusetts Public Utilities Commission denies application of Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston to change par value of shares from \$100 to \$25, p. 2448. (b) President Edgar of Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston answers departments strictures regarding rates, dividends and depreciation, p. 2449. (c) Greater consumption and higher revenues big factor in making 1929 banner year for gas industry, says Pynchon & Co., sales approach billion dollar mark, p. 2485.

American Commonwealths Power Corp.—Subs. Contr't.

The Textile Utilities Co., a subsidiary, has entered into a contract with the Texas Oil Co. for a supply of electrical energy to the latter's new refinery at Amarillo, Tex., which will be in full operation by the end of October. The contracted load of this refinery will exceed 1,250 h. p. in electrical energy.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Sept. 30 (Including Affiliated Cos.)
1928. 1929.
Gross earnings, all sources \$17,662,705 \$22,987,488
Operating exps., incl. maintenance and gen. taxes 10,874,433 13,063,370
Net earnings \$6,788,272 \$9,924,118
Interest charges, funded debt subsidiary cos 3,265,036 3,828,935
Balance \$3,523,237 \$6,095,183
Dividends, preferred stocks subsidiary cos 1,289,104 1,627,916
Balance available—American Commonwealths Power Corp. and for reserves \$2,234,133 \$4,467,267
Interest charges, funded debt, Am. Com. Pr. Corp. 515,000 742,940
Balance avail. for dividends and reserves \$1,719,133 \$3,724,327
Annual dividend charges, 1st pref. stock, American Commonwealths Power Corp. 534,996 534,996
Balance \$1,184,137 \$3,189,331
Annual div. charges, 2d pref. stock, American Commonwealths Power Corp. 95,977 95,977
Balance avail. for reserves, Fed. taxes & surplus \$1,088,160 \$3,093,354
—V. 129, p. 2533.

American Community Power Co.—Earnings.—

Consolidated Earnings Statement, 12 Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.
Gross earnings, all sources \$9,421,753
Operating expenses, incl. maintenance and local taxes 5,182,544
Net earnings \$4,239,209
Interest charges, funded debt, subsidiary companies 1,590,625
Balance \$2,648,584
Dividends, preferred stocks, subsidiary companies 702,857
Bal. avail. for Am. Com. Pow. Co. and for reserves \$1,945,728
Annual int. on \$5,000,000 secured gold debts. 5 1/2% ser. due 1953 275,000
Balance available for dividends and reserves \$1,670,728
Annual divs. on 30,000 shs. 1st pref. stock, \$6 series 180,000
—V. 129, p. 2383.

American Gas & Power Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Gross earnings, Operating expenses, Interest charges, Balance, Dividends, and Annual interest.

American States Public Service Co.—Expands.—

Further expansion by subsidiaries of this company was revealed on Oct. 22 by announcement of the acquisition of the water system at Smelterville, Idaho, by the Kellogg Power & Water Co.

American Superpower Corp.—Pref. Stock Offered.— Bonbright & Co., Inc., are offering an additional issue of 100,000 shares 1st pref. stock, \$6 series (no par value) at \$99 per share and div.

Data from Letter of L. K. Thorne, President of the Corporation. Business.—Corporation was organized in Delaware in 1923 with broad powers to acquire and hold securities of electric power and light companies.

The corporation holds for investment the common stocks of a number of successful and progressive companies in the electric light and power business. Its regular income consists primarily of dividends on these stocks.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Interest and cash dividends, Profits, commissions, &c., Total, Expenses, Taxes, incl. reserve for Federal income tax.

Balance applicable to dividends, Annual dividend requirements on 500,000 shares 1st pref. stock (including this issue), \* This item includes large profits from the sale of securities which cannot be considered as regular earnings.

The above earnings do not include any income to be derived from the proceeds of the sale of this first preferred stock, nor do they include stock dividends received or any enhancement in market value, during the period, of the present holdings of the corporation.

Present Holdings.—Corporation owns substantial interests in the following companies: Commonwealth & Southern Corp., United Corporation, Electric Bond & Share Co., Niagara Hudson Power Corp., Consolidated Gas Co. of N. Y., National Power & Light Co., Italian Superpower Corp., United Illum. Co. of New Haven, United Light & Power Co.

It also has holdings in several other companies. Its major holdings are in the first four companies named in the above list.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Cash and call loans, Securities owned at market value on Oct. 19 1929, Other assets, including dividend accrued on stocks owned, Total, Liabilities, Capital and surplus, Reserve for income tax, Other liabilities.

\* Represented by: First pref. stock, no par value, 500,000 shs.; preference stock, no par value, 267,164 shs.; common stock, no par value, 8,243,005.3 shares.—V. 128, p. 3824.

American Telephone & Telegraph Co.—99 1/2% of 1929 Convertible Bond Offer Taken.—Treasurer H. Blair-Smith, in the October issue of the "Bell Telephone Quarterly," says in part:

The company offered to its 455,000 stockholders of record on May 10 1929 \$219,112,700 of 10-year conv. 4 1/2% gold debenture bonds due July 1 1939, in the proportion of \$100 of bonds for each six shares then held.

The purpose of the offering was to provide funds for the payment of approximately \$75,000,000 collateral trust 4% bonds maturing July 1 1929, and for new construction which is required by the Bell System to care for additional business resulting from the continuously increasing use of telephone service.

A total of 165,000 subscriptions was received, exceeding that for any previous Bell System bond issue. In addition there were many subscriptions filed by banks and brokers for individual investors which cannot be identified as such and are accordingly excluded from the count.

As has always been the case when the company offers securities to stockholders, the bulk of the subscription payments is received at the very end of the period. Banks and brokers especially, making payment for their own and for their clients' accounts, observe this practice in order to save interest.

To add to that day's volume of business, the Treasurer's office issued checks for \$60,000,000 in payment of collateral trust 4% bonds maturing then and presented on or before July 1 and also \$2,730,000 in payment of bond coupons due July 1.

A resume of the results of the bond issue is set forth in the following table: Statistics on the 1929 Convertible Bond Issue.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes Principal amount of bonds offered, Approximate amount of bonds subscribed, Per cent subscribed, Number of stockholders of record, Approximate number of subscriptions, Subscriptions in per cent of stockholders, Average principal amount offered per stockholder, Average principal amount per subscription.

American Water Works & Electric Co., Inc.—Output.— The power output of the electric subsidiaries of this company for the month of September totaled 158,541,726 k.w.h., a gain of 10% over the output of 144,487,086 k.w.h. for the corresponding month of 1928.

Appalachian Gas Corp.—Listing.— The Chicago Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 2,510,000 shares of no par value common stock. P. W. Chapman & Co. will offer 1,000,000 shares of this stock at \$8 per share.

California Oregon Power Co.—Earnings.— 12 Months Ended Aug. 31— 1929. 1928. Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, Net earnings including other income.

Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd.—Sept. Output— Output Record in September.— This corporation produced 174,467,000 k.w.h. of electric energy in September, a new high record for a single month, and 77% over September of last year.

Central Public Service Corp.—To Make Exchange Offer.— See Seattle Lighting Co. below.—V. 129, p. 2383.

Chesapeake & Potomac Tel. Co. of W. Va.—Acquis.— The I.-S. C. Commission Oct. 8 approved the acquisition by the company of (1) the properties of M. C. Johnson, doing business as the Barboursville Telephone Co., (2) the properties of H. C. White, doing business as the Gauley Telephone Co. and (3) the properties of the Hurricane Central Telephone Co.—V. 128, p. 2269.

Chicago Rapid Transit Co.—Insull Invites Bankers to Help Work Out Car Problem.— Samuel Insull, has invited four leading bankers to form a committee to work out a \$250,000,000 consolidated traction settlement satisfactory to both the city and the lines.

Commonwealth & Southern Corp.—Dividend No. 2.— The directors on Oct. 22 declared a quarterly stock dividend of 1-80th of a share of common stock, distributable Dec. 2 1929 to holders of common stock of record Nov. 1 1929.

Community Water Service Co.—Transfer Agent.— The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the stock of the company.—V. 129, p. 2383.

East Coast Utilities Co.—Proposed Sale.— See Empire Public Service Corp. below.—V. 128, p. 1225.

Eastern Oregon Light & Power Co.—Bonds Offered.— Edgar, Ricker & Co., Milwaukee recently offered \$131,000 refunding & 1st coll. mtg. 5 1/2% gold bonds (now first mortgage) series A at 98 and int. Dated Sept. 1 1926; due Sept. 1 1951.

Capitalization— Ref. & 1st coll. mtg. (now 1st mtg.)—series A 5 1/2% due Sept. 1 1951, Series B 5% due Jan. 1 1953, Preferred stock, non-cumul., Common stock.

Valuation.—The Public Service Commission of Oregon has placed a sound valuation of \$2,186,000 on the company's property as of June 30 1929. Additions made since bring the total up to \$3,070,000 as of Aug. 31 1929, while the total outstanding funded debt is \$1,850,000, incl. this issue.

Comparative Earnings Statement. Year End. Aug. 31 '29, 1928, 1927, 1926. Gross revenues, Oper. exp. & taxes, Net earnings, Int. on funded debt, Balance.

Authorized. Outstanding. \$1,425,000, \$1,425,000, 1,000,000, 425,000, 343,500, 343,500, 1,500,000, 1,500,000.

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Interest charges on entire funded debt, incl. this issue, based on net earnings for year ended Aug. 31 1929, were earned approximately 2.2 times.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a mortgage on all the property of the company.

Purpose.—This issue represents no new financing, but serves to refund the balance of the (\$131,000) 6% 1st mtge. bonds maturing Oct. 1 1929.

Management.—The majority of the stock of the company is owned by the Columbia Construction Co., of which Clement C. Smith is President.—V. 124, p. 3628.

Eastern New York Utilities Corp.—To Dissolve.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for permission to abandon operations and dissolve because of inability to earn operating expenses.—V. 125, p. 2262.

Electric Power & Light Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 75,000 additional shares of common stock (no par), and 40,000 additional shares of preferred stock (\$7 cum. dividend), no par value, on official notice of issuance (within a period terminating not more than six months after the date of this approval) in exchange for securities of subsidiary companies and (or) in exchange for the securities of public utility companies operating in or near territory now served by one or more of the corporation's present subsidiaries and (or), in the case of the preferred stock only, for a cash consideration, making the total amounts applied for as follows: 2,614,109 shares of common stock; and 589,181 shares of preferred stock.

Certain small minority stock holdings are still outstanding in the case of several public utility holding and (or) operating companies in which Elec. Power & Light Corp. owns the controlling interest and, because of this situation and also in order to facilitate prompt action in acquiring properties in territory already served by one or more of the corporation's subsidiaries, the board of directors at a meeting held Sept. 25 authorized the issuance of 40,000 additional shares of preferred stock for cash at not less than \$100 per share and divs., and (or) in exchange for securities of the corporation's subsidiaries and (or) in exchange for securities of public utility companies operating in or near territory now served by one or more of the corporation's present subsidiaries, and the issuance of 75,000 additional shares of the corporation's common stock in exchange for securities of the corporation's subsidiaries and (or) in exchange for securities of public utility companies operating in or near territory now served by one or more of the corporation's present subsidiaries. The shares of common stock and preferred stock so authorized to be issued will be issued from time to time for the purposes indicated, when, in the opinion of the Chairman of the Board or the President of the corporation, advantageous opportunities present themselves for the acquisition of minority holdings of the securities of the corporation's subsidiaries or for the acquisition of the securities of public utility companies operating in or near territory which the corporation's subsidiaries now serve. The sum of 40,000 shares of preferred stock and 75,000 shares of common stock represents less than 5% of the total number of shares of the corporation now outstanding.—V. 129, p. 2069.

Electrical Securities Corp.—Stock Increased.—

The stockholders on June 27 last increased the authorized capitalization from 250,000 shares of no par value (consisting of 50,000 shares of pref. and 200,000 shares of common) to 750,000 shares of no par value (consisting of 150,000 shares of pref. and 600,000 shares of common).—V. 128, p. 3351.

Empire Public Service Corp.—Acquisitions.—

The corporation announces that it is acquiring the East Coast Utilities Co., Somerset Electric Co., Betterton Ice & Electric Co., Suburban Electric Power Co., Old Dominion Public Service Co., and Blowing Rock Light & Power Co. These companies, with their subsidiaries, furnish the light and power service to more than 8,000 customers in Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and North Carolina. The operations include generating stations with a combined capacity of 7,750 k.w., and 770 miles of transmission line and distribution systems serving 134 communities with a population of approximately 80,000.

The gross earnings of these properties, which are primarily electric, are more than \$1,000,000 a year. This group represents an important addition to the Empire Public Service Corp. holdings in the East, it is announced.—V. 129, p. 2535.

Fairmount Park TransitCo.—25c. Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 25 cents per share on the no par common stock and 75 cents per share on the old common stock of \$10 par value, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31.

A like amount was paid in July and November, 1927 and in July 1928; none since.—V. 125, p. 1836.

Federal Water Service Corp.—Class A Div.—

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 60c. per share on the class A stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 1. A like amount was paid on Sept. 1 last. Holders of the stock may apply 50c. of the dividend to the purchase of additional class A shares at the rate of \$27 per share.

Previously the company paid quarterly dividends on the class A stock of 50c. per share in cash or 1-50th of a share in stock. (Compare V. 128, p. 2803.)—V. 129, p. 2384.

Gatineau Power Co.—Bonds Offered.—Chase Securities Corp., Bankers Co. of New York, Harris, Forbes & Co., Lee, Higginson & Co., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., Old Colony Corp., Otis & Co. and The First National Corp. of Boston are offering an additional issue of \$11,000,000 1st mtge. gold bonds 5% series of 1956 at 93 and int., to yield about 5½%.

Bonds are dated June 1 1926 and mature June 1 1956.

Data from Letter of A. R. Graustein, President of the Company.

Company.—Is the principal Canadian operating subsidiary of International Hydro-Electric System and one of the largest hydro-electric producers on the North American continent. Its hydro-electric plants on the Gatineau River and on the Ottawa River and tributaries have a present installed generating capacity of 562,600 h.p., of which 436,000 h.p. is in 3 plants located on the Gatineau River within 35 miles of the city of Ottawa. All of its plants (except 40,000 h.p.) are physically interconnected, forming a unified hydro-electric generating and transmission system. The larger portion of these power sites are owned in fee and the balance are held under long term Government leases. In addition, it is now acquiring the entire funded debt and common stock of St. John River Power Co., which owns the largest hydro-electric power development in the Maritime Provinces. This development is located at Grand Falls, N. B. Of the initial 60,000 h.p. installation, 20,000 h.p. has been in operation since Oct. 1 1928 and an additional 40,000 h.p. will be in service by the end of this year.

The total potential hydro-electric capacity controlled by the company, including undeveloped powers, is in excess of 1,200,000 h.p.

Power Contracts.—Contracts for the sale of all the power presently to be generated at the plants of the two companies have been executed with the Hydro-Electric Power Commission of Ontario and others. These contracts require deliveries of primary power in the aggregate increasing on Oct. 1 in each year from present deliveries of 325,000 h.p. to more than 480,000 h.p. beginning Oct. 1 1931. The trust deed contains provisions limiting and defining the conditions under which changes may be made in certain of these contracts.

Earnings.—Net earnings of the company (available for interest and reserves), on the basis of full power deliveries called for by present contracts on or before Oct. 1 1931, plus annual interest on \$9,500,000 1st mtge. 5% bonds of St. John River Power Co. (all to be pledged under the trust deed), are calculated to exceed \$7,258,000 per annum, or over 2.3 times the annual interest requirements on the entire \$63,043,500 1st mtge. gold bonds to be presently outstanding, including those offering. These earnings do not include any equity earnings which may accrue to the company from ownership of all the common stock of St. John River Power Co. For the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1929 actual consolidated net earnings from operations of the two companies (available for interest and reserves) amounted to \$4,841,299, or more than 1.5 times such interest requirements. In the following years increased power deliveries called for by the power contracts will result in constantly increasing earnings up to the 12 months beginning Oct. 1 1931. In addition, there are excellent prospects for further substantial increases in earnings both before and after 1931 through the normal growth in demand for power from present customers and others located in the territory served.

Purpose.—The major portion of the proceeds of this issue will be applied to the acquisition of 1st mtge. bonds of St. John River Power Co., and the balance will be used to reimburse the company for expenditures made or to be made for capital purposes, including construction of Cabonga storage reservoir and additions to the transmission system.

Security.—Bonds are secured by a direct 1st mtge. and hypothec on all water powers developed and operating or in process of development now owned by the company, except four small powers with a total installed capacity of less than 6,000 h.p. Upon completion of this financing they will be additionally secured by pledge of the entire funded debt and common stock of St. John River Power Co., viz.: \$9,500,000 1st mtge. 5% gold bonds and 100,000 shares of common stock. Subject to the restrictions of the trust deed, \$2,500,000 additional bonds may be issued against pledge of an equal amount of St. John River Power Co. bonds issuable on the basis of the initial 60,000 h.p. installation of that company. The 1st mtge. bonds of Gatineau Power Co. will be followed by \$19,369,500 debentures outstanding with the public and by \$7,000,000 income subordinated certificates, \$25,000,000 of pref. stock and 500,000 shares of common stock, all owned by Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp. The trust deed contains provisions permitting certain modifications by the bondholders as therein provided.

Sinking Fund.—Trust deed provides for a minimum annual sinking fund, payable Dec. 1 each year in cash or bonds, equal to ½% of the greatest aggregate principal amount of 1st mtge. gold bonds at any time outstanding. To date \$456,000 bonds have been retired by operation of the sinking fund.

Ownership.—International Hydro-Electric System, a subsidiary of International Paper & Power Co., controls through its own direct subsidiaries (Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd., and New England Power Association) hydro-electric and steam electric generating stations with an aggregate capacity installed or under construction in excess of 1,514,500 h.p. (1,037,100 h.p. hydro-electric) and distribution systems serving over 325,000 consumers. The output of the properties for 1928 was 2,929,829,000 k.w.h. and it is estimated that for 1929 output will reach 3,826,700,000 k.w.h. and for 1930 4,445,900,000 k.w.h.

International Paper & Power Co., in addition to being the largest and one of the lowest cost paper producers in the world, ranks through its control of the entire common and class B stocks of International Hydro-Electric System as one of the important public utility holding companies of North America.—V. 129, p. 1591.

General Italian Edison Electric Corp. (Societa Generale Italiana Edison di Eletticiticita).—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on a "when issued" basis, temporary certificates to be issued by the City Bank Farmers Trust Co., as depository, for 140,000 American shares. Each American share represents one ordinary share (lire 500 par value) of the General Italian Edison Electric Corp.

[It is reported that National City Co. will float the American shares.]

The General Italian Edison Electric Corp. is the oldest and one of the largest electric companies in Europe. Organized in 1884 for the purpose of exploiting the patents of Thomas A. Edison and supplying electric energy to the City of Milan and adjoining territory, its history has been one of steady expansion. The corporation is both an operating and a holding company and has acquired substantial interests in numerous other electric power companies, including 18 of major importance.

The Edison System serves the greater part of Italy's most important industrial section extending from the Mediterranean to the Swiss border. The territory served has an area of 14,000 square miles and a population of over 10,000,000 and embraces the manufacturing centers of Milan, Brescia, Como, Alessandria, &c., and the ports of Genoa, Spezia, Savona, and of the Italian Riviera. The numerous industries of this district are of widely diversified character and include the manufacture of wool and silk fabrics, rubber articles, automobiles, chemicals and electric machinery. This territory also includes the plains of Lombardy and the valley of the River Po which are considered the most productive agricultural lands of Italy. The proximity of these important centers of consumption to the readily available water power of the Alps and Appennines enables the Edison System to obtain the maximum benefit from its strategically located hydro-electric plants and network of transmission lines.

The system has over 900,000 industrial and residential customers, and during the year 1928 produced and purchased about 2,357,000,000 kilowatt hours which constitutes a new record in its history and represents about 25% of the total electric energy produced in Italy.

The Edison system embraces generating plants with an aggregate capacity of approximately 1,230,000 h.p. Included with these stations are more than 96 hydro-electric power plants with an installed capacity of about 960,000 h.p. and supplementary steam generating plants having an installed capacity of 260,000 h.p. Of these, the corporation itself owns directly 15 hydro-electric plants having an installed capacity of nearly 410,000 h.p. and steam power plants with a capacity of 60,000 h.p. In addition to these plants the System now has under construction additional plants with an aggregate capacity of about 200,000 h.p. Thus upon completion of these stations the System will have available a total capacity of 1,430,000 h.p. with a yearly output in excess of 3,000,000,000 k.w.h. Furthermore the system has claims on valuable undeveloped water power supplies representing a potential capacity of over 500,000 horsepower.

The extensive transmission and distribution net owned by the system covers a large part of Northern Italy and embraces over 4,800 miles of high tension lines and 10,000 miles of distribution lines. Of these high tension transmission and distribution lines the corporation itself owns directly 1,600 and 900 miles respectively.

Comparative Consolidated Income Statement. Calendar Years— 1926, 1927, 1928. Gross operating revenue, Total oper. expenses, maint. & taxes, Net operating profit, Income on other investments, Interest receivable, Miscellaneous, Gross income, Interest payable for floating debt, Interest payable for fixed debt, Income taxes, Net income for the period, Special charges (net), Profit for period, Proportion accruing to minority int., Net profit accruing to parent co.

Havana Electric Ry. Co.—Earnings.— Period End. Sept. 30— 1929-3 Mos.—1928, 1929-9 Mos.—1928. Operating revenue, Oper. exps., incl. taxes, Net oper. revenue, Non-oper. revenue, Gross corporate inc., Interest & other charges, Surplus before deducting depreciation.

—V. 129, p. 958.

Hydro Electric Securities Corp.—Listing.—

There have been placed on the Boston Stock Exchange list temporary certificates for 916,163 shares (authorized 2,000,000 shares) no par value common stock.

The company was organized under the Province of Quebec Companies' Act Sept. 10 1926, with broad powers among others, to acquire and hold securities of electric light and power companies and other undertakings. The issue of these shares has been authorized by the board of directors at various times from date of incorporation to Sept. 27 1929. Of the authorized but unissued shares, 585,360 are under option for purchase at various prices but not less than \$25 per share.

Transfer agents: Harris, Forbes Trust Co., Boston; Equitable Trust Co. of New York; and Montreal Trust Co., Montreal. Registrars: First National Bank of Boston; Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York; and Canadian Trust Co., Montreal.—V. 129, p. 1203.

Illinois Bell Telephone Co.—New Director.— William Butterworth of Moline, Ill., has been elected a director, succeeding William H. Miner.—V. 129, p. 2384.

Louisville Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.— 12 Mos. Ended Aug. 31— 1929. 1928. Gross earnings \$10,093,167 \$9,518,525

Manitoba Power Co., Ltd.—Minority Stockholders Receive Exchange Offer.— The shareholders have received an offer to exchange their holdings on a share-for-share basis for common stock of the Winnipeg Electric Co.

Market Street Railway.—Earnings.— 12 Mos. Ended Aug. 31— 1929. 1928. Gross earnings \$9,578,190 \$9,854,150

Memphis Power & Light Co.—To Offer Pref. Stock.— The Tennessee Ry. & P. U. Commission has authorized the company to issue and sell 10,000 shares of pref. stock, \$6 series, without par value.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Change of Common Stock.— Secretary Eustace J. Knight made the following announcement: Notice is hereby given that pursuant to an amendment to the certificate of incorporation...

Mohawk-Hudson Power Corp.—New Director.— Ray P. Stevens, President of the Niagara-Hudson Power Corp., has been elected a director.—V. 128, p. 4164.

Montana Power Co.—Initial Preferred Dividend.— The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the \$6 pref. stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 14.

Mountain States Power Co.—Earnings.— 12 Mos. Ended Aug. 31— 1929. 1928. Gross earnings \$2,999,112 \$2,736,510

Mountain States Tel. & Tel. Co.—Acquisition.— The I.-S. C. Commission, Oct. 9, approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Wyoming Telephone Co.—V. 129, p. 1592.

National Fuel Gas Co.—Offer Withdrawn.— See Public Utility Holding Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 1911.

New Jersey Bell Telephone Co.—Acquisition.— The I.-S. C. Commission, Oct. 18, approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Hackettstown Telephone & Telegraph Co.—V. 129, p. 1911.

Niagara Falls Power Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.— Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928. Operating revenue \$3,403,701 \$3,162,236

North American Co.—Regular Dividends.— The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividends of 2 1/2% in common stock (at the rate of 1-40th a share for each share held) on the common stock, and 1 1/2% in cash (at the rate of 75c. a share) on the 6% pref. stock, both payable Jan. 2 1930, to holders of record Dec. 5 1929.

Earnings 12 Months Ended Sept. 30 (Incl. Subs.). 1929. 1928. 1927. 1926. Gross earnings 145,624,061 130,668,369 121,815,469 113,687,873

Northern California Telephone Co.—Acquisition.— The New York Stock Exchange Oct. 9 approved the acquisition by the company of the properties of the Lake County Telephone Association.

Northern Ohio Power & Light Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.— (The Commonwealth & Southern Corp. System) Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—9 Mos.—1928. 1929—12 Mos.—1928.

Northern States Power Co.—Earnings.— 12 Mos. Ended Aug. 31— 1929. 1928. Gross earnings \$32,334,719 \$30,922,116

Ohio River Edison Co. (& Sub.)—Earnings.— Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—9 Mos.—1928. 1929—12 Mos.—1928. Gross earnings \$1,357,969 \$1,262,856

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.— 12 Mos. Ended Aug. 31— 1929. 1928. Gross earnings \$13,575,669 \$11,659,867

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Offer Withdrawn.— See Public Utility Holding Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 2536.

Pacific Lighting Corp.—Offer Withdrawn.— See Public Utility Holding Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 2385.

Peoples Gas, Light & Coke Co.—Listing.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 56,640 additional shares of capital stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance and payment in full pursuant to offer to stockholders, making the total amount applied for 630,463 shares.—V. 129, p. 2537.

Philadelphia Company.—Earnings.— 12 Mos. Ended Aug. 31— 1929. 1928. Gross earnings \$62,920,495 \$61,299,198

Philadelphia Rapid Transit Co.—Earnings.— Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928. Operating revenue \$12,733,299 \$12,784,590

Power & Light Securities Trust.—1 1/2% Stock Div.— The trustees have declared a dividend of 1 1/2% in stock for the current quarter, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15. On Aug. 1 last, the trust paid a dividend of 50c. per share in cash and 1 1/2% in stock.—V. 129, p. 647.

Providence (R. I.) Gas Co.—Rights.— The company will in the near future issue rights to stockholders to purchase 153,433 new shares at \$15 a share. The proceeds from this additional stock issue—\$2,301,495—will be used to pay for the extension of facilities already made and to finance construction of coke ovens, work on which is now under way.

Public Utility Holding Corp. of America.—Withdrawals Offer.— The corporation on Oct. 18 announced that it had withdrawn its offers to exchange for Southern California Edison Co. common stock, Pacific Lighting Corp. common stock, Pacific Gas & Electric Corp. common stock and National Fuel Gas Co. common stock.

Railway and Utilities Investing Corp.—Earnings.— Income Account Years Ended June 30. 1929. 1928. Average amount of paid-in capital (approx.) \$1,265,000 \$773,000

The above income statements do not include stock dividends received, neither do they include the unrealized appreciation in the value of the security-holdings. The market value of securities owned as of June 30 1929 exceeded the book value of the securities by over \$1,700,000. Since June 30 there has been a further substantial appreciation in the market value of the company's investments.



Wisconsin Valley Electric Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1929 and 1928. Rows include Gross earnings, Net earnings, Other income, and Net earnings including other income. Values range from \$1,784,941 to \$472,656.

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Pay Raise Won by Musicians.—Philadelphia musicians granted wage increase of \$3 a week.—N. Y. "Times," Sec. 1, p. 31, Oct. 20.

Pure Oil Strike Ends.—100 employees of Pure Oil Co. returned to work Oct. 21 after protest strike against the dismissal of the general supervisor of the filling stations.—N. Y. "Times," Oct. 22, p. 25.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Oct. 19.—(a) W. V. Putman of Union Trust Co., Detroit, sees slowing up of business following new high record of 8 months of year, p. 2451; (b) Slight increase in employment during September as compared with August, according to report of Bureau of Labor 4.5% increase as compared with September 1928, p. 2452; (c) Farm mortgage debt increases slightly—total Jan. 1 1928 is \$9,468,000,000 against \$9,360,000,000 three years before, p. 2454; (d) Sales of life insurance increase in every section of U. S., p. 2455; (e) Pres. Henderson of the Rubber Exchange of N. Y. announces that contracts valued at about \$217,000,000 were traded in during the year ended Aug. 31 1929, p. 2460; (f) Francis R. Henderson re-elected President of Rubber Exchange of New York, Inc., p. 2460; (g) Paper production in August increased as compared with July this year and August last year, p. 2461; (h) Trading inaugurated on N. Y. Burlap and Jute Exchange, p. 2462; (i) American Petroleum Institute says gasoline taxes may reach an average of \$17 per motor vehicle in 1929 as compared with 50c. in 1921, p. 2463; (j) U. S. has 25,000,000 acres of oil land reports the American Petroleum Institute, p. 2462; (k) World zinc output in August totaled 136,406 short tons, p. 2465; (l) Argentina raises export tax while assailing us—increases flaxseed levy from 31c. a ton to \$3.88 in few months—principle which South Americans opposed in our tariff bill used, p. 2474; (m) Automobile financing during first half of 1929 \$760,611,319 advanced on 1,634,392 cars, p. 2476; (n) N. Y. Stock Exchange expands facilities rapidly sale of 220 of the 275 new seats authorized last February, p. 2478; (o) Outstanding bankers' acceptances Sept. 30 \$1,272,270,545, increase of \$71,734,399 in month, p. 2481; (p) Senate action on Tariff Bill—Senator Borah expects final vote Nov. 20.—Pres. Hoover confers with Senators on situation with respect to bill, p. 2482.

Acme Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 3 Mos. and 9 Mos. Rows include Period Ended Sept. 30 1929 and Net income after charges. Values range from \$670,737 to \$2,402,408.

Aircraft Plywood Corp.—Acquisition.—

The corporation has purchased the controlling interest in the Washington Veneer Co. of Olympia, Wash., placing under one management the largest plywood operations on the Pacific Coast, with a total value of almost \$2,500,000. Annual sales of the combined companies for the next 12 months are estimated at more than \$5,000,000.—V. 129, p. 1741.

Air Reduction Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 1929-3 Mos., 1928, 1929-9 Mos., and 1928. Rows include Gross income, Oper. expenses, Oper. income, Reserves, Federal taxes, and Net prof. bef. Fed. tax. Values range from \$1,562,622 to \$11,067,422.

Airstocks, Inc.—Assets in Cash.—

In a letter to the voting trust certificate holders, John H. Baker, Pres. says: On Oct. 18 1929, net value of assets with securities taken at closing prices, was \$4,918,833, equivalent to \$49.18 a share, as compared with \$50.46 a share on Sept. 13.

Cash assets at close of business Oct. 18 were \$4,044,885, equivalent to over 82% of the net assets at that time.

The decline in net value per share is 2.53% for the five weeks' period, whereas in this same period there has been an average decline of 30.4% in the market value of 10 representative aviation securities. The increase in net value a share during the nine months' period of operation is equivalent to 9.34% of the average capital and paid-in surplus employed.

The company is in a strong position to acquire stocks at low prices when, as and if opportunity offers. There remains sound reasons for the assurance that the volume of air traffic and production of airplanes and accessories will enjoy a large growth over a period of years.

Company's principal investment at this time is certificates of Airstocks, Inc., purchased at average of \$47.04, or substantially less than the net value a share. The position of the company has been such for the past several weeks that the net value a share has increased from \$48.94 on Oct. 1 to \$49.18 on Oct. 18.

The above figures do not include contingent profits or losses to be derived from unclosed syndicates and joint accounts; were such commitments to have been terminated as of the close of business Oct. 18, there would have been realized, based upon statements to us by the account managers and on closing prices as of that date, a loss of approximately \$87,000, equivalent to about 87 cents a share of stock outstanding. Figures do include deductions for all actual and accrued expenses, including those of organization, management fee, and Federal income tax on combined profits and appreciation.—V. 129, p. 1914.

All America Utility Securities Corp.—Stock Units Offered.—Nicholson & Franklin, Cincinnati, recently offered 100,000 units, at \$35 per unit (plus pref. div.), each unit consisting of 1 share cumulative preferred stock, 7% series, and 1 share class A common stock (represented by allotment certificates).

Preferred Shares are preferred as to assets in liquidation up to \$25 per share and divs. Divs. payable Q-M. Red., all or part, on any div. date on 30 days' notice at 105 and divs.

Class A Common Shares (no par) are non-redeemable. Entitled to non-cum. divs. up to 75c. per share before any div. on class B stock; thereafter 7 1/2c. per share to class B stock; thereafter classes A and B participate at the rate of 10c. to A to 1c. to B.

Registrar, Commercial Trust Co. of New Jersey, Jersey City, N. J. Transfer agent, Corporation Trust Co. (of New Jersey), Jersey City, N. J.

Cumulative preferred stock (\$25 par) ----- \$5,000,000 2,500,000 shares  
Class A common stock (no par) ----- a250,000 shs. 100,000 shs.  
Class B common stock (no par) ----- b125,000 shs. 50,000 shs.  
a Includes 50,000 shares under option at \$10 per share. b 50,000 shares have been contracted for at \$1 per share and 75,000 shares are under option at the same price.

Business.—Corporation has been organized in Maryland to conduct a securities corporation of a general management type. Corporation will invest and reinvest its funds in securities of public utility operating and holding companies located in the United States of America, Central America and South America, and, to a limited extent participate in underwriting securities in accordance with the restrictions incorporated in the by-laws of the corporation.

Securities.—Commercial Trust Co. of New Jersey, Jersey City, custodian.  
Provisions of Issue.—No pref. stock shall be issued unless the net assets (after deducting all indebtedness) taken at cost, including the proceeds of the pref. stock then to be issued, equal at least 125% of the par value of the pref. stock outstanding and then to be issued.

Pref. stock may from time to time be classified by the board of directors in five series, the 7% series being redeemable at 105%, the 6 1/2% series at 104%, the 6% series at 103%, the 5 1/2% series at 102% and the 5% series

at 101%. All the series shall otherwise have the same rights, privileges, preferences and voting powers and be subject to the same restrictions. Dividends shall be paid ratably on all series in proportion to their annual dividend requirements.

Investment Limitations and Restrictions.—By-laws contain limitations and restrictive regulations which insure the proper degree of diversification of investment and the certificate of incorporation and the by-laws provide that no part of section 32, respecting investment limitations and restrictions, shall be altered, amended or repealed except by a vote of the majority of all the outstanding pref. and common stock of the corporation, and further provide that upon the purchase of any security carrying a statutory liability a reserve to cover such liability shall immediately be set up upon the books of the corporation.

Management.—The officers and directors are bankers and business men who have a thorough knowledge of business and economic conditions; in addition, the corporation has a complete staff of investment specialists trained in the study of economics, who first analyze and select securities for investment. Such recommendations are submitted to the investment counsel, Camp, Thorne & Co., Inc., for further analysis and examination. Camp, Thorne & Co., Inc., have been closely connected with the public utility investment field in the United States of America and Central and South America for years, and maintain a comprehensive economic field service. Investments passed upon by Camp, Thorne & Co., Inc., are submitted to the board of directors, whose decision as to purchase or sale is final. The holders of the corporation's shares thus obtain the protection of a threefold selection and supervision and of broad diversification of investment to a degree not available to the individual investor.

Camp, Thorne & Co., Inc., have agreed to furnish this service and counsel to the corporation for a fee of 1/2 of 1% per annum of its average yearly resources.

Reserve for Dividends on Pref. Stock.—All profits accruing from resale ("turnover") of securities are to be set aside annually until a sum sufficient for 3 years' dividend requirements on the pref. stock has been accumulated. Such reserve to be utilized for the payment of dividends on pref. stock at the option of the board of directors.

Voting Power.—In addition to the voting power conferred upon the outstanding pref. stock in regard to investment limitations and restrictions, pref. stockholders, in the event the cumulative dividends on the pref. stock shall be in default and unpaid for four quarterly dividend periods, whether consecutive or not, shall have full voting power with the holders of the common stock until all arrears in cumulative dividends on the pref. stock shall have been paid and dividends for the current period provided for. Subject to the rights of the pref. stockholders, the holders of class A and class B common stock shall have equal and exclusive voting power.

Public Utility Securities.—The management has selected the field of public utility securities for investment because of the fundamental soundness, inherent stability and remarkable record of growth in assets, earnings and values in such securities.

Allotment Certificates.—Allotment certificates will be exchangeable for cum. pref. stock certificates and common stock certificates on April 1 1931.

Allied Kid Co.—Earnings.—

The company on Sept. 30 completed four months of operation. Net earnings for the four months, after depreciation but before taxes, are reported as \$222,955, or somewhat over four times the preferred dividend for the period.—V. 129, p. 1593.

Allied Mills, Inc.—Registrar.—

The Chase National Bank has been appointed Registrar for 2,000,000 shares of capital stock, no par value.

Allis-Chalmers Manufacturing Co.—Quarterly Earnings.

Net earnings for the quarter ended Sept. 30 1929, amounted to \$1,200,252 after all charges including Federal income taxes. This was equivalent to \$4.20 per share on the old common stock, and compares with \$743,623 or \$2.86 per share, for the corresponding quarter last year.

Comparative billings and net earnings by quarters for the nine months of 1929 and 1928 were as follows:

Table comparing 1929 and 1928 data for Billings and Net Earnings. Includes rows for 1st, 2d, 3d quarters and Total 9 months. Values range from \$9,942,853 to \$34,292,927.

Total 9 months earnings of \$3,379,340, equal \$11.92 per share on the old common stock, now being exchanged for new shares, and contrast with \$2,223,631 or \$8.55 per share for similar period in 1928, an increase of 52%.

Bookings for 1929 to Sept. 30 totaled \$38,002,546 compared with \$26,679,724 in the corresponding 9 months of 1928, a 42% increase.

Unfilled orders as of Sept. 30 1929 amounted to \$13,390,832, whereas on Dec. 31 1928 they were \$9,681,214, an increase of over 38%.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 114,400 shares common stock (no par value) upon official notice of issuance making the total amount applied for 1,258,400 shares.

The Guaranty Trust Co. has been appointed agent to accept subscriptions to common stock of no par value. See also V. 129, p. 2229, 2638.

Alpha Portland Cement Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Earnings for 12 Months Ended Sept. 30 1929. Rows include Net sales, Operating expenses, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, Estimated Federal taxes, Net income, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Deficit, and Earns. per share. Values range from \$12,373,664 to \$263,655.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table comparing Sept. 30 '29 and Dec. 31 '28. Rows include Assets (Property, Cash, Call loans, U.S. Govt. bonds, Work. funds, Accts. & notes rec., Inventories, Miscel. investm'ts, Deferred charges) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, yCommon stock, Accounts payable, Wages payable, Fed. tax res., Dividends payable, Insur. & other res., Earned surplus). Values range from \$22,236,204 to \$5,071,778.

Total ----- 33,424,865 33,468,087  
x After depreciation, depletion, &c. y Represented by 711,000 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 2229.

Almar Stores Co., Phila.—Sales, &c.—

At the annual meeting, John F. Sherman, of the Sherman Corp., management engineers, which took over the operation of the Almar company early this year, stated that the business of the latter showed a profit in September for the first time in eight years. In 1928 an operating loss of \$550,000 was shown. Due to a change in the fiscal year to correspond with the calendar year no annual operating figures were reported.

Gross sales for the six months ended June 30 amounted to \$4,922,321, an increase of \$252,997, or 11%, over the same period a year ago. The company has opened 21 new stores so far this year and closed 11. It is planned that 50 new stores will be opened during 1930 in keeping with the present program.

The company now operates 248 grocery stores and meat stores in Philadelphia and New Jersey and at the present rate will do a volume of business well in excess of \$10,000,000 a year, it was stated. A new warehouse bakery and coffee roasting plant is now under construction at Tenth and Somerville





Balance Sheet Sept. 1. Assets— 1929. 1928. Land, bldgs., machinery, &c.—\$3,808,802 \$3,646,425

Total—\$8,252,055 \$7,891,414 a Represented by 86,000 shares of no par value. x After deducting \$1,795,727 reserve for depreciation. y After deducting \$45,580 for reserve. z After deducting \$37,500 for reserve.—V. 129, p. 231.

to be used for the acquisition of the property, assets and business of the Interstate Iron & Steel Co., making the total amount applied for 1,659,375 shares.

Of the 338,750 shares applied for 318,750 shares are to be used for the acquisition of the entire property, assets and business of the Interstate Iron & Steel Co., which stock is to be issued to its stockholders in exchange for their present stock on the basis of 1 11-40 shares of Central Alloy stock for each share of Interstate stock now outstanding; (2) 12,500 shares to be delivered to Otis & Co., Cleveland, Ohio, as compensation for an underlying agreement dated Oct. 2 1929 by virtue of which Otis & Co. are to purchase from the stockholders of Interstate Iron & Steel Co. any stock of Central Alloy Steel Corp. which they receive as a result of this transaction at a price agreed upon; (3) 7,500 shares to be listed upon official notice of issuance upon the payment in full to the corporation of not less than \$50 per share.—V. 129, p. 2541.

Central National Corp.—Earnings.—

Periods Ended Sept. 30 1929— 3 Months. 9 Months. Net cash earnings—\$250,114 \$642,125 Earnings per share on class A stock after provision for class B participating—\$2.45 \$6.45

Century Shares Trust, Boston.—Earnings.—

For the nine months ended Sept. 30 1929 the balance sheet shows net surplus of \$304,607 after payment on Aug. 1 1929 of a semi-annual dividend of \$1 a share on the participating shares then outstanding. This surplus is exclusive of market appreciation over cost of securities owned of \$1,658,701. The cost of securities owned on Sept. 30 1929 was \$6,185,886. The market value of which was \$7,844,587. The liquidating value of each participating share on Sept. 30 was \$67.21.

In addition to the cash dividend on Aug. 1 1929, there was paid further dividend of one participating share for each ten shares held. Brown Brothers & Co. originally offered 28,000 participating shares in March 1928 at \$52. Since that time the bankers have maintained a market on the participating shares based on their liquidating value and have sold additional shares until on Oct. 10 1929 there were outstanding 110,500 participating and 110,500 ordinary shares.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1929.

Assets— Investments—\$6,185,886 Credit balance with Brown Brothers & Co.—2,410 Dividends receivable—19,874

x Represented by 108,000 participating shares without par value and 108,000 ordinary shares without par value. y If securities were carried at market value, surplus would be increased by \$1,658,701.

Securities Owned.—As of Sept. 30 1929, the investments of company were in stocks of the following insurance companies and banking institutions

- Casualty Insurance Companies— Aetna Casualty & Surety Co. American Surety Co. Fidelity & Deposit Co. Maryland Casualty Co. United States Guarantee Co. Life Insurance Companies— Aetna Life Insurance Co. Sun Life Assurance Co. The Travelers Insurance Co.

Borax Consolidated, Ltd.—Omits Dividend.—

According to a dispatch from London, this company has passed its interim dividend on the £1,500,000 of £1 deferred ordinary shares for the first time in 31 years. The company has issued capital of £2,550,000 and £2,214,234 of bonds and debentures. Competition of borax produced from brine from Searles Lake, Calif., has caused a fall in the price of borax, adds the dispatch. The company is now developing a new borate mineral at its own mine in California and removing its ore treating plant to Los Angeles. The new mineral is said to be the most economical yet discovered for conversion into borax and deposits present are sufficient for an indefinite period.—V. 99, p. 1530.

Briggs & Stratton Corp.—Earnings.—

Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928. Net profit after charges and taxes—\$441,241 \$334,937 \$1,254,912 \$673,836

Bristol-Myers Co.—Dissolved.—

Shares of capital stock of Drug, Inc., received by Bristol-Myers Co. as consideration for the sale of its business and assets to Drug, Inc., are now available for distribution to Bristol-Myers shareholders, who will receive 1 1/2 shares of Drug, Inc., stock for each share of Bristol-Myers stock held. The distribution will be made by J. & W. Seligman & Co., 54 Wall St., N. Y. City, as agent. The Bristol-Myers Co., the name of which was changed to B-M Proprietary Products, Inc., has been dissolved. Stock transfer books of the company will close Nov. 15.—V. 129, p. 2390.

Budd Wheel Co.—New Common Stock Placed on a \$1 Annual Dividend Basis—300% Stock Distribution.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25c. a share on the new (when issued) common stock, no par value, payable Nov. 20 to holders of record Nov. 15. This is on the stock that will be outstanding following the distribution of a 300% stock dividend on Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 8.

A statement issued by President Budd in connection with the dividend declaration said: "This payment was deferred until completion of financing and splitting of the stock. This distribution represents only a small part of the company's earnings but it is our belief that in initiating this payment of dividends on the new stock we should start on a conservative basis."

The above distribution will be the first cash dividend that common stockholders have received since June 1928.—V. 129, p. 2390.

Butte Copper & Zinc Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928. Tons of ore—41,591 36,533 123,345 115,333

By-Products Coke Corp.—Proposed Change in Capital, &c.—

The stockholders will vote Nov. 4 to consider changing the name of the company and increasing the number of shares of no par common stock. President C. D. Caldwell, in a letter to stockholders stated that the directors are of the opinion that the name should be changed in view of the present and future scope of its business and that the number of shares should be increased to be available for acquisition of other properties and development of its business.—V. 129, p. 2540.

Calaveras Cement Co.—Earnings.—

Net earnings of \$303,874 for the first nine months of 1929, equal to \$2.43 per share on the 125,078 shares of common stock outstanding, are reported by the company through a statement released jointly by Wm. Cavalier & Co. and Dean Witter Co. These figures are after all charges including approximately \$97,500 for depletion and depreciation, and are at the annual rate of \$3.25 per share on the common stock.

The report further shows that dividend requirements on the company's outstanding preferred stock were earned more than 3 1/2 times during this period. Net available for preferred dividends was \$416,564 against dividend requirements of \$112,690. The company has no funded debt. Unfilled orders now on the company's books indicate that operations for the final quarter will be satisfactory, according to the officials of the company.

Balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1929 discloses ratio of current assets to current liabilities of more than 5 to 1. Cash on hand is shown at \$577,788 and net working capital in excess of \$1,100,000.—V. 129, p. 1446.

Carrier Engineering Corp.—Stock Increased—Rights—Initial Dividends.—

The stockholders on Oct. 11 increased the authorized class A common stock (no par value) from 58,000 shares to 250,000 shares.

The class A and class B common stockholders of record Oct. 14 have been given the right to subscribe on or before Nov. 4 for additional class A common stock at \$50 per share on the basis of one new class A share for every three class A or class B common shares owned. The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York has been appointed agent to accept subscriptions.

The directors have declared initial dividends of 25c. per share on the class A and class B common stocks, no par value, both payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 18.—V. 126, p. 419.

Caterpillar Tractor Co.—Earnings.—

Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928. Sales—\$11,186,284 \$9,932,603 \$38,346,300 \$28,736,890

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Sept 30 '29. Dec. 31 '28. Assets— Plant, equip., &c. \$17,386,835 \$15,175,513

x After deducting \$5,043,724 reserve for depreciation. y Represented by 1,882,240 shares of no par value.—V. 129, p. 802.

Central Alloy Steel Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of an additional 338,750 shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance

Charis Corp.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share and an extra dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, both payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 22. Like amounts were paid in each of the four preceding quarters.

Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928. Profit after expenses and Federal taxes—\$123,648 \$123,600 \$426,956 \$374,373

Chartered Investors, Inc.—Pref. Div. No. 2.—

The second regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share on the preferred stock has been declared payable Dec. 2 1929 to holders of record Nov. 1 1929.

This corporation was organized in January of this year by Clark, Dodge & Co., of New York, and is being operated along the lines followed by the more successful type of English investment trust. The stock was sold originally in units of three shares of \$5 cummul. pref. stock and eight shares of common stock. The permanent certificates were issued on June 1, at which time unit holders received an interest adjustment of \$4.98 per unit. The first regular preferred dividend was paid on Sept. 3.—V. 129, p. 801.

Checker Cab Mfg. Corp.—Earnings.—

Periods End. Sept. 30: 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928. Net profits after all charges, incl. taxes—\$817,647 \$165,581 \$3,538,314 \$595,944

Chicago Pneumatic Tool Co.—Earnings.—

Period— Sept. 30 '29. Quarter Ended— June 30 '29. Mar. 31 '29. Sept. 30 '29. Manufacturing profit—\$1,610,409 \$1,527,507 \$1,132,309 \$4,270,22

Surplus—

Surplus—\$179,402 \$223,808 \$160,801 \$564,012 Earnings per sh. on 199,469 shs. cap. stk. (no par)—\$0.90 \$1.12 \$0.81 \$2.83

**Childs Co., New York.—Fifth Ave. Realty Holdings.—**  
This company, which a few short years ago earnestly debated the advisability of entering the Fifth Avenue zone in New York City, has answered the question by becoming the largest commercial user of Fifth Avenue frontage from Central Park to Madison Square, the heart of the world's finest shopping district.

S. Willard Smith, Executive Vice-President of the company, announces that the nine restaurants on the Avenue occupy a combined frontage of 297 ft. 3 inches.

The present annual rental value for these nine restaurants, according to H. W. Miller, manager of the Real Estate Department, is estimated at \$465,000. This does not include the fact that the company's executive offices are on Fifth Avenue at 23rd St.

The nine restaurants are located at 104, 206, 222, 276, 377, 389, 509, 604 and 724 Fifth Avenue. They occupy an approximate area of 33,000 square feet and will accommodate 2,250 persons at one sitting.

"This report," Mr. Miller asserted, "applies only to such restaurants as are actually on the Avenue and not just off the Avenue. For example, it does not include our most elaborate and largest restaurant in the city, the new Childs to be opened this winter in the Savoy-Plaza Hotel Annex. It will run through from 58th to 59th Streets and will no doubt be considered by the general public as a Fifth Avenue restaurant."

Asked whether the company contemplates opening any additional restaurants on Fifth Avenue at an early date, Mr. Miller replied that no decision on this point has been reached as yet. After the opening of the Savoy-Plaza Childs, the next restaurant which the company will open in the city will be at 422 Lexington Ave., near the Chrysler Building and will mark the first Childs restaurant on that street.—V. 129, p. 2391.

**Chile Copper Co.—\$1.50 Extra Dividend.—**The directors on Oct. 24 declared an extra dividend of \$1.50 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 87½¢ per share on the capital stock, par \$25, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 4. The company in each of the three preceding quarters paid regular dividends of 87½¢ per share, as compared with a quarterly distribution of 75¢ per share made on Dec. 29 1928 and quarterly payments of 62½¢ a share from Mar. 1923 to Sept. 1928, incl.—V. 129, p. 2232.

**Chrysler Corp.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.—**

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Land building, mach., equ. &c.	\$1,886,965	79,886,087	
Cash & call loans	55,830,154	6,915,399	
Marketable sec.	1,092,198	53,067,548	
B-L drafts	10,812,926	15,798,123	
Notes receivable	2,367,816	1,140,975	
Accounts receiv.	4,202,866	3,089,127	
Due from Can. Government		700,774	
Inventories	45,594,609	39,309,866	
Goodwill	25,000,000	25,000,000	
Other assets	10,824,187	5,441,422	
Deferred charges	1,354,488	1,313,546	
Tot. (each side) 238,966,210 231,662,867			

After depreciation of \$46,464,285, y Represented by 4,452,615 no par shares of common stock. z Exclusive of call loans.  
Our usual comparative income account for the 3 and 9 months ended Sept. 30 was published in V. 129, p. 2541.

**City Radio Stores, Inc.—Plan Operative.—**

See Atlas Stores Corp. above.—V. 129, p. 2232.

**Claude Neon Lights, Inc.—Holdings, &c.—**Vice-President Robert L. Kester, Jr., Oct. 22, in a letter to the stockholders says in substance:

The company holds a substantial stock interest both common and pref., in its licensees listed as follows: (1) Claude Neon Electric Products, Inc., of Arizona (Pacific Coast licensee); (2) Claude Neon Federal Co. (Chicago and Middle West); (3) Claude Neon Southern Corp. (Southeastern States, Florida, &c.); (4) Walker & Co., Detroit, A and B stock (Michigan and Ohio); (5) Alpha Claude Neon Corp. (western Pennsylvania, West Virginia); (6) Claude Neon Displays, Inc. (western New York, Buffalo, &c.); (7) New Jersey Claude Neon Corp. (New Jersey); (8) Claude Neon Lights of Maryland, Inc. (Maryland and Virginia); (9) Claude Neon of Connecticut, Inc. (Connecticut); (10) Claude Neon Strauss Corp. (specialized business New York City district).

The above licensees have in turn established further branch companies and plants until at the present time there are 40 active Claude Neon factories in the United States and with agents and connections we are now in position to do business on a guaranteed basis in over 300 principal cities and towns in this country.

Of the above licensees, the Claude Neon Electrical Products, Inc., are paying dividends on both common and preferred stock. Walker & Co. are paying on A and B stock. Claude Neon Southern Corp. and Alpha Claude Neon Corp. and Claude Neon Federal Co. are paying dividends on pref. stock and the remainder of the companies have been organized only over the past year and while some of these are in position to pay dividends on pref. stock now, it has been the policy of all of our licensees to get their business well under way before commencing dividends. However, it is expected that the majority of these companies will commence the payment of dividends the early part of 1930 and all of them should pay dividends by the middle of the year.

In view of the general policy of Claude Neon Companies to market their product on a rental basis it means that while companies may be building up substantial earnings on a deferred basis, such profits cannot be very well used for dividends until they are actually realized in cash.

In addition to the above, the company has established agents in (1) Boston, handling New England except Connecticut; (2) Philadelphia, handling eastern Pennsylvania, and (3) Schenectady, handling Albany and eastern New York. From these three districts where Claude Neon plants for making tubes have been installed the company receives monthly royalties on business taken. The policy of the company will be to incorporate these districts into definite licensee companies in the next few months and from which companies a stock interest will be obtained, and upon the incorporation of these companies our entire territory will be completely covered by operating licensees.

From all licenses granted to date the company has received a proper amount of stock for patents and other considerations. In most companies this interest continues as further stock is issued by these companies. Also, on additional issues the company has taken up practically all stock it has had a right to purchase.

It was brought to our attention that the Federal Electric Co. of Chicago, owner of a two-third interest in the stock of the Claude Neon Federal Co., was arranging to sell to competing interests among other things its stock of the Claude Neon Federal Co. and your directors after full consideration, have taken legal action in an effort to restrain this sale and will exhaust every right in that direction.

The business of your company and its licensees collectively has increased the first six months of this year 43% over the corresponding period last year. Also for the same period the earnings including deferred profits have increased 60%, and from past results the last six months of the year should exceed the first half of the year.

An association of Claude companies was formed in November 1928 for the purpose of closer co-operation and through a governing board good progress has been made towards standardization and general handling of business and a very large amount of money has been saved all companies by co-operative purchasing of supplies. The advertising firm of N. W. Ayer & Son has been engaged to prepare a nation-wide advertising program on behalf of Claude products.

The patent position of the company has improved most materially over the past six months and many favorable decrees have been established in the Federal courts. While we still have some important suits against infringers pending, we and our attorneys are confident of the outcome of these cases. It is expected that our patent litigation and the accompanying expense will be greatly minimized within six months. In view of the tremendous possibilities of the luminous tube field, we have felt that we were fully justified in the patent litigations we have pursued.

The early part of this year our laboratory was removed from the New York factory to a more advantageous location where adequate space was provided to increase our work and exceptional progress has been made and is being made. Developments of great value to the luminous tube field are being released to all licensee factories and these products are all being properly protected by patent applications. The laboratory receives frequent visits from Georges Claude and is in close contact with Mr. Claude's laboratory in Paris as well as several other important laboratories in Europe which are doing certain important work for us. See also V. 129, p. 2541.

**Consolidated Ice Co., Pittsburgh.—Two Pref. Divs.—**

The directors have declared two dividends of 1¼% each on the preferred stock, payable Nov. 15 and Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 5 and Dec. 5, respectively. This makes a total of 6% declared on the preferred stock for 1929.—V. 126, p. 3597.

**Consolidated Public Service Corp. (Del.)—Organized.—**

Consolidation of the Home Service Co., United Linen Supply Co. and Consolidated Hotels, Inc., is announced through the formation of a new company to be known as *Consolidated Public Service Corp.*, a Delaware holding company. The latter will be headed by J. Morris, President of the Home Service Co. and United Linen Supply Co. Capitalization will be 1,000,000 shares of no par value stock, of which 379,655 shares will be issued. The basis of exchange has not yet been known, but will be announced shortly.

**Container Corporation.—Earnings.—**

9 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1929.	1928.
Gross income	\$1,059,326	\$1,609,884
Depreciation	562,784	489,393
Federal taxes	59,585	133,619
Net profit	\$436,957	\$979,872
Preferred dividends	104,650	170,490
Surplus	\$332,307	\$809,382
Shares class A stock outstanding (par \$20)	274,175	271,289
Earnings per share	\$0.58	\$1.46
Shares class B stock outstanding (no par)	588,289	568,289
Earnings per share	\$0.29	\$0.73
—V. 129, p. 1129.		

**Continental Can Co., Inc.—Pref. Stock Called.—**

All of the outstanding pref. stock has been called for payment Jan. 15, next, at 125 and divs. at the Lawyers Trust Co., 160 Broadway, N. Y. City. See also Continental Containers, Inc., below.—V. 129, p. 2542.

**Continental Containers, Inc.—Exchange Basis Announced.—**

Under the arrangement in connection with the formation of this corporation, which was incorporated in Delaware on Oct. 17 as a holding company for Continental Can Co. and the Owens-Illinois Glass Co. stocks, it is revealed that the Owens-Illinois Glass Co. will exchange its 827,226 shares of common stock outstanding for the same number of common shares in the new company. It is also proposed that the Owens company will exchange its \$5,000,000 of 6% pref. stock for a like issue in the new company. The \$5,000,000 of 5% debentures will remain outstanding.

The Continental Can Co. will be offered new common stock in the holding company in exchange for its 1,725,045 shares of common stock, share for share, bringing the total outstanding common stock of Continental Containers, Inc., to 2,552,271 shares of the authorized issue of 5,000,000 shares. The Continental Can Co. recently called for redemption on Jan. 15 1930 an outstanding issue of \$4,932,000 of 7% preferred stock at 125 and divs.—V. 129, p. 2542.

**Corporation Securities Co. of Chicago.—Allotment Certificates Offered.—**

The Utility Securities Corp. is offering 700,000 allotment certificates representing 700,000 shares of no par value optional preferred stock, 1929 series, and 700,000 shares of no par value common stock, in units of 1 share of each at \$75 per unit.

**Company.**—Organized in Illinois to deal in, buy, sell, and hold securities of all kinds.

Capitalization—	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Prior preferred stock (no par)	1,000,000 shs.	None
Preferred stock (no par)	1,000,000 shs.	700,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)	6,000,000 shs.	2,700,000 shs.

**Preferred Stock.**—Certificate of incorporation provides that the prior preferred stock may be issued in series bearing such dividends rates, redemption prices, conversion privileges, &c. as may be designated at the time of issuance for each respective series. Preferred stock of which there is to be presently outstanding 700,000 shares designated "83 optional preferred stock, 1929 series," bears cumulative dividends at the rate of 1-40th of a share of common stock quarterly, or at the option of the holder, cash at the rate of 75¢ per share quarterly. Preferred stock is callable at any time at \$55 per share and is convertible on or before Nov. 1 1934, into common stock on the basis of one share of preferred stock for 1½ shares of common stock as then constituted and after Nov. 1 1934, is convertible into common stock as then constituted share for share. All stock to be presently outstanding has equal voting rights. No class of stock of the corporation will be entitled to any pre-emptive rights to subscribe for or purchase any new or additional shares of stock of any class.

**Allotment Certificates.**—The 700,000 shares of preferred stock and 700,000 shares of the 2,700,000 shares of common stock to be presently outstanding will be issued in units of one share each represented by allotment certificates exchangeable for stock certificates on Nov. 1 1931, or earlier at the option of the corporation, and listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange.

**Options on Unissued Shares.**—The board of directors has power at any time, or from time to time, to grant rights or options to buy for any period of time to purchase any shares of stock of the corporation not to be presently outstanding for such consideration as the board of directors shall determine and as may be permitted by law and has given an option to purchase 500,000 shares of its common stock at \$25 per share.

**Assets.**—Corporation will commence business with assets aggregating over \$80,000,000, consisting of more than \$30,000,000 in cash and over \$50,000,000 in marketable investments, computed at current market prices. These investments consist of shares of companies whose resources are employed directly or indirectly in the public utility industry.

**Officers.**—Samuel Insull, Chairman; H. L. Stuart, Pres.; Martin J. Insull, Vice-Pres.; Samuel Insull, Jr., Vice-Pres.; C. B. Stuart, Vice-Pres.; C. T. MacNeill, Sec. & Treas.; V. Lamont, Asst. Sec. and Asst. Sec. Treas.; John F. O'Keefe, Asst. Sec.

**Directors.**—Samuel Insull, Martin J. Insull, H. L. Stuart, Samuel Insull, Jr., C. W. Sills, F. K. Shrader, C. B. Stuart.

**Voting Trust.**—The members of the board of directors or institutions with which they are directly associated will own at least 2,000,000 shares out of the 2,700,000 shares of common stock to be presently outstanding. The shares so owned will be placed in a voting trust for five years with an option to renew for an additional five years. The voting trustees are Samuel Insull, Samuel Insull, Jr., and H. L. Stuart. Corporation does not expect to public any lists of its holdings except as may be required by any stock exchange upon which its shares of stock may be listed.—V. 129, p. 2542.

**Credit Utility Banking Corp.—Subsidiary Completes Year's Operations.—**

The Credit Utility Co., Inc., wholly owned subsidiary of the Credit Utility Banking Corp., completed its first year of operations since its incorporation under the New York State Banking Laws on Oct. 3 1928. Company's earnings before taxes for this 12 month period are \$2.54 per share on the average amount of shares outstanding during the period. Its capital and surplus on Oct. 1 1929 was \$1,427,701 as compared to \$600,000 a year ago. Notes and acceptances outstanding on Oct. 1 1929 were \$1,678,037 as compared to \$916,701 a year ago. Volume of business shows an increase of 85% over the preceding year. In view of the satisfactory condition of 6% per annum will be inaugurated on Jan. 1 1930. Company's business consists of the purchase of deferred payment paper from manufacturers and distributors selling industrial machinery and equipment. Company now operates in 47 diversified industries.—V. 128 p. 3833.



**Crocker Wheeler Electric Mfg. Co.—To Retire Pref. Stk.—**  
 The company has called for redemption on Nov. 4 all of the outstanding 8,632 shares of 7% pref. stock at 108 and divs. from Oct. 1 to Nov. 4, incl. This will leave 232,400 shares of common stock (no par value) as the only outstanding issue.—V. 129, p. 2392.

**Crosley Radio Corp.—Earnings.—**

6 Months Ended June 30—	1929.	1928.
Net sales	\$6,313,472	\$3,015,596
Costs and expenses, incl. royalties & depreciation	5,421,267	3,134,599
Federal taxes	111,329	—
Other deductions (net)	35,096	9,169
Net profit	\$745,780	loss \$128,172

**Earnings per share on 520,000 shares capital stock (no par)—**

	1929.	1928.
Balance Sheet June 30 1929.	\$1.44	Nil

**Assets—**

Property, plant & equip.	\$1,491,235	Capital stock	\$3,000,000
Patents and license fees	24,794	Accounts payable	569,211
Cash	2,238,839	Accrued taxes	33,773
Accounts & notes receivable	788,206	Accrued royalties	54,259
Accrued interest	40,644	Income tax reserve	328,085
Securities owned	725,794	Other reserves	17,507
Inventories	1,840,602	Surplus	3,180,716
Prepaid expenses	31,437		

(Total each side) \$7,181,551  
 \* Represented by 520,000 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 967.

**Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—Non-Depositing Holders of Common Stock Face Complete Loss.—**

Holdings of common stock of the corporation, now in receivership, are faced with complete and final loss of their investment unless they deposit their stock under the plan for reorganization of the company, it is stated in a letter sent to non-depositing common stockholders by the committee representing this class of the company's securities. The letter is signed by Arthur W. Loasby, F. Wilder Bellamy, Raymond E. Jones, and John W. Prentiss.

There have now been deposited under the reorganization plan 86% of the debentures, 87% of the preferred stock, and 76% of the common stock. Deposits will be received up to and including Oct. 28, and on the following day Judge T. D. Thacher, in United States district court, will hold a hearing on the reorganization plan and on the receivership.—V. 129, p. 2392.

**Curtis Publishing Co.—Earnings.—**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—	1928.	1929—9 Mos.—	1928.
Net earnings, after deprec. and all taxes	\$4,682,582	\$4,589,384	\$16,530,417	\$15,178,341
Preferred dividends	1,575,000	1,575,000	4,725,000	4,725,000

Balance for com. stock \$3,107,582 \$3,014,384 \$11,805,417 \$10,453,341  
 Earnings per sh. on 1,800,000 shs. com. (no par) \$1.73 \$1.67 \$6.56 \$5.81  
 —V. 129, p. 638.

**Dahlberg Corp. of America.—New Director.—**

J. W. Williams of Pittsburgh, Pa., has been elected a director.—V. 128 p. 2637.

**Davega, Inc.—Plan Operative.—**

See Atlas Stores Corp. above.—V. 129, p. 2392.

**De Forest Radio Co.—Acquisition—New Director.—**

The company's no-par capital stock has been increased 345,680 shares through the exchange of De Forest stock for Jenkins Television Corp. stock. It was announced on Oct. 21. The exchange was on the basis of one share of De Forest for each 1 1/2 shares of Jenkins Television. The offer of exchange expired Oct. 18.

With 984,652 shares of De Forest stock previously outstanding and the additional 345,680 shares issued through the exchange, the total outstanding stock now amounts to 1,330,332 shares. Application for listing the additional shares has been made to the New York Curb and the Los Angeles Stock Exchange.  
 Kelly Graham, President of the First National Bank of Jersey City, has been elected director.—V. 129, p. 2392.

**Detroit & Canada Tunnel Co.—Progress.—**

All of the nine steel and concrete under-water segments of the Detroit-Canada vehicular tunnel have been completed and will probably be in place considerably ahead of ice and winter weather, according to advices received by Bertles, Rawls & Donaldson, Inc., New York bankers for the project. Six of the 250-foot segments have already been cemented into the trench dug for them in the bottom of the river, a seventh is being prepared for lowering and the remaining two have been successfully launched from the construction ways at Ojibway, Ont.

Not only has the under-water work progressed more rapidly than had been anticipated, largely due to the excellent weather this Fall, but the construction of the land approaches is considerably ahead of schedule, add Bertles, Rawls & Donaldson. The Detroit approach is finished and the parts of the shield, which was specially constructed for the job and is the largest ever erected on the continent, have been transferred to the Windsor, Ont., side. Operation of the shield to begin boring the 1,230 feet to the end of the ninth segment will begin Nov. 1, according to engineers. The work will start from the bottom of the great 52-foot shaft sunk north of London Street in Windsor and will progress at the approximate rate of 10 feet daily for four months. More than 150 men will be employed in the tunneling, all working under compressed air.  
 The major work on the tunnel will be completed by April 1, the engineers report, while the remaining work on the interior will be finished in time for opening the tunnel next summer.—V. 128, p. 3834.

**Dome Mines, Limited.—Earnings.—**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—	1928.	1929—9 Mos.—	1928.
No. of tons milled	136,900	137,300	411,900	410,000
Total recovery	\$939,787	\$938,246	\$3,114,454	\$2,804,002
Operating, general costs	555,279	504,180	1,600,970	1,575,888
Dominion inc. tax, est.	23,519	23,030	80,137	62,644
Net income	\$360,989	\$411,036	\$1,433,347	\$1,165,469
Miscell. earnings	103,765	54,286	240,303	169,060

\* Total income \$464,754 \$465,322 \$1,673,649 \$1,334,529  
 \* Before depreciation and depletion.—V. 129, p. 2392.

**Domestic & Overseas Investing Co., Ltd.—Extra Div.**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10c. per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 17 1/2c. per share on the pref. stock, both payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 15.—V. 129, p. 2234.

**Dominion Bridge Co., Ltd.—Larger Dividend.—**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 90 cents per share, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31. In May and Aug. last quarterly disbursements of 75 cents per share were made as compared with a quarterly payment of 65 cents per share made on Feb. 15 last. During 1928 quarterly dividends at the latter rate were paid, and in addition an extra distribution of 20 cents per share was made on Nov. 15 last.—V. 128, p. 2815.

**Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Listing.—**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 204,187 shares of its common stock (no par) upon official notice of issuance and payment in full pursuant to the terms of the offering to stockholders; 20,945 share of common stock, upon official notice of issuance, upon the acquisition of certain option rights; 175,000 shares of common stock upon official notice of issuance and payment in full upon the exercise by the holders thereof of the common stock purchase warrants of the company to be authorized; 50,000 shares of common stock upon official notice of issuance, upon the exercise and payment in full of the option price therefor, of certain options to be issued to persons associated in the management of the company, making the total amount of common stock applied for 450,132 shares.

The stockholders at a meeting held Oct. 21 1929 authorized:  
 (1) The issue of 204,187 shares common stock for cash at \$30 per share, and the offering of the same to common stockholders of record Oct. 18, for subscription on the basis of 3 shares for each 4 shares of common stock held, the right to subscribe expiring Nov. 8 1929. Subscriptions may be made and paid for either at the National City Bank, New York, or at Trust & Guarantee Co., Ltd., Toronto. The proceeds of this issue (together with the proceeds of the sale of preferred stock referred to below) 192,000 shares of class B stock of Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd., under an option, and the balance of the proceeds will be applied to working capital. The purchase price of the Loblaw shares under option is approximately \$9,980,000 cash. Shares of Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd., are in excess of 50% of the outstanding class B stock and approximately 50% of the outstanding class A stock of that company.  
 (2) The creation of an authorized issue of 50,000 shares (par \$100) 6 1/2% cumulative preferred stock.  
 (3) The issuance and sale to bankers of all of shares of preferred stock when created, for cash at par subject to a commission to the bankers. Proceeds, together with the proceeds of the sale of common stock, will be used to take up the above-mentioned shares of class A and class B stock of Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd., and the balance will be applied to working capital.  
 (4) The issue of 20,945 shares of common stock to the present holders of the above-mentioned option on 230,400 shares of class A stock and 192,000 shares of class B stock of Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd., in consideration of the transfer of the option to the company. The assignment of the option and the issue of the 20,945 shares of common stock of the company is to be made immediately prior to the exercise of the option by the company, which is expected to be on or about Nov. 12 1929.  
 (5) The increase of the authorized amount of common stock from 500,000 shares to 1,000,000 shares, and the creation and issuance of common stock purchase warrants representing the right to purchase 175,000 shares of common stock upon the exercise thereof at \$50 per share if exercised on or before Dec. 31 1931, and at \$60 per share if exercised thereafter but on or before Dec. 31 1934. Of the common stock purchase warrants, warrants for 50,000 shares of common stock will be issued with the preferred stock, and warrants for 125,000 shares of common stock will be issued to bankers in consideration of their services in connection with the plan and the acquisition of the above-mentioned shares of Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd. The entire proceeds of the exercise of such common stock purchase warrants from time to time, will be credited to the capital account of the company.  
 (6) The giving of options to persons associated in the management of the company to purchase 50,000 shares of common stock at \$35 per share (increased proportionately in the event of stock dividends or split-ups), such options to be exercisable only between Jan. 1 1931 and Dec. 31 1932, both inclusive, and authorizing the issuance of the shares of common stock upon the exercise of said options. The entire proceeds of the exercise of said options from time to time will be credited to the capital account of the company.

**Earnings for 6 Months Ended June 30 1929.**

Sales	\$12,145,142
Cost of sales	9,940,634
Gross profit	\$2,204,509
Other income	137,575
Gross income	\$2,342,084
Store expense	1,412,125
Depreciation	47,629
General overhead	590,356
Federal income tax	23,250
Net profit	\$268,724
Previous surplus	1,065,741
Total surplus	\$1,334,465
Common dividends	149,720
Profit & loss surplus	\$1,184,745
Earns. per sh. on 272,200 ordinary no par shs. outstanding	\$0.98

**Comparative Balance Sheet.**

	June 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.	June 30 '29.	Dec. 31 '28.
<b>Assets—</b>			<b>Liabilities—</b>	
Cash	\$508,948	\$539,682	Bills & accts. pay	\$1,283,311
Demand loans	1,400,547	166,000	Dividends payable	81,658
Guaranteed loans	160,900	—	Provision for Fed. income tax	23,250
Accounts receiv.	46,773	68,073	Mtges. on wares/ens	101,000
Advances on acct. merch. purch.	35,686	20,481	Capital stock	3,039,958
Merch. inventory	2,163,574	2,275,735	Profit & loss surp.	1,184,745
Def. chgs toopers	60,114	55,751		
Land, bldgs, machinery, &c	1,085,312	1,010,151		
Good-will	252,066	252,066		
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,713,921</b>	<b>\$4,387,939</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>\$5,713,921</b>

\* Represented by 272,200 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 2543.

**Donner Steel Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—	1928.	1929—9 Mos.—	1928.
Net earnings aft. exp.&tax.	\$844,739	\$780,145	\$2,863,306	\$1,870,773
Interest	107,382	111,342	322,146	341,542
Depreciation	264,701	264,403	789,559	733,612
Net income	\$472,656	\$404,400	\$1,751,601	\$795,619
Earns. per sh. on 455,450 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$0.95	\$0.76	\$3.51	\$1.38

—V. 129, p. 1749.

**Dow Chemical Co.—50c. Common Dividend Declared on Increased Common Stock.—**

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 50c. a share on the new common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the pref. stock, both payable Nov. 14 to holders of record Nov. 1. This is the first dividend on the common stock since a 400% stock dividend was paid Oct. 15. Previous to the stock distribution the common shares received \$6 annually, in addition to extra dividends.—V. 129, p. 2234.

**Driver-Harris Co., Harrison, N. J.—To Split-up Shares.**

The stockholders will vote Nov. 4 on a proposal to split-up the common shares on a 10-for-1 basis. At the present time there are outstanding 10,000 shares of common stock, out of an authorized issue of 15,000 shares.

According to an official of the company substantial reductions have been made during the current year in funded indebtedness. The company manufactures nickel-chrome alloyed wire and castings.

Period End. Sept. 30 1929—	3 Mos.	9 Mos.
Net profit after charges	\$267,702	\$624,312
Earns. per sh. on 9,138 shs. com. stk. (no par)	\$27.18	\$61.85

—V. 129, p. 969.

**(E. I.) du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Earnings.—**

**Consolidated Income Account for Three and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30.**

	1929—3 Mos.—	1928.	1929—9 Mos.—	1928.
Income from operations	\$9,569,517	\$6,059,047	\$26,354,416	\$15,920,630
Income from invest. in Gen. Motors Corp. & marketable secur., &c.	1,119,821	1,230,830	3,120,150	5,180,995
Total income	\$21,194,660	\$20,262,144	\$64,930,019	\$54,041,530
Prov. for Fed. inc. tax.	1,145,746	659,431	3,303,296	1,699,272
Int. on bonds of sub. cos.	19,083	20,816	60,480	63,579
Net income	\$20,029,831	\$19,581,897	\$61,566,243	\$52,278,679
Divs. on debenture stock	1,489,138	1,372,863	4,350,581	3,944,520

Amount earned on common stock—\$18,540,693 \$18,209,034 \$57,215,662 \$48,334,159  
 Amt. earned a share\* \$1.80 \$1.95 \$5.64 \$5.19  
 \*Amount earned a share on average number of shares of \$20 par value common stock outstanding during period (10,322,481 shs. for 3 mos. ended Sept. 30 1929; 10,153,014 shs. for 9 mos. ended Sept. 30 1929; the equivalent of 9,315,803 shs. for both periods of 1928).

Surplus Account.

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1929, 1928. Rows include Surplus at beginning of year, Net income nine months, Surplus resulting from revaluation of investment in General Motors Corp., etc.

Surplus at Sept. 30... \$147,416,880... Includes approximately \$2,286,000, representing profit received from sale of 114,000 shares of United States Steel Corp. common stock.

Durant Motor Co. of Calif.—Initial Dividend, &c.— An initial dividend of 20c. per share was recently declared on the common stock, par \$10, payable Oct. 22 to holders of record Oct. 15.

Duval Texas Sulphur Co.—Split-Up of Shares.— The directors have approved a plan whereby holders of present 100,000 outstanding capital shares will receive five new shares in exchange for each one now held.

Table with 4 columns: Period End. Sept. 30—, 1929—3 Mos.—, 1928—, 1929—9 Mos.—, 1928—. Rows include Operating profit, Depreciation, Federal taxes, etc.

Economy Grocery Stores Corp.—Sales.— Sales for Month and Three Months Ended Sept. 30. 1929—Month—, 1928—, Increase, 1929—3 Mos.—, 1928—, Increase.

Table with 4 columns: Years End. Apr. 30—, 1929., 1928., 1927., 1926.. Rows include Net prof. after all chges., Prem. paid on redem. of 1st pref. stock, etc.

Table with 4 columns: Assets—, 1929., 1928., Liabilities—, 1929., 1928.. Rows include Plant, &c., Good-will, Cash, etc.

Emporium Capwell Corp.—Listing.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 60,000 additional shares of capital stock (no par) on official notice of issuance and payment in full, making the total amount applied for 607,500 shares.

ditional working capital. The stock is being taken by bankers and will be capitalized at the rate of \$16 2-3 per share, the balance going into "paid in surplus."

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Assets—, July 31 '29., Jan. 31 '29., July 31 '28., Jan. 31 '28.. Rows include Furniture, fixtures, &c., Real estate, Leasesholds, purch., etc.

x Represented by 360,000 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 1749. Ex-Cell-O Aircraft & Tool Corp.—Stock Increased.— The stockholders on Oct. 15 increased the authorized no par value capital stock from 300,000 shares to 500,000 shares.

Famous Players Canadian Corp., Ltd.—Initial Div.— The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 1, placing the stock on a \$2 annual basis (see V. 128, p. 2098).

Federal Home Investing Co., Inc.—Bonds Offered.— Curtis, Stevenson & Co., Inc., Boston recently offered \$2,000,000 6% coll. conv. gold bonds at 100 and int.

Dated June 1 1929; due June 1 1939. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500; int. payable (J. & D.) at Empire Trust Co. of New York, trustee, without deduction for normal Federal income tax not exceeding 2%.

Capitalization Outstanding Giving Effect to the Sale of These Bonds. 6% collateral conv. gold bonds (this issue) \$2,000,000. Collateral trust bonds 4,076,400.

(1) The securities pledged with the trustee must at all times have a market value (as determined by the trustee), aggregating not less than 120% of the principal amount of bonds outstanding after deducting therefrom the amount of cash and (or) its equivalent held by the trustee.

(2) The securities pledged with the trustee shall at all times be diversified and may not be in excess of the following proportions of the amount of outstanding bonds:

Business.—The issuance of these bonds was the culmination of a thorough investigation into the operating methods of investment trusts which took permanent form in England and Scotland in the early part of the last century and more recently in the United States.

Financial Publishing Co., Boston.—New Officers.— At a directors' meeting Oct. 24 Chas. H. Gushee was elected President.

First National Stores, Inc.—Acquires Nicholson-Thackray Chain.— Announcement is made that negotiations have been consummated whereby First National Stores, Inc. acquires the Nicholson-Thackray Co. chain, with headquarters at Pawtucket, R. I.

Follansbee Bros. Co.—Larger Quarterly Dividend.— The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 75c. a share on the common stock, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30.

Forhan Co.—Terms of Exchange.— The stockholders, under the terms of acquisition of this company by the Zonite Products Corp. are offered \$5,250,000 in cash and 175,000 shares of Zonite stock.

The Forhan class A and common stockholders are offered two alternative plans: \$35 a share in cash or 1 1/6 shares of Zonite stock for each Forhan share. Unless preference is expressed within five days after approval of the plan by the stockholders at the Oct. 31 special meeting payment will be made at the rate of \$17.50 cash and 7-12th of a share of Zonite stock.

It is expected that the directors' meeting, following the special stockholders meeting, an interim dividend covering the period from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15 of 20 cents a share on class A and 12 1/2 cents a share on the com. stock will be declared.

See Zonite Products Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 2394.

**Freeport Texas Co.—Transfer Agent.—**

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for the capital stock, effective Oct. 15 1929.—V. 129, p. 2082.

**(Robert) Gair Co.—Transfer Agent.—**

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed transfer agent for the class A stock.—V. 128, p. 2099.

**Gamewell Co.—Seeks Foreign Contracts.—**

President Vincent C. Stanley on Oct. 18 sailed from New York on the "Ile de France" for a business trip to Europe in the interest of this company and its associated companies. He plans to visit London, Paris and Berlin, as well as many other cities in order to enlarge the scope of the Gamewell business.

In particular, the City of London plans a complete revision of its fire alarm system and is inviting proposals. About a year ago the company installed a complete modern system in Liverpool. The success of this system brought as the culmination of efforts made by London citizens the decision to replace its own push button system with one of modern type such as those used in principal cities of the United States. Mr. Stanley expects to confer with the British Post Office Department which has charge of such matters, regarding installation of his company's system in London. Practically no other company specializes in this type of work.

Mr. Stanley will also make a study of traffic conditions in some of the principal European cities so that the Harrington-Seaberg division of the Gamewell Co., which specializes in automatic traffic signaling devices, will be in a position to provide apparatus suitable for European traffic problems. Several months ago it installed an automatic traffic signaling system in Edinburgh.—V. 129, p. 2545.

**Gardner-Denver Co.—Earnings.—**

<i>Nine Months Ended Sept. 30—</i>		1929.	1928.
Gross income		\$2,225,770	\$1,674,351
Selling and administrative expenses		1,004,279	926,921
Other expenses and taxes		154,536	74,494
Operating income		\$1,066,955	\$672,936
Other income		66,945	31,683
Total income		\$1,133,900	\$704,619
Preferred dividends		117,767	135,128
Balance for common stock		\$1,016,133	\$569,491
Earns. per share on 195,479 shares common stock		\$5.20	\$3.16

<i>Balance Sheet September 30.</i>		1929.	1928.
<i>Assets—</i>			
Fixed assets	\$3,253,508	\$3,308,610	
Prepayments	35,696	58,033	
Empl. stk. subscr.	509,378	50,441	
Invest. other cos.	300	11,286	
Pat'ts, trade mks., good-will, etc.	1		
Cash	289,429	244,879	
Call loans	400,000	500,000	
Accts. & notes rec.	1,130,981	1,183,683	
Inventories	2,378,332	1,976,238	
Other curr. assets	184,419	140,845	
Total	\$8,182,044	\$7,474,016	
<i>Liabilities—</i>			
Preferred stock	\$2,095,400	\$2,487,400	
Common stock & surplus	5,256,344	4,649,861	
Accounts payable	39,634	36,517	
Accruals	276,278	172,250	
Dividends payable	244,388	127,988	

x Represented by 195,479 shares.—V. 129, p. 1921.

**Gardner Motor Co., Inc.—Stock Increased, &c.—**

President Russell E. Gardner, Jr., announced on Oct. 21 that two proposals, one to extend the powers and purposes of the corporation, the other to increase the common stock from 300,000 shares, par \$5, to 500,000 shares, par \$5, were both ratified by a vote of the stockholders at a special meeting held Sept. 12.

This change, according to Mr. Gardner, gives the company much more latitude in the expansion of its automobile manufacturing business, as well as enabling it to proceed on a broader plan of procedure as regards the company's other activities in the field of transportation, notably aviation.

Under the new powers vested in the officers of the company by the vote of the stockholders, the scope of the company's activities is greatly widened and it is now in a position to engage in the manufacture of other means of transportation, as well as automobiles, to which, however, the company will continue to devote a major part of its facilities and operations.

In the recent merger of the aviation division of the Gardner Motor Co., Inc., with the Detroit Aircraft Corp., through the latter company's purchase of the Parks aircraft properties in which Gardner has been and will continue as a dominating factor, is seen a concrete result of the new order of things now existent in the offices and plants of this pioneer manufacturer of transportation means.

Another result of the ratification by the stockholders, of the two proposals mentioned, is seen in the signed contracts which Gardner holds for the development of a small car for Sears-Roebuck, and for the manufacture of the Ruxton front-wheel drive car. Production on the company's recently announced line of new "sixes" and "eights" is going on full steam ahead, and satisfactory progress is reported on other projects under way, the announcement adds.—V. 129, p. 2545.

**General Electric Co.—Earnings.—**

<i>9 Mos. End. Sept. 30—</i>		1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Net sales billed	\$301,812,809	242,676,762	225,959,611	229,638,216	
Cost of sales billed, incl. oper., maint. & depr. charges, reserves and prov. for all taxes	263,316,462	213,350,235	198,796,918	203,690,909	
Net income from sales	38,496,346	29,326,527	27,162,693	25,947,307	
Sundry inc. less int. paid & sundry charges	11,400,578	9,515,097	8,030,362	5,818,365	
Profit avail. for divs.	49,896,925	38,841,625	35,193,055	31,765,672	
Divs. on special stock	1,931,093	1,930,975	1,930,814	1,714,052	
Profit avail. for divs. on com. stk. & surp.	47,965,832	36,910,650	33,262,241	30,051,620	
Earns. per sh. on 7,211,481 shs. of no par com. stock outstanding	\$6.65	\$5.12	\$4.61	\$4.17	

—V. 129, p. 2545.

**General Foods Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—**

[Including Certo Corp. since date of acquisition May 1. Frosted Foods Co., Inc., since June 6, and North Atlantic Oyster Farms operations since July 1.]

<i>Period Ended—</i>		Mar. 31 '29.	June 30 '29.	Sept. 30 '29.	Total 9 Mos.
Sales to customers	\$32,048,827	\$31,129,968	\$32,378,695	\$95,557,490	
Cost of sales incl. all manufg. expenses	17,927,415	16,916,306	18,379,236	53,222,957	
Gross profits	\$14,121,412	\$14,213,662	\$13,999,459	\$42,334,533	
Miscellaneous income	279,169	765,807	546,038	1,591,014	
Total income	\$14,400,581	\$14,979,469	\$14,545,497	\$43,925,547	
Selling, distributing, adm. and gen. expenses	8,528,038	9,663,374	8,908,528	27,099,940	
Balance	\$5,872,543	\$5,316,095	\$5,636,969	\$16,825,607	
Income taxes	704,159	636,422	644,774	1,985,355	
Net profits	\$5,168,384	\$4,679,673	\$4,992,195	\$14,840,252	

\* Equals \$2.83 per share on 5,248,624 shares of no par common stock outstanding Sept. 30 1929.

In the first 9 months of last year the company, as then constituted, earned \$10,257,794 on 4,251,914 shares equivalent to \$2.41 per share.

The combined statement of profit and loss for the 9 months ending Sept. (incl. profits prior to date of acquisition of subsidiary companies above named and Diamond Crystal Salt Co.) follows:

1929—9 Months—1928.		
Combined profits and income for the period after deducting manufacturing, sell., adm. & general expenses (less miscel. income) after providing for income taxes	\$16,058,277	\$14,750,004
On the total number of shares outstanding at Oct. 2, 1929 (5,348,624) this is equivalent to	\$3.00	\$2.76

—V. 129, p. 1291.

**General Empire Corp.—Earnings.—**

<i>Income Account July 19 1929 to September 18 1929.</i>	
Profit realized on sales of investments, net	\$29,801
Dividends received	238
Interest earned, net	11,292
Total	\$41,330
Stationery and printing	260
Annual fee of registrar	250
Registration fees	217
Auditing	200
Legal expense	3,447
Tax on 100,000 shares	1,511
Listing, New York Curb	1,600
Provision for Federal income taxes, estimated	3,000
Balance, surplus	\$30,844

<i>Balance Sheet Sept. 18 1929.</i>	
<i>Assets—</i>	
Cash in banks	\$265,546
Demand loans to brokers	1,500,000
Particip. in demand loans to brokers	200,000
Investments, at cost	1,083,298
Total	\$3,048,844
<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Accrued Federal taxes, est.	\$3,000
Capital stock (100,000 shares)	3,015,000
Earned surplus	30,843
Total	\$3,048,843

Bankers and others identified with the management have options until Dec. 31 1935, for the purchase of 50,000 additional shares at \$32.50 per share. Further options are provided for in the event of additional sales of capital stock.—V. 129, p. 2394.

**General Motors Corp.—Earnings for 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.—**

Net earnings of the corporation, including equities in the undivided profits of subsidiary and affiliated companies not consolidated, for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1929, amounted to \$222,848,335. This compares with \$240,534,613 for the corresponding period a year ago. After deducting dividends on preferred and debenture stocks amounting to \$7,056,200, there remains \$215,792,135, being the amount earned on the common shares outstanding. This is equivalent to \$4.96 per share on the common stock as compared with \$5.37 per share for the first 9 months of 1928 calculated on a comparable basis.

Earnings for the third quarter, including equities, totalled \$70,988,025 as compared with \$79,266,639 for the third quarter of last year. After deducting dividends on preferred and debenture stocks amounting to \$2,352,364, there remains \$68,635,661 applicable to the common stock. This is equivalent to \$1.58 per share on the common stock as compared with \$1.77 per share for the corresponding quarter of 1928 calculated on a comparable basis.

For 9 months ended Sept. 30 1929 retail sales by General Motors dealers to users were 1,581,960 cars, compared with 1,576,708 cars in the corresponding period of 1928. General Motors sales to dealers for the 9 months totalled 1,675,964 cars, compared with 1,606,902 cars for the 9 months of 1928.

Cash, United States Government and other marketable securities at Sept. 30 1929, amounted to \$187,653,073. Net working capital at Sept. 30 1929, amounted to \$321,090,612, compared with \$295,788,304 at Dec. 31 1928.

**New Company Organized to Manufacture Flying Boats.—**

An official announcement says: The Dornier Corp. of America, for which papers of incorporation were filed in Wilmington, Del., on Oct. 22, has been organized by the General Motors Corp. and Fokker Aircraft Corp. of America to carry out the manufacture of flying boats under Dornier design and patents.

The General Motors Corp. entered into an arrangement with Dornier several months ago for this purpose. Dr. Dornier is expected in America the middle of November to lend active assistance in getting this enterprise under way.

This new company is of especial interest at this time due to the recent flights of Dr. Dornier's Do-X plane carrying 169 persons.—V. 129, p. 2545.

**General Outdoor Advertising Co., Inc. (& Subs.).—**

<i>Period End. Sept. 30—</i>		1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Operating revenues	\$7,366,499	\$8,084,766	\$21,418,668
Oper. exp. incl. deprec.	5,925,213	6,296,799	17,977,476
Earns. from operations	\$1,441,286	\$1,787,967	\$3,441,192
Miscellaneous income	98,590	96,961	232,601
Gross earnings	\$1,539,876	\$1,884,928	\$3,673,793
Amort. of adv. display plants	615,438	639,519	1,862,872
Interest	10,210	15,427	30,199
Prov. for Fed. taxes	109,932	147,508	213,912
Net profit	\$804,296	\$1,082,384	\$1,566,810
Earns. per share on 642,383 shs. of no par com. stk. outstanding	\$0.89	\$1.32	\$1.52

—V. 129, p. 641.

**General Paint Corp., San Francisco.—Balance Sheet June 30 1929.—**

<i>Assets—</i>		<i>Liabilities—</i>	
Cash	\$121,825	Notes payable	\$405,000
Notes & accounts receivable	1,001,439	Accounts payable, trade	261,912
Inventories	1,759,203	Accounts payable, other	56,393
Marketable securities	10,337	Federal income taxes	32,276
Investment & other assets	452,344	Mortgage payable	40,000
Land, building & equipment	1,645,615	Reserves for Fed. income taxes	61,125
Patents, trademarks, formulas, etc.	40,962	Capital stock and surplus	2,473,994
Deferred charges	298,974	Total (each side)	\$5,330,699
x After allowance for doubtful accounts of \$55,557. y Less reserve for depreciation of \$423,403 and reserve for loss on dismantling of plants of \$73,077. z Represented by 80,000 shares class A stock and 173,500 shares class B stock.—V. 129, p. 2083.			

**General Railway Signal Co.—Earnings.—**

<i>Period End. Sept. 30—</i>		1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Net income after deprec. & Federal taxes	\$1,056,082	\$576,213	\$2,105,207
Earns. per sh on 357,500 shs. com. stk. (no par) after pref. divs.	\$2.84	\$1.49	\$5.53
Volume of unfinished orders on hand as of date is the largest in company's history, and is slightly more than 100% greater than at the same period last year, insuring the running of the company's plants to capacity well into the coming year.—V. 129, p. 641.			

Gimbel Bros., Inc.—Stock Increase, &c.—

The stockholders on Oct. 25 approved the increase in common stock from 622,500 shares of no par value to 2,000,000 shares.

The stockholders also approved the offering of additional common stock to holders of record Oct. 18 at \$25 a share in the ratio of three shares for each five held.

Gleaner Combine Harvester Corp.—300% Stock Div.

The directors have voted a four for one split of the common stock through the declaration of a 300% stock dividend to shareholders of record as of record as of Nov. 5 1929.

Orders on hand for the fiscal year which has just begun are far in excess of orders received at the beginning of any previous year.

Receives Order from South America.—

The corporation has received a contract from America Sociedad Anonima Argentina of Buenos Aires for a minimum of 600 combines in 1930.

Granite City Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Period End. Sept. 30 1929—, 3 Mos., 9 Mos. Rows include Sales billed, x Cost of sales, Net earnings, Miscellaneous income, Total income, Speculative charges, Net income, Common dividends, Preferred dividends, Premiums on preferred stock retired, Surplus, Earnings per share.

Guaranty Life Insurance Co. of N. Y.—Stk. Offered.—

Midwood Financial Corp., Willis & Richardson and Hanson & Hanson are offering 16,500 shares capital stock at \$33 a share.

Transfer agent, Midwood Trust Co., 45 Willoughby St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Capitalization—

Table showing Capital at \$150,000 and Paid in surplus at \$750,000.

Business.—Company is being organized under the Insurance Laws of the State of New York to write all forms of Life, Health and Accident Insurance.

Capital Structure.—Company will have a paid-in capital of 30,000 shares (par \$5) each, a total of \$150,000, and a paid-in surplus of \$25 a share or \$750,000.

Guardian Investment Trust.—1% Stock Dividend.—

The trustees have declared a 1% stock dividend on the common stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 21 1929.

Gulf States Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Period End. Sept. 30—, 1929—3 Mos.—1928., 1929—9 Mos.—1928. Rows include Net operating profit, Int., taxes, deprec., &c., Net income, Shs. com. stk. outstdg., Earnings per share.

Hambleton Corp.—Investments.—

Table with columns: Description, Quantity, Cost. Rows include Tohand Corporation: Demand note, Common stock, Baltimore Trust Co., Aviation Corp. of America option warrants, Central Trust Co. of Maryland, Associated Tel. Utilities common stock, \$300,000 7% Preferred Stock Growers Loan and Guaranty Co. of Florida.

Note.—All properties were acquired by cash. x Acquired from Hambleton & Co., Inc., 1924 on understanding that they will pay to The Hambleton Corp. pending sale 6% interest per annum; further, The Hambleton Corp. shall be indemnified against loss for two years and shall receive 20% of the net profits, if any, on the sale of such warrants.

General Balance Sheet Sept. 24 1929.

Table with columns: Assets—, Liabilities—. Rows include Cash in banks, Unsecured loans due from Hambleton & Co., Due from Hambleton & Co., Employees' unit stk. subscr. rec'le, Investments (at cost), Prep'd insur. premiums on life of president, Accrued interest, &c., Organization expenses.

Note.—100,000 shares of preferred stock and 100,000 shares of common stock are issued in the form of units. These units are exchangeable for preferred stock certificates and common stock certificates on Jan. 1 1931 or earlier at the option of the corporation.—V. 129, p. 1922.

(M. A.) Hanna Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns: Period End. Sept. 30—, 1929—3 Mos.—1928., 1929—9 Mos.—1928. Rows include Net operating income, Interest, Depreciation & depletion, Federal taxes, Net income, Shares common stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

Harbison-Walker Refractories Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the no par common stock.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the pref. stock, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 10.

Period End. Sept. 30—, 1929—3 Mos.—1928., 1929—9 Mos.—1928.

Table with columns: Net prof. after deprec., deplet. & fed. taxes—, Earnings per share on 1,440,000 shs. com. stk., x Estimated.

Hartman Corp.—Meeting Postponed—Injunction Issued.—

Judge D. Lawrence Groner in the U. S. District Court at Richmond, Va., on Oct. 25, issued a temporary injunction at the request of the minority stockholders of the Hartman Corp., restraining the officers directors and majority stockholders of that corporation from proceeding with plans to merge the chain store concern with Montgomery Ward & Co.

A move to dissolve the petition is expected to be made by the majority stockholders, who are restrained from taking any action in ratifying the contract until Nov. 4 at which time counsel for minority stockholders will seek a permanent injunction.

The majority stockholders have as their counsel William W. Crump of Richmond.

Although the Hartman Corp. was incorp. under the laws of Virginia, the company has no business connections in Richmond other than maintaining inactive headquarters. The principal holdings of the company are scattered throughout the Middle West with 48 chain furniture stores in the States of Illinois, Wisconsin, Minnesota, Missouri, Indiana, Nebraska and Colorado.

Havana Lithographing Co. (Compania Litografica de la Habana).—Stock Units Offered.—

Paine, Webber & Co. are offering 15,250 units 7% cumul. pref. stock and common stock at \$110 per unit. Each unit consists of one share preferred and two shares common stock.

Transfer agent, Chase National Bank of New York and Chase National Bank of the City of New York (Havana). Registrar, City Bank Farmers Trust Co., New York, and National City Bank of New York, Havana.

Data from Letter of Dayton Hedges, Havana, Cuba, Oct. 4.

History and Business.—Incorp. in Cuba in 1907 as a consolidation of three leading Cuban lithographing companies then in existence. In 1922 it acquired the business and assets of its principal competitor, the firm of Estruga & Maseda.

Capitalization—

Table showing 7% cumul. conv. pref. stk. (par \$100) at \$2,250,000 and Common stock (par \$1) at \$1,150,000.

\* 67,500 shares reserved for the conversion of preferred; 25,000 shares offered to management and bankers at \$11 per share until Oct. 1 1931.

Earnings.—Net profits, after depreciation and Cuban income taxes, for the five years ended Dec. 31 1928 and for the six months ended June 30 1929 as determined after the elimination of bonuses to directors and other non-recurring items averaging \$105,753 per annum were as follows:

Table with columns: Year—, Earnings Bef. Depr. & Inc. Tax., Earnings Aftr. Depr. & Inc. Tax. Rows include 1924, 1925, 1926, 1927, 1928, 1929 (6 months).

The average earnings for 5 1/2 years were equivalent to over 2 1-3 times the annual dividend requirements of \$126,000 on the convertible preferred stock to be outstanding upon completion of this financing.

Hercules Powder Co.—Quarterly Report.—

Table with columns: Income Statement for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30, 1929., 1928., 1927., 1926. Rows include Gross receipts, Net earnings, all sources, Preferred dividend, Avail. for improv'ts or common dividends, Shs. common stock outstanding (no par), Earnings per share.

x After deducting all expenses incident to manufacture and sale, ordinary and extraordinary repairs, maintenance of plants, accidents, depreciation, taxes, &c. y Shares of \$100 par value.

The company's surplus shows an addition of \$1,640,925 since the beginning of the year, now standing at \$14,504,303; while the total assets as shown on the balance sheet are \$52,139,622.

Hayes Body Corp.—New Vice-President.—

E. J. Connolly has been elected Vice-President and General Manager, succeeding A. A. Ginsburg.—V. 129, p. 2084.

Hercules Motors Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 312,500 shares comm stock (no par value).

Earnings for 8 Months Ended August 31 1929.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Rows include Gross profit from sale of motors, Selling, administrative & general expense, Operating profit, Other income, Total, Other deductions, Depreciation, Provision for Federal income tax, Net profit, Balance at beginning of period, Adjustment of Federal Land Bank bonds to market value, Total surplus, Dividends declared, Reorganization expenses, Balance at end of period, Earnings per share on 312,500 shares common stock.

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Table with 4 columns: Assets, Aug. 31 '29, Dec. 31 '28, Liabilities, Aug. 31 '29, Dec. 31 '28. Rows include Cash, Call loans, Marketable secur., Customers notes & trade acceptances, Customers acct's, Inventory, Other invest. & traveling advan., Land, bldgs., mach. &c., Inventory of supp., prepaid exp., &c., Total.

\* After depreciation of \$225,619.—V. 129, p. 2084.

Home Service Co., Los Angeles.—Consolidation.—

See Consolidated Public Serv. Corp. above.—V. 127, p. 1684.

Hood Rubber Co.—Distribution Enjoined.—

Judge Louis S. Cox, in equity session of the Superior Court at Boston, has handed down a decree enjoining the State Street Trust Co. of Boston from transferring, conveying, encumbering, distributing, or in any way disposing of any of the 100,000 shares of common stock of the B. F. Goodrich Co. turned over to it for distribution to stockholders of the Hood Rubber Co. in connection with the sale of the assets of the latter.

The injunction was issued on a bill in equity brought by Patrick J. Doherty, Boston real estate and insurance broker, against the Hood Rubber Co. to reach and apply this stock to satisfy his claim for a commission of \$1,000,000 for being instrumental in effecting sale of the assets of the Hood Rubber Co. to the B. F. Goodrich Co. for \$500,000,000.

Judge Cox in his decree allows the plaintiff to amend his bill in equity and orders that if a demurrer or pleas are filed by the defendant, they are to be heard on Oct. 28, and that if an answer is filed, then the whole case is to go on the merit list for a hearing the week of Oct. 28.

The amendment alleges that the 100,000 shares of stock of the B. F. Goodrich Co., which Esmond T. Doherty and Lowell Mayberry, counsel for plaintiff, say is worth \$6,000,000 have been issued and delivered to the Hood Rubber Co. and turned over by the latter to the State Street Trust Co. for distribution among stockholders.

The amendment also alleges that the transfer of the assets of Hood Rubber Co. to Hood Rubber, Inc., a holding company, at a time when the defendants had notice of the plaintiff's claim, was a transfer other than in the course of trade and without notice to creditors.

The amendment also alleges that the transfer to the holding company of the assets was recorded within 45 minutes of the stockholders' meeting of Aug. 30; so plaintiff was unable to make an attachment, although in an action at law the plaintiff brought he sought within four hours of that meeting to attach the real estate of the Hood Rubber Co.

The amended bill asks for the appointment of a special master to take possession of these transferred assets and sell them. ("Boston News Bureau.")—V. 129, p. 1598.

Howe Sound Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, 1929-3 Mos., 1928, 1929-9 Mos., 1928. Rows include Production (Gold, Silver, Copper, Zinc, Lead), Earnings (Value of metals produced, Operating expenses, Operating income, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, Net inc. before depl., Earnings per sh. on 496,038 shares), and a note: —V. 129, p. 642.

Hudson Motor Car Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, 1929-3 Mos., 1928, 1929-9 Mos., 1928. Rows include Net income after deprec., Federal taxes & other charges, Earnings per sh. on 1,596,660 shs. com. stk. (no par), and a note: —V. 129, p. 2396.

Hupp Motor Car Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Nov. 1 1929 of 36,008 additional shares of common stock (\$10 par) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend for 1,476,326 shares.

Table with 4 columns: Period End, 1929-3 Mos., 1928, 1929-9 Mos., 1928. Rows include Net sales, Costs and expenses, Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Depreciation, Federal taxes, Net profit, Shs. com. outst. (par \$10), Earnings per share, and a note: —V. 129, p. 974.

Illinois Coal Corp., Chicago.—Denied Review of Sale.—

The corporation on Oct. 21 was denied a Supreme Court review of Federal Court decisions which affirmed the sale of its coal mines, allegedly worth \$12,000,000, for \$607,000. The mines, all in Illinois, were bought by George K. Riley, Chairman of the bondholders' protective committee, at a receivers' sale. The company charged it was unlawfully denied its right

to redeem its property after foreclosure proceedings were filed. (New York "Times.")

Independent Oil & Gas Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: Period End, 1929-3 Mos., 1928, 1929-9 Mos., 1928. Rows include Gross income, Chgs. to operation, Deprec. & depletion, Federal taxes, Net income, Shs. com. stk. outstgd. (no par), Earnings per share, and a note: \* Includes earnings of Manhattan Oil Co. for two months.—V. 129, p. 1453.

Indiana Limestone Co.—Not Interested in Organization of Texas Quarries, Inc.—

We have been officially advised that the statement in our issue of Oct. 12 1929, page 2396, that this company has organized a new subsidiary, the Texas Quarries, Inc., for the purpose of operating extensive limestone quarries near Austin, Texas, and a stone finishing plant at Austin, is erroneous. "As a matter of fact, the Indiana Limestone Co. is not now and never has been interested in any way in the organization of the Texas Quarries, Inc.," says an official. "It is the policy of the Indiana Limestone Co. to restrict its operations to the quarrying and fabricating of Indiana Limestone which is quarried only in the Indiana Limestone District, located in Lawrence and Monroe Counties, Ind."—V. 129, p. 2396.

Ingersoll-Rand Co.—Extra Dividend of \$1.—

The directors on Oct. 23 declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, no par value, both payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 6. On June 1 last an extra cash distribution of \$1.25 per share was made. On the latter date, the regular dividend rate was increased from 75 cents to \$1 per share quarterly. See also V. 128, p. 3004.

Insuranshares Certificates, Inc.—Organized—Terms of Exchange.—

See Insuranshares Management Co. below.—V. 129, p. 2546.

Insuranshares Management Co.—To Consolidate Trusts.—

Chairman Edward B. Twombly in a letter to holders of Insuranshares Trust Certificates, dated Oct. 16, says in substance:

As announced in the "report to certificate holders," dated Sept. 3 1929, directors have determined that substantial benefits to the holders of Insuranshares Trust certificates will result from the incorporation of the five series of Insuranshares trust certificates into one single corporation. In arriving at this decision, every consideration was given to converting the interest of the certificate holders and, as a result of two years' experience with the funds, it was decided that in the proposed corporate form all the disadvantages of the trusts will be eliminated and the essential features retained.

Some of the advantages of the corporate form are: Reduction in the cost of management, simplicity and marketability. The cost of management of five funds is obviously greater than the cost to manage one. Supervision of the funds is simplified for the same reason, and the constant confusion between series will be eliminated as there will be only one class of stock in the new corporation. The trust certificates in their present form cannot be listed on any exchange and consequently no support can be expected from the sales corporation which would always be the sole market for Insuranshares trust certificates. The new corporation will make application to list its stock on a recognized stock exchange in New York.

Accordingly, a new corporation has been formed in Maryland under the name of Insurance Certificates, Inc., which will exchange its stock for the various series of trust certificates. Insuranshares Certificates, Inc., has an authorized capital stock of 1,180,000 shares of no par value common stock. Approximately 900,000 shares will be required in making the exchange for the trust certificates and it is proposed to offer for subscription at an early date approximately 100,000 shares of the remaining authorized but unissued stock to the stockholders of the new corporation. The exercise of these rights when offered will bring the total of the outstanding stock to approximately 1,000,000 shares.

Insuranshares Management Co. has approved and recommends the plan offered by Insuranshares Certificates, Inc.

Insuranshares Certificates, Inc., proposes that the following plan be put into execution:

(a) Insuranshares Trust certificate holders of series A-27, C-27, F-27, H-27 and B-28, who desire to exchange their trust certificates for shares of stock, scrip certificates representing fractional shares of stock, of Insuranshares Certificates, Inc., and for cash on the bases set forth, will deposit such trust certificates with City Bank Farmers Trust Co., 52 Wall St., New York, against receipt for such deposit. If on or before Nov. 15 1929, sufficient trust certificates are deposited to justify the carrying through of the plan, certificates of stock and scrip certificates for fractional shares of stock of Insuranshares Certificates, Inc., will be issued to the holders of receipts issued on deposit of trust certificates, together with cash distributions, all as indicated below, and Insuranshares Certificates, Inc., will take over the trust certificates and the management company will cause to be redeemed the outstanding trust certificates of all five series.

The liquidation value as of Aug. 30 1929, of the class A and C class B certificates in the five funds after appropriate reserves and less the distributions hereinafter provided was approximately as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Series, A-27, C-27, F-27, H-27, B-28. Rows include Class A shares, Class B shares.

In exchange for the deposited trust certificates, it is proposed to issue common stock, scrip certificates, and to make a cash distribution from the new corporation as follows:

Certificates in Series A-27.—One share of common stock of Insuranshares Certificates, Inc., for each "A" share so exchanged. 155-400 of a share of common stock for each "B" share so exchanged.

Cash distribution per "A" share \$0.35  
Cash distribution per "B" share .81

Certificates in Series C-27.—One share of common stock of the Insuranshares Certificates, Inc., for each "A" share so exchanged. 175-400 of a share of common stock for each "B" share so exchanged.

Cash distribution per "A" share \$0.35  
Cash distribution per "B" share .61

Certificates in Series F-27.—One share of common stock of Insuranshares Certificates Inc. for each A share so exchanged. 285-400 of a share of common stock for each B share so exchanged.

Cash distribution per A share \$0.30 1/2  
Cash distribution per B share .75 1/2

Certificates in Series H-27.—One share of common stock of Insuranshares Certificates Inc. for each A share so exchanged. 148-400 of a share of common stock for each B share so exchanged.

Cash distribution per A share \$0.30  
Cash distribution per B share .67

Certificates in Series B-28.—One share of common stock of Insuranshares Certificates Inc. for each A share so exchanged. 95-400 of a share of common stock for each B share so exchanged.

Cash distribution per A share \$0.30  
Cash distribution per B share .42

The above mentioned cash distributions in each case approximate the proposed distribution for the balance of the year 1929 on both A and B shares of each series. In the event that any such exchange on the bases herein specified should require the delivery of a fraction of a share of common stock of the new corporation, such fraction of a share will be deliverable in non-voting, non-dividend-bearing scrip of the Insuranshares Certificates Inc. exchangeable for shares of its common stock upon the surrender of scrip certificates representing in the aggregate one or more full shares. Stock certificates will be issued only for full shares. Sufficient scrip certificates, representing fractional shares, to permit exchange for full shares may be acquired, either through Insuranshares Corp., 49 Wall St.,



Irving Investors Management Co., Inc.—Results.—

[Successor to Investment Managers Co.—V. 129, p. 2085.]

Results of Operation for the Fiscal Year Ended Sept. 30 1929—Investment Trust Fund "B" Accumulative.

For the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 1929, the net income of investment trust fund B, before deduction of provision for reserve for contingencies, was \$1,176,828. Of this amount \$891,861 was derived from profits from sale of securities (a portion of which was included in the share value at Sept. 30 1928, as unrealized profits).

The values of shares in investment trust fund "B" at the beginning and end of the fiscal year were as follows:

Table showing share values for Irving Investors Management Co. for Sept. 30 1928 and Sept. 30 1929, including amount, per cent, and reserve for contingencies.

On the same date the fund was invested 41.9% in stocks and 58.1% in call loans and cash.

Results of Operation for the 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1929—Investment Trust Fund "A."

For the nine months ended Sept. 30 1929, the net income of investment trust fund "A," before deduction of provision for reserve for contingencies, was \$3,039,821. While the greater part of this amount was derived from profits from sale of securities (a portion of which was included in the share value at Dec. 31 1928, as unrealized profits), the income from interest and dividends alone was \$902,927, or 45% in excess of the requirements for distributions.

The share values at the beginning and end of the nine months' period were as follows:

Table showing share values for Irving Investors Management Co. for Dec. 31 1928 and Sept. 30 1929, including amount, per cent, and reserve for contingencies.

The increase in share values before reserves, for the nine months of 1929, was at the annual rate of 12.5%. Including 5% distribution, the net gain was at the annual rate of 17%.

After setting aside the reserve for contingencies, the value of 100 shares, as at Sept. 30 1929, was \$1,457.

On the same date the fund was invested 36.3% in stocks and 63.7% in call loans and cash.

Island Creek Coal Co.—Earnings—New Director.—

Period End, Sept. 30—1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928.

Table showing earnings for Island Creek Coal Co. including net profit after depreciation, federal taxes, shares outstanding, and earnings per share.

F. W. Wilshire has been elected a Vice-President.—V. 129, p. 2547

Jefferson Electric Co.—Business Increases.—

President J. A. Bennan states that business for the first nine months of this year was approximately 53% in excess of the same period of 1928.—V. 128, p. 3523.

Jenkins Television Corp.—Exchange of Stock.—

See De Forest Radio Co. above.—V. 129, p. 2086.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.—Earnings.—

Period End, Sept. 30—1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928.

Table showing earnings for Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp. including earnings after taxes, depletion and depreciation, interest on bonds, net income, preferred dividends, common dividends, surplus, and earnings per share.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc.—Extra Dividend of \$1.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 a share on the common stock, no par value, payable Nov. 30 to holders of record Nov. 14 and the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. a share, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31. An extra cash dividend of \$1 a share was paid on June 15 last, while on June 20 a 75% stock distribution was made on the common stock.

Table showing sales for Jewel Tea Co., Inc. for 1929—4 Weeks—1928 and 1929—40 Weeks—1928, including sales routes averaged.

Jones & Laughlin Steel Corp.—Extra Dividend, &c.—

The directors have declared an extra div. of \$1 per share in addition to the regular quarterly div. of \$1.25 per share on the common stock, par \$100, both payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 13. Like amounts were paid on this issue on June 1 and Sept. 2 last. Quarterly divs. of \$1.25 per share have been paid regularly on the common stock since Sept. 1 1926, incl., and in addition the company on Dec. 1 last paid an extra div. of \$1 per share. Tom M. Girdler has resigned as President to become associated with the Otis-Eaton-Mather steel interests of Cleveland.—V. 129, p. 643.

(Henry) Klein & Co., Inc.—Participating Dividend.—

The directors have declared a participating dividend of 20c. a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 30c. a share on the partic. preference stock. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 20c. a share on the common stock. All dividends are payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 21. In each of the three preceding quarters, a partic. div. of 20c. a share was also paid on the preference stock.—V. 129, p. 487.

Kreuger & Toll Co. (Aktebolaget Kreuger & Toll).—

Rights to Subscribe.—Company proposes to offer, to the holders of its participating debentures and shares, rights to subscribe to additional participating debentures and additional shares. Expressed in terms of American certificates, representing the participating debentures, the proposed offering of subscription rights in effect contemplates that for every 3 American certificates now held the right will be given to subscribe to 1 American certificate at \$23.

This proposed offering will be submitted to an extraordinary general meeting of the shareholders which has been called for Nov. 1 1929. Lee, Higginson Trust Co., of Boston, depository under the deposit agreement dated Sept. 1 1928 under which American certificates are issued, has been informed of the terms of the proposed offering and advises, subject to appropriate action being taken by the company, the subscription rights attaching to the participating debentures held under the deposit agreement will be made available to holders of American certificates of record Nov. 11, that subscription warrants will be mailed to holders of American certificates on or about Nov. 14, and that such subscription rights will expire at the close of business on Dec. 2.

Holders of the 5% secured sinking fund gold debentures, bearing warrants for the purchase of American certificates, may exercise such warrants on or prior to Nov. 11, and become entitled to receive the above-mentioned subscription rights.

A brief resume of the activities of the company with particular reference to developments which have taken place during the past year follows:

We have continued the policy of making investments in diversified fields of activity, thus broadening the basis for our growth, and of maintaining relations with leading enterprises, in Sweden and abroad, with a view to facilitating financing operations incident to large industrial and commercial transactions.

The company already owns, directly or through its subsidiary holding companies, substantial stock interests in the following enterprises: Swedish Match Co., controlling International Match Corp., and, with its subsidiaries, comprising the largest match manufacturing and distributing organization in the world; Grangesberg Co., with its affiliate companies, the largest producer of iron-ore in Europe; real estate companies in Sweden, Germany and France; banks and banking companies in Sweden, France, Germany, Holland, Switzerland and Poland. Among the company's assets are also large holdings of foreign government bonds.

Company has recently contracted to acquire controlling stock interests in 10 companies engaged in the lumber and wood-pulp industries of Northern Sweden. All of these concerns have established businesses and together comprise the largest factor in their field in Sweden, their combined output of pulp representing approximately 30% of the total for the country and their output of sawn lumber, about 15%.

In order that the company may acquire these interests in the Swedish lumber and wood-pulp industries and in order that it may be in a position to co-operate further with Swedish Match Co. and International Match Corp., in certain transactions connected with the match industry, it proposes at this time to increase its capital. The proposed increase includes the offering to the holders of participating debentures and shares of the company, of rights to subscribe to Kr. 37,916,660 par value additional participating debentures and Kr. 10,833,400 par value additional shares, at a price of more than 400% of par value, and the private sale, at a price substantially in excess of the subscription price, of Kr. 20,000,000 par value additional participating debentures and Kr. 166,600 par value additional shares.

Based on the Dec. 31 1928 consolidated balance sheet of the company and its wholly-owned subsidiary holding companies (Swedish American Investment Corp. an N. V. Financier Maatschappij Kreuger & Toll) adjusted to give effect to acquisition of certain assets and issuance of certain securities since that date as well as the present proposed capital increase, total net assets, after deducting all liabilities having priority over the participating debentures and share capital, are more than \$245,000,000.

Consolidated net earnings of the company and its wholly-owned subsidiary holding companies for the 3 years ended Dec. 31 1928, before interest on participating debentures and adjusted for inter-company items and dividends on a subsidiary company's preferred stock now retired, are as follows:

Table showing consolidated net earnings for 1926, 1927, and 1928.

Such net earnings for 1928 are equivalent to 60% on the total Kr. 130,000,000 par value participating debentures and share capital outstanding at the end of that year, or the equivalent of \$3.23 per American certificate. Preliminary figures for the first 9 months of 19 9 indicate that net earnings are at an annual rate of not less than 67% on the total Kr. 146,250,000 par value participating debentures and share capital outstanding at the end of that period, or the equivalent of approximately \$3.60 per American certificate.

These earnings do not include any allowance for income from the assets now proposed to be acquired and the foregoing calculation, therefore, includes no adjustment for the additional securities to be issued under the terms of the present proposed increase in capital. The assets now to be acquired will afford new sources of income and will add substantially to the earnings of the company for the coming year.

[Further information regarding the proposed offering may be obtained from Lee, Higginson & Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, The National City Co., Brown Brothers & Co., Dillon, Read & Co., Clark, Dodge & Co., and The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh.]

To Increase Capitalization—Rights, &c.—

The directors have called an extraordinary general meeting of shareholders to be held in Stockholm on Nov. 1 1929. Provided that the meeting approves of the proposal of the board of directors the company will issue:

(A) 110,000 new B shares of Kronor 100 each, participating in the profits of the company from Jan. 1 1930, 108,334 of which to be offered to previous shareholders for subscription at a price of 405% in the proportion of 1 new B share for each 6 old A and (or) B shares held. Remaining 1,666 new B shares will be subscribed for by Administratie Maatschappij Voor Algemeene Nijverheids Waarden which company will liquidate them with shares in other Swedish companies.

(B) Nominal Kronor 37,916,660 new participating debentures, entitled to interest in respect of the year 1929 and payable July 1 1930, will be given out at par to the N. V. Financier Maatschappij Kreuger & Toll. Said nominal Kronor 37,916,660 new participating debentures comprises nominal Kronor 32,750,000 participating debentures previously authorized for issue and nominal Kronor 5,166,660 participating debentures being part of an issue of nominal Kronor 60,000,000 new participating debentures which the board of directors proposes to the meeting to authorize for issue. N. B. Financier Maatschappij Kreuger & Toll will offer the nominal Kronor 37,916,660 participating debentures to previous share and participating debenture holders for subscription at 425%, in the proportion of nominal Kronor 100 new participating debentures for each 6 old A and (or) B shares held and nominal Kronor 200 new participating debentures for each nominal Kronor 600 old participating debentures held.

In addition to the Kronor 16,000,000 participating debentures reserved for exercise of warrants attached to the company's 5% secured debentures, up to a total of Kronor 5,333,340 additional participating debentures may be issued in the event that prior to the expiration date of the proposed offering to participating debenture holders any of said warrants shall have been exercised.

The subscription prices for new shares and for new participating debentures have been calculated to offset the fact that the new shares do not participate in profits for the year 1929 whereas the new participating debentures are entitled to interest at 5% and additional interest in respect of the year 1929. The board of directors intend to propose to the ordinary general meeting to be held in the Spring, 1930, that a dividend of 25% should be paid in respect of the year 1929. Subscriptions will be received at the offices of Lee, Higginson & Co., New York, Boston and Chicago free of charge from Nov. 2 to Dec. 3 1929, incl. Share coupon No. 21 will entitle to subscription for new shares and share coupon No. 22 as well as participating debenture coupon No. 3 will entitle to subscription for new participating debentures.

New B shares, participating debentures and fractional rights certificates will be given out according to the following table:

Table showing Holdings Shares, New Debentures Kr., Fractional Rights for Debentures, New Shares, and Fractional Rights for Shares.

On surrender of share coupon No. 21 and (or) fractional rights certificates for shares and on payment of the subscriptions price, definitive share certificates for B shares, carrying coupons from and including No. 24 in name of Administratie Maatschappij Voor Algemeene Nijverheids Waarden and endorsed in blank by that company, will be delivered.

On surrender of share coupon No. 22 participating debenture coupon No. 3 and (or) fractional rights certificates for debentures and on payment of the subscriptions price, definitive certificates for new participating debentures to bearer, provided with coupons from and including No. 4, will be delivered.

Aktebolaget Kreuger & Toll has decided that share coupon Nos. 21 and 22 and participating debenture coupon No. 3 shall be used only for the purpose of these subscriptions. After the close of the subscription period Dec. 3 1929, share coupons Nos. 21 and 22, participating debenture coupons No. 3 and fractional rights certificates for shares and (or) participating debentures become invalid.

*Capitalization of Company, Giving Effect to the Present Proposed Increase in Capital.*

5% secured sinking fund gold debentures, due March 1 1959—\$49,625,000  
 Participating debentures, Kr. 139,166,660,\* equivalent to... 37,296,665  
 Share capital, par value Kr. 100 per share (Kr. 76,000,000 authorized), Kr. 76,000,000, equivalent to... 20,368,000  
 a Kr. 190,000,000 authorized; Kr. 16,000,000 reserved for exercise of warrants attached to secured debentures. \* In addition to the Kr. 16,000,000 participating debentures reserved for exercise of warrants, up to a total of Kr. 5,333,340 additional participating debentures may be issued in the event that any of said warrants shall have been exercised in time to participate in the rights to subscribe now being offered.

*Details of Loan of \$125,000,000 Loan to Germany in Return for 50-Year Match Monopoly—See Swedish Match Co. below.*  
 —V. 129, p. 1600.

**Lambert Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—**

	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.	1928.
Net profits.....	\$1,751,159	\$1,548,244	\$5,446,382
Earns. per sh. on 698,996 shs. stk. (no par).....	\$2.50	\$2.21	\$7.79
			\$6.56

Note.—The above statement of earnings for both periods of 1929 and 1928 is based on the present ownership of 95.8% of the stock of Lambert Pharmaceutical Co.—V. 129, p. 807.

**Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc.—Earnings.—**

Earnings for Year Ended June 30 1929.	
Total net sales.....	\$5,271,112
Gross profit.....	757,762
Depreciation.....	185,909
Interest.....	9,186
Federal income taxes.....	60,793

Net income.....	\$501,875
Class A dividends.....	160,000
Class B dividends.....	55,000
Balance surplus.....	\$286,875
Earnings per share on combined 190,000 shares class A and B stock (no par).....	\$2.64

*Consolidated Balance Sheet, Sept. 30 1929.*

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash.....	Accounts payable.....
Accounts & notes receivable.....	Dividends payable Oct. 15 1929.....
Inventories.....	Federal income taxes.....
Prepaid insurance, taxes, &c.....	Notes payable.....
Operating supplies.....	Reserve for Federal taxes 1929.....
Securities, incl. 196 shs. of class A and 450 shs. of class B cap. stock of Langendorf United Bakeries, Inc.....	Reserve for advertising.....
Investments.....	Capital stock and surplus.....
Plant and equipment.....	
Deferred advertising, development, expenses, &c.....	
Goodwill.....	

x Represented by 90,000 shares class A stock and 120,000 shares class B stock, both of no par value.—V. 129, p. 1754.

**Lehigh Valley Coal Corp.—Earnings.—**

Period End.	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.	1928.
Income from mining & selling coal.....	\$1,001,546	\$809,566	\$2,317,677
Income from other oper.....	Dr. 18,990	22,075	Dr. 64,529
Other income.....	576,845	438,738	1,512,358
Gross income.....	\$1,559,401	\$1,270,380	\$3,765,507
Int. carrying charges on res. coal lands, Fed. taxes & miscell. deduct.....	592,323	502,013	1,423,858
Depreciation & depletion.....	600,204	491,716	1,662,030
Net income for period.....	\$358,683	\$267,812	\$664,509
Applic. to Lehigh Valley Coal Corp.....	8,189	8,838	15,109
Applic. to minority ints. to outstanding capital stock of Lehigh Valley Coal Corp. pref. stk. (par \$50).....	\$1.60	\$1.20	\$2.97
Shares outstanding.....	223,973	Note	223,973
Common stock (no par) after provid. for full div. on pref. stock.....	\$0.16	\$0.08	\$0.13
Shares outstanding.....	1,196,341	Note	1,196,341
Prof. div. per sh. paid.....	\$0.75	Note	\$0.25

Note.—To facilitate comparison with the same period last year, the earnings for the prior period have been stated as though the corporation were in existence at that time and its share holdings were the same as at Sept. 30 1929.—V. 129, p. 643.

**Lincoln Mortgage Co., Los Angeles.—Plans Acquisit'ns.**

The company will shortly announce the acquisition of one or more additional companies in the mortgage field, enhancing its scope of operations. Business during the first five months of this year was excellent, officials state, with reasonable dullness during the summer and a decided increase in business in September. Notes payable were reduced to \$258,500 from \$398,700 during the first eight months of 1929 and mortgages payable were reduced to less than \$200,000 from \$772,455. Next July the company will be required to issue 500,000 additional common shares to the Hogan Finance & Mortgage Co. of Pasadena, Calif., in final payment for assets received last year. These assets have not yet been fully reflected in the earnings. Preferred dividends amount to \$113,400 annually. Officials state that common stock dividends probably will be inaugurated before or during the first quarter of 1930. ("Wall Street Journal.")

**Lord & Taylor, New York.—Declares Extra Dividend of 5% on Common Stock.**—The directors have declared an extra distribution of 5% on the outstanding \$2,998,000 common stock, par \$100, payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Nov. 16. An extra distribution of like amount was paid on Dec. 10 1926, 1927 and 1928. Regular quarterly dividends are also being paid on this issue at the rate of 10% per annum. The directors also declared the usual quarterly dividend of 1½% on the first pref. stock, payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 16.—V. 128, p. 2643.

**McLellan Stores Co.—1% Stock Dividend.**

The directors have declared a 1% stock dividend on the common stock, payable Nov. 20 to holders of record Nov. 1.—V. 129, p. 2398.

**Magma Copper Co.—Earnings.—**

Period Ended Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.	1928.
Net earnings after exps. & deprec. but before Federal taxes.....	\$786,802	\$551,943	\$2,592,576
			\$1,428,968

(I.) **Magnin & Co., Calif.—Listing.**—The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 49,000 additional shares of common stock, no par value. The company has provided for (a) the issuance of 45,000 shares of common stock in the event that the holders of the preferred stock elect to convert their shares; and (b) the issuance and sale of an aggregate of not to exceed 4,000 shares of common stock to certain of its employees. The

preferred stock is convertible into common stock at the rate of three shares of common stock for each share of pref. stock up to and including Nov. 15 1932, and thereafter at the rate of 2½ shares of common stock for each share of preferred stock.—V. 128, p. 2103.

**Maddux Air Lines Co.—Passengers Carried Increase.**

The company carried 3,954 passengers on all lines during September, against 6,789 in August and 4,720 in July. For the nine months to Sept. 30, the number of passengers carried aggregated 31,457 against 14,214 for the entire 1928 year and the last six months of 1927. The number of passengers carried since the system was inaugurated totals 45,671.—V. 129, p. 1754.

**Marchant Calculating Machine Co.—Listing, Rights.**

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 200,000 shares of common stock, \$10 par value. On Jan. 3 1929 the par value of both the preferred and common stock was changed from \$1 to \$10 per share. Holders of common and pref. stock of record Aug. 20 1929 were recently offered the right to subscribe to 19,300 shares of common stock of \$10 par value at \$20 per share, on the basis of one share for each 10 shares of pref. or common stock held.

The company has declared an initial dividend of 40 cents per share, payable on Jan. 15 1930 to holders of its common stock as of record Dec. 31 1929. Dividends on the common stock are to be paid quarterly at the annual rate of \$1.60 per share.—V. 129, p. 1296.

Results for 9 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1929.	1928.
Gross sales.....	\$1,799,464	\$1,392,886
Net operating profit.....	391,955	281,858
Net after taxes and preferred dividends.....	331,886	234,964
Shares common stock outstanding.....	170,033	168,112
Earnings per share.....	\$1.95	\$1.40

*Balance Sheet, July 31 1929.*

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash.....	Accounts payable.....
Accounts & notes receivable.....	Preferred stock.....
Inventories.....	Common stock.....
Land.....	Res. for exec. stk. partic.....
Bldgs., mach. & equip., &c.....	Undiv. profits (bef. Fed. taxes).....
Patent rights.....	Surplus.....
Deferred charges.....	
Total.....	Total.....
x After depreciation of \$381,198.	y Represented by shares of no par value.—V. 129, p. 1296.

**(M.) Marsh & Son, Inc.—Transfer Agent.**

The Chase National Bank has been appointed transfer agent for an authorized issue of 27,000 shares no par value class A stock and 51,000 shares no par value class B stock.—V. 127, p. 3258.

**Marvin Radio Tube Corp.—New Interests in Co.**

Studebaker mail order interests of South Bend, Ind., and Chicago have acquired substantial holdings in this corporation, President Thomas F. James, announced. Col. George M. Studebaker will become chairman of the board and F. H. Wellington, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Studebaker Mail Order Co., will be Treasurer. The directorate will be increased to include Colin B. Kennedy, Hiram H. Maynard, Col. Studebaker and F. H. Wellington.—V. 128, p. 3200.

**May Department Stores, Inc.—Subscriptions.**

Subscriptions for common stock at \$70 a share will be received at the Irving Trust Co. on the basis of one new share for each ten shares held on Oct. 25. The rights will expire on Nov. 15. See also V. 129, p. 2548.

**Mercantile Acceptance Corp. of Calif.—To Inc. Stk.**

The stockholders will shortly vote on increasing the authorized capitalization from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. The directors propose creating a new class of convertible preference stock of no par value, of which 25,000 shares would be authorized. An increase accordingly would be made in the class A common stock to provide for the conversion of the proposed preference stock.—V. 126, p. 1051.

**Merchants & Manufacturers Fire Insurance Co.—Extra Dividend.**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 9% (45c. a share) and the regular quarterly dividend of 5% (25c. a share) on the common stock, par \$5, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 25. This will make a total of 24% for the year 1929 on the outstanding 200,000 shares of common stock, par \$5.—V. 129, p. 2549.

**Mesta Machine Co., Pittsburgh.—Recapitalization.**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 4 on changing the present authorized common stock from 60,000 shares of no par value to 1,000,000 shares of \$5 par value. The \$2,000,000 cum. 6% pref. stock, par \$100, remains unchanged. On Dec. 5 1929, the present holders of the 60,000 shares of no par stock will receive in exchange 600,000 shares of \$5 par stock and the other 400,000 shares authorized will be held in the treasury unissued, it is announced.—V. 129, p. 2399.

**Merrimac Chemical Co.—Merger Ratified.**

The stockholders on Oct. 24 voted to ratify the acquisition of this company by the Monsanto Chemical Works through the exchange of 1½ shares of Monsanto common stock for each share of Merrimac common stock, or at the option of Merrimac stockholders \$54 in cash for each share. See also V. 129, p. 2549.

**Mid-Continent Laundries, Inc.—Adds 3 New Units.**

The company has authorized an issue of \$1,600,000 3-year 7% gold notes, each carrying a detachable stock purchase warrant, as part of a program of expansion which has added 3 units to the chain of 17 laundries an "dry cleaning establishments operated by it in Chicago and 6 important cities in Iowa. Gross revenues from these properties for the year ended June 30 1929 were \$4,336,268 with net earnings of \$538,615 or more than 4.8 times the \$112,000 interest requirements of the proposed note issue. Consolidated balance sheet at the same time showed net assets, applicable to these notes of more than \$323,000 for which \$1,000 note and current assets of 912,534 were more than 3½ times current liabilities which totaled \$244,309. With the proposed financing reflected, capitalization will comprise:

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
3-year 7% gold notes.....	\$1,600,000	\$1,600,000
Particip. class A stock (no par).....	200,000 shs.	*100,000 shs.
Common stock (no par).....	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

\* 64,000 additional shares reserved for exercise of stock purchase warrants. The notes will be redeemable as a whole, or in part, upon 30 days' notice at 102 and accrued interest up to and including April 1 1931 and thereafter at 101 and int. The detachable stock purchase warrants entitle the holders to purchase 40 shares of participating class A stock at \$25 per share, prior to Oct. 1 1930; at \$27.50 per share thereafter but prior to Oct. 1 1931; and at \$30 per share thereafter but prior to Oct. 1 1932. At the option of warrant holders, the notes will be accepted at 101 in lieu of cash in payment of stock purchases under these warrants. The participating class A stock, which is listed on the Chicago Stock Exchange, is preferred over the common stock as to cumulative dividends at an annual rate of \$2.40 per share and is entitled thereafter to participate share for share with the common stock in additional cash disbursement up to \$5. It is callable on 60 days' notice at \$50 per share up to Jan. 1 1933; at \$55 up to Jan. 1 1935; and at \$60 thereafter, together in each case with cumulative accrued dividends. Among the new companies taken over is the Brooks Laundry Co. of Chicago.—V. 127, p. 3714.

**Middle States Oil Corp.—Plan Becomes Effective.**

Announcement was made Oct. 24 by the reorganization committee that in view of the large porportion of all classes of securities which has been deposited under the plan and agreement of reorganization dated July 29 1929, the committee has declared the plan operative. The receivers have improved its operating and financial position and the outlook for the proposed new company is considered very satisfactory, according to a statement by the committee.



In order that holders of undeposited securities may have ample opportunity to participate in the benefits of the plan the committee has determined further to extend the time within which securities will be received without penalty to and including Nov. 4 1929, and has so notified holders of undeposited United Oil Producers Corp. 8% bonds, Oil Lease Development Co. 8% bonds, Middle States Oil Corp. 7% notes, and Middle States Oil Corp. capital stock.

The depositaries are Empire Trust Co. for the bonds and stocks and Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co. for the notes.—V. 129, p. 2241.

**Midland Steel Products Co.—Earnings.—**

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—				
Manufacturing profit—	\$1,252,015	\$1,165,619	\$869,448	\$815,721
Expenses, &c.—	180,977	186,912	135,202	122,801
Charges, &c.—	44,510	23,083	44,625	39,774
Depreciation—	145,441	117,663	105,774	105,726

Net profit before Fed. taxes—\$881,087 \$837,961 \$583,847 \$547,420  
—V. 129, p. 2549.

**Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.—Expansion.—**

Organization of a space heating division, to design and install specialized temperature control equipment in industrial plants and large buildings, is announced by this company. Entrance into the new field, which includes zone and sectionalized control, follows several years of research and study of temperature requirements of various industries and the development of several new devices.

The industrial process control division was recently organized to handle the company's new line of electric motor operated valves for the control of temperature pressure and combustion in industrial processes.—V. 129, p. 2399.

**Missouri Portland Cement Co.—Extra Dividend.—**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50 cents per share in addition to the usual quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, both payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 18. On Aug. 1 a regular quarterly payment of 50 cents per share was made.—V. 121, p. 2167.

**Modern International Corp.—Directors.—**

The corporation, a new investment trust organized by Jacob Leichtman, President of the Modern Investment & Loan Corp., and associates announces the election of the following directors: Nathan Sadowsky, Samuel Katz, Louis Margolis, Bernard Aronson, Jacob Traub, Benjamin Mindich, Charles Evans, Rubin Eckstein, George L. Livingston, Jacob Leichtman and Jacob H. Livingston.

**Monsanto Chemical Works.—Acquisition.—**

See Merrimac Chemical Co. above.—V. 129, p. 2549.

**Moreland Motor Truck Co.—Earnings.—**

Eight Months Ended Aug. 31—

	1929.	1928.
Sales—	\$2,514,821	\$2,197,778
Operating expenses—	579,400	486,494
Net earnings after all charges—	138,721	87,359
Earnings per share on 49,222 shs. preferred stock—	\$2.81	\$1.78

—V. 129, p. 2399.

**Motion Picture Capital Corp.—Merger Approved.—**

See Investors Equity Co., Inc. above.—V. 129, p. 1601.

**Motor Transit Corp.—Notes Offered.—Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc., recently offered \$2,250,000 secured gold notes at a price to yield 7%.**

Dated Sept. 3 1929; due March 1 1930. Authorized and presently to be outstanding, \$2,250,000. Denom. \$1,000, \$5,000 and multiples of \$5,000, payable in United States gold coin at the office of the trustee. Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, Ill., trustee.

**Data from Letter of O. S. Caesar, President of the Corporation.**

**Security.**—Notes are to be the direct obligation of corporation, and will be secured by pledge with the trustee of the following collateral:

27,500 shares Pickwick-Greyhound Lines, Inc., conv. pref. stock (no par value), cum. divs. \$3.50 per share per annum.  
88,875 shares Pickwick-Greyhound Lines, Inc., common stock (no par).  
36,000 shares Northland Greyhound Lines, Inc., common stock (no par).  
The value of the collateral, based on cost to Motor Transit Corp. in the case of Pickwick-Greyhound Lines, Inc., conv. pref. and common stocks, and on market quotations as of Sept. 3 1929 in the case of Northland Greyhound Lines, Inc., common stock, is \$3,572,854.

Pickwick-Greyhound Lines, Inc., owns and operates, directly or through subsidiaries, a motor bus transportation system covering approximately 10,070 miles of highway from Chicago and New Orleans on the east to Portland and Los Angeles on the west. Its principal stockholders are Motor Transit Corp., Pickwick Corp. and Chicago Burlington & Quincy R.R. Northland Greyhound Lines, Inc., owns all of the outstanding capital stock of Northland Transportation Co., which operates 3,303 miles of bus lines in Minnesota and adjacent States. The principal common stockholders of Northland Greyhound Lines, Inc., are Motor Transit Corp. and Great Northern Ry.

**Business.**—Corporation owns and operates through subsidiary companies the Greyhound and Yellowway motor bus lines in the territory between the Mississippi River and the Atlantic Seaboard. The operating subsidiaries own 425 modern buses of the parlor car type, which travel an average distance of approximately 81,170 miles daily. Corporation also owns substantial interests in Pickwick Greyhound Lines, Inc., and Northland Greyhound Lines, Inc., and in Pacific Transportation Securities, Inc., which operates the Pickwick, Yellowway and Southern Pacific motor bus lines on the Pacific Coast. Corporation and its affiliated companies thus form a bus transportation system of national scope covering over 31,000 miles of highway and serving most of the principal cities in the United States on daily schedules.

**Earnings.**—Prior to May 28 1929 corporation owned all of the outstanding capital stock of the companies operating the Yellowway lines in the Western States. On this date the Yellowway lines west of the Mississippi River were merged with the Pickwick and Southern Pacific motor bus lines by exchange of stock. During the calendar year 1928 consolidated net earnings of corporation, its present subsidiaries and the companies operating the Yellowway lines, after all charges except interest on funded debt and Federal income taxes, were \$1,273,973. During the 6 months ended June 30 1929 the consolidated gross and net earnings of the corporation and its subsidiaries, as shown by the companies' books, were substantially larger than in the same period of 1928.

**Capitalization.**—Secured gold notes, due March 1 1930—\$2,250,000 \$2,250,000  
1-year 7% coll. trust gold notes, due Apr. 15 '30—\$2,500,000 \$2,500,000  
Conv. pref. A stock, ser. 1 (no par) div. \$7 p. sh. 75,000 shs. 15,000 shs.  
Partic. pref. stock (no par), div. \$8 p. share—150,000 shs. 82,365 shs.  
Common stock (no par)—750,000 shs. 449,996 shs.

**Purpose.**—Proceeds will be used to provide for the purchase of a portion of the stocks pledged as security for these notes and for other corporate purposes.

**Together with Automotive Investments, Inc., Acquires Control of Bus Company.—**

See Great Northern Ry. under "Railroads" above.—V. 127, p. 1817.

**Motor Wheel Corp.—Earnings.—**

	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.	1928.
Gross earnings—	\$1,215,307	\$1,223,760	\$4,491,173
Exp. Federal tax, &c.—	377,535	335,679	1,222,216
Operating profit—	\$837,772	\$888,081	\$3,268,957
Other income—	84,505	75,436	236,454
Total income—	\$922,277	\$963,517	\$3,505,411
Interest, &c.—	49,879	58,388	200,015
Net profit—	\$872,398	\$905,129	\$3,305,396
Dividends—	687,500	412,500	1,375,000
Surplus—	\$184,898	\$492,629	\$1,930,396
Shares com. stock outst.—	687,500	550,000	687,500
Earnings per share—	\$1.27	\$1.64	\$4.80

—V. 129, p. 1755.

**(H. K.) Mulford Co.—To Decrease Capitalization.—**

The stockholders will vote Dec. 20 on reducing the capital stock of this company in connection with the consolidation of the latter concern with Sharpe & Dohme, Inc. See V. 129, p. 2399.

**Murray Corp. of America.—Shipments.—**

The corporation shipped 20,353 bodies during September, against 10,153 bodies in the same month last year. Estimated production for the last quarter is approximately 52,000 bodies, on the basis of orders now on the company's books.—V. 129, p. 2088.

**Mutual Investors Co.—Earnings.—**

Net earnings of \$74,162, after all expenses and reserves for income taxes, are shown by the company in its income account covering the first 9 months of this year. These earnings compare with \$21,133 for the first 9 months of 1928 and \$30,751 for all of last year.

The balance sheet shows assets totaling \$1,162,882 in contrast to \$395,114 on Dec. 31 1928. Out of total assets of \$1,162,882, \$725,774 are invested.

In addition to the realized earnings, the company's investments show a substantial enhancement in value. J. Victor Loewi, Treasurer, announced that the recent offering of 14,888 shares of stock to stockholders was completely subscribed.

The company has recently appointed the Bankers Trust Co. of New York as custodian for its securities.

**National Acme Co.—Earnings.—**

	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Net profit after exp. & Fed'l taxes—	\$533,125	\$368,182
		\$2,053,544
		\$759,285

—V. 129, p. 489.

**National Biscuit Co.—Earnings.—**

	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Net profit after exp. & Federal taxes—	\$5,791,645	\$4,682,618
		\$15,973,225
		\$13,037,691
Earnings per share—	\$2.23	\$1.92
		\$6.11
		\$5.31

—V. 129, p. 1925.

**National Investment Shares, Inc.—Stock Offered.—**

Hopper, Soliday & Co., Philadelphia, are offering cumulative preferred stock (\$25 par) and common stock (no par) in units of 1 share of each at \$46.50 per unit.

Depository and Registrar, Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., Philadelphia, Pa. Managers, Hopper, Soliday & Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

Preferred stock entitled to cumulative dividends at rate of \$1.25 annually payable Feb. and August. Preferred as to assets, up to \$25 a share and divs., over common stock. Red. on any div. date upon not less than 30 days' notice, all or part at 105 and divs. In the event of any distribution of the assets, preferred stock entitled to receive its par value and divs. before any distribution is made upon the common stock.

**Company.**—Has been organized in Delaware to carry on the business of an investment trust. The funds of the corporation cannot be invested in any other stocks except those scheduled. In this way the corporation represents a fixed type of investment trust and yet has the advantages of a managerial type of trust in that it retains the privilege of investing and reinvesting its funds to take advantage of changing conditions. Not more than 10% of the total net assets of the corporation at the time of purchase may be invested in the stock of any one company except that the corporation may make unlimited investments in the obligations of the United States Government.

**Management.**—The cost of the supervision of the investments held by the corporation may not exceed a monthly sum equal to 1-24th of 1% of the average net worth of the corporation. Officers and directors are serving without any compensation whatsoever and may not make a profit out of any sale of securities to or for the corporation. No firm of which any officer or director of the corporation is a member may act as principal, but only as broker in connection with the purchase or sale of securities mentioned below for the account of the corporation.

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock (\$25 par)—	50,000 shs.	10,000 shs.
Common stock (no par)—	50,000 shs.	10,000 shs.

There will also be authorized an additional 12,500 shares of common stock to be issued to the managers for cash at the price the corporation is receiving for the original 10,000 shares which it is now issuing. The option for these shares may only be exercised from time to time in the proportion which the number of shares issued bears to the total number of shares authorized.

**Depository.**—All moneys received for stock must be deposited with the Fidelity-Philadelphia Trust Co., before the certificates can be registered. These moneys can be used for the purchase only of the stocks of the companies listed herein. Thus the entire capital must at all times be in the possession of the depository.

**National Tile Co.—Earnings.—**

	1929.	1928.
Nine Months Ended Sept. 30—		
Net earnings after all charges, incl. res. for Fed'l taxes—	\$430,538	\$379,371
Earnings per share on 120,000 shs. common stock (no par)—	\$3.58	\$3.16

—V. 129, p. 645.

**National Toll Bridge Co.—Permanent Bonds.—**

J. G. White & Co. announce that permanent bonds are ready for exchange for temporary certificates of 10-year 6% conv. debentures of 1939, at the Public National Bank & Trust Co., New York City. (For offering, see V. 128, p. 1745.)—V. 129, p. 2400.

**Nehi Corp.—Larger Dividends.—**

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 32½c. a share on common stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. In March, June and September last, quarterly dividends of 25c. a share were paid on this issue.

President Hatcher stated that the dividend was increased because of the 17% increase in sales for the nine months ended Sept. 30, which was accompanied by a corresponding increase in earnings, which has also enabled the company to retire a considerable portion of its preferred stock. He also stated that the company's balance sheet and earnings "might make possible a still further increase in the common stock dividend rate, but officials of the corporation felt that, deferring for at least six months any addition to the newly-authorized rate of \$1.30 would be approved generally as a conservative business policy."—V. 129, p. 2242.

**New York Dock Co.—Earnings.—**

[Including New York Dock Trade Facilities Corp.]

	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Period End. Sept. 30—		
Revenues—	\$1,028,521	\$896,500
Expenses—	553,940	454,121
Taxes, interest, &c.—	297,477	254,468
Net income—	\$177,104	\$187,911
		\$515,865
		\$549,147

—V. 129, p. 645.

**North American Investment Corp.—Earnings.—**

Earnings Statements for 12 Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.

Gross earnings—	\$1,199,289
Operating expenses—	86,007
Taxes—	106,031
Bond interest & amortization of discount—	99,366
Discount on capital stock—	70,493
Income available for dividends—	837,392
Dividends on preferred stock—	144,072
Dividends on common stock—	143,851
Income carried to surplus—	\$549,469
Surplus at beginning of period—	343,930
Surplus at end of period—	\$893,399
Earnings per share on 42,777 shares capital stock—	\$16.21

Balance Sheet Sept. 31.			
Assets	1929.	1928.	1928.
Invest (at cost)	\$9,234,341	\$5,630,631	
Subst. to 5 1/2% stk.	4,485	-----	
Cash and sec. loans	819,644	346,322	
Discount on cap. stock	-----	137,437	
Accrued interest	15,778	16,144	
Disc. & expense on bonds	161,745	126,598	
Miscell. assets	4,759	1,562	
Tot. (each side)	\$10,240,752	\$6,258,694	
—V. 129, p. 2400.			

Liabilities	1929.	1928.
Prof. stock 6%	\$2,000,000	\$2,000,000
Prof. stock 5 1/2%	843,600	100,000
Common stock	4,277,700	2,150,000
Coll. tr. 5% gold bonds	2,077,000	1,600,000
Subs. to 5 1/2% pf stock	6,400	-----
Prof. divs. pay	41,599	31,375
Accr. bond interest	8,654	6,667
Prov. for Fed. inc. tax	87,915	26,749
Accts. payable	4,485	-----
Surplus & reserve.	893,399	343,903

**Northern Westchester Industrial Corp.—Bonds Offered.**—Julian E. Gray & Co., Inc., New York and Porter, Erswell & Co., Portland, Me. are offering at 100 and int. \$250,000 guaranteed 1st mtge. coll. trust 5 1/2% gold bonds, series A.

Dated June 1 1929; due June 1 1939. International Germanic Trust Co., New York, trustee. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at International Germanic Trust Co., New York, N. Y. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. c\* Callable all or in part on any int. date up to and incl. June 1 1934, at 102 and int., and thereafter at 101 and int. less 1/4 of 1% for each 12 months elapsed between June 1 1934 and the date of such redemption. Int. payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax up to 2%. Bonds are guaranteed, principal and int., by endorsement by General Surety Co.

**Security.**—These bonds are the direct obligation of corporation and are specifically secured by deposit with International Germanic Trust Co. as trustee, of real estate first mortgage and (or) cash and (or) bonds legal for investments by savings banks in the State of New York equal in principal amount to not less than 101% of the principal amount of bonds outstanding. The real estate mortgages deposited as collateral are all closed first mortgages on fee simple real estate consisting of homes, small apartments and income producing properties. No mortgages are accepted for amounts greater than 60% of the independent appraised value of the mortgaged property.

**Titles and Insurance.**—Titles to properties covered by mortgages pledged under this indenture will be guaranteed by Hudson-Harlem Valley Title & Mortgage Co. All improvements on properties will be protected by fire insurance, and insurance against any other casualty when required by General Surety Co.

**Business.**—Corporation was organized April 19 1927 in New York by a group of well-known financial and real estate men for the purpose of carrying on a general mortgage business in the Counties of Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess, New York. The territory in which the company operates is contained in or adjoins the Metropolitan Area of the City of New York.

**(Charles F.) Noyes Co., Inc.—Dividends, etc.**—The company has declared, payable Nov. 1 1929, its 14th consecutive quarterly dividend on its outstanding pref. stock at the rate of 6% per annum. The pref. stock now outstanding is \$1,000,000 as against the total issue of \$2,400,000 three years ago. \$1,200,000 of this pref. stock was redeemed by the company out of its earnings during the first three years of operation. The directors have also declared a second dividend disbursement at the rate of \$1.80 per annum per share on its outstanding 120,000 shares of no par value common stock.

Col. M. S. Keene, Treasurer, reports gross business and both gross and net profits for the first five months of its fiscal year, May to September, inclusive, far ahead of last year's business, which was the largest year the company ever had, with net profits of over \$1,000,000 before co-operative distribution or the payment of State and Federal taxes and reserves. Col. Keene added: "Profits for the last five months are the best in the history of the business. Gross business increased during the five month period over a year ago 44%; net before co-operative distribution to employees and income and State tax adjustments increased 67%; and net applicable for dividends increased 71%. No profits from 'Noyes National' or 'Noyes of Illinois,' subsidiaries of the parent company, are included."

The business of the company is purely a brokerage business and has shown very healthy increase ever since it was organized on May 1 1926. First year's net profit (after paying State and Federal taxes, employees co-operative fund and proper reserves) was approximately \$300,000. The profit, similarly adjusted, for the second year was about \$450,000 and the profit for the last year ended April 30 1929, was about \$800,000. Last year's profit, as a matter of fact, was about \$1,100,000 net before making the deduction of approximately \$300,000 for co-operative fund, State and Federal taxes and reserves.

The United Cigar Stores Co. of America owns a substantial interest in the common stock.—V. 129, p. 1602.

**Otis Co., Boston.—\$4 Extra Dividend.**—The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$4 a share and a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1. Treasurer Nichols says: "The directors will expect to consider the question of paying quarterly dividends on the 15th days of February, May, August and November, but as yet do not designate the quarterly dividend as regular in view of the uncertainties still existing in the textile business."—V. 127, p. 3412.

**Otis Steel Co.—Earnings.**

Period End, Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Net profit after charges, deprec. & Federal taxes	\$1,093,376	\$950,786
Shs. com. stk. outstand. (no par)	841,002	805,858
Earns. per share	\$1.02	\$0.92
		\$3.89
		\$0.92
		\$2.58

—V. 129, p. 1457.

**Owens-Illinois Glass Co.—Adjustment Dividend.**—The directors have declared a dividend of 50 cents a share on the common stock, par \$25, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31. The company states that this distribution is an interim adjustment dividend and is not to be considered as an extra payment.

Dividends have been paid at the rate of \$1 per share quarterly on the first days of January, April, July and October, the last dividend having been paid Oct. 1. It is the purpose of the board to make the quarterly dividend payable hereafter on the 15th day of February, May, August and November. The dividend of 50 cents a share payable Nov. 15 is for the half quarter from Oct. 1 to Nov. 15 and equalizes the setting forward of the next dividend date from Jan. 1 1930 to Feb. 15 1930.

**Exchange Basis.**—See Continental Containers, Inc., above.—V. 129, p. 2550.

**Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Co.—Rights.**—At the annual meeting in February, the stockholders will be asked to vote on approving the issuance of 44,000 new shares to be offered stockholders at \$50 a share in the ratio of one new share for each ten held, President George I. Cochran stated. The new stock will be ready for issuance in April, next year. He also stated rights will be given in February of each year for the next nine years.—V. 129, p. 1138.

**Pacific Western Oil Co.—Suits Dismissed.**—President W. O. McDuffie announced this week that all suits against the company pertaining to its Elwood holdings have been dismissed and claims settled, and that title to this valuable property is now entirely clear and uncontested. The company's tideland well No. 92-1 at Elwood, which came in recently, is still producing 4,000 barrels of 37.7 gravity oil daily.

**New Plant Operating.**—It is announced that the company's new casinghead gasoline plant at Elwood, Calif., has begun handling natural gas. Estimated gasoline recovery is 3,000 to 5,000 gallons daily. The company's first Elwood well, which was the first tidelands well to be completed in this field, is producing around 4,053 barrels daily of 38-degree gravity oil. It is also drilling a shore well at Elwood and is preparing to start another.—V. 129, p. 2243.

**Paramount Cab Mfg. Corp.—Status.**—President A. S. Freed, states that the company has just added to its line the manufacture of the Mercury cab which is to be sold exclusively to

individual owner-drivers. The regular Paramount model is to be sold only to large fleet operators. Mr. Freed further states: Orders already obtained for this new model are extremely gratifying. The addition of the Mercury cab, together with the large order for the City Transportation Corp. and the very substantial commitment for the new model Paramount Cab, will require an increase of facilities at the factory which is now being made. From every indication, the company is entering a period in which its volume and earnings should be greater than those of the past.—V. 129, p. 2243.

**Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.—To Split-up Shares.**—The directors on Oct. 21 called a special meeting of stockholders to be held on Dec. 10 1929, to consider a proposition recommended by the board to split the capital stock of the company on a 2-for-1 basis, thus creating 6,000,000 shares instead of the 3,000,000 now authorized. If this is authorized by the stockholders, it is also recommended by the directors that the authorized capital stock be then increased from 6,000,000 shares to 15,000,000 shares, and that these 9,000,000 shares be used from time to time for future expansion of the company's business and for the purpose of increasing its assets. In view of the fact that the new split stock will not be delivered until after Jan. 1 1930, no dividend action was taken upon it. Dividend action of the company for the December payment is usually taken at the November meeting of the board.

**Merger Negotiations Dropped.**—See Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., below.—V. 129, p. 2550.

**(J. C.) Penney Co.—Listing.**—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 2,399,661 shares common stock (no par value) and 196,921 shares of 6% cumul. pref. stock (par \$100).—V. 129, p. 2401.

**Pennsylvania Coal & Coke Corp. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

3 Mos. End. Sept. 30—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Gross earnings	\$1,142,390	\$911,181	\$146,550	\$1,315,136
Oper. exp. & taxes (not incl. Federal tax)	1,018,808	956,135	503,627	1,307,402
Operating income	\$123,582	def.\$44,954	def.\$357,078	\$7,734
Miscellaneous income	37,689	36,339	43,004	42,001
Gross income	\$161,271	def.\$8,615	def.\$314,074	\$49,736
Depletion & deprec.	69,304	52,672	31,421	66,767
Other charges	35,355	33,489	56,111	54,743
Net inc. before Fed. tax.	\$56,612	def.\$94,776	def.\$401,607	def.\$71,775

—V. 129, p. 646.

**Pennsylvania Investing Co.—Initial Class B Dividend.**—The directors on Oct. 21 declared an initial semi-annual dividend of 50 cents per share on the class B stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 62 1/2 cents per share on the class A stock, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Oct. 31.—V. 128, p. 744.

**Petroleum Corp. of America.—Book Value of Assets.**—The corporation announces that the book liquidating value of its shares, based upon closing quotations (Oct. 24) of the various stocks held in its portfolio, was equivalent to \$31 per share.—V. 129, p. 1458.

**Phillip Morris & Co., Ltd., Inc.—Earnings.**

6 Months Ended Sept. 30—	1929.	1928.
Net income after charges, but before Federal taxes	\$263,339	\$223,237
Shares capital stock outstanding	415,465	413,583
Earns. per share	\$0.63	\$0.54

—V. 128, p. 3844.

**Phillips Petroleum Co.—Earnings.**

Period End, Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Gross	\$15,194,029	\$11,496,436
Exps., tax & interest	8,675,248	5,650,280
		19,907,520
		17,409,293

x Profit—\$6,518,781 x Before depletion and depreciation. \$5,846,156 \$15,029,588 \$12,366,133  
O. K. Wing, Treasurer, says in part: Each quarter of the current year has reflected larger earnings than that preceding due largely to the steadily growing business of those divisions of the company not affected by over-production of crude oil. Expansion in the retail marketing division is being vigorously pursued. Including purchase just made, nearly 150 stations have been purchased from smaller operators in our territory since our last report and at this time our company is operating nearly 600 retail and wholesale stations not including the resale accounts. Sales are now running at an annual rate of approximately 100,000,000 gallons compared with an annual rate of less than 10,000,000 gallons a year ago. The enlargement of our refinery is progressing rapidly and it should be running to capacity around the first of the year. Production of natural gasoline is fast approaching 800,000 gallons a day, an increasing portion of which is being marketed in the company's controlled volatility gasoline, "Phillips 66" and "Phillips 66 Ethyl." The balance is sold at wholesale in tank car lots.

Crude oil production also showed an increase in the third quarter due to bringing in some large wells. We are, however, keeping our drilling program at a minimum and are shutting in production wherever possible.

The sale of Philfuels has shown a remarkable increase this year and especially in the third quarter. Retail domestic fuel sales for this quarter were approximately 1,150,000 lbs. compared with 100,000 lbs. for the same quarter of 1928. The wholesale and industrial fuel divisions have shown gains proportionately as large.

Sales of dry gas for the nine months have been over 123,000,000 cubic feet, compared with 83,000,000 cubic feet for the same period of last year. Our interest in carbon black is also increasing. Production for the nine months of this year amounted to almost 12,250,000 lbs. as compared with 2,900,000 lbs. for the corresponding period of 1928, and present production is at an annual rate of approximately 40,000,000 lbs.

Considering the large capital expenditures which it has been necessary to make during the year in all these various divisions, we still maintain a strong current position, with cash and other current assets of nearly \$25,000,000 and current liabilities of \$5,700,000.

Consumption of petroleum products has shown a remarkable increase in 1929. Demand for gasoline for the first eight months of this year increased 15% over the same period of 1928. The outlook for the petroleum industry is considerably improved due to recent agreements among the producers in the Mid-Continent area to prorate production to current requirements. Similar action has been taken before, but never with unanimous accord and such complete and whole-hearted co-operation. This is undoubtedly one of the foremost steps ever taken to stabilize the petroleum industry and to conserve its resources. The new gas conservation law in California will probably be in force during the next 30 or 60 days. This, together with the co-operative movement in the Mid-Continent area is expected to hold the production of crude oil in the United States to requirements. With supply and demand thus balanced during the winter months, it appears that the industry will enter the period of high consumption next year in a better condition than at any time during recent years of over-production.—V. 129, p. 2550.

**Pierce-Arrow Motor Car Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.**

Period End, Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Sales	\$7,265,154	\$5,854,844
Costs and expenses	*6,514,361	*6,249,800
Depreciation	59,269	5,143
		179,914
		*264,828
Operating profit	\$691,524	def\$400,099
Other income	338,872	91,187
Profit	\$1,030,396	def\$308,912
Interest, &c.	310,898	86,794
Net profit	\$719,498	def\$395,706
Preferred dividends	120,000	240,000
Surplus	\$599,498	def\$395,706
Earns. per sh. on 197,250 shs. cl. A stk. (no par)	\$3.04	Nil
x Including depreciation of body dies, jigs, &c.		\$11.23 Nil

Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for 1929 and 1928. Assets include Property account, Cash, Slight drafts outstg., Miscell. invest., Notes & accts. rec., Inventories, Invest. & adv., Deferred charges, Patents, trademarks, good-will, &c. Liabilities include Cum. pref. stock, Class A stock, Class B stock, Funded debt, Purch. money oblig., Current liabilities, and Surplus.

Total 14,059,055 18,665,730 Total 14,059,055 18,665,730
x After depreciation. y Represented by 197,250 no par shares. z Represented by 230,125 no-par shares.

Pierce Petroleum Corp.—To Construct Hotel.—
The directors have authorized immediate construction activities for the Oklahoma City Pennant tourist hotel on the United States highway No. 66, about two miles north of that city.

Pilot Radio & Tube Corp.—Sales.—
Sales of Pilot Radio & Tube Corp., including all subsidiaries, for the month of September are reported as \$190,663. Sales of the company not including subsidiaries acquired in 1929, amounted to 128,934 and compare with sales of \$125,719 by the predecessor company, the Pilot Electric Manufacturing Co., for September 1928.

Pittsburgh Steel Co.—Earnings.—
Period Ended Sept. 30 1929— 3 Mos. 9 Mos.
Net profit after all charges— \$1,058,124 \$3,850,291
Earnings per sh. on 253,500 shs. com. stk. (par \$100) \$3.45 \$13.01

Polymet Mfg. Corp.—Earnings.—
Month of September— 1929. 1928.
Net earnings after all charges, incl. Federal taxes— \$114,107 \$19,226
Earnings per share on 180,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par) \$0.64 \$0.10

Powdrell & Alexander, Inc.—Proposed Split-up.—
A special meeting of the stockholders has been called for Nov. 5 to vote on increasing the authorized common stock (no par value) from 63,334 shares to 500,000 shares. It is proposed to split-up the present common shares on a basis of 4-for-1.

Pratt & Whitney Aircraft Corp.—Large Order.—
This company, a subsidiary of the United Aircraft & Transport Corp. has received an order from the U. S. Army Air Corps for a total of 380 engines and a large complement of spare parts for same.

Radi-O-Nic Corporation.—Organized.—
The corporation was organized in the early part of Sept. 1929 in Delaware for the purpose of taking over all the assets of the Radiomatic Corp. of New Jersey which is now actually engaged in the manufacture of coin-operated radios.

Railroad Shares Corp.—New Director—Assets, &c.—
Frank W. Moffett (Vice-President of General Ry. Signal Co., Rochester, N. Y.) has been elected a director. The corporation also announces that Edmund W. Miller, Clarence F. Burton and Joseph F. Dowdall have become members of the advisory committee.

Railway Express Agency, Inc.—Earnings.—
Results from Operation Period March 1 to July 31 1929.
Charges for transportation— \$145,118,408
Other revenues and income— 2,272,389

Raytheon Mfg. Co.—5% Stock Dividend.—
The directors have declared a 5% stock dividend, payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 16. This constitutes the third successive quarter in which a 5% stock dividend has been declared.

Reliance International Corp.—Cash Position.—
Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., F. A. Willard & Co., Estabrook & Co. announced Oct. 22 that they were advised by the management that the position of the corporation, at the close of business Oct. 19 1929, was approximately as follows:

Richfield Oil Co. of Calif.—Sub. Co. Acquisition.—
The Richfield Oil Corp. of New York has acquired the properties and business of the Peerless Oil Co. operating in Pennsylvania and New Jersey. It was announced on Oct. 21.—V. 129, p. 2402.

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928. Rows include Net earnings, Deprec. & renewals, Bond & note interest, Net income, Preferred dividends, Rate on preferred, Common dividends, Balance, surplus, Shs. com. stk. out. (no par), Earnings per share.

x These are the net earnings from operations after charges for repair and maintenance of plants and provision for Federal taxes.
Unfilled orders on hand Sept. 30 1929 of finished and semi-finished products totaled 271,331 tons, against 356,145 tons June 30 1929 and 365,601 tons on Sept. 30 1928.—V. 129, p. 2090.

Rich's, Inc., Atlanta, Ga.—Initial Dividend, &c.—
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 30c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1 (see V. 128, p. 2480).

Rio Grande Oil Co.—Listing.—
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 18,270 shares additional capital stock (no par) payable on or before Oct. 25 1929, as a stock dividend, making the total number of shares applied for 1,236,270.—V. 129, p. 813.

Ruth Safety Garages, Inc.—Stocks Offered.—Stansbury & Co., Chicago, are offering 25,000 units of \$3.50 cumul. convertible pref. stock and common stock, in units of one share of each at \$50 per unit. Full details in V. 129, p. 2551.

St. Louis Rocky Mountain & Pacific Co.—Earnings.—
Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Gross earnings— \$566,900 \$613,462 \$1,706,831 \$1,948,662
Cost, expenses & taxes— 403,703 462,052 1,244,066 1,443,075

Seagrave Corporation.—Earnings.—
Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Net sales— \$681,796 \$501,651 \$1,768,036 \$1,490,453

Segal Lock & Hardware Co., Inc.—Rights.—
At a meeting of the stockholders held on Aug. 27 1929, it was determined to increase the authorized shares of common stock from 155,000 to 400,000.

Selected Stocks, Inc.—Registrar.—
The Bank of America N. A. has been appointed registrar of 60,000 shares of capital stock.

Serval, Inc.—To Decrease Pref. Stock and Increase Common Shares.—
Holders of preferred and common stock voting trust certificates will meet Nov. 26 to vote on a proposal to reduce the number of authorized preferred shares of \$100 par to 10,000 from 65,000 by cancellation and retirement of 55,000 shares.

Simmons Co.—Rights.—
The stockholders of record Oct. 21 are offered the right to subscribe to 15-year 5% debentures at 99½ and int. in the ratio of 3-220ths of \$1,000 bond for each share of stock held.

Southland Realty Investment Trust.—Beneficial Int.—
Alabama Investment Trust Securities Corp., Birmingham, Ala. is offering 5,000 beneficial interests series A at \$100 per beneficial interest.

Business.—Southland Realty Investment Trust has been created by a declaration of trust under the laws of the State of Alabama to invest and re-invest its funds in real estate, its diversifications and legal-for-savings-bank securities.

Capitalization— Authorized. Issued. 50,000 5,000
Trust Indenture.—Southland Realty Investment Trust is a trust estate created under an agreement, dated June 7 1929, which is on file with the Southern Bank & Trust Co., trustee.

Southern Surety Co. of New York.—To Increase Stock.—
The stockholders will vote Oct. 31 on increasing the authorized capital stock (par \$10) from \$2,500,000 to \$3,000,000.—V. 129, p. 1460.

Southwest Finance Co. of Nevada.—Consolidation.—

The merger of the Mortgage Discount Corp. of Calif. and the Southwest Finance Co. of Calif. has been effected and consolidation will be made through the medium of a new company to be known as Southwest Finance Co. of Nevada...

The New Southwest Finance Co. will have 250,000 authorized no-par shares, of which 162,500 shares will be issued to take up the assets of the two operating companies.

A block of 112,500 shares will be issued to the Mortgage Discount Corp. which, upon liquidation of its assets, will be divided among the holders of 28,000 shares of \$50 par value pref. stock and 28,000 shares of common stock.

A block of \$250,000 10-year notes and 50,000 shares will be issued for the assets of the old Southwest Finance Co. out of which 12,500 shares will probably be necessary to liquidate old outstanding accounts.

(A.) Stein & Co.—Initial Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 40c. per share on the common stock, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 5.—V. 129, p. 649.

Sterchi Bros. Stores, Inc.—Two New Stores.—

The corporation last week announced the opening of two additional retail stores. One of the new units is located in Atlanta and the other in Thomaston, Ga. These new units do not represent expansion into new territory but, according to a statement by the management, are in keeping with the company's policy of developing strategic points in the eight Southern States now served by the Sterchi chain.—V. 129, p. 2403.

Stinson Aircraft Corp.—Earnings for First 8 Months.—

President E. A. Stinson recently stated in part: The corporation has led the field in its price class by a wide margin this year, and for the first eight months of 1929 has earned a net profit of \$72,921 after all charges and provision for Federal taxes. This is despite forced curtailment of production early this year, due to shifting manufacturing operations into the new plant at Wayne, Mich. During this period 123 planes were delivered and sales were \$1,049,735.

Studebaker Mail Order Corp.—Interests Acquire Holdings in Marion Radio Tube Corp.—See latter above.—

The corporation last week announced the opening of two additional retail stores. One of the new units is located in Atlanta and the other in Thomaston, Ga. These new units do not represent expansion into new territory but, according to a statement by the management, are in keeping with the company's policy of developing strategic points in the eight Southern States now served by the Sterchi chain.—V. 129, p. 2403.

Swedish Match Co.—Interests Sign Contract to Loan \$125,000,000 to Germany—Participation in 50-Year Match Concession by Swedish Match Co. and International Match Corp. Involved in Deal.—

A contract has been signed in Berlin for the extension of a long term loan of \$125,000,000 to the German Government by the Swedish Match Co. and the International Match Corp. in connection with an arrangement whereby the sole right to sell, export and import matches in Germany, will be granted to a corporation in which these two companies and the German Government will be the principal stockholders. The agreement is subject to ratification by the Reichstag and Germany's acceptance of the Young Plan.

The concession covers a 50-year period. Kreuger & Toll Co., largest single stockholder of the Swedish Match Co., will play an important part in the execution of the contract with Germany, just as it has done in similar deals with other European governments. All or part of the German bonds will be taken over by Kreuger & Toll Co., which in consideration of its financial assistance, will participate with Swedish Match and International Match in their share of the profits of the German concession.

The Swedish Match loan of \$125,000,000 will carry a coupon rate of 6% and will be amortized over a period of 50 years. Through the arrangement just made the German Republic is enabled to obtain a large amount of capital on terms which are considered highly attractive in view of the stagnant condition of the bond market.

Under the terms of the contract just signed, Germany will grant the sole right to sell, export and import matches to the Deutsche Zundholz-Verhaus-A. G., half of the stock of which will be owned by the Swedish Match Co. and International Match Corp.

The exclusive rights held by this company will be made valuable by the establishment of manufacturing quotas for all match factories in Germany, and by the further provision that the construction of additional plants will be prohibited during the period of the concession. Under the new arrangement factories in Germany controlled by Swedish Match and International Match will be allotted 65% of the total match production of the country.

The quota of German manufacturers, based on this fixed total of domestic production, will be 35%. By this transaction the total of advances by the Swedish Match interests to foreign governments in connection with match concessions will be brought up to more than \$300,000,000. In terms of money involved this deal with Germany is the largest of the long series of transactions which have given the Swedish Match organization a commanding position in the match industry.

The deal with Germany is the second notable achievement of the Swedish Match organization in 1929. Early in the year Swedish Match Co. obtained control of the Roumanian match concession and purchased \$30,000,000 of the \$100,000,000 Roumanian Government international loan then arranged to aid in carrying out a plan of currency stabilization in that country.

Additional data on the contract between the German Government and Swedish Match Co. follows: Dividends on stock of the Deutsche Zundholz Verhaus, A. G., will be limited to 8%, but provision is made for additional distributions to Swedish Match and International Match over and above that rate.

Dividends on stock of the Deutsche Zundholz Verhaus, A. G., will be limited to 8%, but provision is made for additional distributions to Swedish Match and International Match over and above that rate. Profits above the fixed rate of 8% will be distributed as follows: The German State will first receive a sum of 1c. per box, per case of 10,000 boxes of matches. The balance will be divided so that during the first 32 years the German State will receive 50% and Swedish Match interests 50%, and during the following years Germany will receive 75% and the Swedish Match interests 25%.

The \$125,000,000 loan will be a direct obligation of the German Government and will be repayable at par after the expiration of 10 years. Swedish Match and International Match will pay 93 for the bonds. The retail price of matches will be raised from 25 to 30 pfennig per package of 10 boxes.—V. 129, p. 494.

Sycamore-Hammond Realty Co., Cincinnati.—Omits Dividend.—

The directors recently voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily payable on the common stock about July 1 1929. Previously the company made regular quarterly payments of 45 cents per share.—V. 124, p. 2445.

Texas Gulf Sulphur Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Period End, Sept. 30— and rows for Net earnings, Dividends, Balance, Prof. & loss surp., incl. reserve for depletion, Earns. per sh., 000 shs. cap. stk. (no par).

Timken Roller Bearing Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Period— (Sept. 30 '29, June 30 '29, Mar. 31 '29, Sept. 30 '29) and rows for Net profit after deprec., Fed. taxes, &c., Shares com stock outstg (no par), Earns per share, V. 129, p. 494.

Title Guarantee & Trust Co.—New Treasurer.—

Loren E. Rockwell, Assistant Treasurer, has been elected Treasurer, succeeding Clarence C. Harmstad.—V. 129, p. 1931.

Tobacco Products Corp.—Stockholders Receive New Offer.—See United Stores Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 1302.

Truscon Steel Co.—Earnings.—

Table with columns for 3 Months Ended Sept. 30— and 1929, and rows for Net income after deprecation and Federal taxes, Shares common stock outstanding (par \$10), Earns per share, x Before Federal taxes.—V. 129, p. 816.

Ungerleider Financial Corp.—Report.—

Samuel Ungerleider, President, in a letter to stockholders, says: The original offering was made on May 16 1929. Delivery was tendered on May 22 1929. It was, therefore, not until May 23 1929 and thereafter that funds were available for operation.

The departments which have been formed, and which are gradually coming into active operation, are the following: (1) Underwriting and Syndicate Participations.—The organization of this department, from the standpoint of personnel, has only recently been completed.

(2) Special Loans.—The managers have found that important opportunities exist at this time in connection with the lending of funds to other underwriting institutions.

(3) Arbitrage.—This department operates between existing stock and subscription rights and between "when issued" stocks and existing stocks. An attractive feature is the fact that arbitrage is attended with a practically negligible degree of risk. Operations in this field have resulted in a satisfactory profit.

(4) Security Investments.—Investments in listed securities have been made only after careful study by the managers and only a comparatively small proportion of the company's funds have been utilized in this field. The security portfolio thus far has yielded a satisfactory return in profits and dividends.

Income Statement—Four Months Ended Sept. 23 1929.

Table with rows for Income—Interest earned on loans, Profits on arbitrage transactions, Profits on closed trades, Dividends received or accruing, Originating profits, or profits arising from short-term financing, Total income, Salaries, general and administrative expenses.

Net realized income before Federal income tax—\$873,857. Additional profits arising from underwriting transactions under contracts but not yet due and not included in above (based on market values)—463,070. In arriving at the above income statement, all securities in the company's investment portfolio are carried at cost or market value, whichever is over. Value placed on options and stock purchase warrants, \$1.

Securities.—The portfolio, as of Sept. 23 1929, contained securities of the following corporations: Anaconda Copper Mining Co., American Can Co., American Tel. & Tel. Co., American Smelting & Refining Co., Alleghany Corp., Baltimore & Ohio RR., Borden Co. (The), Consolidated Gas Co. of New York, Calumet & Arizona Mining Co., Coin Products Refining Co., Commonwealth-Edison Co., Electric Power & Light Corp., Electric Bond & Share Co., Federal Sewer Works, General Electric Co., B. F. Goodrich Co., Industrial Rayon Corp., International Tel. & Tel. Corp., International Harvester Co., Kennecott Copper Corp., —V. 129, p. 2247.

- List of securities including: Kroger Grocery & Baking Co., John Morrell & Co., Inc., Montgomery Ward & Co., Inc., Manhattan Dearborn Corp., New York Central RR., National Dairy Products Corp., N. Y. N. H. & Hartford RR., Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corp., Pennsylvania RR., Pullman, Inc., Prince & Whitely Trading Corp., Sears, Roebuck & Co., Southern Pacific Co., United Gas Improvement Co., United Corp. (The), United States Steel Corp., Union Carbide & Carbon Corp., United Fruit Co., Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co., F. W. Woolworth Co.

Union Carbide & Carbon Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with columns for Period End, Sept. 30— and 1929—3 Mos.—1928, 1929—9 Mos.—1928, and rows for Earnings after provision for income &c., taxes, Int. on funded debt and dividends on preferred stock of subsid. cos., x Deprec & oth. charges, Balance, Shares com. stock outstanding (no par), Earns per share, x Estimated.—V. 129, p. 817.

United American Shares Corp.—Formed As Investment Holding Company By A. E. Fitkin & Co.—

A. E. Fitkin & Co., Inc., announce the formation of a general investment holding company to be known as United American Shares Corp., with an authorized capitalization of 1,500,000 shares of no par value common stock, its principal operations to be the acquisition of a majority or a substantial minority holdings of the common stocks of public utility and other corporations. The charter of the corporation provides very broad powers which include rights to buy, sell, hold and exchange securities of any kind and to participate in syndicates, underwritings and other financial transactions. It will maintain a technical personnel composed of well-known experts thoroughly familiar with the management and development of public utility properties.

The Fitkin interests which will be closely associated in the management and development of the company, have in the past been identified with the organization and financing of many Nationally known public utility enterprises including among others, National Public Service Corp., Inland Power & Light Corp., Western United Corp., and Pacific Public Service Co. The above properties have a present valuation in excess of \$259,000,000, and have gross annual earnings of approximately \$47,000,000. A. E. Fitkin & Co., Inc., will receive no management fees for its activities in connection with the operation of the United American Shares Corp.

A. E. Fitkin & Co., Inc., plan offering in the near future of 700,000 shares of the corporation's no par common stock. The company will have no funded debt, but may in the future, issue and sell bonds and debentures, preferred and common stocks, warrants and other securities as from time to time may be determined by its board of directors who will in the first instance consist of executives of A. E. Fitkin & Co., Inc., or associated companies.

Trading in the shares of the corporation on the Chicago Stock Exchange was suspended Oct. 24 until further notice, because of the postponement by the bankers of the public offering of the stock which was scheduled for Oct. 21. As a result no shares were available for trading.—V. 129, p. 2405.

**United-Carr Fastener Corp.—On \$1.20 Basis.—**

The directors have placed the common stock on a \$1.20 annual basis by the declaration of an initial quarterly dividend of 30 cents, payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 15.—V. 129, p. 2555.

**United Cigar Stores Co. of America.—Defers Dividend on Preferred Stock.—**The directors on Oct. 18 voted to defer the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/2% due Nov. 1 on the outstanding \$20,000,000 6% cumulative preferred stock, par \$100. In connection with this action, the following statement was issued:

Since the election of the present board of directors on Aug. 19 and the change in the management which was subsequent to the declaration of the last dividend on the company's stocks, an investigation of the company's affairs has been proceeding, including an audit by Price, Waterhouse & Co. This investigation and audit will probably not be concluded for some time. It has proceeded sufficiently far, however, to convince the directors of the necessity of a complete rehabilitation of the company's business and the conservation of all its cash resources. It is apparent that for some time past the dividends have been paid very largely out of the company's surplus. It is also apparent that important surplus adjustments will have to be made.

The new management has undertaken a thorough reorganization of the company's business, and believes that it has effected important economies and inaugurated improved business policies, but the result of the latter may not be ascertained for some time. The so-called cigarette price war itself has had a material effect upon the earnings for this year and its termination would greatly improve the company's prospects.

As soon as possible after the examination of the company's affairs and the audit now being made is completed, the directors will give to the stockholders a comprehensive report of the company's condition.

**Attorney-General's Office Postpones Probe.—**The "Journal of Commerce" states:

Watson Washburn, Assistant Attorney-General of New York, announced that his investigation of the affairs of the United Cigar Stores Co. and its subsidiaries would be discontinued until the completion of the company's own audit, which was inaugurated shortly after the installation of the new board of directors on Aug. 19.

He also announced that he was "receiving the co-operation of the company" and had received a letter from Willbur L. Cummings, one of the new directors and attorney for the company, in which the latter stated that his organization will not earn this year the full year's dividend requirements on its outstanding stock.

In the letter, written on the stationery of Sullivan & Cromwell, of which law firm Mr. Cummings is a member, the latter stated that the announcement made on Oct. 18 "was not intended to intimate in any way any suspicion of illegality in the past management of the affairs of the company, nor to criticize the action of the previous board of directors in paying the more recent dividends out of surplus arising from earnings of prior years when such earnings were not fully earned currently this year."

Concerning the audit the letter stated: "While this audit has not been completed, it is apparent that some adjustments in the surplus account will be desirable. The company's surplus at Dec. 31 1928, as shown by its published statements, is, however, largely in excess of all surplus adjustments now contemplated, and all dividends paid during the current year. But in view of the fact that the company has not earned and probably will not earn this year the full year's dividend requirements on its outstanding stock, and in view of the other considerations mentioned in the announcement on Oct. 18, it seemed to the new board of directors to be the more conservative policy to suspend the payment of dividends until the auditor's report had been completed and until such time as the current earnings of the company would justify the resumption of dividend payments."

[The corporation earlier this month advanced its retail price on popular blend brands of cigarettes to 15c. a package straight, instead of two for 25c., as previously charged.]

**New Exchange Offer Made to Common Stockholders.—**See United Stores Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 1302.

**United Engineering & Foundry Co.—35c. Extra Div.—**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 35c. per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 40c. per share on the common stock, payable Nov. 8 to holders of record Oct. 29. An extra of 20c. per share was paid on May 10 and on Aug. 9 last. In Feb. 1929 the 20c. extra dividend was omitted, prior to which time it had been paid regularly each quarter. The regular quarterly dividend of 1 3/4% on the preferred stock was also declared, payable Nov. 8 to holders of record Oct. 29.—V. 129, p. 651.

**United Linen Supply Co.—Consolidation.—**

See Consolidated Public Service Corp. above.—V. 129, p. 1143.

**United Management Corp.—Listed.—**

The Chicago Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 800,000 shares no par value common stock. A. G. Becker & Co. will offer 230,000 shares of this stock at \$36.50 per share.

**United National Corp.—Pref. Stock Oversubscribed.—**

President Ben B. Ehrlichman on Oct. 18 announced that the offering of 100,000 shares of partic. pref. stock has been oversubscribed. (See details in V. 129, p. 1931.).

**United States Leather Co.—Earnings.—**

Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928.  
Net inc. after chgs. & res \$105,278 \$641,849def \$1,918,686 \$3,527,622  
Income from invest 43,331 86,757 97,857 199,425

Total income \$148,609 \$728,606df \$1,820,829 \$3,727,047  
Earnings per sh. on 398,972 shs. com. stk. (no par) Nil \$0.30 Nil \$4.39  
—V. 129, p. 651.

**United States Securities Investment Co. (N. J.).—Par Changed.—**

At a special meeting of the stockholders a change in the par value of outstanding stock from \$10 to \$25 was approved. Holders of each 2 1/2 shares of old stock will receive one share of new. At the same time the authorized capital was increased from \$3,000,000 to \$5,000,000. The new \$25 par value shares have been approved for listing by the New York Curb Exchange.—V. 126, p. 3468.

**United Stores Corp.—Makes New Offer.—**

A new exchange offer has been announced by this Corp. expiring Nov. 15, to holders of Tobacco Products Corp. and United Cigar Stores Co. of America stock. For each class share of Tobacco Products, the stockholders will receive 24,100 of a share of 6% cum. pref. stock and 1-3 of a share of United Stores class A stock (plus a warrant for 1-6 of a common share free, attached) for each share of Tobacco Products or United Cigar Stores common stock.

**Listing.—**The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of temporary certificates for 598,076 shares of \$6 cum. convertible pref. stock outstanding or on official notice of issue in exchange for class A stock of Tobacco Products and preferred stock of United Cigar Stores or on consolidation of scrip therefor so issued; and 1,909,528 shares of class A stock (with warrants) as follows: 1,659,528 for 1,659,528 shares outstanding or on official notice of issue in exchange for common stocks of Tobacco Products and (or) United Cigar Stores and (or) class A stock of the Union Tobacco Co. and (or) Tobacco Products dividend certificates, series A, B and (or) C or on consolidation of scrip therefor so issued; and 250,000 shares on official notice of issue and payment in full.

Under a plan and offer of exchange, dated June 10 1929 the corporation offered to acquire stocks of Tobacco Products, United Cigar Stores and Union Tobacco in exchange for stocks of the corporation. Certificates of deposit for preferred and common stock of United Cigars, class A and common stock of Tobacco Products, and class A and common stock of Union Tobacco Co., have been issued by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New

York, as depositary, under such plan and offer of exchange. The plan and offer of exchange has been declared operative and the holders of certificates of deposit have been notified to surrender the same in exchange for the stocks of the corporation to which they are entitled.

The Chase National Bank has been appointed registrar for 1,000,000 shares of 6% cum. conv. pref. stock, no par value, 5,000,000 shares of class A stock, no par value, and 15,000,000 shares common stock, no par value.—V. 129, p. 2406.

**Universal Pictures Co., Inc.—Earnings.—**

Period End. Aug. 3—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Net profits after charges & Federal taxes	\$73,790	\$635,383
—V. 129, p. 1606.		\$119,961 \$1,286,516

**Virginia Iron, Coal & Coke Co.—Earnings.—**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Gross	\$487,075	\$598,825
Expenses	489,999	581,511
Operating profit	loss\$2,924	\$17,313
Other income	50,477	20,756
Total income	\$47,553	\$38,069
Int., deprec., & taxes	59,482	65,841
Net loss	\$11,929	\$27,772
—V. 129, p. 818.		\$13,395 \$40,789
		133,796 70,303
		1,633,781 1,725,736

**Waldorf System, Inc.—Earnings.—**

Period End. Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Total sales	\$3,925,642	\$3,490,223
Operating profit	480,250	320,527
Deprec., amort. & inc. taxes	216,397	179,016
Net profits	\$263,853	\$141,511
Preferred dividends	11,961	13,672
Balance for com stock	\$251,892	\$127,839
Earned per share	\$0.54	\$0.27
—V. 129, p. 1761.		\$511,529 \$680,325
		37,524 42,831
		\$774,005 \$637,494
		\$1.68 \$1.38

**Walworth Co.—Listing.—**

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 14,000 additional shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issue in exchange for the properties and assets of Westcott Valve Co. (Del.); making the total amount of common stock applied for 364,000 shares.—V. 129, p. 2094.

**Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—Common Stock Placed on a \$4 Annual Dividend Basis.—**

The directors on Oct. 24 placed the common stock on a \$4 annual divl basis through the declaration of a regular quarterly dividend of \$1 a share. In the preceding quarter, when dividend payments were inaugurated on the common stock, a regular quarterly of 75c. a share and an extra dividend of 12 1/2c. a share, or a total of 87 1/2c., was paid. The regular quarterly dividend of 55c. a share on the preferred stock was also declared. Both dividends are payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 12.

**Merger Negotiations Dropped.—**

The executive heads of the Paramount Famous Lasky Corp. and of Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc., announced this week that the negotiations between them looking toward a merger of the two corporations had been dropped.—V. 129, p. 2094.

**Wesix, Inc.—Exchange of Shares.—**

See Wesix National Co. below.—V. 127, p. 3419.

**Wesix National Co., San Francisco.—Acquisition, &c.—**

The directors on May 6 1929, authorized an offer to be made to the class A preferred stockholders of Wesix, Inc., to exchange one share of such class A preferred \$2 dividend stock for 1 1/2 shares of class A preferred \$1.50 dividend stock of Wesix National Co.

Pursuant to the authority had and obtained from the California Commissioner of Corporations, the Wesix National Co. authorized and issued its capital stock as follows: (a) 14,346 shares of class A stock in exchange for 9,560 shares of preferred stock of Wesix, Inc., on the basis of 1 1/2 shares of Wesix National Co. stock for 1 share of Wesix, Inc. stock; (b) 20,416 shares of class A stock in exchange for 20,416 shares of common stock of Wesix Inc. 20,000 shares of class A stock and 60,000 shares of class B stock to W. Wesley Hicks and Arthur J. Kercher as consideration for the transfer by them to the corporation of certain patents and license agreements; (d) 60,000 shares of class B stock issued pursuant to private subscription heretofore made; (e) 54,762 shares of class B stock reserved for conversion of A stock.

The Wesix National Co. was formed on April 15 1929 for the purpose of acquiring the patents and license agreements personally owned by W. Wesley Hicks and Arthur J. Kercher, covering the manufacture of electric air and water heaters, in exchange for stock as indicated above, and also for the purpose of acquiring through the exchange of stock as indicated above a controlling interest in Wesix, Inc. Wesix, Inc. in turn owns a controlling interest in North Wesix Electric Co. of Seattle and South Wesix Heater Co. of Los Angeles.

The offer to exchange preferred stock of Wesix, Inc., for preferred stock of the Wesix National Co. was to terminate on Oct. 1 1929. Exchange was effected by depositing the preferred stock of Wesix, Inc., either with the Secretary of that company at 390 First St., San Francisco, or with the Crocker First Federal Trust Co., San Francisco.

The board of directors consists of W. Wesley Hicks (Pres.), Samuel Kahn (Vice-Pres.); Arthur J. Kercher (Vice-Pres.), Alan J. Lowrey (Treas.), Thos. J. Mellon (Sec.), Chas. R. Blyth, C. O. G. Miller, William P. Roth, Reginald L. Vaughan, Hubert G. Prost, A. Strauch.—V. 129, p. 2248.

**Western Canada Flour Mills Co., Ltd.—**

Years End. Aug. 31—	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.
Net profit after making provision for reserves	\$556,352	\$409,397	\$388,797	\$328,096
Bond interest				47,245
Net profit	\$556,352	\$409,397	\$388,797	\$280,851
Prof. dividends—y(6 1/4%)	160,722(6 1/4%)	160,875(6 1/4%)	161,920(3 1/2%)	181,250
Common divs—y(\$1.40)	161,000(\$1.40)	140,875(\$1.40)	120,750	x175,375

Balance, surplus \$234,630 \$107,647 \$106,127 \$24,226  
Total prof. & loss surp. 1,005,611 820,982 713,334 607,207  
Shs. com. outst'g (no par) 115,000 115,000 86,250 86,250  
Earnings per sh. on com. stk. \$3.36 \$2.16 \$2.63 \$2.31  
x Being 4% on old common stock (par \$100), \$115,000, and 70 cents per share on new no-par-value stock, \$60,375. y Estimated by editor.

**Comparative Balance Sheet Aug. 31.**

	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Real estate, bldgs., &c.	\$5,674,672	\$5,726,338	6 1/4% pref. stock	\$2,465,600
Other investments	699,276	132,947	Common stock	x1,840,000
Pats., tr.-rms. and good-will	1	1	Divs. payable	80,316
Accts. & bills rec.	749,121	728,221	Accts. & bills pay.	1,133,140
Inventory	2,060,572	2,380,037	Deprec. reserve	y2,660,770
Cash	246,161	277,829	Pension reserve	50,000
Deferred charges	46,553	43,439	Res. for contng., doubtful accts., taxes, &c.	240,917
Total	\$9,476,356	\$9,288,812	P. & L. account	1,005,612
			Total	\$9,476,356 \$9,288,812

**Note.—**The company has direct liabilities of \$2,974,323, x \$115,000 shares common stock of no par value. y Property reserve, \$1,439,759 general reserve, \$1,221,012.—V. 127, p. 2385.

**West Virginia Coal & Coke Co.—Transfer Agent.—**

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent of 600,000 shares of no par value common stock.—V. 129, p. 652.

**(S. S.) White Dental Mfg. Co.—Extra Dividend.—**

The directors have declared a regular quarterly dividend of 1½% and an extra dividend of ½ of 1% on the new \$20 par value capital stock, payable Nov. 1 to holders of record Oct. 22. The same rate was paid on the old common stock of \$100 par, which was recently split five for one. A 10% stock dividend was also paid on Sept. 16 last.—V. 129, p. 1462.

**White Eagle Oil & Refining Co.—Earnings.—**

Period End.	1929-3 Mos.—1928.	1929-9 Mos.—1928.
Sales	\$7,425,396	\$6,156,762
Costs and expenses	5,964,860	5,065,652
Operating profit	\$1,460,536	\$1,091,110
Miscellaneous charges (net)	146,551	15,114
Depreciation and depletion	361,538	333,611
Net income	\$952,445	\$742,385
Before Federal taxes	\$1,636,350	\$1,209,258

**White Motor Co.—Dividend Rate Increased.—**The directors on Oct. 25 declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the outstanding \$40,000,000 capital stock, par \$50, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 12. From March 30 1928 to Sept. 30 1929 incl., quarterly dividends of 25c. a share were paid.—V. 129, p. 2249.

**White Rock Mineral Springs Co.—Earnings.—**

Period Ended	1929-3 Mos.—1928.	1929-9 Mos.—1928.
Net income after charges & Federal taxes	\$305,995	\$272,621
Earns. per sh. on 200,000 shs. com. stk., after pref. divs. (no par)	\$1.08	\$0.95

**Will & Baumer Candle Co., Inc.—Extra Dividend.—**

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10c. a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 10c. a share on the common stock, both payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 1. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$2 a share on the preferred stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 16. In February, May and August last, regular quarterly dividends of 10c. a share were paid on the common stock.—V. 128, p. 906.

**(Benjamin) Winter, Inc.—Sells Building.—**

The corporation has sold 32 Union Square, a 12-story office building, to the Commerce Building Properties, Inc. It had been held by the Winter interests for a number of years and was one of the original properties taken over by the Winter company when it was incorporated about two years ago.—V. 129, p. 1304.

**Worthington Pump & Machinery Co.—Back Divs.—**

The directors have declared dividends of 1¼% on the class A preferred and 1½% on the class B preferred stocks on account of arrears and the regular quarterly dividends of 1¼% on the class A and 1½% on the class B pref. stocks, all payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 10. Accumulations on these issues as of Jan. 2 1930, after giving effect to the above payments, will amount to 8¼% on the class A pref. and 7½% on the class B pref. stock.—V. 129, p. 818.

**(William) Wrigley Jr., Co.—Earnings.—**

Period End.	1929-3 Mos.—1928.	1929-9 Mos.—1928.
Earnings	\$5,931,862	\$5,803,826
Expenses	2,074,866	2,330,811
Depreciation	137,040	105,083
Federal taxes	397,033	399,401
Net profit	\$3,322,922	\$2,968,531
Shares capital stock outstanding (no par)	1,972,462	1,800,000
Earnings per share	\$1.68	\$1.64

**Yale & Towne Mfg. Co.—Proposed Acquisition.—**

President Walter C. Allen, in a recent letter, stated: In the spring of 1928 announcement was made of the purchase by the company of manufacturing plants in Germany, for the purpose of expanding the company's business in world markets.

The work of consolidating the business done by the properties acquired with that of this company has been going on steadily since that time and the business is now running at a fair operating profit. The acquisition of these properties has resulted in a more intensive study of world markets than ever before, as the result of which the directors have reached the conclusion that the acquisition of a British property for the production of locks would greatly strengthen the company's position in British Empire markets. Experience has indicated that because of preferential tariffs within the Empire, in addition to reasons of sentiment, business can be more effectively conducted within the Empire from Great Britain than elsewhere.

Investigation of this matter has been proceeding for some time, with the result that a provisional contract, subject to the approval of the stockholders, has been entered into for the purchase of the business of H. & T. Vaughan, Ltd., of Willenhall, England. This company has been in existence since 1850, and is now the largest producer of locks in the British Empire. Its business is not confined to Great Britain, but extends largely into the British Colonies. The business has been well managed and successfully operated, and the directors believe that the acquisition of this property will not only strengthen the company's position in the British Empire, but will add materially to the profits of its business.

H. & T. Vaughan, Ltd., are the owners of important trade-marks, which the Yale & Towne company will acquire, and, in addition, it is the intention to manufacture locks bearing our trade-mark "Yale" in England for distribution throughout the British Empire. It is intended to operate the business as the British branch of the Yale & Towne company; H. & T. Vaughan, Ltd., going into liquidation. Under the provisional contract referred to, the Yale & Towne company will acquire all of the assets of whatsoever kind and description of H. & T. Vaughan, Ltd., and will assume its current business obligations. The purchase price has been fixed at £300,000, or \$1,455,000. The stockholders of H. & T. Vaughan, Ltd., have agreed that the purchase price is to be paid in stock of the Yale & Towne company.

The contract provides that the vendors will accept 19,400 shares of the capital stock of the Yale & Towne company in payment for their business, and as the equivalent of £300,000, said stock being accepted therefore as the equivalent of \$75 per share. It is announced that due to delays in getting certain papers in proper form, it was necessary to postpone the stockholders' meeting called for Oct. 10 for a short time.

The average net profits of H. & T. Vaughan, Ltd., for the past three years, after all taxes, as certified by our auditors, show a good margin of profit after the payment of the usual dividends on Yale & Towne shares to be issued for the business.

The Yale & Towne company owns and operates six manufacturing plants in the United States and Canada.

Since July 29 negotiations have been completed for the acquisition of the Stuebing Cowan business, which is now being operated as the Stuebing Cowan division of the Yale & Towne Mfg. Co. The Yale & Towne stock issued in payment for the property has been delivered (see V. 129, p. 819).—V. 129, p. 1462.

**Zonite Products Corp.—Stock Increase—Rights—Acquis.**

President Ellery W. Mann, Oct. 21, says in substance: The stockholders on Oct. 18 1929 approved the recommendation of the board of directors to increase the authorized number of shares from 500,000 shares of no par value to 2,000,000 shares of no par value.

The company is now in a position to go forward with the acquisition of the assets of the Forhan Company.

Pursuant to the authority of the directors, the company is offering to stockholders 94,000 shares of the new authorized capital stock (notwithstanding the fact that the stockholders have no preemptive right to purchase the shares of the corporation) on the basis of one-fourth of a share of new stock for each share of stock outstanding on Oct. 21 at \$30 per share.

The proceeds of this stock will be used as part of the consideration for the acquisition of the assets of the Forhan Company. The subscription warrants to stockholders provide for the payment for the shares subscribed on or before Nov. 11 1929.—V. 129, p. 2556, 2407.

**CURRENT NOTICES.**

—Hawes & Co., Inc., St. Louis has just completed its newly expanded quarters on the second floor of the Landreth Building, occupying double the floor space it had previously. This concern has opened a new branch office in the Bankers Building, Chicago, making two branches to be established in the last few months. The Kansas City branch was opened in July in charge of T. J. Dempsey, Jr. The Chicago branch is in charge of De Witt Stillman, resident Vice-President. Among the improvements made in the main office are Chicago and New York Curb ticker service and Translux service. This is in addition to New York and St. Louis ticker service. R. S. Hawes, Jr., is President, E. E. Stith and Paul F. Ring, Vice-Presidents in charge of sales, Vincent P. Ring, Vice-President and Secretary, in charge of engineering and statistics, and Clarence E. Maloy Treasurer, in charge trading department.

—Announcement is made of the formation of a new stock and bond investment and brokerage firm under the name of Williamson, Gilbert & Co., with offices at 5 Nassau St., New York. The firm holds membership in the New York Stock Exchange, New York Curb Exchange and the New York Produce Exchange. In addition to the main office, the firm will have branch offices in Syracuse, Watertown, Utica, Oneonta, Binghamton, Geneva, Rochester and Toronto. James N. Slee of the firm is a member of the New York Stock Exchange, Donald S. Warman is a member of the New York Curb and William L. Culbert, Jr., is member of the New York Produce Exchange. Other members of the firm are: G. P. Williamson, Donald N. Gilbert, Knox B. Phagan, Proctor W. Hansi, J. Reginald Stebbins, Saron B. Warman and Edwin H. Pooler.

—One of the most significant developments in the utility field is the marked improvement in operating efficiency, according to White, Weld & Co. They have prepared a chart on a scale showing that while gross earnings of 95 companies reporting to the U. S. Dept. of Commerce rose 65% in the eight years since 1920, net earnings increased 150%. Improved operating efficiency is the major reason for the greater proportionate rise in net, according to White, Weld & Co. They add that results for the first eight months of this year continue the same trend, with gross earnings of \$1,512,250,000 for the 95 companies, about 3.6% larger than for the same period in 1928, while the net of \$651,500,000 was 17½% larger.

—Philip R. Clarke, formerly President of the Federal Securities Corp. which was sold several months ago to the Central Illinois Co., investment affiliate of the Central Trust Co. of Illinois, has been elected to the board of the Central Illinois Co. Mr. Clarke is also a director of the Dawes Bank and President of the Hinsdale State Bank. At present Mr. Clarke is engaged in closing out the affairs of the Federal Securities Corp. and in that work heads the Equity Ownership Corp., organized for the purpose.

—Direct leased wire quotation ticker service from the floor of the Chicago Stock Exchange to Madison, Wis., will be started Monday, Oct. 28, the Exchange has announced. The brokerage office of Hulburd, Warren & Chandler in Madison will be the first in that city to install the new service. Madison is the twenty-seventh city to receive direct quotation ticker service from the Chicago Exchange. On June 1 1928, Chicago Exchange tickers were in only two cities, Chicago and New York.

—Lee Moser has resigned as a general executive of Grover O'Neill & Co. and Joint Investors, Inc., to open his own office as public relations counsel to financial organizations. Mr. Moser formerly was National publicity Director of Halsey, Stuart & Co., coming to the New York office of Albert Frank & Co. in 1925 where he was copy chief and account executive on financial accounts for more than three years.

—Earle A. Miller & Co., 74 Trinity Place, New York, announce that Gilbert C. White, formerly Vice-President of Burns, Saunders & Tausch, Inc., has become associated with them as Manager of their bond department. They also announce the association with them of Dunbar B. Abell.

—Hemphill, Noyes & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have opened a new office in Pottsville under the management of H. K. Beecher and Harold Hellyer. The office is connected by private wire with offices of the firm located in New York and 44 other leading cities.

—Merrill, Lynch & Co., announce the appointment of Phil S. Hanna as Manager of the Stock Exchange Department at their main office, 120 Broadway, New York. Mr. Hanna had been connected with the Detroit office of Merrill, Lynch & Co. since 1927.

—George W. Fortier and Philip J. Corrigan announce the formation of George W. Fortier & Co., with offices at suite 1120, 39 So. La Salle St., Chicago where they will conduct a general investment business.

—Gilbert Elliott & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 11 Broadway, New York, have issued special circulars on American Surety Co. of New York and Fidelity & Deposit Co. of Baltimore.

—E. W. Clucas & Co. announce that Mercer Hicks has joined their organization in the New York office, and that John R. Mauff and Ainslee J. Bell are now associated with their Chicago office.

—John J. O'Brien, President, announces that Bernard F. Braheney has been elected a Vice-President of the Bylesby Engineering & Management Corp. Since 1923 he has been General Auditor.

—Joseph Walker & Sons, 61 Broadway, New York, are offering \$1,000,000 of guaranteed railroad stocks of various companies whose dividends are fixed obligations of trunk line systems.

—John Munroe & Co., 100 Broadway, N. Y., have issued their November "American Letter" in which they discuss the Gillette Safety Razor Co. and the International Printing Ink Corp.

—Love, Bryan & Co., members New York and St. Louis Stock Exchange, have opened their new offices on the ground floor of the Security Building, 400 Locust Street, St. Louis, Mo.

—Childs, Jeffries & Co., 48 Wall St., N. Y., have published their monthly "Chain Store Counsellor" in which is shown a comparative chart covering 12 leading drug chains.

—Luke, Banks & Weeks, members of the New York Stock Exchange, 14 Wall St., New York, have prepared an analysis of Oilstocks Limited.

—F. A. Willard & Co. announce the opening of an office in Camden, N. J. at 513 Cooper Street, under the management of E. H. Robinson.

—H. L. Horton & Co. has opened Brooklyn offices at 56 Court Street under the management of Nat Shanfeld and Joseph P. McDonald.

—The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar in New York for the common stock of International Rustless Iron Corp.

—Charles R. Hammerslough & Co. have removed their offices to 40 Exchange Place, New York.

—Prince & Whitley, 25 Broad St., New York, are distributing an analysis of Southern Railway.

# The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS  
PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

## COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, Oct. 25 1929.

COFFEE on the spot was dull and prices were nominal; Santos 4s, 20¼ to 20½c.; Rio 7s, 12¾ to 13c.; Victoria 7-8s, 11⅞ to 12c. Later Rio 7s were higher at 13 to 13¼c., Victoria 7-8s, 11½ to 11¾c.; Santos 4s were 20¼ to 20½c. Spot later was dull and weak. Santos 4s nominally 20 to 20¼c.; Victoria 7-8s, 11¼ to 11½c.; Rio 7s, scarce at 13c. To-day Brazilian markets were irregular with Santos opening 100 reis lower to 110 higher, while Rio opened 325 to 500 reis higher. Fair to good Cucuta, 20 to 20½c.; Colombian, Ocana, 19 to 19½c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 19½ to 20c.; washed, 22 to 22½c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 21½ to 22c.; Medellin, 22¾ to 23¼c.; Mexican, washed, 23 to 24c.; Surinam, 18 to 19c.; East India, Ankola, 28½ to 34c.; Mandheling, 34 to 37c.; genuine Java, 32 to 33½c.; Robusta, washed, 17c.; Mocha, 27½ to 28c.; Harrar, 24½ to 25½c. Guatemala, prime, 23½ to 24c.; good, 22¼ to 22¾c.

At Boston the "Castilian Prince" has landed 1,100 bags and the "Culberson" 11,300 bags of Brazilian coffee, all of which is being delivered direct from vessel. One comment was: "The recent severe decline has destroyed confidence. Recovery the result of force, cannot be expected to be lasting. The arbitrary and unwarranted prices that existed, were the result of force, and when the actual situation is considered, are still too high. We place little confidence in the rumors of loans being obtained, other than of renewals. There is evidence of a difference of opinion in Brazil as to the future policy of the Brazil Defense Committee. There is nothing in sight pointing toward a return to prices that ruled before the recent decline." On the 24th inst. coffee was powerfully affected by the break in stocks and the general excitement downtown in commodities generally. Final prices showed a decline of 40 to 135 points on Santos and 7 to 30 on Rio. Rio stood up the best being relatively scarce on the spot. The sales of Rio amounted to 89,500 bags and of Santos 102,500 bags. Brazilian cables were lower. The terme margin at Santos had been increased to 40 cantos per 1,000 bags or about double what it had been before. The canto is equal to about \$5. It was said that the Brazilian railroad had been ordered not to take coffee from plantations to interior warehouses. Some think that the decline has by no means run its course and that even if Brazil may have obtained the loan of £10,000,000 as some reports state, she will need two or three times this amount.

An Associated Press dispatch from Rio Janeiro, Brazil, said: "Advices from Sao Paulo from a 'reliable source' state that a loan of \$10,000,000 has been negotiated in New York, London, Paris and Brussels bearing interest of 6% at 92 for the defense of the coffee industry. The entire conditions of the loan will be published shortly according to the dispatch, which says that the President of Sao Paulo will assume direct charge of the coffee institute." On the 21st inst. there was still a very light supply of cost and freight offers from Brazil with prices unchanged or lower. Prompt shipment, from Santos Bourbon 2s were offered at 22c.; 2-3s at 20¾c to 21c.; 3s at 20.45 to 20.55c.; 3-5s at 18 to 19½c.; 4-5s at 18½ to 18¾c.; 5s at 18.15c.; 5-6s at 17.70c.; 6-7s at 16¼c. Part Bourbon 4-5s at 18½c.; rain-damaged Santos were here 16c. for 3-5s; 14c. for 6s; 11.85 to 15c. for 6-7s; 10.45 to 10¾c. for 7s and 10½c. for 7-8s. For Jan.-Feb.-March shipment equal Bourbon 4s were offered at 18¾c.; 4-5s at 18¼c. and 5s at 18.15c. There were no reported offers from Rio or Victoria.

On the 23d inst. Brazilian shippers were reluctant to make firm offers. Generally they were unchanged, but in one instance they were 50 points lower. The firm offers for prompt shipment from Santos were of Bourbon 2-3s at 20¾ to 21c.; 3s at 20.55c.; 3-4s at 19¼ to 19.60c.; 3-5s at 18.70 to 19.05c.; 4-5s at 18½ to 18¾c.; 5s at 18¼c.; 6-7s at 16¼c.; 7-8s at 11.40 to 15.70c.; rain-damaged Santos 3-5s at 15¾c.; 6s at 13¾c. and 7-8s at 10.35 to 12.65c. On the 24th inst. the supply of cost and freight offers continued light and prices are very irregular, being mostly lower, some as much as 65 to 70 points. However, buyers can only make a real test of the market by submitting bids and they are not by any means disposed to do so at present. The offers here yesterday for prompt shipment from Santos were of Bourbon 2-3s at 20.30c.; 3s at 19¾c.; 3-4s at 18¾ to 19.35c.; 3-5s at 18.40 to 19¼c.; 4-5s at 18 to 18.80c.; 5s at 17¾c.; 5-6s at 17.45c.; part Bourbon 4-5s at 17.90c.; rain-damaged 3-5s at 15.05c.; 5-6s at 13.20c.; 6-7s at 11.80 to 14c.; 7s at 10½c. and 7-8s at 10c. Rio 7s were here at 11.55c.; 7-8s at 11.30 to 11.80c.; Victoria 7-8s at 10¾c. To-day prices were weak under continued foreign selling and local liquidation with little support. Futures closed 45 to

50 points lower on Rio with sales of 65,000 bags and 40 to 65 points down on Santos with sales of 59,000 bags. Final prices show decline for the week of 107 to 130 points on Rio and 167 to 230 points on Santos.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....13	March.....8.90@8.95	July.....8.65@8.70
December.....9.40@9.45	May.....8.73@	September.....8.60@8.62

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial).....15.15	March.....13.75	July.....14.49@
December.....15.15	May.....13.59	September.....13.28@13.29

COCOA ended at 10.07c. for Dec. and 10.09c. for Jan. with sales of 40 lbs. or 2 to 4 points higher for the day. Final prices show an advance for the week of 9 to 10 points.

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban raws were quiet early at 2¼ to 29-32c. Futures on the 22nd inst. ended one point lower to one point higher with the trading light awaiting action as to the final organization of the Co-operative Export Agency. The trading was estimated at about 19,000 tons. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 24,759 tons against 29,918 in the same week last year; exports, 54,195 tons against 83,624 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 408,579 against 522,427 last year. Of the exports Atlantic ports received 47,044 tons; New Orleans, 2,723 tons; interior United States, 304; Galveston, 3,410; South America, 101; Europe, 613. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 49,800 tons against 53,572 in previous week and 33,572 in same week last year; meltings, 46,934 tons against 53,398 in previous week and 62,300 last year; importers' stocks 444,159 against 447,538 in previous week and 190,325 last year; refiners' stocks, 223,665 against 217,420 in previous week and 90,187 last year; total stocks 667,824 against 664,958 in previous week and 280,512 last year. The selling agency made two sales on the 21st inst., one of 10,000 tons for Nov.-Dec. shipment to the United States on a bid by an operator of 2.29c. f. o. b., a little over 2 9-32c. c. & f. New York and of 10,000 bags for prompt delivery to a Cuban refinery at 1.90c. f. o. b. Bids were declined of 9s. 3d. c. i. f. United Kingdom, on one lot of 20,500 tons and another of 1,000 tons for Dec. shipment to Europe and of 2.13c. f. o. b. on 4,000 tons for Nov.-Dec. shipment to the United States.

It was remarked that the Cuban Single Seller maintains a firm attitude and holders of uncontrolled sugars are encouraged by this attitude and think the Single Seller's position will be further strengthened should the start of grinding the new crop be delayed until Jan. 15, as now seems probable. Some think that next year's world crops will be closer to requirements. Also, talk continues of the possibility of a rather tight position in the December futures position as occurred in September. Some think these factors offset in some degree plentiful supplies on hand. One view was: "In the United States a large visible stock of sugar has been accumulated in connection with the tariff question. It is doubtful, however, if invisible stocks have been filled up to any extent. Once the visible stocks held by importers and refiners are released, they may cause a temporary setback in the market, but as the Single Seller in Cuba will no doubt refrain from exerting pressure at such a time, the absorption of old crop stocks in this country should be accomplished without much effect on prices."

Raw sugar meltings and refined sugar deliveries by the 15 United States' refineries for the week ended Oct. 12 as reported by the Sugar Institute are 5,000 tons and 16,130 tons larger, respectively, than for the same week last year. Since the week ending Sept. 7 1929 weekly meltings and deliveries have been showing decreases when compared with the similar periods of 1928. The figures for the week ended Oct. 12 were the first to show increases since Sept. 7 1929. Meltings in the United States by the 15 refineries for the period Jan. 1 1929 to Oct. 5 1929, aggregates 3,950,000 long tons, raw value. This figure reflects an increase over the same period of last year of 350,000 tons, or 9.7%. Deliveries in the United States by the 15 refineries for the period Jan. 1 1929 to Oct. 5 1929 totalled 3,978,610 long tons, raw value. This figure compares with 3,672,150 long tons for the similar period of 1928, and represents an increase of 306,460 tons, or 8.3%.

As a result of the election of directors of the Cuban co-operative agency held in Havana on the 23d inst., the Cuban interests will have six representatives and the American which is the majority interest, will have ten. The Cuban representatives and their substitutes elected are: For Oriente Province, Dr. Delio Nunez Mesa and Dr. Jacinto Pedroso; for Camaguey, Dr. Viriato Gutierrez and Emilio Sanchez; for Santa Clara, Esteban Cacicedo and Carlos Felipe Gutierrez; for Matanzas, Col. J. F. Tarafa, and Godwell; for Havana, Jose Gomez Mena and Manuel Azpuru; for Pinar del Rio, M. Balsinde and Manuel Galdo. The American candidates and substitutes are: Simpson and Smith for Cuba

Cane, Douglas and Leonard for Punta Alegre, Armsby and Dr. Manas for Cuban Dominican, Lakin and Stuntz for Cuba Co., Elmo Miller and Amour for Sugar Plantation, Schuyler and Du Vinage for United Fruit Co., Gen. Mollinet and Steele for Cuban American; Staple and Blanck for Hershey, Chadburne for Trinidad Sugar, and Walker for Matanzas Sugar. The tenth place was reserved for the representation of Rionda's interests, but they have not accepted it. The following executive committee shall have charge of making sales of sugar: Dr. Viriato Gutierrez, Jose Gomez, Mena, Mr. Armsby, Mr. Douglas and Mr. Smith or Mr. Miller. Dr. Viriato Gutierrez will be elected President of the executive committee. The President of the Co-operative Export Agency it is almost certain will also be Dr. Viriato Gutierrez. Col. J. M. Tarafa, it is said, has declined.

On the 22d inst. the Cuban Selling Agency made but one sale which according to some cables was of 1,000 bags and according to others 10,000 at 1.90c. f.o.b. Cardenas to be refined and exported away from the United States, the buyer being Bonet & Co. There were rejected bids of 1.82 to 1.84c. f.o.b. on 97,500 tons for Nov. to Dec. shipment to Europe and of 2 1/4c. c. & f. on 19,500 tons for Dec.-Jan. shipment to the United States. The Cuban Committee on the 23rd inst. made no sales. It declines bids of 1.81 to 1.84c. on 81,500 tons for Nov.-Dec.-Jan. shipment to Europe, and 2 1/4c. c. & f. on 156,000 bags for Nov.-Dec.-Jan. shipment to the United States. Private London cables on the 24th inst. reported a quiet and slightly easier market for raw sugars with Mauritius crystals offered at 15s. 5 1/4d. c.i.f. equivalent to 1.76c. f.o.b. for Cubas and Perus at 8s. 10 1/2d. c.i.f. Cubas for Jan. shipment were offered at 9s. 3d. equal to 1.82c. f.o.b. Cuba.

On the 24th inst. partly owing to the break in stocks futures declined 2 to 4 points with sales of 41,500 tons. Wall Street was the largest seller. In protecting stocks sugar was thrown over. Spot raws were quiet at 2 1/4 to 2 9-16c. It was said that a thousand tons of British refined had been sold to New York at 5.20c. delivered on docks, with reports of considerable other business of this kind. It was taken to mean that if Cuba tries artificial measures of bolstering up prices European refiners may steal a march on Cuba in this country. Press advices from Havana stated that on account of excessive drought, Cuba's 1929-30 sugar harvest will be curtailed by 500,000 tons failed to cause new buying and prices have slowly dropped owing to a weaker spot market and weakness in the London market. Can see no prospect of any decided upturn in the near future and although looking for moderately higher prices in the long run, think that better opportunities for purchases may be offered. Cuban raws were dull early in the week awaiting the outcome of the meeting at Havana to complete the organization of the Co-operative Export Sales Committee. The California-Hawaiian Sugar Refining Co. of San Francisco has announced that effective to-day, its list basis is 5.25c. Thus far, local refiners have made no change in their quotations but the general belief is that they will follow the cut. While no definite advices have been received from Havana it was reported that the Cuban Agency has done some selling to-day at 27-32c. C. & F. Godchaux, Henderson, Colonial, Texas City and Galveston have met the C. & H. cut as has also the Western Sugar Refining Co. of San Francisco.

The Cuban Committee on the 24th inst. made no sales and declined bids on a considerable tonnage. The rejections included 2.21c. d. & f. on 50,000 tons for Dec. and 50,000 tons for Jan. shipment to the United States, 9s. c.i.f. on 6,000 tons for Dec., 1.82c. f.o.b. on 12,000 tons for Jan., 1.85c. f.o.b. for 13,000 tons of Nov.-Dec. and 1.86c. f.o.b. for 30,000 tons for Jan. shipment to United Kingdom. Refined was 5.50c. with rather larger withdrawals later in the week. To-day Havana cables reported that the Cuban Agency sold 25,000 bags of raw sugar at 2.21c. c. & f. to Rionda for Dec. shipment and 22,000 bags in the same position at the same price to Galban. Bids were declined of 2.25c. c. & f. on 25,000 bags for Jan. shipment to the United States, and of 1.83c. f.o.b. on 13,000 tons for Nov.-Dec. shipment; 1.84c. f.o.b. on 20,000 tons for Jan. and 9s. c.i.f. on 6,000 tons for Dec. shipment to Europe. Uncontrolled Cubas and duty free sugars were offered on the basis of 2 3-16c. c. & f. but buyers held aloof. Futures here to-day were 1 to 2 points lower with sales of 23,000 tons. Spot raws 2 3-16c. Early prices were generally higher under the influence of a firmer tone in stocks. Final prices show a decline for the week of 9 to 11 points.

Prices were as follows:  
Spot (unofficial) 2 3-16 March 2.19 @ 2.20 July 2.31  
December 2.20 May 2.24 @ September 2.35  
January 2.19

LARD on the spot was weak; prime Western, 10.40 to 10.50c.; refined Continent, 12 1/2c.; South American, 12 3/4c.; Brazil, 13 3/4c. On the spot later prime Western was 10.45 to 0.55c. and weak. Still later in the week cash prime Western was 11.35 to 11.45c. with the tone weak. Futures on the 19th inst. advanced 2 to 3 points early and then reacted, closing 2 to 8 points lower. Hogs were firm. That helped lard for a time, but later on liquidation of October coincident with lower grain caused a setback. Futures on the 21st inst. declined 7 to 15 points with cash lard lower. Heavy selling accompanied the decline. Total Western hog receipts were 140,000, the largest in some time against 127,000 on the same day last year. Chicago reported arrivals of

44,000. Clearances of lard reached the good-sized total of 14,535,000 bs. for the week as against 4,231,000 the week before. Futures on the 23d inst. advanced 5 to 9 points with hogs 10 to 15c. higher and a good export business. On the 24th inst. futures ended 7 to 10 points lower. At one time the decline was 25 to 30 points. Later it rallied with corn and stocks. It was a day of big trading. Hogs were 10 to 15 cents higher. Cash lard was lower. Receipts of hogs at Chicago were 23,000; total at the West, 84,700, against 108,000 a week ago. Liverpool was steady. To-day futures closed 5 to 10 points higher with corn up and considerable covering of shorts. Final prices show a decline for the week of 7 to 22 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
October delivery	10.85	10.75	10.67	10.75	10.65	10.70
December delivery	11.05	10.90	10.85	10.90	10.80	10.90
January delivery	11.52	11.45	11.35	11.42	11.35	11.40

PORK.—Mess, \$28.50; family, \$33 to \$35; fat back, \$22 to \$26; ribs, 11.24c. Beef, steadier; Mess, \$25; packet, \$26 to \$27; family, \$27 to \$28.50; 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 steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 17 1/2 to 19 1/4c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 17 to 19 3/4c.; bellies clear, dry salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 13 1/4c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 13 3/4c. Butter, lower grade, 37 1/2 to 46 1/2c. Cheese, flats, 25 to 29 1/4c.; daisies, 25 to 26c.; old, 27c. Eggs, medium to extras, 35 to 48c. Closely selected, 49 to 52c. Direct jobbing receivers pay certain shippers of extra fancy whites, chiefly from Jersey 1 to 2 1/2c. premium over top quotation for whites. A few closely selected mixed colors are handled on basis of 1 to 5c. over top mixed color quotation.

OILS.—Lined declined to 15.7c. in carlots cooerage basis, with the flaxseed market weaker. A fair inquiry was reported, but consumers are not anxious to buy beyond immediate requirements. In single barrels sellers were asking 16.5c., while in 5 to 10 barrel lots 16.1c. was quoted. Coconut, Manila Coast tanks, 6 1/2 to 7c.; corn, crude tanks f.o.b., 8 3/4c.; olive, Den., \$1.15 to \$1.30; China wood, N. Y. drums, carlots spot, 15 1/2 to 16c.; Pacific Coast tanks futures, 14 to 15c.; soya bean, tanks coast, 11 1/4c.; edible olive, \$2.25 to \$2.40. Lard, prime, 15 1/4c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 12 3/4c. Cod, Newfoundland, 62c. Turpentine, 54 3/4 to 61c. Rosin, \$9.25 to \$10.05. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 2,200 barrels. Crude, Southeast, 7 1/4c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	8.90 @ 9.50	December	9.17 @ 9.21	March	9.42 @ 9.45
October	9.00 @ 9.45	January	9.28 @ 9.30	April	9.45 @ 9.46
November	9.10 @ 9.25	February	9.20 @ 9.42	May	9.55 @ 9.53

PETROLEUM.—Kerosene was in better demand for export of late with prices well maintained. There was a better inquiry from foreign buyers who were recently holding off in anticipation of lower prices. Water white 41-43 was held at 7 3/4c. in tank cars at refineries and 8 3/4c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. Tank wagon prices were steady. The slash in California prices and the approval of Oklahoma City pool operators of the proration measures recently adopted to curtail production 40% in that pool have given a better aspect to the crude oil situation. Domestic heating oils were in better demand and stronger. Gasoline was quiet at 8 3/4c. refinery. Grade C bunker oil was held at \$1.05 refinery and \$1.10 f.a.s. New York Harbor. Diesel oil was quiet at \$2. Domestic fuel 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.—New York on the 19th inst. declined 10 points on some months after an early advance of 10 points. Some months ended unchanged. Trading was light. Malayan shipments for the first half of the month were estimated at 24,000 tons. Bearish estimates of the October consumption below the total for September which was 34,365 tons. Actual rubber was also quiet. December closed on the 19th inst. at 20 to 20.20c.; March at 20.70c.; May at 21.20 to 21.30c.; July at 21.60c. It was said that only producers of 30,000 tons out of 65,000 tons approve the plan looking to the stabilization of prices. New York on the 22nd inst. closed 20 points lower to 10 points higher with sales of 1,112 tons. Early prices were 10 to 30 points lower, but Amsterdam wired that at a conference it was decided to remove 6,000 tons "as a preliminary step presumably to further withdrawals." The meeting represented a production of about 45,000 tons in the Dutch East Indies where growers controlling 30,000 tons had joined the plan. London took no notice of all this, however, and closed 1-16d. lower. Spot there was 9 11-16d.; November, 9 3/4d.; December, 9 7/8d. Singapore declined 1/8d.; November was 99 11-16d.; January-March, 10 1-16d. New York on the 22nd inst. closed with October, 19.40 to 19.50c.; December, 20c.; January, 20.10 to 20.30c.; March, 20.70c.; May, 21.10c.; July, 21.40c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and October, 19 1/4 to 20c.; November, 20 to 20 1/4c.; December, 20 3/8 to 20 3/4c.; January-March, 20 5/8 to 20 3/4c.; April-June, 21 to 21 1/4c.; spot, first latex, 20 3/4 to 21c.; thin plate latex, 21 to 21 1/4c.; clean thin brown crepe, 16 1/2 to 16 3/4c.; specky crepe, 16 to 16 1/2c.; rolled brown crepe, 12 1/2 to 12 3/4c.; No. 2 amber, 16 1/4 to 17c.; No. 3, 16 3/4 to 16 3/4c.; No. 4, 16 1/2 to 16 1/4c.; Paras, up-river fine spot, 20c.

London on the 23rd inst. cabled: "Later advices received from Amsterdam show producers at Rubber meeting repre-



sented only 46% of all Dutch producers and of this only 75% voted in favor of the scheme for taking 45,000 tons of rubber off the market. The committee has decided to continue its efforts to get support of remaining Dutch producers and also support of British, French, Belgian firms growing rubber in Dutch Indies. Chairman of meeting said he had just returned from London where Eric Miller and Mr. Hog, Chairman of Rubber Growers Association were prepared to support the scheme. Mining Lane Rubber circles in London are not much impressed at result of Dutch meeting and incline to be hostile to the plan.

Amsterdam cabled: "Although a majority of those present voted in favor of the committee plan, it transpired later that the majority represented only 30,000 tons, total production 65,000 tons, of purely Dutch rubber. The 150 to 200 producers present represented in all approximately 41,755 tons. Vote stands for less than 75% of producers represented at the meeting. The committee intends to try to secure additional support from those who did not attend the meeting." Another Amsterdam cable Oct. 22: "Dutch rubber producers' meeting agreed to adopt committee's plan for restriction of rubber output without alteration. Consequently 6,000 tons of rubber will be taken off the market as a preliminary step. Dutch producers intend to approach British producers concerning restriction in the near future."

Based on present operations at leading tire manufacturing centers in the country, crude rubber consumption during October will total approximately 34,500 tons, it was estimated by members of the Rubber Exchange of New York. This will be approximately the same as the September rate when consumption amounted to 34,363 tons. For the ten months of 1929, rubber consumption will reach the figure of 417,971 tons, which is 45,300 tons more than manufacturers consumed during the same time in 1928 and 99,200 tons more than consumption for the corresponding period of 1927. Consumption of crude rubber during October last year amounted to 40,857 tons, and during that month two years ago, 26,790 tons.

On the 24th inst. prices dropped 50 points in sympathy with the break in the stock market. The sales were 1,947 long tons as against 802 the day before. October consumption was practically the same as in September if not exactly the same. The total was put at 34,500 tons. It therefore fell flat. For 10 months of this year the total consumption is stated at 417,971 tons or 45,300 tons more than in a like period last year, and 99,200 more than in the same time two years ago. The October consumption last year was 40,857 tons or in other words about 6,300 tons more than October this year. On the other hand two years ago the October consumption was only 26,790 tons. October in New York ended on the 24th inst. at 19c., Nov. at 19.10c.; Dec. at 19.40c., Jan. at 19.60c., March at 20 to 20.10c., May at 20.40 to 20.50c. and July at 20.80 to 20.90c. Ribbed spot and Oct., 19½ to 19¾c.; Nov., 19½ to 19¾c.; first latex spot, 19¾ to 20c.; thin pale, 20 to 20¾c.; clean, thin brown crepe, 16 to 16¼c.; rolled brown, 11½ to 11¾c.; No. 2 amber, 16½ to 16¾c. London declined, ½d.; spot, 9½d.; Nov., 9 9-16d.; Dec., 9 11-16d. Singapore was off ½ to ¾d.; Nov. closed at 9¾d.; Jan., 9¾d.; April-June, 9¾d. Singapore to-day closed steady at ½ to 3-16d. lower. No. 3 amber crepe spot quoted at 7 3-16d. off ½d. London closed unchanged to ¼d. higher with spot, 9 7-16d.; Nov., 9 9-16d.; Dec., 9 11-16d.; Jan.-March, 9¾d.; April-June, 10 3-16d. and July-Sept., 10½d. Final prices here show a decline for the week of 110 to 130 points. To-day prices ended 20 to 40 points lower with sales of 395 lots. There were 12 transferable notices issued making 116 to date. A large business was reported to have been done in actual rubber with manufacturers yesterday. It was said to have been done at the largest seen in months. But it seems to have been done at comparatively low prices and in some cases the sales were in the form of short selling. New England factories and the Middle West were buying a little. Big Akron buyers however were holding off.

HIDES.—New York on the 22nd inst. closed unchanged to 20 points higher with sales of 480,000 lbs. October closed at 15.25c.; November, 15.75c.; December, 16.25c.; January, 16.50 to 16.75c.; February, 16.75c.; March, 17.05c.; April, 17.30c.; May, 17.50 to 17.70c.; June, 17.70c. July, 17.80c.; August, 17.95c.; September, 18.10c. Some 12,000 frigorific steers sold at 17¾c. In Chicago sales of October hides were 2,000 heavy native steers at 18¾c.; 2,000 Colorado steers at 17c. and 3,000 heavy Texas steers at 18c. New York was quiet in the outside market. Frigorifico was called 18½c. Common dry, Cucutas, 21c.; Orinoco, 20c.; Central America, 19c.; Savanillas, 19½c.; Santa Marta, 20½c.; Packer, spready native steers, 21½ to 22c.; native steers, 19½c.; butt brands, 19c.; Colorados, 18c.; bulls, native, 13c. New York City calfskins 5-7s, 1.90c.; On the 24th inst. prices at one time were 50 points lower on some deliveries, partly in sympathy with the great break in stocks which affected all of the commodity markets. The sales were 1,400,000 lbs. December ended at 15.75 to 16c.; January, 16 to 16.05c.; May, 16.98 to 17.05c.; June, 17 to 17.05c.; Some months ended unchanged. November was 15c.; March, 16.50c. River Plate was 18¾c. for steers an advance of ½c.; 4,000 Sansinena steers sold at 18¾c. Calfskins 9-12s, 3.05c.; 7-9s, 2.25c. To-day futures ended unchanged to 25 points lower; December, 15.50 to 15.80c.; March, 16.30c.; May, 16.85 to 16.90c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Business increased in oil and other merchandise.

CHARTERS.—Sugar: Steamer 6,000 tons Cuba Dec.-Jan. to United Kingdom-Continent, 16s.; Marseilles, 17s. 6d. Cuba to U. K.-Continent Dec., 15s. 6d.; Santo Domingo to U. K.-Continent, Nov., 17s. Tankers: Clean, Constanza-London-Hull prompt, 22s.; another, same; crude, prompt Gulf-Venezuela-Ariba to nothing east of New York, 41c.; Boston, 44c.; tanker basis, 36c. through 1930; dirty, Gulf-Aruba-Curacao or Cartagena; Providence, 1½c. more; Boston, 3c. more; dirty, Nov., Gulf to north of Hatteras, 42c. and 45c.; clean, Gulf Nov. 20-Dec. 10, Dunkirk, Rouen, two ports of discharge, 30s.; clean, delivery, redelivery U. K.-Continent, Bordeaux-Hamburg range, Jan.-Feb., 12 to 15 months, 101.; clean, Nov., Gulf to Havre, 25s.; fuel oil, Oct. 15-25, Constanza-Naples, 11s., and same and Civita-Vecchia, 12s. 6d. Time: Steamer 7,800 tons, West Italy round, 95c.; sulphur steamer, Gulf, Nov.-Dec., five ports Australia, 33c. Forcign: Cardiff, 7,500 tons, Venice and Pola, two ports, 10s. 9d.; Cardiff, Venezuela, Dec., 3,000 tons, 16s. 6d.; Swansea, West Italy or Porto Para'o, 8s. 9d.; three Danube cargoes, 16,100 tons, Nov.-Dec., Continent, 18s. 3d. and 18s. 6d.

COAL has been firm and in some cases firmer than recently in outside markets. Pittsburgh gas mine slack was quoted at as high as \$1.20, West Virginia high volatile lump, \$3.15; egg at \$2.50. Virginia high volatile nut is very irregular at 85c. to \$1.20. Eastern Kentucky's classy block is strong and none too plentiful at \$2.75, egg at \$2.25 and nut at \$1.80 to \$2. The minimum for western Kentucky mine run is 90c. to \$1. High grade Indiana lump and egg, \$2.75 to \$3; screenings, \$1.10 to \$1.50. But Southern Illinois mine run is quoted up to \$2.25, lump to \$3.25, small egg to \$2.75 and screenings from 90c. to \$1.50.

TOBACCO was less active. The U. S. Tobacco Journal said: "Buying of 1929 Wisconsin which moved at a fast pace during the fortnight following the market's opening, slowed up somewhat during the past week while prices also eased off slightly. 1928 offerings are moving steadily into the hands of manufacturers. Considerable activity in Porto Rico tobacco attending the arrival of shipments of the new packings is reported. Local packers report no difficulty in enlisting interest of manufacturers in the new tobacco. Chief interest in the Connecticut market this week centered about the second acquisition in recent weeks by a leading factor there. With buyers beginning to make their way up to Hartford, shade sales are expected to open up at a very early date. Java and Sumatra are slowly but consistently being taken out of the hands of those local importers with available offerings. The Havana crop will be late this year, excessive rains and some frost contributing to its tardiness, it is reported. Several manufacturers as well as packers who have returned from the Island after an inspection of the crop declare themselves well pleased with its appearance at the present date. It is the contention in some circles that cigar business is not so active as it should be at this season of the year. A survey around the market indicates that withdrawals from bond are not up to their usual level for Oct. 15, lending support to the belief that Christmas orders are slow in making their appearance this year. Of course, there are exceptions, particularly among the larger operators." Three Kings cigarettes are up to \$6.40. Heavy buying of Cuban leaf in Havana. Sales were 4,205 bales. The U. S. Tobacco Journal said: "Throughout the past week the principal topic of conversation in cigar manufacturing circles hinged about the future policy of the major retail cigar outlets as regards the re-establishment of standard prices on cigars. That such a move on the part of United and Schulte would be a source of gratification to the entire trade has been repeatedly stressed by leaders in the cigar industry."

COPPER was still 18c. for domestic and 18.30c. c. i. f. Europe. Of late London has been stronger. Sales for both home and foreign account, however, are still light. Consumers are said to be poorly covered on their requirements beyond the middle of next month. In London on the 23rd inst. spot standard advanced £1 10s. to £73 1s. 3d.; futures up £1 12s. 6d. to £73 8s. 9d.; sales, 300 tons spot and 1,700 futures. Electrolytic unchanged at £83 15s. for spot and £84 10s. for futures. At the second London session spot standard was unchanged but futures dropped 1s. 3d. on sales of 50 tons spot and 450 futures. On the 24th inst. trade was dull under the influence of the big break in copper shares in Wall Street. Buyers held off. London on the 24th inst. standard declined 13s. 9d. to £72 7s. 6d. spot; futures, £72 15s.; sales, 700 futures. Electrolytic, £84 15s. spot and £84 10s. futures. At the second session standard futures declined 2s. 6d. with sales of 125 tons. New York fell 10 to 15 points on standard futures. At the end prices were: 17.30 for 1929 deliveries, 17.20 for January-April and 17.15 May to September.

TIN, after advancing early in the week, suddenly dropped on the 23rd inst. Sales of Straits was said to be not over 100 tons. Nearby Straits sold at 41¾c.; Nov. at 42c.; Dec. at 42¼c. and Jan. at 42¾c. Sales of futures on the Exchange were 65 tons with prices unchanged to 10 points higher. Dec. closed at 41.30 to 41.55c.; Jan., 41.70c. London on the 23d inst. advanced £7 10s. at the first session to £189 10s.; futures up £7 15s. to £193 15s.; sales, 100 tons spot and 620 tons futures. Spot Straits advanced £7 10s. to £194. Eastern c. i. f. London closed at £191 17s. 6d. on sales of 200 tons. At the second London session spot standard dropped £2; futures off £2 5s.; sales, 200 tons futures. Some feel that tin is now approaching the investment level. It is lower than its average price for the past 20 years. The average from 1803 to 1918 was 46½c. and from 1919 to 1928 50.94c. per pound. Since Oct. 1 it has fallen 4½c. to 40¼c., the low for the past five years. It is stated that a powerful London group is operating in tin. Their aim is to get the

principal producers in the world together and stabilize the price at around £250. The present price is likely to cause a decrease in production.

On the 24th inst. trade was affected by the great decline at the Stock exchange. Nov. ended at 41.45c. after touching 41.50c.; Jan. high was 42.25c., with the closing on that day 41.95c. This showed an advance of 25 to 45 points over prices for the 23rd inst. London on the 24th inst. was 15s. lower for standard spot at £188 15s.; futures fell 17s. 6d. to £192 17s. 6d.; sales, 30 tons spot and 700 futures. Spot Straits off 15s. to £193 5s.; Eastern c. i. f. London, £190 17s. 6d.; sales, 325 tons. At the second session standard advanced 5s. on sales of 260 tons of futures. To-day sales were 90 tons and the market was steady at declines. Dec. ended at 41.25c.; Jan. 41.50c.; Feb. 41.80c. and April 42.20c.

LEAD remained at 6.70c. East St. Louis and 6.90c. New York. Concessions, however, were still being made in the Middle West it was reported of 2½ points. London on the 23rd inst. advanced 10s. to £23 11s. 3d. on spot and 8s 9d. on futures; sales 350 tons spot and 150 futures; both spot and futures declined 2s. 6d. at the second London session, with sales of 50 tons spot. On the 24th inst. prices were 6.70c. to 6.90c. East St. Louis and New York. Shipments to American consumers this month are estimated at 60,000 tons. World output 158,446 short tons in September against 161,207 in August and 148,502 in September last year. In London on the 24th inst., spot was £23 11s. 3d. and futures £23 10s.; sales of 100 tons spot and 200 futures.

ZINC was generally quoted at 6.70c. East St. Louis, but there were reports of some shading here and there. Business was quiet. In London on the 23rd inst. prices advanced 5s. to £22 7s. 6d. for spot and £22 15s. for futures; sales, 700 tons futures. Later trade was slow at 6.70c. East St. Louis though it is hinted that 6.65c. is now and then accepted. In London on the 24th inst. spot was 2s. 6d. higher at £22 10s.; futures up 3s. 9d. to £22 18s. 9d. with sales of 300 tons futures.

STEEL.—Last week's sales of rails were it seems even rather larger than had been supposed. They reached it appears 560,000 tons. Makers of steel ingots have accumulated it would seem rather large stocks and now the output has been reduced. In Birmingham makers have numerous small orders. In the aggregate therefore their orders keep them busy. The demand for cast iron pipe there has fallen off. Production in the trade in general is 79%. Strip mills in Ohio are operating at 60 to 65% as automobile makers are buying less. Output of plates keeps up pretty well because of the steady demand from manufacturers of locomotives, freight and passenger cars, builders of ships and barges and of pipe lines. At Pittsburgh the production is 80%. Output of rails has been increased. Some independents are down to 70%. Chicago complains of poor specifications on rails.

PIG IRON has been in only moderate demand. Nothing more than that can be said. New York's sales last week are estimated at 8,000 tons. New England made a worse showing with sales of 2,000 tons. These are striking indices of the slowness of trade at this time. Consumers seem confident of the security of their position. Their program seems to be to watch and wait, to buy as necessary for the moment but not more than that. They are not apprehensive of an advance. Entirely nominal prices in routine daily business are as follows: Foundry No. 2 Eastern Pennsylvania, \$20.50 to \$21.50; Buffalo, \$17.50 to \$18; Virginia, \$20.75; Birmingham, \$14.50 to \$15; Chicago, \$19.50 to \$20; Valley, \$17.50 to \$18; Cleveland, delivered, \$18 to \$19. Basic, Valley, \$18.50; Eastern Pennsylvania, \$19.50 to \$20; Malleable, Eastern Pennsylvania, \$20.50; Buffalo, \$18; charcoal, \$24. Birmingham calls the tone firm at \$14 with some inquiry for the first quarter of 1930 but no actual business. London has been steady but quiet at recent advances.

WOOL.—Boston wired Oct. 21 a government report which said: "Choice strictly combing 64s and finer quality fleece wools are fairly firm at around 37c. in the grease. Some houses are holding out for 38c. on their best wools, but their offerings are not moving. Demand is only moderate at the lower figure. Receipts of domestic wools at Boston during the week ended Oct. 19 amounted to 1,204,000 lbs. against 692,400 lbs. during the previous week." Boston wired Oct. 23: "Prices were firmly maintained at the Melbourne and Sydney wool auctions in Australia to-day with competition general from all sections but America, and that in spite of a selection which still leaves much to be desired, and in the face, too, of the failure reported on the textile wages agreement in Yorkshire." Boston wired Oct. 23: "Fairly large quantities of Texas 12 months' wools are being moved at prices in the range of 85c. to 88c. scoured basis. The bulk of the sales are on the average staple and are being closed at prices on the low side of the range. Choice staple offerings of 12 months' wool are realizing 87c. to 88c. scoured basis." Later in the week Boston was reported firmer with a fair business. Ohio & Penn. fine delaine, 37c.; ½ blood, 43 to 44c.; ¾ blood, 45 to 46c.; ¼ blood, 43 to 44c.

Boston wired that at the Sydney sale on Oct. 21st good combing 64-70s. wool were up to 72c. clean landed equivalent in bond at Boston, and topmaking wools of the same quality were costing 68c. These prices show an average advance from two weeks ago of fully 6c. on the clean basis. As compared with the close last week end Sydney is 1 to 2c.

clean basis higher. England, Germany, Russia and Japan were the largest buyers, with France quiet. Sydney closed Thursday, Oct. 24th. Melbourne began on Oct. 22nd a three days sale. Interest was keen also in the Liverpool-East India sales which began on Oct. 22nd with offerings just under 17,000 bales. At Melbourne on Oct. 22nd 92% of the offerings were sold. Selection good including Riverina merinos and fine crossbreds. Demand good. Prices quoted at the close of the previous series were fully maintained. Lake Wallace best greasy merinos sold, 19d.; Yarran come-back and crossbred at 15½d.

London cabled Oct. 22 that the ballot taken by wool textile trade unions shows a large majority against acceptance of the proposed wage reduction of 8.3%. Liverpool cabled Oct. 22: "The East India wool auction opened to-day; offerings totaled 17,000 bales; prices par with rates at the last sales." London cabled Oct. 23: "Bradford reports a serious development in the wool trade wages dispute owing to the resolution of Managers' and Overlookers' Society to support members in Denholme, Cleckheaton, Doncaster and Steeton areas by instructing members to cease work the week ended Nov. 9." At Perth on Oct. 23 it was announced that the next sale will be held Nov. 5. Offerings will total 19,167 bales.

SILK to-day closed 2 points lower to 5 higher on new contracts with sales of 132 lots or 1,320 bales. Old contracts were unchanged to 5 higher with no sales. New October ended at 4.97; December, 4.90 to 4.92; March, 4.90 and May 4.89. Old, October, 4.95; November and December, 4.88 to 4.93. Warehouse stocks today decreased 1,712 bags.

COTTON

Friday Night, Oct. 25 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 518,799 bales, against 569,510 bales last week and 512,983 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1929, 3,689,684 bales, against 3,633,159 bales for the same period of 1928, showing an increase since Aug. 1 1929 of 56,525 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	17,128	23,363	42,495	8,769	18,231	14,898	124,884
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	9,209	9,209
Houston	23,835	47,435	35,312	23,376	15,762	37,553	183,273
Corpus Christi	598	436	561	1,284	1,150	816	4,845
New Orleans	23,456	11,278	17,367	25,517	11,765	11,750	101,133
Mobile	395	1,893	2,104	13,295	3,506	2,483	23,676
Jacksonville	---	---	---	---	---	20	20
Savannah	4,406	3,690	4,295	2,446	4,401	3,466	22,704
Charleston	6,754	3,272	3,561	2,955	2,681	3,360	22,583
Lake Charles	---	---	---	1,575	1,593	---	3,168
Wilmington	1,325	1,233	1,684	1,155	999	843	7,239
Norfolk	1,145	2,244	2,560	1,780	2,230	4,518	14,477
New York	---	50	---	---	---	---	50
Boston	---	---	---	100	---	---	100
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	1,438	1,438
<b>Totals this week</b>	<b>79,042</b>	<b>94,894</b>	<b>109,939</b>	<b>82,252</b>	<b>62,318</b>	<b>90,354</b>	<b>518,799</b>

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1928 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Oct. 25.	1929.		1928.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1929.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1928.	1929.	1928.
Galveston	124,884	782,063	158,128	1,164,163	444,018	635,546
Texas City	9,209	75,158	13,141	61,228	42,670	32,263
Houston	183,273	1,275,932	199,796	1,356,249	878,569	822,910
Corpus Christi	4,845	345,509	11,039	223,731	58,587	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	4,475	---	1,000	---	---
New Orleans	101,133	583,975	70,647	386,716	353,694	243,324
Gulfport	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mobile	23,676	152,289	14,802	74,037	59,952	40,271
Pensacola	---	8,319	100	500	---	---
Jacksonville	20	615	---	4	739	617
Savannah	22,704	291,740	29,108	171,656	101,398	85,212
Brunswick	---	7,094	---	---	---	---
Charleston	22,583	85,581	19,219	83,091	37,305	54,627
Lake Charles	3,168	4,883	1,671	1,671	---	---
Wilmington	7,239	31,776	11,453	39,339	30,566	28,478
Norfolk	14,477	30,377	20,280	62,837	34,639	50,286
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	123	---	---
New York	50	395	391	963	97,012	9,658
Boston	100	619	---	1,114	1,042	2,172
Baltimore	1,438	8,790	1,102	4,737	944	871
Philadelphia	---	4	---	---	4,509	4,464
<b>Totals</b>	<b>518,799</b>	<b>3,689,684</b>	<b>550,877</b>	<b>3,633,159</b>	<b>2,145,644</b>	<b>2,010,699</b>

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Receipts at—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.	1924.
Galveston	124,884	158,128	121,567	140,205	146,707	171,346
Houston, &c.	183,273	193,796	147,365	148,605	27,679	49,021
New Orleans	101,133	70,647	68,721	127,346	105,384	90,503
Mobile	23,676	14,802	14,998	21,483	8,552	6,501
Savannah	22,704	29,108	22,790	40,797	33,206	24,316
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	100	100
Charleston	22,583	19,219	18,332	22,364	13,862	10,253
Wilmington	7,239	11,453	5,009	4,202	9,867	6,841
Norfolk	14,477	20,280	15,399	19,103	25,927	22,165
N'port N. &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All others	18,830	27,444	9,949	11,151	4,777	7,419
<b>Total this wk.</b>	<b>518,799</b>	<b>550,877</b>	<b>424,130</b>	<b>535,376</b>	<b>376,061</b>	<b>388,465</b>

Since Aug. 1. 3,689,684 3,633,159 3,575,627 4,574,391 3,519,854 3,025,668

\*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 195,550 bales, of which 34,865 were to Great Britain,

8,386 to France, 75,234 to Germany, 15,240 to Italy, nil to Russia, 54,350 to Japan and China and 7,475 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 195,550 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 1,816,885 bales, against 1,950,050 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Oct. 25 1929.	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	9,989	-----	13,725	-----	-----	18,146	950	42,810
Houston	8,926	1,375	16,434	8,972	-----	13,699	864	50,270
Texas City	1,079	-----	1,920	-----	-----	-----	-----	2,999
Corpus Christi	-----	-----	4,434	-----	-----	-----	-----	4,434
Lake Charles	-----	218	1,375	1,375	-----	-----	200	2,998
New Orleans	6,494	5,745	19,489	3,750	-----	8,385	2,346	46,209
Mobile	6,357	-----	14,075	-----	-----	-----	600	21,032
Charleston	-----	-----	3,761	220	-----	4,200	1,915	10,096
Norfolk	1,620	-----	21	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,641
New York	100	323	-----	100	-----	-----	600	1,123
Los Angeles	150	725	-----	-----	-----	8,400	-----	9,275
San Francisco	150	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,520	-----	1,670
<b>Total</b>	<b>34,865</b>	<b>8,386</b>	<b>75,234</b>	<b>15,240</b>	<b>-----</b>	<b>54,350</b>	<b>7,475</b>	<b>195,550</b>
Total 1928	27,869	14,587	39,461	14,039	-----	52,677	13,100	161,733
Total 1927	23,601	4,427	58,268	17,572	-----	41,998	10,940	156,806

From Aug. 1 1929 to Oct 25 1929.	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	52,119	52,995	98,932	39,510	3,123	76,368	73,249	396,296
Houston	60,052	87,995	143,875	51,026	5,991	58,915	49,035	456,855
Texas City	6,954	2,332	10,632	-----	-----	600	2,250	22,768
Corpus Christi	67,506	57,082	35,120	36,517	41,521	18,709	25,072	282,427
Port Arthur	664	825	958	410	-----	-----	1,618	4,475
Lake Charles	-----	218	2,900	1,375	-----	-----	450	4,943
New Orleans	33,893	16,770	55,462	28,423	-----	41,682	19,535	195,765
Mobile	13,683	1,241	53,973	3,700	-----	800	3,050	76,447
Jacksonville	500	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	500
Pensacola	849	-----	7,700	200	-----	-----	-----	8,749
Savannah	62,415	-----	123,907	1,850	-----	5,000	2,150	195,322
Brunswick	7,094	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	7,094
Charleston	8,946	115	27,073	220	-----	20,480	4,507	61,341
Wilmington	-----	-----	2,721	-----	-----	-----	1,000	3,721
Norfolk	7,506	-----	3,697	-----	-----	-----	-----	11,203
New York	2,310	2,868	17,697	3,944	-----	2,412	5,567	34,798
Boston	64	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	57	121
Baltimore	-----	1,150	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	1,150
Philadelphia	72	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	72
Los Angeles	418	725	800	100	-----	14,786	254	17,083
San Francisco	250	-----	-----	-----	-----	16,148	95	16,493
Seattle	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	15,025	-----	15,025
Portland, Ore.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	4,237	-----	4,237
<b>Total</b>	<b>325,293</b>	<b>224,316</b>	<b>585,413</b>	<b>167,275</b>	<b>50,635</b>	<b>275,162</b>	<b>188,789</b>	<b>1,816,885</b>
Total 1928	323,723	208,295	566,221	141,921	117,600	377,967	89,329	1,925,050
Total 1927	245,239	237,907	736,113	106,968	101,126	309,709	129,129	1,929,191

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 August the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 8,322 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 10,274 bales. For the two months ended Sept. 30 1929, there were 15,610 bales exported as against 18,157 bales for the two months of 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:

Oct. 25 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—					Total.	Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Other Foreign.	Coast-wise.		
Galveston	9,800	8,500	10,500	28,000	5,000	61,800	382,218
New Orleans	7,570	3,194	5,278	20,722	210	36,974	316,720
Savannah	-----	-----	11,000	-----	500	11,500	89,898
Charleston	-----	-----	-----	-----	29	29	37,276
Mobile	6,800	1,700	-----	10,100	150	18,750	41,202
Norfolk	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----	34,639
Other ports*	4,000	3,000	7,000	58,000	1,000	73,000	1,041,638
<b>Total 1929</b>	<b>28,170</b>	<b>16,394</b>	<b>33,778</b>	<b>116,822</b>	<b>6,889</b>	<b>202,053</b>	<b>1,943,591</b>
Total 1928	25,758	18,181	49,827	66,182	8,652	168,600	1,842,099
Total 1927	19,597	16,148	42,746	69,988	8,100	156,579	2,124,756

\*Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a very large scale. Of course the outstanding feature of the week has been the great excitement which attended the collapse of the stock market on the 24th inst., when transactions were close to 13,000,000 shares, which had a bad repercussion in great declines for a time in wheat, cotton and coffee, with a 50-point drop in rubber and some decline in sugar. On the whole, the cotton market during the week has acted well. That is an unavoidable inference from the fact that it rallied sharply even on the 24th inst., and that there is a net advance for the week. The underpinning is believed to be strong. Trade buying has been persistent. It has often neutralized hedge selling. Spot markets have been active and higher. Liverpool, like New York, has, on the whole, acted very well.

On the 22nd inst. prices here advanced 50 points on news that the Farm Board would make loans to co-operators up to 16c. Washington wired: "The Federal Farm Board believes that the present prevailing prices for cotton are too low, according to a statement issued at four o'clock yesterday afternoon. The total supply of American cotton is less than last year, consumption continues at a world rate equal to that of last year, unfilled orders and actual sales of cotton goods are more and stocks are smaller than last year, yet the price of the raw product is less. The board believes that this unsatisfactory price level is chiefly due to the open Fall weather, which in most of the Southern States has led to exceptionally rapid marketing by producers. The Board

believes that the remedy lies in more orderly marketing. In order to assist cotton farmers to hold back their crop and at the same time have money with which to pay their obligation the Board proposes to lend to cotton co-operators a sum sufficient to bring the total amount borrowed from all sources by such associations to 16c. per pound on graded and classed cotton, basis middling 7/8 staple, less proper deductions to cover freight to port concentration points. With respect to the ten designated Southern spot markets the loan per pound will be approximately as follows: Norfolk, 16.54c.; Augusta, 16.35c.; Savannah, 16.28c.; Montgomery, 15.54c.; New Orleans, 16.59c.; Memphis, 15.39c.; Little Rock, 15.41c.; Dallas, 15.34c.; Houston, 16.19c.; Galveston, 16.39c., and at all other concentration points on the same basis, less proper freight and other expense adjustments."

On the 23rd inst., following the advance of 50 points on the 22nd inst., prices broke roughly 40 to 50 points, owing to disappointing cables, a lack of public response to the Farm Loan news, a big break in stocks, and a decline in wheat of 4 to 4 1/2c., hedge selling and general liquidation. The weekly report summary stated that picking was interrupted by rain in Central and Northern districts of the Eastern half of the belt, the latter part of the week, and was retarded locally in Oklahoma, but, otherwise, the weather was generally favorable for field work in the cotton belt. Harvest and ginning made good advance, and are well along in central and northern districts. In Texas picking and ginning have been completed, except in the West and Northwest, and are reported ahead of the seasonal average in Arkansas. In the Northeastern belt, there was some complaint of damage to staple by heavy rains, but otherwise conditions were mostly favorable for outstanding open cotton. The week closed with some local light frosts in parts of the Western belt.

On the 24th inst. cotton trade and prices filled a page of cotton history that will not soon be forgotten. With stocks breaking wide open, wheat off 11 to 12c., and other commodity markets rapidly falling, cotton at one time broke 40 to 50 points from the high of the morning. In the early trading prices were up 15 points or more on December and other months, while October advanced some 34 points. When the great debacle in stocks set in, however, it was an entirely different story. Heavy selling came from all quarters. America and Europe sold steadily. Later on, however, came a sharp rally. It amounted to some 40 points from the low of the day, and in the end there was a net advance to the astonishment of many of 8 to 10 points on most months, while October, in which it was difficult to trade because of its scarcity, there was a net rise of some 30 to 35 points. Moreover, there was killing frost over most of Texas and Oklahoma. Texas had temperatures of 20 to 32 degrees, Oklahoma 27 to 31, Tennessee 27 to 32, Louisiana 30 to 32, and Alabama and Mississippi 32. The forecast was for freezing conditions in Oklahoma, Arkansas and Eastern Texas, and frost in Georgia and South Carolina. It looked like the ending of the season in Texas at least, and also in other parts of the Western belt, as well as in the Central section. Friends of the market were much encouraged by its ability to come back as it did. The technical position was considered much stronger. It was encouraging, too, to hear from Wall Street that the stock market was in a very much better technical position after the heavy liquidation of the past month. For stocks were the pivot on which the commodity markets, to a large extent, swung for the moment.

To-day prices were irregular, but wound up practically unchanged. At one time they were 13 to 34 points lower, the latter on October. That month closed at 18.12c. at noon, when trading ceased in the October delivery. Later on there was a rally of 30 to 32 points. But still later prices took a downward turn. The ginning was larger than expected by some 200,000 to 300,000 bales. The total to Oct. 17th was 9,099,082 bales against 5,906,333 up to Oct. 1st, 8,151,271 to Oct. 17th last year, and 8,117,625 in 1927. The weekly statistics were rather bearish than otherwise. The into-sight total was well ahead of that of last year; also the world's increase in American cotton. Stocks at times were more or less irregular, but, in the main, firm. Spot cotton was less active. Worth Street was quiet, and of late prices have declined 1/2c. on print cloths. Liverpool gave the bulls no help here. Manchester reported only a fair business with the Near East. The East Indian bids for cloths were, in the main, too low for business. But, on the other hand, contracts here at times were comparatively scarce. The trade buying persisted. The report on staples and grades up to Oct. 1st showed that 83.8% of the ginned cotton was tenderable. That was 3% smaller than up to the same time last year. Temperatures of 24 to 32 degrees prevailed over parts of both the Eastern and Western belts. The Dallas "News" said that with temperatures down to 20 degrees in Texas on the 24th inst. crop prospects in that State were at an end. Final prices were one point higher for the day. For the week there is an advance, however, of 27 to 37 points. Spot cotton was unchanged to-day at 18.40c. for middling, but this is an advance for the week of 40 points.

Staple Premiums 60% of average of six markets quoting for deliveries on Oct. 31 1929.

Table with columns: 15-16 inch, 17-18 inch, 19-20 inch. Rows list cotton grades like Middling Fair, Strict Good Middling, etc.

Differences between grades established for delivery on contract Oct. 31 1929. Figured from the Oct. 24 average quotations of the ten markets designated by the Secretary of Agriculture.

Main table for cotton grades and their differences. Columns include grade name, color, and price difference.

\* Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been: Oct. 19 to Oct. 25 - Sat. Mon. Tues. Wed. Thurs. Fri.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

Table showing historical price quotations for cotton from 1929 back to 1906.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Table detailing market conditions (Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed) and sales figures (Spots, Cont'd, Total) for each day from Saturday to Friday.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing futures price ranges for cotton from Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, categorized by month (Oct., Nov., Dec., etc.).

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Oct 26 1929 and since trading began on each option:

Table showing the range of future prices for cotton options from Oct 1929 to July 1930.

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening.

Large table showing visible supply and stocks of cotton worldwide. Columns: Country/Market, 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926.

Continental imports for past week have been 222,000 bales. The above figures for 1929 show an increase over last week of 531,340 bales, a gain of 436,153 over 1928, a decrease of 184,128 bales from 1926, and a gain of 146,320 bales over 1926.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Table showing movement and stocks of cotton at interior towns. Columns: Towns, Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week, Season), Stocks (Oct. 25, Oct. 26).

\* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 144,106 bales and are to-night

232,208 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 14,120 bales more than the same week last year.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.—We give below a statement showing the overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, as made up from telegraphic reports Friday night. The results for the week and since Aug. 1 in the last two years are as follows:

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, comparing 1929 and 1928. Columns include 'Shipped' and 'Deduct Shipments' for various routes like St. Louis, Mounds, etc., and 'Total gross overland'.

\*Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 25,643 bales, against 14,552 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 54,672 bales.

Table showing 'In Sight and Spinners' takings for the week and since Aug. 1, comparing 1929 and 1928. Includes receipts at ports, net overland, and total marketed.

\*Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table showing movement into sight in previous years from 1927 to 1925, comparing weekly and since Aug. 1 figures.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table of closing quotations for middling cotton at various markets (Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, etc.) from Saturday to Friday.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table showing closing quotations for New Orleans contract market from Saturday to Friday, including spot and options.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that in the early part of the week picking and ginning were retarded by rains in parts of the eastern section of the Cotton Belt.

Texas.—Picking and ginning have been completed except in the west and northwest.

Mobile, Ala.—The cotton crop is practically gathered and very little cotton remains in gins.

Memphis, Tenn.—Picking, ginning, and marketing continued on an extensive scale.

Table showing weather reports (Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer) for Galveston, Abilene, Brenham, Brownsville, and Corpus Christi.

Large table showing weather reports (Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer) for various locations including Dallas, Henrietta, Kerrville, Lampasas, Longview, Luling, Nacogdoches, Palestine, Paris, San Antonio, Taylor, Weatherford, Ardmore, Altus, Muskogee, Oklahoma City, Brinkley, Eldorado, Little Rock, Pine Bluff, Alexandria, Amite, New Orleans, Shreveport, Columbus, Greenwood, Vicksburg, Mobile, Decatur, Montgomery, Selma, Gainesville, Madison, Savannah, Athens, Augusta, Columbus, Charleston, Greenwood, Columbia, Conway, Charlotte, Newbern, and Weldon.

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 showing river heights at various points (New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, Vicksburg) for Oct. 25 1929 and Oct. 26 1928.

ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON-SPINNING INDUSTRY FOR SEPTEMBER.—Persons interested in this report will find it in our department headed "Indications of Business Activity," on earlier pages.

COTTON GINNING REPORT.—The Bureau of the Census on Oct. 25 issued the following report showing the number of bales of cotton ginned in each of the cotton-growing States the present season up to Oct. 18, in comparison with corresponding figures for the preceding seasons. It appears that up to Oct. 18 1929, 9,099,082 bales of cotton were ginned, against 8,151,271 bales for the corresponding period a year ago, and 8,117,625 bales two years ago. Below is the report in full:

Number of Bales of Cotton Ginned from the Growth of 1929 Prior to Oct. 18 1929 and Comparative Statistics to the Corresponding Date in 1928 and 1927.

Table showing the number of bales of cotton ginned from the growth of 1929 prior to Oct. 18 1929, and comparative statistics for 1928 and 1927, broken down by state.

\* Includes 86,970 bales of the crop of 1929 ginned prior to Aug. 1 which was counted in the supply for the season of 1928-29, compared with 88,761 and 162,283 bales of the crops of 1928 and 1927.

The statistics in this report include 291,205 round bales for 1929, 304,743 for 1928 and 252,242 for 1927. Included in the above was 7,804 bales of American-Egyptian for 1929, 9,948 for 1928, and 6,823 for 1927.

The statistics for 1929 in this report are subject to revision when checked against the individual returns of the ginners being transmitted by mail. The corrected statistics of the quantity of cotton ginned this season prior to Oct. 1 are 5,906,333 bales.

CONSUMPTION, STOCKS, IMPORTS, AND EXPORTS.—U. S. Cotton consumed during the month of September 1929, amounted to 545,649 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on Sept. 30 was 792,028 bales, and in public storage and at compresses 3,224,859 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 30,037,922. The total imports for the month of September 1929 were 23,974 bales and the exports of domestic cotton, excluding linters, were 725,876 bales.

WORLD STATISTICS.

The estimated world's production of commercial cotton exclusive of linters, grown in 1928, as compiled from various sources is 25,751,000 bales counting American in running bales and foreign in bales of 478 pounds lint, while the consumption of cotton (exclusive of linters in the United States) for the year ended July 31 1928, was approximately 25,285,000 bales. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 165,000,000.

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 months from July to September.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1929 are 4,656,201 bales; in 1928 were 4,266,652 bales, and in 1927 were 4,295,463 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 518,799 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 662,905 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 144,106 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 657,285 bales and for 1927 they were 551,145 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: Cotton Takings, Week and Season. Columns: 1929 (Week, Season), 1928 (Week, Season). Rows: Visible supply Oct. 18, American in sight to Oct. 25, Bombay receipts to Oct. 24, Other India ship'ts to Oct. 24, Alexandria receipts to Oct. 23, Other supply to Oct. 23, Total supply, Deduct, Visible supply Oct. 25, Total takings to Oct. 25, 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, 1,358,000 bales in 1929 and 1,310,000 bales in 1928—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 2,950,773 bales in 1929 and 3,235,326 bales in 1928, of which 1,752,573 bales and 1,872,126 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: India Cotton Movement. Columns: 1929, 1928, 1927 (Week, Since Aug. 1). Rows: Bombay Receipts, Exports from Bombay, Other India, Total all.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 3,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 11,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 17,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive a weekly 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: Alexandria Receipts and Shipments. Columns: 1929, 1928, 1927 (Receipts cantars, Exports bales). Rows: Receipts (This week, Since Aug. 1), Exports (To Liverpool, To Manchester &c, To Continent and India, To America, Total exports).

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Oct. 23 were 450,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 21,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is quiet and in cloths is steady. Demand on India is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison.

Table: Manchester Market Prices. Columns: 1929 (32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest, Cotton Midd'g Upl'ds), 1928 (32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shrt-ings, Common to Finest, Cotton Midd'g Upl'ds). Rows: July, August, September, October.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 195,550 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Table: Shipping News. Columns: Destination, Date, Quantity (Bales). Rows: NEW ORLEANS, CHARLESTON, LOS ANGELES, HOUSTON, MOBILE, SAN FRANCISCO, CORPUS CHRISTI, LAKE CHARLES, TEXAS CITY.

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrowes, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table with columns: High Density, Stand-ard, and three sets of city names (Stockholm, Shanghai, Bombay, Bremen, Hamburg, Piraeus, Salonica, Venice) with corresponding rates.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table showing sales, stocks, and imports for Liverpool from Oct. 4 to Oct. 18, with sub-totals for American and total figures.

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 with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and rows for Market (12:15 P. M.), Mid. Upl'ds, Sales, and Futures (Market opened and Market 4 P. M.).

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table showing prices of futures at Liverpool from Oct. 19 to Oct. 25, with columns for days and rows for various months (October to October).

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Oct. 25 1929.

Flour was quiet. Early in the week prices were steady. Later, with wheat falling 4 to 4½c., on the 23rd inst., the position was more or less shaken. Shipping directions were disappointing.

Wheat declined sharply under the shadow of the collapse of the stock market. Moreover, export demand was slow until to-day. Prices on the 19th inst. declined 2½ to 3c. on selling, due to lower cables and a lower stock market.

The Canadian Press reported from Saskatoon that the Canadian wheat pool does not wish to embarrass other large interests in Canada, but the first concern is the welfare of its farmer members, and it will not sell grain at sacrifice prices merely to relieve congestion at Canadian points.

On the 21st inst. prices early were 1 to 1½c. lower, with Liverpool off 1 to 1½d., and liquidation apparent, with the stock market weaker. Then came a shift to the upward side, and the closing after heavy covering, bad Argentine crop news was 1 to 1½c. net higher.

On the 23rd inst. prices ended 4 to 4½c. lower, and Winnipeg was off 2¾ to 3c. An important feature was Broomall's reduction in world's import requirements. He estimated the import needs now were 696,000,000 bushels, a reduction of 48,000,000 bushels from his figures given early in the season.

On the 24th inst. prices declined 11 to 12c., owing to the big break in stocks and enormous liquidation. Declines were very sharp in Winnipeg, Minneapolis, Kansas City, St. Louis and Duluth. All of them were 10 to 13c. lower.

To-day prices ended 1½c. higher after rather wide fluctuations. Minneapolis ended 2c. higher. Trading was very active. There was a swing of 5 to 6c. in the movements of the market during the day.

and hard Winter. The firmness of Northwestern markets was a feature. So was the steadier stock market. There were reports of a large flour business at Minneapolis. That counted. It is true that Argentine shipments for the week were up to as large a total as 4,612,000 bushels, while Australia shipped only 472,000. Cash markets were firm. Bradstreet's North American shipments for the week were 5,122,000 bushels. That suggested a total for the world of about 11,000,000 bushels. Liverpool closed weak and 2 1/2 to 3 3/4 d. lower, due, it was said, to the undoing of spreads for American account which involved selling across the water. It is stated that the Farm Board was to meet this afternoon to consider the final draft of incorporation articles for the proposed \$20,000,000 National Wheat Marketing Agency. There was a report that India, owing to damage from recent floods, will have to import 12,000,000 bushels before the next harvest. The technical position in Chicago was regarded as much better. Final prices show a loss for the week of 7 1/4 to 8c. Liverpool to-day closed weak, 2 1/2 to 3 3/4 d. lower. October 8's, 3 3/4 d.; December 8's, 6 1/4 d.; March 9's, 2 1/2 d.; May 9's, 4 3/4 d.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 red	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	133 1/2	134 1/2	135 1/2	130 3/4	126 1/2	131

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

December delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	127 1/2	128 1/2	129 1/2	125 1/4	120 1/4	121 1/4
March delivery	135	136	136 1/2	133 1/2	128 1/2	129 3/4
May delivery	138 3/4	139 1/2	140 3/4	136 3/4	131 1/2	132 3/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.**

October delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	137 1/2	138 3/4	140	137 1/2	131 1/2	132 3/4
December delivery	138 3/4	140 3/4	141 3/4	138 1/2	132 1/2	133 3/4
May delivery	145 3/4	147 1/2	148 1/2	145 1/2	139 1/2	140 3/4

Indian corn ended somewhat higher, partly because of an excellent cash demand and partly for the reason that many have bought corn and sold wheat. On the 19th inst. prices declined 1/2 to 1c., with wheat, as usual, largely dominating. A certain amount of liquidation was in progress. There was nothing in the weather news to brace prices. The open interest in Chicago was small, especially as compared with wheat, being 43,450,000 bushels at the close as compared with 43,316,000 bushels a week ago. Sales last week were 90,000,000 bushels against 106,375,000 in the same week last year. On the 21st inst. prices ended 1 to 1 1/2 c. higher. Cash business was larger with the East. Rain was predicted. It was not wanted. Early prices were rather weak. But it was soon found that there was no great pressure to sell. Shipping demand increased. Commission houses leaned to the buying side. Country offerings to arrive were small. Only small lots were offered. Also the United States visible supply decreased last week 43,000 bushels, though, to be sure, the decrease in the same week last year was much larger—that is, 1,167,000 bushels. The total was 3,894,000 bushels against 2,146,000 a year ago.

On the 23rd inst. prices ended generally 2 1/2 c. lower, with wheat and stocks off. The shipping demand from the East was reported rather slow. Industries were good buyers, however. The country movement is expected to increase somewhat when better weather prevails. The weekly Government report and the Missouri State report were bearish. The crop is said to be practically safe from frost. Liquidation was general. On the 24th inst. prices declined at one time 1 1/2 to 2c. They ended at a net advance of 1 to 1 1/2 c. under the influence of a good cash demand, covering of shorts and a sharp rally in wheat. Offerings were found to be rather small when shorts attempted to cover. Corn has been braced more or less by buying of corn against selling of wheat. Country offerings of corn were small. Bad weather tended to keep down the movement of the crop. There was a fair shipping demand.

To-day prices ended 1/4 to 3/4 c. net higher. At one time they were down 1 to 1 1/2 c. on general selling and some sympathy with a passing decline in wheat. But there was a good cash demand. There was no country pressure. Shorts became alarmed and covered. Chicago reported shipping sales of 260,000 bushels. Cash corn was 1/2 c. higher. Sentiment rather leaned to the bull side, though there was also dissent to this view. Final prices showed a rise for the week, however, of 1/2 to 3/4 c. There has been a good deal of buying of corn at times against selling of wheat.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 yellow	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	109 1/2	110 1/2	110 3/4	108 3/4	109 1/2	110 1/2

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

December delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	90 3/4	91 3/4	92 3/4	90 1/4	91 3/4	92 3/4
March delivery	96 3/4	97 3/4	98 3/4	96 1/4	97 3/4	97 3/4
May delivery	96 3/4	100 1/4	101 3/4	98 3/4	99 3/4	100 3/4

Oats advanced slightly as the cash demand was good and offerings light. These things offsetting the decline in other grain. On the 19th inst. prices closed 1/4 to 3/4 c. lower, a cool response to the decline in other grain. Cash demand was good. Oats are still considered cheap. On the 21st inst. prices ended 1/2 to 3/4 c. higher. The demand from consumers was better. The recent decline simply caused reduced offerings. Oats acted independent. The United States visible supply increased last week 1,467,000 bushels against a decrease last year of 246,000. Total now 29,890,000 bushels against 14,742,000 a year ago. On the 22nd inst.

prices closed 5/8 to 3/4 c., with a good cash demand, small receipts and also a small country movement. On the 23rd inst. prices closed 3/4 to 1 1/4 c. lower, in sympathy with other grain. On the 24th inst. prices declined 1/2 to 1c. On the other hand, there was a good cash demand. The country movement was small. It is likely to continue so long as prices are down at this level. To-day prices ended 1c. higher, with light offerings, covering of shorts, firmness of cash markets, and the upward turn in other grain. Final prices were unchanged to 1/2 c. higher for the week.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.**

No. 2 white	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	57 1/2	58	58 3/4	58 1/2	57 1/2	58 1/2

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

December delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	49 1/4	50 3/4	50 3/4	50 1/4	49 3/4	50
March delivery	52 1/4	52 3/4	53 1/4	52 1/4	51 3/4	52 3/4
May delivery	53 1/4	54 1/4	55 1/4	54	53 1/4	54 1/4

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.**

October delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	60 1/2	62	63 3/4	62 1/4	62 1/2	64 3/4
December delivery	61 1/4	63 1/4	65 3/4	64 3/4	63 3/4	65 3/4
May delivery	65 3/4	67 1/4	68 3/4	67 1/4	67 1/4	68 3/4

Rye has declined, but not so much as wheat, as the technical position was better. On the 19th inst. prices ended 7/8 to 1 1/4 c. higher in response to a rise in wheat, but the speculation showed no activity and there was still no export business. On the 21st inst. prices ended 1/4 to 3/4 c. higher, with wheat higher and some covering. The United States visible supply increased last week 314,000 bushels against 196,000 last year. The total is now 10,548,000 bushels against 4,103,000 a year ago. On the 22nd inst. prices ended 1 1/2 c. higher, with no pressure to sell; at the same time, there was a good deal of buying by commission houses. The rise was due largely to rains and predictions of further rains. Offerings were smaller. Everywhere stocks of corn, moreover, are small. Any noteworthy decrease in the crop movement, it is believed, would have a bracing effect on prices.

On the 23rd inst. prices declined 1 to 1 1/2 c. in response to the weakness in other grain. Stocks are large. Little or no export business was done. On the 24th inst. prices ended 1/2 to 1 1/2 c. lower, in sympathy with the decline in wheat. But there was enough covering of shorts to prevent prices from fully responding to the decline in wheat. On the other hand, there was a good deal of liquidation. And still no export demand appeared. To-day prices, under the domination of wheat, closed 1 to 1 1/2 c. higher, after some irregularity. The market acted sold out. The big drawback is the lack of export trade. Final prices show a decline for the week, however, of only 1 to 1 1/2 c.

**DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.**

December delivery	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	104 1/4	104 3/4	105 1/4	104	103 1/4	104 3/4
March delivery	109 1/4	109 3/4	110 1/4	109 1/4	108 1/4	109 3/4
May delivery	111	111 1/4	112 1/4	111 1/4	109 3/4	111 1/4

Closing quotations were as follows:

FLOUR.	
Spring pat. high protein	\$6 50 @ \$6 85
Spring patents	6.10 @ 6.40
Clears, first spring	5.75 @ 6.00
Soft winter straights	5.50 @ 5.80
Hard winter straights	5.75 @ 6.05
Hard winter patents	6.05 @ 6.50
Hard winter clears	5.10 @ 5.45
Fancy Minn. patents	8.10 @ 8.70
City mills	7.80 @ 8.50
Rye flour, patents	\$6 00 @ \$6 30
Seminola No. 2, pound	4 1/2
Oats goods	2.75 @ 2.80
Corn flour white	2.60 @ 2.65
Barley goods	3.25
Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2, 3 and 4	6.00 @ 6.50
GRAIN.	
Wheat, New York—	
No. 2 red, f.o.b.	1.37
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.	1.31
Corn, New York—	
No. 2 yellow	1.10 1/4
No. 3 yellow	1.09 1/4
Oats, New York—	
No. 2 white	58 1/2
No. 3 white	57 1/2
Rye, New York—	
No. 2, f.o.b.	107 1/4
Barley, New York—	
Maltin	74 1/4

For other tables usually given here, see page 2638.

**WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED OCT. 22.**—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Oct. 22, follows:

Except in Eastern States the weather was persistently and uniformly mild quite generally until the latter part of the week, when much lower temperatures overspread the Northwest, with some freezing weather and rather general frosts as far south as Nebraska and western Kansas. Early in the week, there were showers and local light snow in the Northeast, with some rain in the Pacific Northwest, but otherwise the weather was generally fair during the first and middle parts of the period. The latter part, however, had general and mostly substantial rains from the Ohio Valley southward and eastward, but fair weather continued over the western half of the country and in north-central sections. Chart I shows that the temperature for the week, as a whole, was above normal everywhere, except locally along the Atlantic coast and in western Tennessee, where there were slight deficiencies. East of the Mississippi River the weekly means ranged rather generally from about normal to 2 deg. or 3 deg. above normal. West of the River the plus departures from normal were generally large, especially in the North where they ranged from 6 deg. to as much as 12 deg. Freezing weather was again confined to northern and northwestern districts and the higher elevations of the West. Chart II shows that rainfall was substantial to heavy over most south-eastern sections, extending northward and westward to the Ohio Valley, western Tennessee, and Alabama. There was considerable rain also in the lower Lake region, with local moderate falls in the Southwest; otherwise precipitation was generally light, with the western half of the country receiving very little, except along the extreme north Pacific coast. Weather conditions during the week continued favorable in nearly all sections of the country. In the East there was some interruption by rain to the usual fall activities the latter part of the period, but, otherwise, the weather was mostly fair, sunny, and pleasant, and fall work made rapid progress. The week-end rains were helpful, especially in parts of the Ohio Valley, and also in much of the western Lake region in relieving a severe drought that has prevailed for some three months in parts of the latter area.

Heavy frost blackened some late, tender vegetation in the middle Atlantic coast sections, but, otherwise, no material frost damage was reported. The frost situation for several weeks has been unusually favorable. About a month ago more or less damage was done over a considerable area of



the North, extending as far south as Pennsylvania, the northern portions of the Ohio Valley, and much of Iowa, as well as the northern Great Plains, but since that time there has been a remarkable absence of the usual fall frosts in the interior, and the area covered has not been enlarged materially up to the close of the week. In an average year, by this time, killing frost extends as far south as central Virginia, western North Carolina, eastern Tennessee, northern Arkansas, and extreme northern Oklahoma.

Rain is still needed in the west Gulf area, locally in some north-central districts, parts of the upper Great Plains, the eastern Great Basin, and generally in the Pacific Northwest. In the latter area severe drought continues in many sections, notably the eastern portions of Washington and Oregon, and parts of Idaho; otherwise soil condition is mostly favorable.

**SMALL GRAINS.**—Conditions are now generally good over the main winter wheat area, with seeding largely completed and condition of the crop mostly satisfactory. In the Ohio Valley there is still some wheat to be seeded in parts, but the crop is largely in, with much up to excellent stands and soil moisture now adequate. Sowing is completed in Missouri and is practically finished in most of the Great Plains; wheat is being sown in the western two-thirds of Kansas and is stooled well in Nebraska. In the Southwest it continues too dry for germination and growth in parts of Texas, while the drought continues unabated in the eastern part of the Pacific Northwest, where seeding is seriously delayed. There was some scattered late threshing in the Northwest, while gathering grain sorghums advanced.

**CORN.**—In the eastern portion of the belt corn husking was interrupted by rain in the latter part of the week, but in general, the weather was favorable; the crop dried out rapidly in most sections, and husking made good advance in northern districts. In some interior localities, especially in Missouri, extreme southern Iowa, and the southern half of Illinois, considerable late corn has been in a precarious position, because of the possibility of harm from frost, but the continued mild, open weather has permitted maturity of the bulk of it, and now very little remains susceptible to frost harm. In Iowa the crop dried well in the northern and central counties, with husking active in the northwest, but with some complaint of heating in crib because of high moisture content. Corn is dry enough to crib in much of Kansas, but considerable is still too moist in some sections to the northward. Better husking returns than expected are reported from Nebraska.

**COTTON.**—Picking was interrupted by rain in central and northern districts of the eastern half of the belt the latter part of the week, and was retarded locally in Oklahoma, but, otherwise, the weather was generally favorable for field work in the Cotton Belt. Harvest and ginning made good advance, and are well along in central and northern districts.

In Texas picking and ginning have been completed, except in the west and northwest, and are reported ahead of the seasonal average in Arkansas. In the northeastern belt there was some complaint of damage to staple by heavy rains, but, otherwise, conditions were mostly favorable for outstanding, open cotton. The week closed with some local light frosts in parts of the western belt.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

**Virginia.**—Richmond: Cool first, but warm latter part of week; general copious rains. Favorable for farm operations and good progress in sowing wheat. Picking cotton and apples and harvest of farm crops about finished, without frost damage. Pastures and truck improved. Early-sown wheat coming up.

**North Carolina.**—Raleigh: Heavy to excessive rains at close, but weather prior to that time very favorable for maturing and gathering cotton, corn, peanuts, sweet potatoes, and forage crops, and marketing tobacco. Rapid progress in picking cotton; some damage to staple by rains. Considerable wheat seeded.

**South Carolina.**—Columbia: Week without rain until 21st; temperatures near normal; light frosts on uplands on 16th without damage. Picking and ginning cotton pushed to exclusion of other farming and nearly completed in northeast. Some winter cereals sown, but soil in northwest too hard for plowing. Forage about all harvested; pastures good.

**Georgia.**—Atlanta: Very favorable week for harvesting and light rains at close beneficial in placing soil in good condition for plowing. Picking and ginning cotton made rapid progress and nearing completion, except in some northern counties; considerable improvement in late crop in north, due to dry, open weather. Sowing wheat, rye, and oats under way. Bulk of peanuts and corn housed and much hay saved.

**Florida.**—Jacksonville: Week dry, with much sunshine, except in extreme south, where large areas too wet and some still overflowed. Harvesting corn, hay, and peanuts in north and central. Planting oats and winter legumes advanced. Setting cabbage and planting other truck active. Making sirup locally. Working and fertilizing groves. Showers needed on some uplands.

**Alabama.**—Montgomery: Week averaged warm, but cool at close; general rains at close, locally heavy in central and north. Moisture beneficial to growing vegetation. Harvesting corn and hay good progress. Sowing oats and digging sweets quite general, but progressing slowly. Condition and progress of truck and minor crops mostly fair to good. Pastures poor to good. Picking and ginning cotton practically finished in south; picking nearing completion in many fields of central and well advanced in extreme north.

**Mississippi.**—Vicksburg: Cotton picking and ginning made very good advance to Saturday and nearing completion in south and central, except southern Delta counties. Light to moderate rains Sunday night, followed by cooler. Corn mature enough for seed, but little housed. Gardens and pastures needing rain.

**Louisiana.**—New Orleans: Only light, scattered showers. Favorable for sugar cane and outdoor work. Cotton picking finished in south and advancing rapidly toward completion in north. Rice about all threshed. Sugar cane cutting and grinding progressing favorably. Rain much needed for pastures, potatoes, truck, and fall plowing.

**Texas.**—Houston: Continued warm until close, when cool, with light frost locally in east-central. Rainfall light, except in extreme east, but only effective locally and more needed for sweet potatoes, truck, and fall gardens and for plowing, seeding, germination, and growth of winter wheat and barley in most of eastern half. Range and stock water condition somewhat improved in moist areas. Corn and fall forage harvesting made good progress. Cereals excellent and moving rapidly. Little change in condition and progress of cotton, with picking and ginning nearing completion, except in west and northwest.

**Oklahoma.**—Oklahoma City: Warm, with scattered showers, but mostly favorable for harvesting. Progress of cotton fairly good; very little top crop; picking retarded by occasional showers and heavy dews, but fair advance made. Fair progress in harvesting corn and grain sorghums. Wheat planting nearly finished; early-planted very good stands and growth. Pastures fair to good.

**Arkansas.**—Little Rock: Excellent progress in picking cotton due to dry weather, except light showers Sunday; picking nearer completion than usual this date; crop practically all open, except on lowlands of central, east, and northeast. Light frost this morning in a few localities; no damage. Favorable for wheat, oats and truck and for gathering corn and feed crops.

**Tennessee.**—Nashville: Abundant sunshine and dry until last of week; favorable for plowing and sowing winter wheat, oats, and rye. Early corn cribbed; condition of late very good and improving. Picking cotton well advanced; opening better.

**Kentucky.**—Louisville: Heavy rains at end revived pastures and replenished stock water and were also beneficial for fall grains, which were needing moisture seriously, with germination and growth delayed. Plowing resumed. Light frosts locally on 18th; damage slight. Late corn, and most potatoes mature; corn cutting nearly completed.

## THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Oct. 25 1929.

A demoralized stock market and weak commodity markets, it is feared, will have an adverse effect upon business despite the published opinion of leading bankers to the contrary. Such belief is more or less predominant among those within the textile industry and has prompted a certain amount of hesitancy. Perhaps this has been more noticeable in the cotton goods division than elsewhere, as the decline of prices for raw material has tended to foster

such beliefs. These theories persist even though factors are confident that the fundamental position of the cotton goods market continues statistically strong. Other sections of the textile trade such as woolens, silks, and rayons did not feel the effects of the adverse developments to the same extent as cottons as quotations for their respective raw products continued steady. On the other hand, the prevalence of Indian Summer this week served to check business which usually develops at this period of the year. However, a good volume of orders was received and merchants continue confident concerning the future. As to the floor covering division, interest in the opening of the Spring lines scheduled for a week from Monday, coupled with the fact that retailers have provided for their needs to the end of next month are responsible for the gradual tapering off in demand. Current orders are chiefly for small lots of the fill-in variety pending the introduction of the new lines. It is predicted that the latter will witness the display of an even wider variety of fine quality rugs than was seen a year ago when the new types of American-Orientals, which are now so popular, were introduced. Probably no division of the textile industry has undergone such a radical change in lines and merchandising methods as has occurred in floor coverings, and the success of these innovations is clearly evidenced in the strong position of the trade and the bright outlook for the coming season.

**DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.**—In a statement published the earlier part of the week, the Federal Farm Board provided quite a surprise. The Board, in its announcement, claimed that prices for raw cotton were too low, while unfilled orders of finished goods are larger and stock smaller than last year. The effect of this assertion is expected to be far-reaching, inasmuch as it is calculated to bolster both prices and sentiment which, in turn, should result in higher levels for the finished product. It is also expected that such results will begin to be noticeable within the next few weeks, as by then the crop will be fully picked. In the meantime, the easiness of the raw staple, attributable to prolonged tariff discussions in the Senate and declining stock and commodity markets has somewhat marred prospects for the goods market. Factors claim that such recessions have a sentimental effect upon business and tend to cause hesitancy even though the statistical position of the industry is on a sound basis. Furthermore, the substantial slowing down of production in the automobile industry, which has also caused a recession in the rate of steel operations, is now being felt in the cotton goods trade. A large volume of wide goods and fabrics had been used by the automobile industry during its period of high output the earlier part of the year, but recently factors report the receipt of numerous requests for temporarily suspending shipments of goods. However, it must not be assumed from the foregoing that the recent improvement in the cotton goods trade is being wiped out. Such is not the case, as large sales, clean stocks and improving prices are proceeding in a number of directions. Perhaps this is more noticeable in regard to blankets and flannels, work clothing goods, tickings, sheets and pillow cases, drapery and curtain materials and various types of wash goods. Thus, it is quite evident that the irregularities now cropping up are resulting from external conditions and not from difficulties within the cotton trade itself. Print cloths 23-inch 64x60's construction are quoted at 5½c., and 27-inch 64x60's at 5¼c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68x72's construction are quoted at 8¾c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 10¼c.

**WOOLEN GOODS.**—Indian Summer weather, which was experienced this week, resulted in some falling off in the volume of orders for woolens and worsteds. However, the steady receipt of fair-sized orders prompted the belief that this is but a temporary condition which will quickly correct itself as soon as cooler weather sets in. Confidence in the underlying strength of the market and the prospects for an excellent season remain unshaken and it is considered a question of a short time before active buying will again be resumed. Reports that fewer return shipments have been received this season than for some years past was taken to indicate distributors' confidence and the low condition of stocks generally.

**FOREIGN DRY GOODS.**—Further expansion of sales in the local linen market resulted in a firmer price undertone. Enlarged demand for household linens, especially those in the pastel shades, has featured the week. Undoubtedly, this movement has been helped considerably by the special sales of household linens conducted by a number of the leading stores. Purchases of this class of linens, coupled with the continued heavy sales of men's wear, have provided the market with most of its activity. However, there have been numerous complaints received lately concerning a shortage of dress linens. The distribution of handkerchiefs remains on a large scale. Most of the orders for the latter are of a specialty type destined for the Christmas trade. Burlap prices sought lower levels in sympathy with a decline in Calcutta. Light weights are quoted at 5.95c., and heavies at 7.50-7.60c.

## State and City Department

## NEWS ITEMS

**Alabama City, Ala.—Election to be Held on Merger.**—The Birmingham "Age-Herald" of Oct. 17 reports that an election will be held on Nov. 18 for the purpose of determining whether Alabama City shall unite with Gadsden to form a city of approximately 40,000 population. It is reported that if the vote should be favorable there is little doubt that the neighboring municipality of Attalla will also become a part of the combined city.

**Canada.—Decrease in Net Debt of Dominion.**—The net debt of the Dominion was reduced \$83,006,601 during the twelve months period ended Sept. 30, according to the Montreal "Gazette" of Oct. 18 which carried the following Ottawa dispatch of Oct. 17:

"The total net debt of Canada on Sept. 30 last (no credit being given for non-active assets) was \$2,140,341,090. A year ago at the corresponding date the debt was \$2,223,347,691. This is a reduction of \$83,006,601.

"The funded debt totals \$2,304,954,469 as compared with \$2,394,488,540 a year ago. The chief reduction in the funded debt has been in that payable in New York, which has been reduced from \$225,879,000 to 167,475,700.

"The funded debt payable in Canada has been reduced from \$1,856,941,403 to \$1,825,810,633. In the net debt total, such loans as those to harbor commissions, foreign governments and certain reserve funds are set over against the funded debt and other liabilities.

"The ordinary revenue for the month was \$36,403,025 as compared with \$33,038,787 in Sept. 1928. The total ordinary expenditure last month was \$25,801,621 and in Sept. 1928, it was \$24,820,496."

**Cisco, Eastland County, Tex.—Voluntary Receivership Plea Dropped.**—It was announced on Oct. 15 that the application of this city for voluntary receivership, filed in the Federal District Court at Abilene after a suit for more than \$17,000 of alleged past due payments and interest in bonds and warrants had been filed in the same court, was withdrawn, according to the Fort Worth "Record" of Oct. 16. The suit in question which is reported to have led to the application for receivership, was instituted by three local taxpayers.

**Hanover (City of), Germany.—\$3,500,000 7% Bonds Sold.**—Brown Bros. & Co., and the Continental Illinois Co., both of New York, jointly, on Oct. 25 offered for public subscription a \$3,500,000 7% gold bond issue of the City of Hanover, Germany, at a price of 98 and int., to yield about 7.30%. The issue is dated Nov. 1 1929, due on Nov. 1 1939, and, according to the bankers, was oversubscribed. The following information regarding the bonds is taken from the official offering circular:

Authorized and to be outstanding \$3,500,000. Interest payable May 1 and Nov. 1. Coupon bonds in denomination of \$1,000. Prin. and int. payable in New York City at the office of Brown Bros. & Co., Fiscal Agents for the loan, in United States gold coin without deduction for German taxes. Sinking fund calculated to be sufficient to retire not less than \$450,000 principal amount of bonds by maturity, through purchase at not exceeding 105 and int. or through redemption by lot at 105 and int., the City reserving the right to deliver purchased bonds to the sinking fund in lieu of cash. Red. as a whole or in part on Nov. 1 1934 or on any interest date thereafter on 30 days' notice at 107½. The New York Trust Co., Authenticating Agent. Convertible after Nov. 1 1938 and prior to July 28 1939 (unless notice of redemption thereof shall theretofore have been published) at option of holder as provided in the bonds of this issue into equal principal amount of City of Hanover External 7% sinking fund gold bonds due 1959, described below. The bonds due 1959 will contain provision for sinking fund calculated to be sufficient to retire entire issue by maturity through purchase at not exceeding 105 and int. or through redemption by lot at 105 and int., the City reserving the right to deliver purchased bonds to the sinking fund in lieu of cash, and provision for redemption as a whole or in part on May 1 1939 or on any interest date thereafter on 30 days' notice at 105.

Further information regarding this loan may be found in our "Department of Current Events and Discussions" on a preceding page.

**Kentucky (State of).—Proposed Constitutional Amendments.**—At the November election the people will vote on two proposed constitutional amendments, the texts of which read as follows:

"Hereafter there may be submitted to be voted on at any one time as many proposed amendments to the Constitution of Kentucky as the General Assembly may see fit to submit; but said proposed amendments shall be submitted in accordance with the provisions of section 256 of the Constitution of Kentucky, which said section of the Constitution is modified by this amendment only to the extent that the limitation is removed on the number of proposed amendments which may be voted on at any one time."

"Section 246a." The provisions of Section 246 of the Constitution of Kentucky shall not apply to Judges of the Court of Appeals; the Judges in office at the time of the adoption of this amendment shall be entitled to the benefits of any legislation enacted pursuant thereto."

**Statute Requiring Cities to Levy Tax Found Invalid.**—The Jefferson Circuit Court handed down a decision on Oct. 24 in which it held that the Legislature may authorize cities of the first class to levy a tax to be used as a pension fund for certain members of the fire departments, pursuant to an Act passed by the State Legislature in 1928, but that under the provisions of the State Constitution the legislative Act cannot require the said cities to do so. We take the following from a report of the case which appeared in the "United States Daily" of Oct. 25:

Charles Campbell et al. vs. William B. Harrison, Mayor, et al., Jefferson Circuit Court (Kentucky), Common Pleas Branch, Second Division (No. 188789).

Opinion of the Court.

Mapother, J.—This suit under the declaratory judgment act involves the construction and constitutionality of chapter 73 of the Acts of the General Assembly of 1928, amending sections 2896a-18 and 2896a-22, Carroll's Kentucky Statutes 1922, which are portions of the law for the government of cities of the first class, approved July 1 1893, as amended.

The first section of the Act under consideration provides that:

"There shall be levied and set apart by the general council of all cities of the first class in this Commonwealth for the year 1928 a tax of not more than 2 cents on each \$100 of value of the taxable property in said cities for said year as a fund for the pensioning of crippled and disabled members of the fire department."

It further provides that:

"A like tax shall be levied and set apart for the same purpose for any succeeding year when the amount and value of property to the credit of

the firemen's pension fund falls below \$300,000 as of the date of Sept. 1 preceding, that is, if during any year succeeding 1928 there shall be to the credit of the firemen's pension fund on Sept. 1 property and funds of less than \$300,000, then the general council of cities of the first class shall levy and set apart for the year succeeding a tax of 2 cents on each \$100 of value of the taxable property in said cities where said condition occurs for said year as a fund for the purpose herein defined."

It will be observed that the word "may," used in the act amended, is stricken and the word "shall" substituted therefor, thus making the terms of the present law mandatory in character. It will also be observed that the 2-cent levy is not required before Sept. 1 1929, and then only in event that property and funds of less than \$300,000 are to the credit of the firemen's pension fund as of that date.

The second section of this act, amending section 2896a-18 Kentucky statutes, has reference to an increase in the assessment levied against members and substitutes of the fire department from 50 to 75 cents, and is not attacked on this submission.

The third section, amending section 2896a-22 Kentucky statutes, provides for doubling previous allowances existing under the statute amended, and provides that such increases shall apply to persons then receiving pensions under the provisions of the law.

The petition does not allege that there was at any time a sum sufficient to the credit of the firemen's pension fund to enable it to pay these increases. Neither is it alleged—and could not be, since the petition was filed May 9, 1929—that on Sept. 1 1929, there was less than \$300,000 in property and funds to the credit of the firemen's pension fund, which is a condition to the requirement of the act that a levy of 2 cents shall be made for the succeeding year.

It is contended by defendants in support of their demurrer to the petition that the act is violative of section 181 of the State constitution providing that:

"The general assembly shall not impose taxes for the purposes of any county, city, town or other municipal corporation, but may, by general laws, confer on the proper authorities thereof, respectively, the power to assess and collect such taxes."

It may be conceded for the purpose of this proceeding that the municipalities of this State possess no inherent right to local self-government not subject to the control of the legislature in the absence of constitutional requirements. The contention of defendants is that the right involved is specifically conferred and protected by the particular clause of the State constitution above set out, and that the mandatory provision of the act under consideration, imposing an absolute duty upon the city to levy and collect this tax, is equivalent to the legislature itself doing so and involves a consequent violation of this section of the constitution.

The court does not understand that anyone in this community, either in public or private life, is opposed to the establishment, maintenance and efficient administration of this firemen's pension fund, the contention of defendant here being that these are subject to the sole control of the municipal authorities, under permissive State legislation in aid thereof, but that the State itself, under the constitutional provision above referred to, is without power to take it over or, what would amount to the same thing, control the situation by mandatory legislation.

The importance of the work of a municipal fire department can hardly be exaggerated. Its office is not confined to actual fire fighting, but extends to every character of relief associated with fire, flood, storm or other physical catastrophe. In Louisville the fire and police departments are both under the control of one and the same board of public safety and it is the private view of the writer of this opinion that the protection of the cities of the State against calamity is as much a matter of public State concern as their protection from the ravages of the lawless; but our appellate court has announced a different view, and this court does not feel free to officially disregard the position of that tribunal, but does feel in duty bound to follow and afford that court the privilege of receding from or modifying such past utterances if it see fit.

We are met here with the direct question as to whether the legislature can, under this section of our State constitution, compel a city to levy this particular tax for this particular purpose; and in the light of the constitution as written and the construction placed upon it by our court of last resort, as above pointed out, there appears no escape from the conclusion that the general assembly is without such power.

This is not to say that the laborer is unworthy of his hire, or that the members of a city fire department and their dependents coming within the terms of a firemen's pension fund act are not to be taken care of, but is to say that, as between the provision for such fund by taxation through State or municipal authority, the latter is the one charged therewith, free from control of the former to the extent which the present act undertakes to control it.

**Oklahoma City, Okla.—Supreme Court Awards City Water Funds.**—On Oct. 15 the State Supreme Court handed down a decision which ends a controversy of long standing over the disposition of the annual surplus from the water department, and which also releases \$1,035,134.21 of protested taxes into the sinking fund, reports the "Oklahoman" of Oct. 16, commenting on the decision, in part, as follows:

"In effect, the opinion, which was by Justice Charles Swindall, held the City may take the profits of the water department each year and put them into the general fund. It was the contention of tax attorneys the profits should be used exclusively to retire water department bonds.

"Funds tied up by the protest suit were from the levies of the last four fiscal years, according to Francis G. Baker, City Auditor.

"Preference will be given Oklahoma City's bonds when the sinking fund surplus is invested, E. H. Fry, City Manager, said."

**Tempe, Maricopa County, Ariz.—City Government Voted.**—We are informed by A. J. Uhl, City Clerk, that at a special election held on Sept. 17, the qualified electors authorized the change from a town form of government to a city plan by a majority of 21 votes out of a total of 115 votes cast.

## BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

**ACADIA PARISH (P. O. Crowley), La.—CERTIFICATE SALE.**—The \$228,000 issue of 6% coupon school board certificates, the sale of which was indefinitely postponed from June 4—V. 128, p. 4039—has since been purchased by the Canal Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due from Oct. 1 1 30 to 1949, incl. Prin. and int. (A. & C. 1) payable at the First National Bank of Crowley, or at the Chemical National Bank in New York City. Legal opinion of Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported).

Real value, estimated	\$35,000,000
Assessed valuation, 1928	24,810,999
Total debt, including these certificates	228,000
Population, 1920 U. S. Census, 34,820	Population, 1925 State Census, 36,350.

**ACKERMAN, Choctaw County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Nov. 5 by R. B. Fulcher, Town Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$12,000 refunding water and light bonds. A \$1,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

**ADA, Pontotoc County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.**—A special election has been called for Oct. 29 in order to have the voters pass judgment upon a proposed bond issue of \$60,000 for a recreation park.

**ADRIAN, Lenawee County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.**—At a special election to be held on Nov. 5 the voters will pass on a proposition to issue \$50,000 in bonds to finance the construction of a new fire station and will also decide the question of granting a 20-year franchise to the Citizens' Gas Fuel Co. The bonds are to extend over a period not to exceed 30 years.

**ALLEGHENY COUNTY (P. O. Pittsburgh), Pa.—BOND SALE.**—The \$5,200,000 4½% coupon bonds, registerable as to principal and interest, offered on Oct. 23—V. 129, p. 2263—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Harris, Forbes & Co., and the National City Co., both of New York; Janney & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., and Edward B. Smith & Co., all of Philadelphia; the First National Bank and the People's Savings & Trust Co., both of Pittsburgh, at a price of 100.111, a basis of about 4.24%. The following issues were sold:

\$1,600,000 road bonds, series 34B-2. Due serially in 30 years. 1,000,000 bridge bonds, series 19B. Due serially in 30 years.

BONDS OFFERED FOR PUBLIC INVESTMENT.—The bonds are being reoffered by the purchasers for public subscription at prices to yield 4.25 to 4.125% according to maturity.

Assessed valuation of all taxable property \$2,590,498,810 Total bonded debt, incl. this issue \$19,785,477

ANDERSON, Madison County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers Trust Co. of Anderson, recently purchased an issue of \$80,000 5% bonds for a premium of \$80, equal to a price of 100.10.

ANSON INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Anson), Jones County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$32,000 issue of school bonds has recently been purchased by the State Department of Education.

ANTWERP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Paulding County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters at the November election will pass on a proposition to issue \$112,875 school building construction bonds.

APPANOOSE COUNTY (P. O. Centerville), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—We are now informed that the \$95,000 issue of annual primary road bonds offered without success on Sept. 23—V. 129, p. 2110—has since been awarded to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co., as ss, at par.

ARCHBOLD SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Fulton County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—A proposition to issue \$95,000 in bonds to finance the construction of a new fireproof school building will appear on the ballot at the general election to be held on Nov. 5.

ARKANSAS, State of (P. O. Little Rock).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Nov. 19, by the Arkansas Construction Commission, for the purchase of a \$750,000 issue of 5% coupon tuberculosis sanitarium and State hospital bonds.

(This offering is in addition to the \$500,000 issue already noted—V. 1929 p. 2569.)

BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ralph Koonce, State Treasurer, until 10 a. m. on Nov. 19, for the purchase of a \$2,000,000 issue of 4½, 4¼ and 5% coupon or registered State Pension bonds.

ARLINGTON, Hancock County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters at the general election to be held on Nov. 5 will pass on a measure calling for the issuance of \$30,000 in bonds to pay part of the cost of the construction of a water works system.

AUBURN CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Auburn), Barrow County, Ga.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$8,750 issue of 5% coupon school bonds offered on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2565—was not sold as no satisfactory bid was received.

AUGUSTA, Richmond County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 6 the city and the county will vote upon a proposal to issue \$500,000 in 4½% bonds for the construction and improvement of school buildings.

BABYLON UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Lindenhurst), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$52,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 129, p. 2420—were awarded as 4.90s, to A. C. Allyn & Co., of N. Y., at a price of 100.534, a basis of about 4.84%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes Bachelder, Wack & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co., Roosevelt & Son, etc.

BAY VILLAGE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$24,785.28 special assessment water mains construction bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 129, p. 2110—were awarded as 5½s, to Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo, for a premium of \$32 equal to a price of 100.12 a basis of about 5.48%.

BEACHWOOD (P. O. Warrensville, R. F. D.), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following bonds aggregating \$348,404 were privately sold recently to the Guardian Trust Co., of Cleveland, as 6s, at par:

- \$137,552 street improvement bonds, property owners' portion. Bond No. 1 is for \$1,552, all others \$1,000. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$13,552, 1931; \$14,000, 1932 to 1934 incl.; \$13,000, 1935; \$14,000, 1936 to 1938 incl.; \$13,000, 1939; and \$14,000 in 1940.

BECKHAM COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Sayre), Okla.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of school bonds aggregating \$9,500, have been purchased by the Security National Bank, of Oklahoma City, as follows: \$9,000, as 6s, and \$500 as 5½s.

BELLVILLE, Austin County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$45,000 issue of 6% coupon sewer bonds that was sold on Oct. 5—V. 129, p. 2420—was registered by the State Comptroller on Oct. 18.

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—LIST OF BIDDERS.—The following is an official tabulation of the bids received on Oct. 15 for the \$320,000 issue of public improvement bonds, awarded on that day—V. 129, p. 2569:

Table with columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Includes \*Stardens & Co., Ward Sterne & Co., Well Roth & Co., etc.

BLAIRSVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Indiana County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$225,000 4½% school bonds offered on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2264—were awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co. of Philadelphia, for a premium of \$3,150, equal to a price of 101.40, a basis of about 4.38%.

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Includes M. M. Freeman & Co., Mellon National Bank, Edmund Seymour & Co., etc.

BLANCHARD TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hardin County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—A bond issue for \$100,000 to finance the acquisition of the necessary property and erecting thereon a new school building will be passed upon at the general election to be held on Nov. 5.

BRILLIANT, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—T. C. Clark, Jr., Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Nov. 15, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$92,623.76: \$51,030.56 special assessment water mains construction bonds.

Both issues are dated Oct. 1 1929. Int. payable on Mar. & Sep. 1. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

BRISTOL, Sullivan County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Oct. 29, by W. K. Carson, City Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$75,000 issue of 5% school bonds.

(This report supplements that given in V. 129, p. 2569.)

BROOK PARK, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis J. Mares, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Nov. 4, for the purchase of \$19,256.74 5% special assessment road improvement bonds.

BUFORD SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Highland County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—A proposition to issue \$32,000 in bonds for school building construction purposes will be voted on at the general election to be held on Nov. 5. Maturity of bonds set at 20 years.

BUTLER TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Butler), Butler County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—R. L. Collins, Secretary of the Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Oct. 31, for the purchase of \$60,000 4½% coupon school bonds.

CALAMUS (P. O. Columbus), Columbia County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of 4½% semi-annual highway bonds offered for sale on Sept. 21—V. 129, p. 1774—was awarded at par to local investors.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Carroll), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that the \$140,000 issue of annual primary road bonds that was offered without success on Sept. 25—V. 129, p. 2264—has since been purchased as 5s, at par by the Equitable Life Insurance Co., of Des Moines.

CAVALIER COUNTY (P. O. Langdon), N. Dak.—BOND SALE.—We are informed by the County Auditor that he has sold \$1,850 of the \$3,700 issue of registered light system bonds offered on Sept. 30—V. 129, p. 2111—to Thomas J. King, of Hannah, as 6s, at par. The remainder of the issue is still being offered for private disposal, int. rate not to exceed 6%.

CLEVELAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cleveland), Pawnee County, Okla.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 7:30 p. m. on Oct. 23, by W. E. Riddle, Clerk of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds.

CLINTON, Custer County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$615,000, offered for sale on Oct. 15—V. 129, p. 2569—were awarded as follows:

\$600,000 water works extension bonds to the Brown-Crummer Co., of Wichita, at par, as follows: \$104,000 as 4½s, due \$26,000, 1932 to 1935; \$104,000 as 5½s, due \$26,000, 1936 to 1939 and \$392,000 as 6s, due \$26,000, 1940 to 1953 and \$28,000 in 1954.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Frankfort), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl McDonald, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Nov. 7, for the purchase of \$8,520 5% Johnson Township road construction bonds.

COLUMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Hudson), N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Emory C. Van Loan, Clerk of the Board of County Supervisors, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Nov. 7, for the purchase of \$125,000 4½, 4¼ or 5% coupon or registered County Hospital bonds.

COLUMBUS, Muscogee County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. B. Crawford, City Manager, until noon on Oct. 28, for the purchase of four issues of 4½% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$350,000, as follows: \$125,000 public school bonds.

COLUMBUS COUNTY (P. O. Whiteville), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by G. C. Ratcliffe, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until noon on Nov. 5, for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of coupon school building bonds.

Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due \$2,000 from Nov. 1 1932 to 1951, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York City. Registerable as to principal. Required bidding forms furnished by the above clerk. No bids are to be for less than par and interest. A certified check, payable to the County, is required. The following statement is furnished:  
 Assessed valuation (1928) \$21,431,009. Total debt \$1,790,000. (School debt \$460,000 included in total debt). Population estimated 35,000. Bonds prepared and furnished by the County, with legal opinion of Peck, Shaffer and Williams.

**COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Howard S. Wilkins, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) on Nov. 21, for the purchase of \$489,900 6% coupon or registered improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. One bond for \$1,900, all others for \$1,000. Due on March 1 as follows: \$48,900, 1932, and \$49,000 from 1933 to 1941 inclusive. Principal and semi-annual interest (March and Sept. 1) payable at the office of the agency of the City of Columbus in the City of New York. The bonds will be sold to the highest and best bidder for not less than par and accrued interest.

All bids must be made in the form of blanks, which will be furnished upon application to the clerk of said city. Any one desiring to do so may present a bid or bids for these bonds based upon their bearing a lower rate of interest than specified, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or multiples thereof.

A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

Transcripts of proceedings will be furnished successful bidders, and sufficient time allowed within fifteen days from the time of said award for the examination of such transcript by bidder's attorney, and bids may be made subject to approval of same.

**CONNEAUT, Ashtabula County, Ohio.—OTHER BIDS.**—The following is an official list of the other bids received on Oct. 15 for the \$38,308.05 5 1/4% bonds sold to Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo, on their unconditional tender of par plus a premium of \$61.29, equal to a price of 100.15, a basis of about 5.46%—V. 129, p. 2570.

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
First Citizens Corp., Columbus	5 1/4%	\$15.00
Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland	6%	10.00
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati	5 3/4% <i>ex</i>	77.00
Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati	5 3/4%	19.15
Ryan Sutherland Co., Toledo	5 3/4%	54.00
The Provident, S. B. & T., Cincinnati	5 1/4%	24.09
The Davies-Bertram Co., Cincinnati	5 1/4%	38.00

**CORTLAND (P. O. Peeskill), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$500,000 highway bonds offered on Oct. 22—V. 129, p. 2264—were awarded as 4 1/8% to Barr Bros. & Co. of N. Y., at a price of 100.499, a basis of about 4.39%. The bonds mature \$25,000 on May 1 from 1930 to 1949 incl.

**COVINGTON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Miami County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.**—A proposition calling for the issuance of \$150,000 in bonds for school building construction purposes will appear on the ballot at the general election to be held on Nov. 5. Maturity of bonds set at 23 years.

**CRANFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cranford), Union County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Alva R. Denman, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 5:30 p. m. on Nov. 6, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$451,000:

\$323,000 assessment bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$25,000, 1930 and 1931; \$50,000, 1932 to 1939, incl., and \$33,000, in 1940.

128,000 improvement bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1936, incl., and \$5,000 from 1937 to 1956, incl.

Both issues are dated Oct. 1 1929. Denomination \$1,000. Rate of interest to be named in bid, not to exceed 6%. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the Cranford Trust Co., Cranford, or at the Chase National Bank, New York. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Township, must accompany each proposal. The Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York, will supervise the preparation of the bonds. The legality will be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York.

**CRESTLINE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Crawford County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.**—A bond issue for \$210,000 to finance the acquisition of a site and erecting thereon a new school building will be submitted for the voter's consideration at the general election to be held on Nov. 5. Maturity of bonds set at 21 years.

**CROSBYTON, Crosby County, Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$10,000 issue of 6% coupon water works extension bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 129, p. 2570—was not sold as the only bid received for the bonds was rejected. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due \$500 on April 10 1930, 1932, 1934, 1936, &c., up to 1968.

**CUYAHOGA COUNTY (P. O. Cleveland), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$4,361,300 bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 129, p. 2265—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Continental Illinois Co., of Chicago, the Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, The Herrick Co., of Cleveland, Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, Otis & Co., and the Guardian Trust Co., both of Cleveland, Braun, Bosworth & Co., of Toledo, Foreman National Corp., and Lawrence Stern & Co., both of Chicago. The purchasers bid par plus a premium of \$4,007, equal to a price of 100.09, an interest cost basis of about 4.882%. \$1,527,900 special assessment road impt. bonds and \$1,274,400 county's portion road improvement bonds were sold as 5s. A \$526,000 issue of County Sewer District water supply bonds was sold as 5s, and an issue of \$1,033,000 County Sewer District sewerage improvement bonds was sold as 4 1/4s. All of the bonds sold are dated Oct. 1 1929. The special asst. road issues and the County's portion road issues mature annually from 1930 to 1939, incl. The \$1,033,000 sewerage impt. bonds are due as follows: \$68,000, 1930; \$69,000, 1931 to 1936, incl.; \$68,000, 1937; and \$69,000, 1938 to 1944, incl. The \$526,000 water supply impt. bonds are due as follows: \$52,000, 1930; \$53,000, 1931; \$52,000, 1932; \$53,000, 1933 and 1934; \$52,000, 1935; \$53,000, 1936; \$52,000, 1937 and \$53,000 in 1938 and 1939.

The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 5.25 to 4.50%, according to maturity.

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation	\$2,916,604.00
Total debt	47,669,284
Less sinking fund	722,344
Net debt	46,946,940
Population: 1920 census—943,495; present estimate—1,300,000.	

**DANBURY, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.**—The following issues of 4 1/4% coupon bonds, registerable as to principal only, aggregating \$694,000 offered on Oct. 17—V. 129, p. 2421—were awarded to George B. Gibbons & Co., and Dewey, Bacon & Co., both of New York, jointly for a premium of \$9,350.96, equal to a price of 101.34, a basis of about 4.57%:

\$494,000 corporate construction water bonds, series A. Due \$26,000 on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1949 incl.

200,000 permanent improvement bonds. Due \$20,000 on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1940 incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and are being reoffered for public investment at prices to yield 5.00 to 4.30%, according to maturity. The following other bids were received:

Bidder	Premium
Estabrook & Co.	\$9,049.76
Eldredge & Co.	5,000.00
Guaranty Co. of New York	3,962.74
R. L. Day & Co.	3,747.60
H. L. Allen & Co.	3,240.98
H. M. Byllesby & Co.	881.38

**DAVENPORT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Davenport), Scott County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.**—A \$350,000 issue of coupon school purpose bonds was awarded on Oct. 17 to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., of Davenport, at par, as follows: \$175,000 as 4 1/4s and \$175,000 as 4 1/4s. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$110,000, 1939; \$115,000, 1940; and \$125,000 in 1941. Basis of about 4.625%. Int. payable on May & Nov. 1.

Financial Statement (as Officially Reported).

Value of taxable property (1929)	\$85,446,470
Total debt (this issue included)	1,270,000
Population, estimated, 70,000; 1920 census, 56,727; 1910 census, 43,028.	

**DAYTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.**—The question of issuing \$850,000 in bonds for school construction and improvement purposes will be decided by the voters at the general election to be held on Nov. 5. Maturity of bonds set at 15 years.

**DEARBORN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The following bonds aggregating \$83,000 offered on Oct. 18—V. 129, p. 2265—were awarded as 5 1/4s, to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., of Detroit, for a premium of \$325, equal to a price of 100.39, a basis of about 5.24%:

\$43,000 Water Main District No. 10 special asst. bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$7,000 in 1931 and \$9,000 from 1932 to 1935, incl.

40,000 Town Hall land purchase and construction bonds. Due \$2,000 on Jan. 1, from 1931 to 1950, incl.

Both issues are dated Oct. 1 1929.

**DE LAND, Volusia County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Geo. A. Davis, member of the Board of Bond Trustees, until 3 p. m. on Nov. 18, for the purchase of a \$28,000 issue of 6% city bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1936 and \$5,000 in 1937. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Guaranty Trust Co. in New York City. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2%, payable to the City, must accompany the bid.

**DELTA COUNTY (P. O. Cooper), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—A \$91,000 issue of 5 1/4% serial road and bridge bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on Oct. 15.

**DENNING, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—OTHER BIDS.**—The following other bids were received on Oct. 15, for the \$28,004.28 impt. bonds sold as 5 1/4s, to Seasongood & Mayer, of Cincinnati, for a premium of \$113, equal to a price of 100.40, a basis of about 5.67%—V. 129, p. 2570.

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
Weil, Roth & Irving Co., Cincinnati	6%	\$21.00
Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati	6%	50.38
Davies-Bertram Co., Cincinnati	5 3/4%	78.40
First Citizens Corp., Columbus	5 3/4%	39.25

**DENTON, Denton County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—The four issues of 5% coupon bonds, aggregating \$135,000, offered for sale on Oct. 15—V. 129, p. 1948—were awarded at par to the B. F. Dittmar Co., of San Antonio. The issues are divided as follows:

\$30,000 fire station bonds. Due from July 1 1934 to 1969.

50,000 school house bonds. Due from July 1 1933 to 1969.

37,000 street bonds. Due from July 1 1933 to 1969.

18,000 park bonds. Due from July 1 1939 to 1969.

**DICKINSON, Stark County, N. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$100,000 offered for sale on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2421—were not sold as all the bids were rejected. The issues are divided as follows: \$75,000 water works and \$25,000 city hall bonds.

**DILLSBORO, Jackson County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Nov. 11, by J. C. Cannon, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$5,000 issue of 5 1/4% street improvement bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$500, 1932 to 1937 and \$1,000, 1938 and 1939. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York City. Legal approval by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston, will be furnished. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the Town, is required.

**DOOR COUNTY (P. O. Surgeon Bay), Wis.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$60,000 issue of 5% semi-annual highway improvement bonds offered on Sept. 18—V. 129, p. 1477—was not sold as all the bids were rejected. Due in five years.

**DOTHAN, Houston County, Ala.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The four issues of not to exceed 6% coupon bonds aggregating \$69,000, offered for sale on Sept. 16—V. 129, p. 1477—was not sold as all the bids were rejected. The issues were as follows: \$35,000 refunding; \$20,000 refunding; \$8,000 refunding and \$6,000 refunding bonds.

**DUBACK, Lincoln Parish, La.—BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 issue of water works bonds offered for sale on Oct. 22—V. 129, p. 2421—was awarded to the Dubach State Bank of Dubach. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due from Oct. 1 1930 to 1949 incl.

**DURANT, Holmes County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—The \$84,800 issue of 6% coupon street improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2570—was awarded to the Merchants & Farmers Bank of Durant, for a premium of \$510, equal to 100.601, a basis of about 5.91%. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 2 1929. Due on Sept. 2 1939. Int. payable in March and Sept.

**EAST GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Pet. R. Schregardus, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Nov. 4, for the purchase of various issues of 5% bonds, divided as follows: \$311,744 street impt., \$133,393.84 water works, \$42,176.56 water extension, and \$3,560 sewer construction. Int. payable semi-annually. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

**EDMOND, Oklahoma County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The four issues of bonds aggregating \$68,500, offered for sale on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2570—were awarded at par on 5 1/4% bonds, to the First National Bank & Trust Co., of Tulsa. The issues are divided as follows: \$31,500 sewer; \$14,000 City Hall; \$13,500 water; and \$9,500 fire truck bonds.

**ELBRIDGE AND BRUTUS CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Elbridge), Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$90,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Oct. 23—V. 129, p. 2570—were awarded as 5s to Batchelder, Wack & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.314, a basis of about 4.93%. The bonds are dated May 1, 1929 and mature on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1941, inclusive; \$2,000, 1942 to 1951, inclusive; \$3,000, 1952 to 1961, inclusive, and \$4,000 from 1962 to 1968, inclusive.

**ELMORA, Ottawa County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The following issues of 5 1/4% bonds aggregating \$8,250 offered on Sept. 10—V. 129, p. 1321—were awarded to the First National Bank of Elmora, at par, plus a premium of \$1, equal to a price of 100.01, a basis of about 5.49%:

\$4,500 special assessment street improvement bonds. Due \$450 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

\$3,750 Ottawa St. improvement bonds. Due \$375 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

Both issues are dated Sept. 1 1929. The Sinking Fund Trustees bid par for the bonds, also the American Bank of Port Clinton.

**EL PASO, El Paso County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.**—On Nov. 2 the voters will be called upon to ballot on a proposed \$550,000 bond issue for levee construction and road building purposes.

**ERIE COUNTY (P. O. Erie), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—The County Comptroller will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Nov. 2 for the purchase of \$200,000 4 1/4% court house impt. bonds. Due \$50,000 on Nov. 1 from 1941 to 1944 incl.

**EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$521,300 bonds offered on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 1949—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland, as stated herewith:

\$241,000 special assessment street improvement bonds sold as 6s for a premium of \$732, equal to a price of 100.303, a basis of about 5.94%. Due on Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1941, inclusive.

236,300 special assessment street improvement bonds sold as 6s for a premium of \$711, equal to a price of 100.3008, a basis of about 5.96%. Due on Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1951, incl.

44,000 special assessment street improvement bonds sold as 5 1/4s for a premium of \$132, equal to a price of 100.30, a basis of about 5.67%. Due on Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1936, incl.

All of the above bonds are to be dated the day of sale. A syndicate composed of W. L. Slayton & Co., Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Seasongood & Mayer, and Walter, Woody & Helmerdinger, bidding for the three issues as 6s, offered a premium of \$326 for the \$211,000 issue, a premium of \$231 for the \$236,300 issue, and a premium of \$12 for the 44,000 issue.

**EVERETT, Middlesex County, Mass.—OTHER BIDS.**—The following other bids were received on Oct. 17 for the \$20,000 temporary loan sold at a 4.92% discount to the Everett Trust Co.—V. 129, p. 25 0. The loan is due, as follows: \$100,000 on March 6 and on April 10 1930.

<i>bi der</i> —	<i>Discount.</i>
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.....	4.915%
First National Bank of Boston.....	5.036%
Merchants National Bank, Boston.....	5.07%
W. O. Gay & Co.....	5.24%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$5).....	5.33%

**FAIRVIEW, Guernsey County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$80,000 coupon bonds offered on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2421—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co., of Toledo, for a premium of \$230, equal to a price of 100.23. Rate of interest not given. The bonds sold are as follows: \$4,400 in 1931 and \$4,000 from 1932 to 1940, inclusive. 28,300 special assessment street improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,300 in 1931; \$2,000, 1932, and \$3,000 from 1933 to 1940, inclusive. 11,300 special assessment street improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,300 in 1931; \$1,000, 1932 to 1939, inclusive, and \$2,000 in 1940. The three issues are dated Oct. 1 1929.

**FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. Lexington), Ky.—BOND ELECTION.**—At the regular election to be held on Nov. 5, the voters will be asked to pass upon a \$300,000 proposed bond issue for the construction of a new jail.

**FLOYD COUNTY (P. O. New Albany), Ind.—ONLY ONE BID RECEIVED.**—J. F. Wild & Co., of Indianapolis, were the only bidders on Oct. 15 for the \$65,040 5% impt. bonds offered for sale. The Indianapolis concern bid par plus a premium of \$11, equal to a price of 100.01, a basis of about 4.99%, and was awarded the issue as reported in V. 129, p. 2570.

**FLUVANNA INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fluvanna), Scary County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—A \$50,000 issue of 5½% school bonds has recently been purchased by H. C. Burt & Co., of Houston. (These bonds were registered on Oct. 1—V. 129, p. 2422.)

**FOND DU LAC, Fond du Lac County, Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The \$50,000 issue of 4¾% school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 17—V. 129, p. 2422—was awarded to Lawrence Stern & Co. of Chicago at 100.31, a basis of about 4.71%. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due from Mar. 1 1930 to 1949, incl.

**FORT LEE, Bergen County, N. J.—NO BIDS—BONDS TO BE SOLD PRIVATELY.**—William S. Corker, Borough Clerk, states that no bids were received on Oct. 23 for the \$2,045,000 6% improvement bonds offered for sale—V. 129, p. 2570. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature on Nov. 1 as follows: \$250,000 from 1931 to 1933, incl.; \$295,000 in 1934, and \$1,000,000 in 1935. The Borough Clerk says that negotiations are under way for private sale of the bonds.

**FORT SMITH, Sebastian County, Ark.—BOND ELECTION.**—A special election has been set for Dec. 2 in order to pass judgment on the issuance of \$279,000 in bonds as follows: \$100,000 fire department equipment; \$2,500 buildings; \$100,000 street and \$54,000 for sewer purposes.

**FRANKLIN RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.**—A proposition to issue \$290,000 school building construction bonds will be voted on at the general election to be held on Nov. 5. Maturity of bonds set at 24 years.

**GAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Char on), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Ethel L. Thrasher, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. (eastern standard time) on Nov. 4, for the purchase of \$39,346.81 5¼% special asst. road improvement bonds. To be dated the day of sale. Interest payable on Mar. and Sept. 1. Bids based upon the bonds bearing a different interest rate than that stated above will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be ½ of 1% or multiples thereof. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**GAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Chardon), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Ethel L. Thrasher, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until 1 p. m. on Nov. 11 for the purchase of \$43,027 5¼% road improvement bonds. Dated April 10 1929. Due on April 10 as follows: \$4,000, 1931; \$5,000, 1932; \$4,000, 1933 and 1934; \$5,000, 1935; \$4,000, 1936 and 1937; \$5,000, 1938; \$4,000 in 1939, and \$4,027 in 1940. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**GIBSON COUNTY (P. O. Trenton), Tenn.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.**—We are now informed that Joseph, Hutton & Estes, Inc. of Nashville, were in joint account with Caldwell & Co. of Nashville in the purchase of the \$400,000 coupon highway, series B bonds sold on Oct. 1—V. 129, p. 2422—at 101.50, a basis of about 4.65%.

**GLADSDEN, Etowah County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by H. C. Thomas, City Clerk, until 7 p. m. on Nov. 4, for the purchase of a \$74,000 issue of 6% semi-annual public improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$7,000, 1930 to 1935 and \$8,000, 1936 to 1939, all incl. A \$1,000 certified check, payable to the City, must accompany the bid. (This report supplements that given in V. 129, p. 2570.)

**GOLDEN VALLEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Rye gate), Mont.—BOND SALE.**—The \$6,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Aug. 27—V. 129, p. 1001—was awarded to the State Land Board of Montana, as 6s, at par, on the amortization plan.

**GREEN BAY, Brown County, Wis.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 4½% coupon bonds aggregating \$128,000, offered for sale without success on July 29—V. 129, p. 837—has since been purchased by the Central Illinois Co. of Chicago. The issues are divided as follows: \$100,000 school building bonds. Due \$20,000 from Apr. 1 1930 to 1934 incl. 28,000 street improvement refunding bonds. Due from Apr. 1 1930 to 1937.

**GREENVILLE, Mercer County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. M. Little, Borough Secretary, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Nov. 15 for the purchase of \$60,000 4¾% coupon Garbage Incinerator and Sewage Disposal Plant bonds. Dated Mar. 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due on Sept. 15 from 1931 to 1938, incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable in Greenville. The bonds are being offered subject to the approval of the Department of Internal Affairs.

**GUSTINE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gustine), Comanche County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—A \$20,000 issue of 5% school bonds has been purchased by the State Department of Education.

**HADDON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Westmont), Camden County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Richard Griffith, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 6, for the purchase of the following issues of 5½, 5¾ or 6% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$158,000, which are to be sold at public auction: \$116,000 improvement bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1943, incl., and \$5,000 from 1944 to 1955, incl. 42,000 assessment bonds. Due \$7,000, Nov. 1, from 1930 to 1935, incl. Both issues are dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the Westmont National Bank. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount of each issue. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafair & Lounsbury, of N. Y., will be furnished the purchaser.

**HALE COUNTY (P. O. Plainview), Tex.—BOND SALE.**—A \$300,000 issue of road bonds has recently been purchased by the Plainview National Bank, of Plainview, at a price of 94.70 and int. The Dallas "News" of Oct. 19 commented on the award as follows: "Previously the same bank had purchased \$150,000 on the same issue. The county has now sold \$550,000 of the \$1,000,000 issue. Proceeds of the issue are going to the paying of State and Federal Highways Nos. 9 and 28 through Hale County. The paving on the first section of Highway No. 9, from Plainview north to Swisher County, has been completed, and the road will be opened to the public next week. It is the first hard surfaced road to be built on the entire South Plains."

**HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Cincinnati), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The \$500,000 series A, Tuberculosis Hospital Sanatorium bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 129, p. 2570—were awarded as 4¾s, to George B. Gibbons & Co., of New York, for a premium of \$5,737, equal to a price of 101.14,

a basis of about 4.63%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and mature \$20,000 on Oct. 1, from 1931 to 1955, incl. This report corrects the one given in—V. 129, p. 2571.

**HAMILTON, Madison County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$90,000 coupon or registered sewer bonds offered on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2422—notice of which was inadvertently captioned Hamilton, Butler County, Ohio—were awarded as 4.90s to Barr Bros. & Co. of New York, at a price of 100.367, a basis of about 4.84%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature \$10,000 on Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1940 incl.

**HAMTRAMCK, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of special assessment paving bonds, one for \$14,490.81 and the other for \$11,592.26, offered on Oct. 15—V. 129, p. 2422—were awarded as 6s, to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, for a premium of \$19 equal to a price of 100.07, a basis of about 5.97%. Both issues are dated Oct. 1 1929 and mature annually on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1934, incl.

**HARRISON COUNTY (P. O. Kokomo), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$6,400 5% coupon Morgan Township road construction bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 129, p. 2422—were awarded at a price of par to a local investor, for the only bidder. The bonds are dated Oct. 18 1929 and mature \$320 on July 15 1930, \$320, January and July 15 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$320 on Jan. 15 1940.

**HAWAII COUNTY (P. O. Hilo) Hawaii.—BOND SALE.**—The \$400,000 issue of 5% coupon public improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 24—V. 129, p. 2266—was jointly awarded to the Guaranty Co. of New York and Otis & Co., both of New York City, at a price of 102.339, a basis of about 4.77%. Dated Oct. 15 1929. Due \$20,000 from Oct. 15 1934 to 1953, incl.

**BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.**—The above bonds are now being re-offered for public subscription by the successful bidders at prices to yield 4.50% on all maturities.

**HAZLEHURST, Copiah County, Miss.—BOND SALE.**—An \$85,700 issue of 6% semi-annual paving bonds has recently been purchased by I. B. Tigrett & Co., of Memphis, for a premium of \$200, equal to 100.23.

**HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 18 (P. O. Garden City), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Eugene R. Courtney, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 6, for the purchase of following 5¼% coupon bonds aggregating \$635,000: \$525,000 school bonds. Due \$25,000 on Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1950 incl. 110,000 school bonds. Due \$5,000, Oct. 1 1930 to 1951 incl.

Both issues are dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Bids will also be received for bonds bearing 4¾ or 5% int. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the District, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

**HENDERSONVILLE, Henderson County, N. C.—BONDS SOLD.**—The \$46,000 issue of street improvement bonds offered for sale on Sept. 20—V. 129, p. 1776—was awarded to Poor & Co., of Cincinnati, as 6s, at par, only after all the bids that were offered at the public opening, had been rejected. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due from Sept. 1 1932 to 1949 incl.

**HENDRICKS COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Charles E. Shields, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Nov. 2, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$5,906.05: \$4,472.57 ditch construction bonds. Due on Dec. 15 as follows: \$450 from 1930 to 1938 incl., and \$422.57 in 1939.

1,433.48 ditch construction bonds. Due on Dec. 15 as follows: \$140 from 1930 to 1938 incl., and \$173.48 in 1939.

Both issues are dated Sept. 15 1929. Proposals for each issue must be accompanied by a certified check for \$300, payable to the order of the County Treasurer.

**HERKIMER SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Little Falls), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—Raymond O. Livingston, Sole Trustee, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. to-day, Oct. 26, for the purchase of \$3,450 school bonds. Rate of interest must be named in bid and is not to exceed 6%. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$150. Due \$150 on Dec. 1 from 1931 to 1953 incl.

**HIDALGO COUNTY WATER CONTROL AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Edinburg), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—An \$875,000 issue of 6% serial canal improvement bonds was registered on Oct. 17, by the State Comptroller.

**HILLSIDE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Hillside), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Howard J. Bloy, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Oct. 30, for the purchase of \$1,500,000 coupon or registered bonds, divided as follows:

\$680,000 assessment bonds, to bear int. at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$7,000 from 1930 to 1933 incl., and \$80,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl. No more bonds of the issue will be sold than will produce a sum equal to the authorized amount of the issue, and an additional amount of less than \$1,000.

445,000 general improvement bonds, to bear int. at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$12,000, 1930 to 1952 incl.; and \$13,000 from 1953 to 1965 incl. No more bonds of the issue will be sold than will produce a sum equal to the authorized amount of the issue, and an additional amount of less than \$1,000.

375,000 temporary street improvement bonds. Rate of int. to be named in bid, stated in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$37,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; and \$50,000, 1935; and \$35,000 from 1936 to 1939 incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. (A. & O. 1) payable in gold at the Hillside National Bank, Hillside. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for payable to the order of the Township, must accompany each proposal. An ordinance authorizing the sale of the above bonds was passed by the Township Committee on Sept. 19—V. 129, p. 2113.

**HOLLAND, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—F. J. Kuechenmeister, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Nov. 1, for the purchase of \$4,100 6% special assessment storm sewer construction bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$100 in 1931, and \$400 from 1932 to 1929, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (\$100 in 1931, and \$400 from 1932 to 1929, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (March and Sept. 1) payable at the State Savings Bank Co., in Maumee. No conditional bid will be considered. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**HOLLYWOOD RECLAMATION DISTRICT (P. O. Hollywood), Broward County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. on Oct. 29, by Frank C. Dickey, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of an \$850,000 issue of 6% coupon semi-ann. drainage bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1934 to 1938; \$10,000, 1939 to 1943; \$15,000, 1944 to 1949; \$20,000, 1950 to 1953; \$30,000, 1954 to 1958; \$40,000, 1959 to 1963; \$50,000, 1964 to 1967; and \$55,000 in 1968. These bonds are offered for sale subject to validation by a competent court of the State of Florida. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to the District Treasurer, is required.

**HOLMES SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Crosby), Divide County, N. Dak.—BOND SALE.**—The \$12,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 1—V. 129, p. 2113—was awarded to the Northern School Supply Co., of Fargo, as 7s.

**HOOKER, Texas County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—The \$55,000 issue of sewer bonds offered for sale on Oct. 22—V. 129, p. 2423—was awarded to the Commerce Trust Co. of Kansas City, for a premium of \$13, equal to 100.02. Due in 25 years.

**HOPKINS COUNTY (P. O. Sulphur Springs), Texas.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by J. J. Murray, County Judge, until 2 p. m. on Nov. 14, for the purchase of a \$600,000 issue of 5% road, series K bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1942; \$15,000, 1943 to 1956; \$20,000, 1957 to 1962 and \$25,000, 1963 to 1968, all incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York City. Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% made payable to the above Judge, is required.

**HOQUIAM, Grays Harbor County, Wash.—BOND SALE.**—We are now informed that the \$600,000 issue of semi-annual water revenue bonds that was offered for sale without success on Aug. 5—V. 129, p. 1479—has since been purchased by the First National Bank, of Hoquiam, as 6s.

**HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Paul G. Weber, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Nov. 6, for the purchase of \$9,200 5% George W. Young et al road improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$460. Due \$460.00 on July 15 1931. \$460.00 on Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$460.00 on Jan. 15 1941. Interest payable on Jan. and July 15.

**INDEPENDENCE TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.**—Earl Walter, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive auction bids until 2:30 p. m. (eastern standard time) on Oct. 28, for the purchase of \$150,000 school building construction bonds. Sealed bids will not be considered. The bonds are dated Nov. 15 1929 and are to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, payable semi-annually at a place designated by the purchaser. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$3,000 from 1932 to 1937, incl., \$5,000, 1938 to 1945, incl.; \$6,000, 1946 to 1953, incl.; \$9,000, 1954 to 1957, incl., and \$8,000 in 1958.

**INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.—AUTHORIZE SALE OF \$875,000 BONDS.**—An ordinance providing for the sale of \$875,000 4 1/2% hospital improvement bonds is reported to have been passed by the City Council. Sealed bids for the issue, which will mature serially from 1932 to 1950, inclusive, will be received on or about Dec. 2.

**INVERNESS, Citrus County, Fla.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.**—The outstanding city tax certificates, amounting to approximately \$25,000, offered on Sept. 10—V. 129, p. 1002—were not sold, according to the City Clerk.

**IOWA CITY, Johnson County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Oct. 28, by Geo. J. Dohrer, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$70,000 issue of 5% coupon airport bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1929. Due from 1931 to 1949. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in Iowa City. Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will furnish the legal approval.

**JACKSON, Jackson County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The Detroit & Security Trust Co. of Detroit, was the successful bidder on Oct. 23 for an issue of \$164,500 5% property share paying bonds. Price paid was par, plus a premium of \$439, equal to a price of 100.26. The bonds are dated Oct. 15 1929. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Interest payable on April and Oct. 15.

**JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$17,240.20 6% coupon bonds offered on Oct. 22—V. 129, p. 2571—were awarded at par and accrued interest to the Lafayette Loan & Trust Co. of Lafayette. The bonds sold are as follows:

\$12,292.38 R. E. Davis et al ditch construction bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$1,492.38 in 1930 and \$1,200 from 1931 to 1939, incl.  
4,947.82 Powers ditch construction bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$447.82 in 19 0 and \$500 from 1931 to 1939, incl.  
Both issues are dated July 15 1929.

**JASPER, Jasper County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 8, by Garland Smith, Mayor, for the purchase of three issues of bonds aggregating \$250,000, as follows: \$110,000 water; \$75,000 paving and \$65,000 sewer bonds.

**JASPER COUNTY (P. O. Rensselaer), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—H. A. Lambert, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Nov. 9, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$12,800:

\$4,400 C. E. Baumgartner et al road construction bonds. Denom. \$220.00. Due \$220 on July 15 1931; \$220, Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940, incl.; and \$220 on Jan. 15 1941.  
8,400 Alfred A. Hoover et al road construction bonds. Denom. \$420. Due \$420 on July 15 1931; \$420, Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940, incl.; and \$420 on Jan. 15 1941.

Both issues are dated Nov. 15 1929. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

**JEFFERSON COUNTY (P. O. Birmingham), Ala.—BOND SALE.**—The \$250,000 issue of semi-annual court house and jail bonds offered for sale on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2571—was sold to C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago, as 4 1/4s, for a premium of \$755, equal to 100.302.

**JIM WOLFE CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Senatobia), Tate County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by J. F. Dean, Attorney for the District, until Nov. 4, for the purchase of a \$23,000 issue of 6% drainage bonds. Denom. \$500. Due serially in from 1 to 20 years. The following statement is given:

These bonds will be first lien upon 5,787 acres of splendid fertile farming lands and the entire revenue and realty of the district will be pledged to the payment of said bonds and interest.  
The assessed benefits to the land in said district amounts to \$65,622.50.

**JUNCTION CITY JACKSON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Perry County, Ohio.—ELECTION.**—At the general election to be held on Nov. 5, the voters will vote on a proposition to issue \$70,000 in bonds for the purpose of acquiring the necessary property and erecting thereon a new school building. Maturity of bonds set at 25 years.

**KANSAS CITY, Jackson County, Mo.—BONDS VOTED.**—At the special election held on Oct. 19—V. 129, p. 1322—the voters authorized the issuance of the \$5,000,000 in bonds for school purposes by an overwhelming vote. The official count was reported as being 42,580 "for" as compared with 5,199 "against."

**KING COUNTY (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by Geo. A. Grant, County Auditor, until 2 p. m. on Oct. 29, for the purchase of a \$780,000 issue of semi-annual bridge bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Denom. \$1,000 or \$500. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due in from 2 to 20 years after date of such bonds, and, as nearly as practicable, to be in such amounts as will, together with the interest of such outstanding bonds, to be met by an equal annual tax levied for payment of such bonds. A certified check for 5% of the bid, is required. (This report supplements that given in V. 129, p. 2571.)

**KLAMATH FALLS, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Nov. 11, by U. S. Balentine, Police Judge, for the purchase of an issue of \$110,438.36 semi-annual street improvement bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. A certified check for 5% is required.

**KLAMATH FALLS, Klamath County, Ore.—BOND SALE.**—Of the two issues of bonds aggregating \$145,122.09, offered for sale on Oct. 7—V. 129, p. 1777—the \$95,122.09 issue of coupon sewer improvement bonds was awarded to the First National Bank, of Klamath Falls, at 5.80% at par. Due in 10 years and optional after 7 years. The \$50,000 issue of 5% municipal airport bonds offered at the same time—V. 129, p. 1777—was not sold as no bids were received. Due \$10,000 from 1945 to 1949, incl.

**LACONIA, Belknap County, N. H.—BIDS REJECTED.**—Clarence S. Newell, City Treasurer, reports that all bids received on Oct. 18 for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of 4 1/2% coupon pavement and sidewalk bonds were rejected. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,500 on Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1949, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (April and Oct. 1) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Legality to be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.  
*Financial Statement Oct. 1 1929.*

Assessed valuation for year 1929	\$16,353,473
Total bonded debt	551,000

**LAFAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. Lewisville) Ark.—BOND SALE.**—A \$58,000 issue of court house bonds has recently been purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville.

**LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Crown Point), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Hazel K. Groves, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Nov. 1, for the purchase of \$64,000 5% Perry H. Stevens et al. Calumet Township highway improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1929. Denom. \$800. Due \$3,200 on July 15 1930; \$3,200, Jan. and July 15 1931 to 1 39, incl., and \$3,200 on Jan. 15 1940. Legal opinion of Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord, of Indianapolis, will be furnished the purchaser.

**LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, were the successful bidders on Oct. 17, for the purchase of the following 6% bonds aggregating \$153,290.25 offered for sale—V. 129, p. 2423.

\$67,553.70 Middle Ridge Road impt. bonds. Due as follows: \$2,000 on April 1 and \$3,553.70 on Oct. 1 1930, \$2,000 on April 1 and \$4,000 on Oct. 1 1931, \$3,000, April 1 and \$4,000 on Oct. 1, from 1932 to 1939, incl.

17,291.14 River Road impt. bonds. Due \$1,791.14 on April 1 1930, \$2,000 on Oct. 1 1930, \$1,500, April 1 and \$2,000, Oct. 1, from 1931 to 1934, incl.

15,382.06 Auburn Road impt. bonds. Due \$1,882.06 on April 1 and \$2,000 on Oct. 1 1930 and \$1,500 on April and Oct. 1, from 1931 to 1934, incl.

13,865.93 Morley Road impt. bonds. Due April and Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1934, incl.

13,222.21 Eagle-Eddy Road impt. bonds. Due on April and Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1934, incl.

9,364.69 Hobart Road impt. bonds. Due \$364.69 on April 1 and \$1,000 on Oct. 1 1930, \$1,000, April and Oct. 1, from 1931 to 1934, incl.

7,177.91 Pine Crest Road impt. bonds. Due as follows: \$177.91 on April 1 and \$100 on Oct. 1 1930, \$500 on April 1 and \$100 on Oct. 1, from 1931 to 1934, incl.

5,796.28 Riverside Heights-Sub-Division Road impt. bonds. Due on April and Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1934, incl.

3,636.33 Vrooman Road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$636.33 in 1930, and \$750 from 1931 to 1934, incl.  
All of the above bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929.

The successful bidders paid par plus a premium of \$1,195.87 for the bonds as 5 1/2s.

**LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Lyman A. Ohming, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Oct. 31, for the purchase of \$13,000 5% James D. Jessup et al. road construction bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1929. Denom. \$650. Due \$650 on July 15 1931, \$650, Jan. and July 15, from 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$650 on Jan. 15 1941. Int. payable on Jan. and July 15.

**LAREDO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Laredo), Webb County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by A. R. Garcia, City Secretary, until 7:30 p. m. on Nov. 19, for the purchase of a \$225,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1944, and \$6,000, 1945 to 1969, all incl. Optional after Nov. 1 1949. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Chase National Bank in New York.

**LEIPSIC SCHOOL DISTRICT, Putnam County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.**—T. H. Rower, Clerk of the Board of Education, received sealed bids until 12 m. on Oct. 25, for the purchase of \$5,000 5 1/2% school bonds. Dated Sept. 15 1929. Denom. \$1,500. Due \$1,500 on March and Sept. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl. Interest payable semi-annually.

**LEONIA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Michigan Center), Jackson County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Gladys F. Seward, Secretary of the Board of Education, received sealed bids until 3 p. m. on Oct. 24, for the purchase of \$85,000 school bonds. Rate of interest not to exceed 5%. Dated July 30 1928. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 in 1930 and 1931, \$2,000 in 1932, and \$3,000 from 1933 to 1959, incl.

**LINCOLN COUNTY (P. O. Fayetteville) Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Nov. 2, by Boone Moore, Clerk of the County Court, for the purchase of a \$40,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual refunding and improvement bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930; \$3,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1932 to 1936 and \$5,000, 1937 to 1939 all incl. A \$1,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

**LINCOLN PARK DISTRICT, Cook County, Ill.—TO VOTE ON \$3,000,000 BONDS.**—At the general election to be held on Nov. 5 the voters will pass on a proposition to issue \$3,000,000 park improvement bonds. The bonds, if issued, will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6% and will mature \$150,000 annually.

**LIPAN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lipan), Hood County, Tex.—BOND SALE.**—An \$11,000 issue of 5% annual school bonds has been purchased at par by the State Department of Education. Denom. \$275. Dated Aug. 10 1929. Due \$275 from 1930 to 1969, incl.

**LOCHMOOR, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.**—The \$38,400 special assessment bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 129, p. 2424—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo, for a premium of \$33, equal to a price of 100.07. Int. rate not specified. The bonds sold are as follows: \$15,000 Special Assmment Roll No. 9 bonds. Due \$3,000 on Nov. 1, from 1930 to 1934, incl.  
15,000 Special Assessment Roll No. 10 bonds. Due \$3,000 on Nov. 1, from 1930 to 1934, incl.  
4,200 Special Assessment Roll No. 23 lateral sewer bonds. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$500, 1930; \$1,000, 1931 and 1932; \$500 in 1933; and \$1,200 in 1934.

4,200 Special Assessment Roll No. 24 lateral sewer bonds. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$500, 1930; \$1,000, 1931 and 1932; \$500 in 1933; and \$1,200 in 1934.  
All of the above bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929. A bid of par plus a premium of \$32 was submitted by the First National Co. of Detroit.

**LOUISIANA, State of (P. O. Baton Rouge)—OFFERING DETAILS.**—In connection with the offering scheduled for Nov. 15, of the \$5,000,000 road bonds, series B, official advertisement of which appeared in V. 129, p. 2575—we now learn that the bonds are in \$1,000 denom. Due as follows: \$60,000, 1930; \$75,000, 1931; \$90,000, 1932; \$105,000, 1933; \$125,000, 1934; \$140,000, 1935; \$160,000, 1936; \$180,000, 1937; \$200,000, 1938; \$220,000, 1939; \$245,000, 1940; \$265,000, 1941; \$290,000, 1942; \$320,000, 1943; \$345,000, 1944; \$375,000, 1945; \$405,000, 1946; \$435,000, 1947; \$465,000, 1948 and \$500,000 in 1949. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the State's fiscal agency in New York City or at the office of the State Treasurer. Int. rate is not to exceed 5%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%.

No bids for less than par or for less than the entire issue will not be entertained. No bidding forms will be furnished. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York City. A \$25,000 certified check, payable to the Board of Liquidation of the State Debt, must accompany the bid.

**LUDLOW, Kenton County, Ky.—BOND ELECTION.**—A \$30,000 proposed bond issue for the construction of a main trunk sewer will be passed upon at the regular election to be held on Nov. 5.

**LYNDHURST TOWNSHIP (P. O. Lyndhurst), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—John F. Woods, Director of the Department of Revenue and Finance, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Oct. 28, for the purchase of \$435,000 6% township bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due as follows: \$49,000 on April 1; and \$5,000 on Oct. 1 1934; \$148,000 on April 1; and \$238,000 on Oct. 1 1935. Prin. and semi-annual int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the First National Bank, Lyndhurst. The bonds must be taken up and paid for on Oct. 30 1929. Opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, as to the validity of the bonds will be furnished the purchaser.

**MADISON SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Tipton County, Ind.—BOND SALE.**—The \$75,000 5% school construction bonds offered on Oct. 10—V. 129, p. 1951—were awarded at par and accrued interest to the Fletcher American National Bank, of Indianapolis. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and mature \$5,000 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1944, incl.

**McINTOSH COUNTY (P. O. Ashley), N. Dak.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received by G. A. Bletz, County Auditor, until 1 p. m. on Nov. 5, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of semi-annual certificates of indebtedness. Int. rate is not to exceed 7%. Denom. \$5,000. Due on April 5 1931. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.

**MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Jackson), Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The \$200,000 issue of 5% coupon road bonds offered for sale on Oct. 16—V. 129, p. 2572—was awarded to I. B. Tippet & Co., of Memphis, for a premium of \$5,500, equal to 102.75, a basis of about 4.75%. Denom. \$1,000. Due in from 1 to 30 years.

**MAGNOLIA STREET IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 5 (P. O. Magnolia), Columbia County, Ark.—BOND SALE.**—A \$35,000 issue of improvement bonds is reported to have recently been purchased by the American Southern Trust Co., of Little Rock.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. E. Lancaster, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Nov. 6, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds, aggregating \$159,727.07:

\$75,300.00 5 1/4% water impmt. bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,283 in 1931, \$2,000, 1932 to 1937, incl., and \$6,000 from 1939 to 1944, incl. A certified check for \$3,500 is required.

53,168.00 5% bridge bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,168 in 1930, \$5,000, 1931 and 1932, \$6,000, 1933, \$5,000, 1934 and 1935, \$6,000, 1936, \$5,000, 1937 and 1938, and \$6,000 in 1939. A certified check for \$2,500 is required.

19,283.00 5 1/4% sewer impmt. bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,283 in 1931, \$2,000, 1932 to 1937, incl., and \$3,000 in 1938 and 1939. A certified check for \$1,000 is required.

11,976.07 5 1/4% sewer impmt. bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$976.07 in 1931, \$1,000, 1932 to 1936, incl., and \$2,000 from 1937 to 1939, incl. A certified check for \$500 is required.

Certified checks should be made payable to Warren A. Steele, County Treasurer.

MALTA-McCONNELLSVILLE EXEMPTED VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Morgan County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—The voters will pass on a proposition to issue \$50,000 school construction bonds at the general election to be held on Nov. 5. Maturity of bonds set at 22 years.

MANATEE COUNTY (P. O. Bradenton), Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$170,000 issue of 6% semi-annual county building refunding bonds offered on Oct. 7—V. 129, p. 2114—was not sold. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due from Sept. 1 1932 to 1951.

MANCHESTER, CONN., NINTH SCHOOL DISTRICT.—BOND SALE.—The \$175,000 4 3/4% Barnard School funding bonds offered on Oct. 22—V. 129, p. 2573—were awarded to a syndicate of H. M. Byllesby & Co., M. F. Schlater & Co., and Stephens & Co., all of New York, at a price of 101.664, a basis of about 4.54%.

Bidder—
Conning & Co. (Hartford) 101.639
Estabrook & Co. 101.025
H. L. Allen & Co. 100.95
Eldredge & Co. 100.45

MANCHESTER, Hartford County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$419,000 4 3/4% coupon Franklin High School and Educational Square bonds offered on Oct. 22—V. 129, p. 2572—were awarded to a syndicate composed of H. M. Byllesby & Co., M. F. Schlater & Co., and Stephens & Co., all of New York, at a price of 102.311, a basis of about 4.50%.

Bidder—
Conning & Co. (Hartford) 102.079
H. L. Allen & Co. 101.64
Estabrook & Co. 101.389
Eldredge & Co. 101.44

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A \$200,000 temporary loan was awarded at a 5.85% discount to the Manchester Safe Deposit & Trust Co. The loan is dated Oct. 23 1929 and is due on Dec. 23 1929. The Amoskeag Trust Co. offered to discount the loan at 5.89%.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—P. L. Kelley, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on Nov. 13, for the purchase of \$9,450 6% street improvement bonds, city's portion. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on April 1 as follows: \$1,000 from 1931 to 1939, inclusive, and \$450 in 1940. Interest payable on April and Oct. 1. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Indianapolis), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—C. E. Robinson, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Nov. 4, for the purchase of \$10,000 4 3/4% Pike Township road improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1929. Denom. \$250. Due \$500 on July 15 1931; \$500, Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940 incl.; and \$500 on Jan. 15 1941. Int. payable on Jan. and July 15.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Auditor, until 10 a. m. on Nov. 6, for the purchase of a \$22,000 issue of drainage bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1935 to 1955; and \$2,000 in 1956 and 1957. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at a place designated by the purchaser. Legal approval by Junell, Oakley, Driscoll & Fletcher, of Minneapolis. A certified check for 2% is required.

MARSHFIELD, Wood County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of 5% storm and sanitary sewer tension bonds offered for sale on Oct. 18—V. 129, p. 2124—was awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago, for a premium of \$20 (plus expenses) equal to 100.033, a basis of about 4.99%. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due \$5,000 from Dec. 1 1930 to 1941, incl. The only other bid was submitted by the First Wisconsin Co. of Milwaukee, offering a premium of \$20 with the City furnishing the printed bonds.

MEDINA COUNTY (P. O. Medina), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—L. F. Carver, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Nov. 11, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% bonds, aggregating \$101,650:

\$74,000 road impmt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$14,000 in 1931 and \$15,000 from 1932 to 1935, incl.

12,400 road impmt. bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,400 in 1931, \$2,000 in 1932 and 1933, and \$3,000 in 1934 and 1935.

7,850 road impmt. bonds. Due \$785 on Oct. 1 1931 to 1940, incl.

4,207.93 sanitary sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$800 from 1931 to 1934, incl., and \$1,007.93 in 1935.

MEDINA, Medina County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. D. Richard, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Nov. 12, for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/2% special assessment bonds, aggregating \$13,397.49:

\$9,189.56 storm sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows \$1,000 from 1931 to 1938, incl., and \$1,189.56 in 1939.

4,207.93 sanitary sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$800 from 1931 to 1934, incl., and \$1,007.93 in 1935.

MELBOURNE, Brevard County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$53,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds offered on Oct. 11—V. 129, p. 2424—was not sold as no bids were received. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due from Aug. 1 1936 to 1939, incl.

MERIDEN, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—H. T. Wheatley, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 p. m. on Oct. 29, for the purchase of \$203,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$7,000 on Nov. 1, from 1930 to 1958, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (M. & N. 1) payable in gold at the First National Bank of Boston. Legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston, whose opinion will be furnished the purchaser. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. Bids should be addressed to the above-mentioned official, care of the City Savings Bank, Meriden.

Debt Statement of the City of Meriden, Conn., Oct. 17 1929.

Table with 2 columns: Description of debt items and Amount. Total bonded debt: 1,555,000. Note indebtedness: 125,000. Anticipation of paving bonds: 28,000. Total debt: 1,708,000. Population: 1920-34,739; 1928-45,000 (est.).

MIAMI BEACH, Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—Two issues of 6% bonds have been purchased by the First National Bank, of Miami Beach, at a price of 97, a basis of about 6.44%. The two issues aggregate \$269,000, as follows: \$225,000 park bonds. Due from July 1 1931 to 1949 incl. 44,000 improvement, series L bonds. Due from July 1 1930 to 1934 incl. (These bonds were unsuccessfully offered on Aug. 7—V. 129, p. 1003).

MIAMI TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cincinnati), Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—J. G. Balsor, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bid until 3 p. m. (eastern standard time) on Oct. 28, for the purchase of \$50,000 6% Town Hall remodeling bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Coupon denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1932; \$3,000, 1933 and 1934; \$4,000, 1935; \$3,000, 1936 and 1937; \$4,000, 1938; \$3,000, 1939 to 1941, incl.; \$4,000, 1942; \$3,000, 1943 and 1944, and \$4,000 in 1945. Prin. and semi-annual int. (M. & S. 1) payable at the Fifth Third Union Trust Co. of Cincinnati. Offers may be made for bonds bearing a different rate than 6% whose fractional rate nevertheless shall be in multiples of 1/4%. No bids for less than par and interest on any rate will be considered. The final approving opinion of Peck, Shaffer & Williams, attorneys, of Cincinnati, Ohio, together with the transcript of proceedings on which base will be furnished the successful bidder without charge, and bids otherwise conditioned will not be considered. A \$500 certified or cashier's check, payable to the trustees of Miami Township must accompany each bid. The bonds will be ready for delivery approximately within one week after the award, for payment in New York or Cincinnati funds at the Fifth Third Union Trust Co., Cincinnati.

MIDLOTHIAN, Ellis County, Tex.—OFFERING DETAILS.—In connection with the offering scheduled for Oct. 25—V. 129, p. 2572—of the two issues of 5 1/2% bonds aggregating \$65,000, we are now informed that the issues are described as follows: \$45,000 sewer bonds. Due from 1934 to 1969, incl. A \$2,250 certified check must accompany the bid.

20,000 water works system bonds. Due from 1934 to 1969, incl. A \$1,000 certified check must accompany this bid. Denom. \$500. Dated Aug. 14 1928. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in New York and Austin.

MILLBURN TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Millburn), Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William R. Staub, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 1, for the purchase of \$650,000 4 1/4, 4 3/4 or 5% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 1 as follows \$20,000 from 1931 to 1945 incl., and \$25,000 from 1946 to 1959 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the First National Bank, Millburn. No more bonds are to be awarded than will produce a premium of \$1,000 over the amount stated above. A certified check or 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of N. Y., will be furnished the successful bidder.

MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile), Ala.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$100,000 issue of 5% school bonds that was awarded to C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago, at a price of 97.92—V. 129, p. 2572—is dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1934; \$3,000, 1935 to 1940 and \$4,000, 1941 to 1959, all incl., giving a basis of about 5.19%. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable in New York.

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 issue of 5% public school, series B bonds offered for sale on Oct. 22—V. 129, p. 2424—was awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York, for a premium of \$285, equal to 100.19, a basis of about 4.98%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due from Oct. 1 1932 to 1959.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder name and Price Bid. Successful bidder: \* Successful bid.

MONROE, Orange County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 coupon gutter and sidewalk construction bonds offered on Sept. 30—V. 129, p. 2114—were awarded as 5s, at a price of par, to the Merchants National Bank of Middletown. The bonds are dated Oct. 15 1929 and mature \$1,000 from 1930 to 1941 incl.

MONTCLAIR, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues coupon or registered bonds offered on Oct. 23—V. 129, p. 2425—were awarded to the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Montclair, as follows: \$134,000 permanent improvement bonds (\$135,000 offered) sold as 4 3/4s, for a premium of \$1,451, equal to a price of 101.08, a basis of about 4.64%. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1952, incl.; \$6,000, 1953, \$7,000, 1954, and \$6,000 in 1955.

79,000 assessment bonds, series 2, sold as 5s for a premium of \$50, equal to a price of 100.06, a basis of about 4.98%. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$9,000, 1930, and \$10,000 from 1931 to 1937, incl. Both issues are dated Nov. 1 1929.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Crawfordsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Clyde Rogers, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Oct. 31, for the purchase of \$10,000 4 1/4% Walnut Township road construction bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1929. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on Jan. 15 1930, \$500, Jan. and July 15 from 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$500 on Jan. 15 1940.

MONTGOMERY COUNTY (P. O. Rockville), Md.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 4 1/4% bonds aggregating \$805,000 offered for sale on Oct. 22—V. 129, p. 2425—were awarded to the Chase Securities Corp. of New York, and the Baltimore Trust Co. of Baltimore, jointly, as stated herewith:

\$475,000 road bonds, series No. 1 sold at price of 100.319, a basis of about 4.48%. Due annually as follows: \$5,000, 1939 to 1943 incl.; \$10,000, 1944 to 1948, incl.; \$15,000, 1949 to 1953, incl.; \$20,000, 1954 to 1963, incl., and \$25,000, 1964 to 1968, incl.

200,000 road bonds, series No. 2 sold at a price of 100.219, a basis of about 4.485%. Due annually as follows: \$4,000, 1939 to 1948 incl.; \$6,000, 1949 to 1958 incl., and \$10,000, 1959 to 1969 incl.

130,000 court house bonds sold at a price of 100.319, a basis of about 4.48%. Due annually as follows: \$2,000, 1939 to 1948 incl.; \$5,000, 1949 to 1966 incl., and \$10,000, 1967 and 1968.

on the same day. The National City Co. of New York, submitted an all or none bid of \$6,699 for the four issues.

Financial Statement (as officially reported.)

Actual value, taxable property, estimated.....	\$150,000,000
Assessed valuation, taxable property.....	98,033,537
* Total bonded debt, including this issue.....	5,309,800
Population (1920 census), 34,921. Population (present estimate), 55,000.	

\* This figure does not include any contingent liability in respect to the debt of the Washington Suburban Sanitary District. While the bonds of this district are guaranteed by Prince Georges and Montgomery Counties, Maryland, they are payable from direct taxes upon all the assessable property in the Washington Suburban Sanitary District.

**MONTICELLO, Drew County, Ark.—BOND SALE.**—A \$35,000 issue of Improvement bonds is reported to have been purchased recently by the Union Bank & Trust Co. of Monticello.

**MORGAN COUNTY (P. O. Martinsville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.**—Gail G. Goss, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Nov. 15, for the purchase of \$11,700 4½% E. F. Marsh et al., Ashland Township road construction bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1929. Denom. \$585. Due \$585 on May and Nov. 15 from 1931 to 1940 incl. Interest payable on the 15th day of May and November.

**MT. AIRY, Surry County, N. C.—BONDS NOT SOLD.**—The \$35,000 issue of 5½% semi-annual school funding bonds offered on Oct. 16—V. 129, p. 2425—was not sold.

**BONDS RE-OFFERED.**—Sealed bids will again be received by F. N. Moore, Town Clerk, until 1 p. m. on Nov. 5, for the purchase of the \$35,000 issue of above described bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on May 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1936; \$3,000, 1937 to 1943 and 4,000 in 1944. Prin. and int. payable at the Chase National Bank in New York.

**MURFREESBORO, Rutherford County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.**—The two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$300,000, offered for sale on Oct. 17—V. 129, p. 2267—were awarded at par to three local banks. The issues are described as follows: \$250,000 water and \$50,000 public improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due from Oct. 1 1930 to 1969, incl. There were six other bidders for the bonds.

**MUSKEGON, Muskegon County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.**—Ida L. Christensen, City Clerk, received sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Oct. 25, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$115,000: \$50,000 general impmt. bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 4¾%. Due \$5,000 on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1939 incl.

28,000 Sanford St. paving bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Due \$2,800 on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1939 incl.

18,000 Grand Ave. paving bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Due \$1,800 from 1930 to 1939 incl.

12,000 Beidler St. paving bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Due \$1,200 on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1939 incl.

7,000 Myrtle Ave. paving bonds. Int. rate not to exceed 5%. Due \$700 on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1939 incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Legality to be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit.

**MUSKINGUM COUNTY (P. O. Zanesville), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. R. M. Swords, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on Nov. 12, for the purchase of \$5,600 5½% bridge impmt. bonds, county's portion. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,100 in 1931, \$1,000, 1932 & 1933, and \$500 from 1934 to 1939 incl. Int. payable on June and Dec. 1. Anyone desiring to do so may present a bid or bids for such bonds based upon and bearing a different rate of interest than specified; provided, however, that when a fractional interest rate is bid such fraction shall be ¼ of 1% or multiple thereof. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

**MUSKOGEE, Muskogee County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Oct. 31, by Robert P. Chandler, City Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$245,000, as follows:

\$161,000 city hall bonds. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due on March 10, as follows: \$16,000 in 1941; \$20,000, 1942 to 1948; and \$5,000 in 1949.

\$84,000 city hall bonds. Denom. \$500. Due on March 10, as follows: \$20,000, 1937 to 1940; and \$4,000 in 1941.

Dated March 10 1928. Bids are required on each lot of said bonds, and bids will also be received upon any one of said lots or bidders may bid upon both of said lots, as each individual bidder may desire. The interest rate is to be named by the bidder, not to exceed 4¾%. Legality tentatively approved by Benj. H. Charles, of St. Louis. A certified check for 2% of the bid is required.

**NANTICOKE, Luzerne County, Pa.—BONDS OFFERED.**—The City Clerk received sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Oct. 22, for the purchase of \$100,000 5% coupon bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on Aug. 1 from 1931 to 1940 incl. The bonds were sold subject to the approval of the Department of Internal Affairs.

**NAPOLEON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Henry County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.**—At the general election to be held on Nov. 5 the voters will pass on a proposition calling for the issuance of \$150,000 in bonds for school building construction and equipment purposes. Maturity set at 23 years.

**NEBRASKA, State of (P. O. Lincoln)—BOND RETIREMENTS BY CITIES AND SCHOOL DISTRICTS.**—In addition to bonds reported paid to the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of approximately \$250,000 per month, cities and school districts in Nebraska during the past year have paid \$1,127,405 of their indebtedness, according to the "U. S. Daily" which in its issue of Oct. 21 said:

"In addition to bonds reported paid to the Auditor of Public Accounts of the State of Nebraska, which have averaged approximately \$250,000 per month during the last year, cities and school districts in Nebraska have paid and canceled of record in the auditor's office \$1,127,405 of their municipal indebtedness in addition to the above, which has not been reported.

"At least once each year Ralph C. Lawrence, bond examiner for State Auditor Johnson, sends to the City Clerk or Secretary of the school board a list of their outstanding bonds as shown by the records in the auditor's office to be checked with the records of the city or school district. These are checked with the local records and returned to the auditor's office and his records are corrected accordingly.

"The payment of \$13,000 by the village of Creston wipes out all bonded indebtedness of that village.

"The village of Riverton reports that by the payment of \$3,000 bonded debt it completely cleans up the bonded indebtedness of that village, with the exception of two \$100 water bonds, the holder of which cannot be located, and that they have funds on hand for the payment of same. They report that no interest coupons have been presented for payment for more than two years.

Falls City leads the list, with the payment of \$79,500; Hastings, second, with \$75,000, and Fairbury third, with \$64,000."

**NEW MEXICO, State of (P. O. Santa Fe)—BOND SALE REPORTED.**—We are now informed that although the \$60,000 issue of New Mexico College of Agriculture and Mechanic Arts building and improvement bonds, series A, is still being advertised for sale on Nov. 16—V. 129, p. 2573—the State Board of Finance has directed the State Treasurer to buy this issue as 4½%, at par, and in order to raise that amount he has been directed to sell securities held for the Agricultural and Mechanic Arts College. Due from Oct. 1 1931 to 1949.

**BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.**—The \$2,000,000 issue of highway bonds that was awarded on Oct. 10 to a syndicate headed by John Nuveen & Co., of Chicago, as 6s, at 100.08, a basis of about 5.99%—V. 129, p. 2425—is now being re-offered for public subscription by the purchasers at prices to yield from 5.20 to 5.10%, according to maturity. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$250,000, 1934 to 1937 and \$500,000 in 1938 and 1939. The offering notice states that New Mexico reports assessed valuation of \$309,862,670, and total bonded debt, including these debentures, of \$8,750,500, or less than 3% of assessed valuation.

**NEW YORK, N. Y.—BIDS INVITED FOR \$60,000,000 CORPORATE STOCK AND SERIAL BONDS.**—Charles W. Berry, City Comptroller,

will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Oct. 30, for the purchase of \$60,000,000 4½% gold corporate stock and serial bonds, described as follows:

\$22,000,000 corporate stock issued for the following purposes: \$8,500,000 for the supply of water, \$7,000,000 for Rapid Transit Railroad construction; \$3,500,000 for construction of docks and \$3,000,000 for various municipal purposes.

The above issues of corporate stock are due on Oct. 1 1979. To be issued in coupon form and interchangeable; denoms. of \$1,000 for coupon bonds, or in registered form in any multiple of \$10.

\$36,000,000 serial bonds issued for the construction of schools. Due as follows: \$28,000,000 payable in 40 equal annual installments from Oct. 1 1930, and \$8,000,000, payable in 50 equal annual installments from Oct. 1 1930.

2,000,000 serial bonds issued for various municipal purposes. Payable in 40 equal annual installments from Oct. 1 1930.

The above two issues of serial bonds aggregating \$38,000,000 will be issued in coupon or registered form in denoms. of \$1,000.

Interest on the total offering of \$60,000,000 corporate stock and serial bonds is payable semi-annually on April and Oct. 1. The sale of the securities will not add it is stated to the debt of the City as the entire proceeds will be used to take up short-term corporate stock notes issued to the amount of \$60,000,000. Official advertisement of the scheduled sale, the conditions of which are set forth below, appears on page 16 of this issue.

#### Conditions of Sale.

As provided by the Greater New York Charter:

1. Separate proposals must be made for corporate stock and for serial bonds.

2. Proposals containing conditions other than those herein set forth will not be received or considered.

3. No proposal will be accepted for less than the par value of the amount bid for.

4. Every bidder, as a condition precedent to the reception or consideration of his proposal, shall deposit with the Comptroller in cash, or by a certified check drawn to the order of said Comptroller upon a Trust Co. or a State bank incorporated and doing business under the laws of the State of New York, or upon a National bank, 2% of the par value of bonds bid for in such proposal.

No proposal will be received or considered which is not accompanied by such deposit.

All such deposits shall be returned by the Comptroller to the persons making the same within three days after the decision has been rendered as to who is or are the highest bidder or bidders, except the deposit made by the highest bidder or bidders.

5. If said highest bidder or bidders shall refuse or neglect, within five days after service of written notice of the award to him or them, to pay to the City Chamberlain the amount of the bonds awarded to him or them at their par value, together with the premium thereon, less the amount deposited by him or them, the amount or amounts of deposit thus made shall be forfeited to and retained by said City as liquidated damages for such neglect or refusal, and shall thereafter be paid into the Sinking Fund of the City of New York for the Redemption of the City Debt.

6. Upon the payment into the City Treasury by the persons whose bids are accepted, of the amounts due for the bonds awarded to them, including accrued interest from Oct. 1 1929, certificates thereof shall be issued to them in such denominations provided for by the Charter as they may desire.

7. It is required by the Charter of the City that in making proposals "every bidder may be required to accept a portion of the whole amount therefor bid for by him at the same rate or proportional price as may be specified in his bid; and any bid which conflicts with this condition shall be rejected; provided, however, that any bidder offering to purchase all or any part of the bonds offered for sale at a price at par or higher may also offer to purchase all or none of said bonds at a different price, and if the Comptroller deems it to be in the interest of the City so to do, he may award the bonds to the bidder offering the highest price for all or none of said bonds; provided, however, that if the Comptroller deems it to be in the interest of the City so to do, he may reject all bids." Under this provision, the condition that the bidder will accept only the whole amount of the bonds bid for by him, and not any part thereof, cannot be inserted in any bids, except those for "all or none" offered by bidders who have also bid for "all or any part" of the bonds offered for sale.

8. The proposals for each class, together with the security deposits, should be enclosed in separate sealed envelopes, indorsed "Proposals for Corporate Stock" and "Proposals for Serial Bonds," and said envelope enclosed in another sealed envelope, addressed to the Comptroller of the City of New York. (No special form of proposal is required, therefore no blank is furnished.)

**NORTH END CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Trenton) Dade County, Fla.—BOND SALE.**—A \$12,500 issue of 5% school bonds has been purchased by J. H. Hilsman & Co., Inc., of Atlanta. Denom. \$500. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$500 from Jan. 1 1930 to 1954 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable in New York.

**NORTH OLMSTEAD, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.**—The following bonds, aggregating \$39,607.64 offered on Oct. 15—V. 129, p. 2115, 2265—were awarded as 5½s to Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo: \$26,902.50 Fire House construction and equipment bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,602.50 in 1931, and \$2,700 from 1932 to 1940, incl. 9,986.08 road improvement bonds, special assessment portion. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,986.08, 1931 and \$2,000, 1932 to 1935, incl. 2,188.19 street improvement bonds, special assessment portion. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$188.49, 1931 and \$500, 1932 to 1935, incl. 1,496.70 sidewalk construction bonds, special assessment portion. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$496.70, 1931, and \$500, 1932 to 1935, incl. All of the above bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929.

**NORTH PELHAM, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$20,000 coupon or registered paving bonds offered on Oct. 18—V. 129, p. 2425—were awarded as 5s to George B. Gibbons & Co. of N. Y., at a price of 100.35, a basis of about 4.94%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000 from 1931 to 1936, incl., and \$1,000 from 1937 to 1944, inclusive.

**NORTH TONAWANDA, Niagara County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.**—J. M. Zimmerman, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Oct. 28, for the purchase of \$120,000 5% coupon street improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$12,000 on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in gold at the Chase National Bank, New York. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

**NUECES COUNTY (P. O. Corpus Christi), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.**—A \$60,000 issue of 6% serial water improvement bonds were registered on Oct. 14 by the State Comptroller.

**NUTLEY, Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.**—Simon Blum, Town Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 12, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds, aggregating \$896,000:

\$432,000 assessment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 15 as follows: \$40,000, 1930 to 1935, incl.; \$42,000 in 1936, and \$5,000 from 1937 to 1939, incl. Bidders to name rate of interest.

264,000 general impmt. bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 15 as follows: \$7,000, 1931 to 1945, incl.; \$9,000 in 1946, and \$10,000 from 1947 to 1961, incl. Bidders to name rate of interest.

200,000 6% temporary impmt. bonds. Bidders to name denoms. Due on Nov. 15 1930.

All of the above bonds are dated Nov. 15 1929. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in Nutley or New York. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of N. Y.

**NYACK, Rockland County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATES OFFERED.**—William P. Bugbee, Village Clerk, received sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Oct. 21, for the purchase of \$8,000 certificates of indebtedness. Interest rate not to exceed 6%. Due \$2,000 on July 1 from 1930 to 1933 inclusive.

**OCEAN BEACH, Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.**—The \$6,000 6% coupon or registered fire equipment bonds offered on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2573—were awarded at a price of par to the First National Bank & Trust Co., Bay Shore, the only bidder. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and mature \$300 on Oct. 1, from 1930 to 1949 incl.

**OKLAHOMA CITY, Oklahoma County, Okla.—BOND SALE.**—A \$15,500 issue of 6% coupon paving bonds has recently been purchased by the Hanchett Bond Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$500. Dated Sept. 16 1929. Due from Oct. 1 1930 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the City Treasury. Legality approved by G. A. Paul of Oklahoma City.



OLEAN, Cattaraugus County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—M. F. Klink, Clerk of the Board of Water Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Oct. 28, for the purchase of \$120,000 coupon or registered water bonds. Rate of interest not to exceed 5% and to be stated in a multiple of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Valuations, Amount. Rows include Actual valuation, 1929 official estimate (\$31,000,000.00), Assessed valuation, real estate, 1928-1929 (\$20,224,062), Assessed valuation, special franchise (490,197).

Total assessed valuation (not incl. personal property) 20,714,259.00. Debt: Total bonded debt, including this issue, 1,525,269.50. Water debt, included above, 246,000.00. Net bonded debt, incl. this issue, 1,279,269.50. The net bonded indebtedness of the city will be about 6% of the assessed valuation upon the issuance of these bonds.

Population, 1920 Federal Census, 20,506; 1925 State Census, 21,322; 1929 estimated, 26,000. ONTONAGON, Ontonagon County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Anton J. Scovia, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Oct. 28, for the purchase of \$25,000 5% water works improvement bonds.

ORLANDO, Orange County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. A. Stinson, City Clerk, until Oct. 30, for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of 5% coupon paving, sewer and sidewalk improvement, series F bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due \$15,000 from Aug. 1 1930 to 1932 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the Central Hanover National Bank in New York City.

ORLEANS PARISH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Orleans). Orleans Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Nov. 6 by A. J. Tete, Secretary of the Parish School Board, for the purchase of a \$3,000,000 issue of 5 or 5 1/4% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1927. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: should the bonds bear 5% interest: \$40,000, 1936; \$42,000, 1937; \$44,000, 1938; \$46,000, 1939; \$48,000, 1940; \$51,000, 1941; \$53,000, 1942; \$56,000, 1943; \$59,000, 1944; \$62,000, 1945; \$65,000, 1946; \$68,000, 1947; \$71,000, 1948; \$75,000, 1949; \$79,000, 1950; \$83,000, 1951; \$87,000, 1952; \$91,000, 1953; \$96,000, 1954; \$101,000, 1955; \$106,000, 1956; \$111,000, 1957; \$117,000, 1958; \$123,000, 1959; \$130,000, 1960; \$137,000, 1961; \$144,000, 1962; \$151,000, 1963; \$159,000, 1964; \$168,000, 1965; \$177,000, 1966 and \$186,000 in 1967.

PAGE COUNTY (P. O. Clarinda), Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Oct. 25, by J. D. Knowles, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of primary road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$5,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944 incl. Optional after 5 years. Sealed bids will be received until open bids are called for. Chapman & Cramer, of Chicago, will furnish the legal approval to purchaser. Blank bonds to be furnished by the purchaser.

PARNASSUS, Westmoreland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Mellon National Bank, of Pittsburgh, on Oct. 17 purchased an issue of \$70,000 4 1/2% improvement bonds at par plus a premium of \$532, equal to a price of 100.76. The bonds mature serially. Other bidders were: Bidder—Rate Bid. Prescott Lyon & Co. 100.41 W. H. Newbold's Son & Co. 100.28

PENNSAUKEN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Merchantville), Camden County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, were the successful bidders at public auction on Sept. 21 for an issue of \$202,000 street improvement bonds. The purchasers, bidding for 5 3/4% bonds, paid a premium of \$2,350 for the issue, equal to a price of 101.16, a basis of about 5.59%. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1937, incl.; \$15,000, from 1938 to 1945, incl.; and \$12,000 in 1946. Legality to be approved by Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York.

PASADENA ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Pasadena), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by Bessie Chamberlain, City Clerk, until 2 p. m. on Oct. 21, for the purchase of a \$351,834.67 issue of improvement bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$834.67. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$14,000 from 1934 to 1957 and \$15,834.67 in 1958. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Legal opinion by O'Melveny, Tuller & Myers, of Los Angeles.

PEABODY, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Estabrook & Co. Boston, bidding 101.218, a basis of about 4.55%, were the successful bidders on Oct. 18, for an issue of \$20,000 5% coupon water departmental equipment bonds, offered for sale. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$4,000 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1934, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct. 1) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

Financial Statement, Sept. 1 1929.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Valuation for year 1928, less abatements (\$23,550,093.93), Debt limit 2 1/2% of average valuation (573,597.46), Total gross debt (not including this issue) (1,013,500.00), Exempted Debt: Water bonds (\$141,000.00), Electric light bonds (12,000.00), School and sewer bonds (423,000.00), Tuberculosis hospital (75,000.00), Playground bonds (12,500.00), Total (663,500.00), Net debt (\$350,000.00), Borrowing capacity (\$223,597.46), Population (1920), 19,552.

PENNSAUKEN (Township of) AND BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE (P. O. Merchantville), Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 water bonds for which no bids were submitted on May 13—V. 128, p. 3389—are reported to have since been sold privately. The bonds are dated May 1 1929 and mature on May 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1961, incl.; and \$3,000 in 1962.

PEORIA, Peoria County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 coupon river and rail terminal bonds offered on Oct. 22—V. 129, p. 2425—were awarded as 4 1/2 to H. M. Bylesby & Co. and M. F. Schlater & Co., both of N. Y., at a price of 100.58, a basis of about 4.43%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature on Nov. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1931 to 1945, inclusive, and \$25,000 from 1946 to 1949, inclusive.

PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—COUNCIL PASSES \$55,000,000 LOAN BILLS.—The Philadelphia "Ledger" of Oct. 25 reports that the City Council passed, on Oct. 24, two electoral loan bills aggregating \$55,000,000 on

suspension of the rule on second reading calendar and it is said that ordinances allocating the money for improvement projects can now be passed.

PLYMOUTH, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. K. Trauger, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Nov. 2, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% bonds: \$4,000.00 fire truck purchase bonds. Dated April 1 1929. Due \$500 on April 1, from 1931 to 1938, incl. 1,655.79 Village's portion sewer construction bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$455.79 in 1931; and \$400 from 1932 to 1934, incl.

\$27.90 property owner's portion sewer construction bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$227.90 in 1931; and \$200 in 1932 and 1933.

Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Only unconditional bids will be accepted.

POCAHONTAS PAVING DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Pocahontas), Randolph County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—A \$68,000 issue of 5 3/4% street paving bonds has recently been sold to Whitaker & Co., of St. Louis. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on July 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1932; \$2,500, 1933 to 1936; \$3,000, 1937 to 1939; \$3,500, 1940 to 1942; \$4,000, 1943 and 1944; \$4,500, 1945 and 1946; \$5,000, 1947 and 1948; and \$5,500 in 1949. Principal and interest (J. & J.) payable at the Boatmen's National Bank in St. Louis. Legality approved by Rose, Henningway, Cantrell & Loughborough, of Little Rock.

POLK COUNTY (P. O. Bartow), Fla.—PRICE PAID.—The \$200,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds that was purchased by the Guarantee Title & Trust Co., of Wichita—V. 129, p. 2425—was awarded at par. Due from Oct. 1 1932 to 1941, incl.

PORT ARTHUR, Jefferson County, Tex.—BOND ELECTION.—Nov. 26 has been tentatively set as the date for voting on the issuance of \$3,300,000 in bonds for seawall construction, streets and bridges and other municipal improvement purposes.

PORTER COUNTY (P. O. Valparaiso), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—A. J. Fehrman, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Oct. 28, for the purchase of \$25,000 5% road construction bonds. Dated Oct. 16 1929. Denom. \$625. Due two bonds on each May and Nov. 15 from 1931 to 1940, incl. Int. payable semi-annually on (May & Nov. 15).

PORT HURON SCHOOL DISTRICT, St. Clair County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% school bonds offered on Oct. 23—V. 129, p. 2573—were awarded to the Foreman National Corp. of Chicago, for a premium of \$1,093, equal to a price of 101.09, a basis of about 4.83%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature \$10,000 on Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1941 inclusive.

PORT OF NEW YORK AUTHORITY, N. Y.—\$30,000,000 4 1/2% BONDS SOLD.—A syndicate composed of the Nat City Co., Brown Bros. & Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., and White, Weld & Co., all of New York, recently purchased privately a \$30,000,000 issue of 4 1/2% gold bonds, series B, issued to continue the work of constructing a bridge across the Hudson River from 179th St., N. Y. City, to Fort Lee, N. J. The price paid was \$2,857, a net interest cost of 4.86%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929. Coupon, in the denom. of \$1,000 each, registerable as to principal only or as to both principal and interest. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$1,500,000 from 1939 to 1945, incl.; \$2,250,000 from 1946 to 1951, incl.; and \$3,000,000 in 1952 and 1953. Prin. and semi-annual interest (M. & N. 1) payable in gold at the National City Bank, New York. Legality of the issue will be approved by Julius Henry Cohen, General Counsel for the Port of New York Authority, and by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York.

BONDS REOFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The purchasers are reoffering in the bonds for public investment at a price of 95 and int. for all maturities, yielding 5.15 to 4.86%. The bonds are redeemable at the option of the Port of New York Authority at 105 and int. on any int. payment date, on or after Nov. 1 1939, upon 4 weeks' notice. According to the offering notice, the bonds are legal investments by Statutes of the States of New York and New Jersey for all public officers and bodies in the respective States, and their municipal subdivisions, and for insurance companies and associations, savings banks, savings institutions, savings and loan associations, executors, administrators, guardians, trustees and all other fiduciaries.

PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—TO SELL \$3,000,000 4 1/2% BONDS.—William H. Worrall, City Auditor, states that the City is contemplating the offering on Dec. 1 of \$3,000,000 4 1/2% gold bonds, divided as follows: \$1,500,000 school bonds. Due \$50,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1959, incl. 1,000,000 sewer bonds. Due \$50,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1949, incl. 500,000 highway bonds. Due \$50,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—L. E. Campbell, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Nov. 7, for the purchase of \$14,000 5% William Doll et al., White Post Twp. road construction bonds. Dated Oct. 15 1929. Denom. \$700. Due \$700 on July 15 1931; \$700 Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940, incl.; and \$700 on Jan. 15 1941.

QUINCY, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Estabrook & Co., of Boston, bidding 100.82, were the successful bidders on Oct. 23 for an issue of \$40,000 4 1/2% sanitary sewer bonds offered for sale. The bonds mature annually from 1930 to 1939, incl. The following other bids were received: Bidder—Rate Bid. Old Colony Corp. 100.78 Granite Trust Co. 100.78 F. S. Moseley & Co. 100.66 E. H. Rollins & Sons 100.58 R. L. Day & Co. 100.41

RACCON TOWNSHIP RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Gallia County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—An official advertisement signed by Jessie Davis, Clerk of the Board of Education, states that at the general election to be held on Nov. 5 the voters will be asked to approve the issuance of \$27,000 in bonds for school building construction purposes. Maturity of bonds set at 24 years.

RACINE, Racine County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that an issue of \$170,000 4 1/2% semi-annual sewer bonds have been purchased by the Commissioner of Public Lands.

RAHWAY, Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—Graham, Parsons & Co., and R. L. Day & Co., both of New York, jointly, were the successful bidders on Oct. 23 for \$762,000 coupon or registered bonds as 4 1/2s, paying a premium of \$6,172, equal to a price of 100.81. Three issues were sold. Prin. and semi-annual int. (M. & N. 1) payable in gold at the Rahway Trust Co. Legality to be approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York. According to the financial statement of the City, the valuation of the real property for the purposes of taxation is \$15,666,838; the permanent bonded debt, excluding the current bonds, \$1,032,234.21, and the temporary bonded debt, \$817,874.43. The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 4.50 to 5.25%, according to maturity.

RIDGEWOOD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Wilbur Morris, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 12, for the purchase of \$613,000 5 1/4% 5 1/2 or 6% coupon or registered assessment bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on July 1, as follows: \$60,000, 1930 to 1936 incl.; \$65,000 in 1937 and 1938; and \$63,000 in 1939. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the Citizens' National Bank & Trust Co., Ridgewood. 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 amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

RIVERSIDE, Cook County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon bonds aggregating \$210,000 offered on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2268—were awarded to the Northern Trust Co., of Chicago, as stated herewith: \$135,000 5 1/2% water revenue bonds sold at 95.25, a basis of about 6.05%. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due annually as follows: \$2,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1932; \$5,000, 1933 to 1935, incl.; \$6,000, 1936 to 1939, incl.; \$7,000, 1940; \$8,000, 1941 to 1944, incl.; \$9,000, 1945; \$10,000, 1946 and 1947; and \$11,000 in 1948 and 1949. 75,000 4 1/2% Library bonds sold at 100.12, a basis of about 4.74%. Dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1930; \$2,000, 1931; \$3,000, 1932 to 1938, incl.; \$4,000, 1939 to 1943, incl.; \$5,000, 1944 to 1948, incl.; and \$6,000 in 1949.

ROCKWOOD, Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS OFFERED.—Seward Woodruff, Village Clerk, received sealed bids until 10:30 a.m. on Oct. 21, for the purchase of \$35,000 6% Special Assessment District No. 1 sewer bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due \$7,000 on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1934 incl. Legality to be approved by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit.

ROSSFORD, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Ohio State Teachers Retirement System, of Columbus, purchased during July an issue of \$115,000 5% coupon school bonds at a price of par. The bonds are dated July 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,500 from 1930 to 1939, incl., and \$5,000 from 1940 to 1953, incl. Interest payable on April and Oct. 1.

ROYAL OAK, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—James D. Newsum, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 7:20 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Oct. 28, for the purchase of \$100,000 special assessment bonds, to be coupon in denoms. of \$1,000 each. Rate of interest to be named in bid. The bonds mature on Nov. 1 as follows: \$5,000 from 1930 to 1932 incl., \$10,000, 1933 to 1936 incl., and \$15,000 from 1937 to 1939 incl. The City will furnish legal opinion of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone of Detroit, as to the validity of the bonds.

ST. JOSEPH, Tensas Parish, La.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of 6% coupon water works bonds offered for sale on Oct. 19—V. 129, p. 2116—was jointly awarded to E. P. Clarke & Co. of Alexandria, and the National City Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Vicksburg, for a \$30 premium, equal to 100.10. No other bids were received.

ST. JOSEPH COUNTY (P. O. South Bend), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—George A. Swintz, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Nov. 4, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$93,000: Fillmore Road construction bonds. Denom. \$1,225. Due \$2,450 on July 1 1930, \$2,450, Jan. and July 1 from 1931 to 1939, incl., and \$2,450 on Jan. 1 1940.

43,000 Fillmore Road construction bonds. Denom. \$1,075. Due \$2,150 on July 1 1930, \$2,150, Jan. and July 1 from 1931 to 1939, incl., and \$2,150 on Jan. 1 1940.

1,800 County's share road construction bonds. Denom. \$90.00. Due \$90 on July 1 1930, \$90, Jan. and July 1 from 1931 to 1939, incl., and \$90 on Jan. 1 1940.

The three issues are dated Nov. 1 1929. Interest payable on Jan. and July 1.

SAINT LOUIS PARK, Hennepin County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,500 issue of 6% semi-annual water improvement certificates of indebtedness offered for sale on Oct. 16—V. 129, p. 2268—was awarded at par to the First Minneapolis Co., of Minneapolis. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 1930; \$1,500 April and \$1,000 on Oct. 1, from 1931 to 1934 and \$1,500 on April 1 1935. No other bids were received.

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—A bond issue for \$220,000 to finance the installation of a water works system will be submitted to the voters for their ratification at the general election to be held on Nov. 5. Maturity of bonds set at 20 years.

SALINA, Salina County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$109,000, offered for sale at public auction on Sept. 23—V. 129, p. 1953—were awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita, at a price of \$7,274, a basis of about 5.05%. The issues are described as follows: \$89,000 paving and \$20,000 sewer improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due from Aug. 1 1930 to 1939 incl.

SCRANTON, Lackawanna County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 3 1/4% registered, second series of 1929, improvement bonds offered on Oct. 15—V. 129, p. 2426—are reported to have been sold at a price of par to the Sinking Fund Commission. The bonds are dated July 1 1929 and mature \$5,000 on July 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

SEVEN HILLS (P. O. Brecksville, R. F. D. No. 3), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Adolph Goellner, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Nov. 7, for the purchase of \$20,000 6% improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,250. Due \$1,250 on Jan. 1 1931; \$2,500, Jan. and July 1 1932 to 1938, incl.; and \$1,250 on Jan. 1 1939. Interest payable on Jan. and July 1. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. These bonds were previously offered as 5 1/4% on Oct. 3—V. 129, p. 2116.

SHAMROCK, Wheeler County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$174,000 5 1/2% serial refunding, series 1929 bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on Oct. 16.

SOUTH ESSEX SEWERAGE DISTRICT, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Sewerage Board until 1:30 p.m. on Nov. 9, for the purchase of \$1,800,000 4 1/2% sewer bonds, maturing annually from 1930 to 1949 incl.

SOUTH EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Jessie M. Klump, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) on Nov. 20, for the purchase of \$242,300 6% road improvement bonds. Dated April 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$24,300, 1930; \$24,000, 1931 to 1937, incl.; and \$25,000 in 1938 and 1939. Prin. and semi-annual interest (A. & O. 1) payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Legality to be approved by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland. These are the bonds for which no bids were received on Aug. 19—V. 129, p. 1326.

SOUTH ORANGE AND MAPLEWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Maplewood), Essex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Margaret M. Pryor, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 4:30 p.m. on Nov. 1, for the purchase of \$827,000 4 1/2% or 4 3/4% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1931 to 1934 incl.; \$35,000, 1935 to 1942 incl.; \$40,000, 1943 to 1946 incl.; \$45,000, 1947 to 1951 incl., and \$42,000 in 1952. Prin. and semi-annual int. (Jan. and July 1) payable in gold at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. 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 amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the School District, must accompany each proposal. Legal opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow of N. Y., will be furnished the purchaser. These are the bonds for which all bids received on Oct. 10 were rejected. The highest offer was 100.59 for 5% bonds, submitted by a group composed of Lehman Bros., Ames, Emerich & Co., and Kean, Taylor & Co., all of New York.

SPRINGFIELD, Clark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—O. O. Hayman, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Nov. 8, for the purchase of \$46,382.71 4 1/2% city's share street improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$1,382.71. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$4,382.71 in 1931; \$5,000 from 1932 to 1937, incl., and \$4,000, 1938 to 1940, incl. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, will be furnished the successful bidder. The award will be made by the City Commission at a meeting to be held on Nov. 11 at 7:30 p. m.

SPRINGLAKE INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Springlake), Lamb County, Tex.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$15,000 issue of school bonds that was purchased at par by the State Department of Education—V. 129, p. 1155—bears interest at 5% and is due in 1969.

STAR, Montgomery County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,000 issue of 6% water works system bonds offered for sale on Sept. 10—V. 129, p. 1482—was awarded at par to Magnus & Co. of Cincinnati. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$500 from Oct. 1 1932 to 1953 incl.

STEBENVILLE CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Steubenville), Jefferson County, Ohio.—TO VOTE ON \$1,500,000 BOND ISSUE.—At the general election to be held on Nov. 5 the voters will pass on a measure calling for the issuance of \$1,500,000 in bonds for school building improvement and construction. Maturity of bonds set at 24 years.

STRATFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 5% coupon road bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 129, p. 2574—were awarded at a price of par to the First National Bank of Boston. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and mature \$10,000 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1935 incl. The accepted tender was the only one received.

SUGARCREEK, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Forrest Miller, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Nov. 9, for the purchase of \$7,000 6% Village's portion. Maple Street Improvement

bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$700. Due \$700 on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1940 incl. Interest payable semi-annually.

SUMMIT COUNTY (P. O. Akron) Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issue of bonds aggregating \$395,925 offered on Oct. 23—V. 129, p. 2427-2574—are reported to have been sold to Otis & Co. of Cleveland.

\$142,000 Cuyahoga Falls-Britain Road Impt. bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$15,000 in 1931 and \$14,000 from 1932 to 1940 incl.

25,750 Peninsula-Steels Corners Road Impt. bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1929, \$4,000, 1930 to 1933 incl., and \$4,750 in 1934.

64,000 Akron-Boston Mills Road, Section D, construction bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,000, 1929 to 1931 incl.; \$10,000, 1932; \$11,000, 1933; and \$10,000, 1934.

45,500 Arlington Road, Section D, construction bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1929; \$7,000, 1930; \$8,000, 1931; \$7,000, 1932; \$8,000, 1933; and \$7,500 in 1934.

36,500 Bath-Stow Road, Section H, construction bonds. Due Oct. 1 as follows: \$6,000, 1929 to 1933 incl., and \$6,500 in 1934.

25,000 New Portage-Uniontown Road, Section B-1, construction bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1929, and \$4,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.

22,000 East Reservoir-Springfield Road Impt. bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1929 to 1931 incl., \$3,000, 1932, \$4,000, 1933, and \$3,000, 1934.

21,000 road improvement bonds (Twinsburg Township). Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1929; \$3,000, 1930; \$4,000, 1931; \$3,000, 1932; \$1,000, 1933, and \$3,000 in 1934.

7,675 Stow Township road Impt. bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1929; \$2,000, 1930; \$1,000, 1931; \$2,000, 1932, and \$1,675 in 1933.

6,500 Township road improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1934 incl., and \$1,500 in 1935.

All of the above bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929.

SUNSET SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Hanford), Kings County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, until Nov. 5, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of school bonds.

TAMPA, Hillsborough County, Fla.—BOND SALE.—A \$300,000 issue of 5% water bonds has recently been purchased by C. W. McNear & Co. of Chicago. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due on March 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1934; \$15,000, 1935 to 1939; \$20,000, 1940 to 1944 and \$25,000, 1945 to 1947, all incl. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the U. S. Mortgage & Trust Co. in New York City. Caldwell & Raymond of New York, will furnish the legal approval.

TANGIPAHOA PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Ponchatoula), La.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$240,000 issue of 5% semi-annual drainage bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 129, p. 2116—was not sold as no bids were received. Due \$10,000 from Jan. 1 1930 to 1953 incl.

TAYLOR TOWNSHIP, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis F. Helms, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 4, for the purchase of \$27,000 Water District No. 1 bonds. Rate of interest must be named in bid, not exceeding 6%. The bonds are dated Nov. 15 1929 and mature on Sept. 15 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1932 incl. and \$6,000 in 1933 and 1934. Int. payable semi-annually. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany each proposal.

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin).—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following minor issues of bonds were registered by the State Comptroller during the week ended Oct. 19:

\$1,200 5% San Augustine County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 13 bonds. Due serially.

2,400 5% Wood & Upshur Counties Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 1 bonds. Due in 20 years.

7,000 5% Alamo Heights schoolhouse bonds. Due serially.

8,000 5 1/2% Tatum Indep. Sch. Dist. bonds. Due serially.

8,000 5% Peaster Rural High Sch. Dist. bonds. Due serially.

TIPTONVILLE, Lake County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of 6% coupon water works bonds offered for sale on Oct. 8—V. 129, p. 2116—was awarded to J. C. Bradford & Co., of Nashville, for a premium of \$556, equal to 102.224, a basis of about 5.79%. Dated Oct. 1 1927. Due on April 1, as follows: \$500, 1931 to 1940; \$1,000, 1941 to 1955; and \$5,000 in 1956.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Earle L. Peters, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Nov. 8, for the purchase of \$50,000 4 3/4% coupon or registered Water Front improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1940 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of N. Y. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the Commissioner of the Treasury, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland, will be furnished the purchaser at his own expense.

TRUEHART SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Quannah), Hardeman County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$70,000 issue of school bonds has been purchased by George L. Simpson & Co. of Dallas.

TUCKAHOE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Richmond), Henrico County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Pearle A. Ridgeway, Clerk of the County School Board, until 4 p. m. on Oct. 31, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 4 1/4, 4 3/4, 5, 5 1/4, 5 1/2 or 6% semi-annual school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 1 1959. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% par, of the bonds bid for, payable to the County Treasurer, is required.

VOLUSIA COUNTY SPECIAL TAX SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. De Land), Fla.—BONDS SOLD.—We are now informed that a \$10,000 block of the \$59,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Sept. 11—V. 129, p. 1483—was awarded at par to the State Bank & Trust Co. of New Smyrna.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Vicksburg), Miss.—BOND SALE.—A \$75,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual court house bonds has been purchased at par by the National City Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Vicksburg, subject to an election to be held on Oct. 30.

WARREN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Warren) Warren County, Pa.—PURCHASER.—The Mellon National Bank of Pittsburgh, was the successful bidder on Aug. 2 for the \$355,000 4 1/2% school bonds reported sold to the Warren Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Warren—V. 129, p. 1165. The price paid for the issue was 100.377, an interest cost basis of about 4.466%. The bonds are dated Aug. 15 1929 and mature on Aug. 15 from 1930 to 1959 incl.

WARTRACE, Bedford County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Nov. 4, by the Mayor, for the purchase of an issue of \$140,000 6% coupon water works bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1935 and 1936; \$2,000, 1937 to 1939; \$3,000, 1940 to 1942; \$4,000, 1943 to 1946; \$5,000, 1947 and 1948; \$6,000, 1949 and 1950; \$7,000, 1951 and 1952; \$8,000, 1953; \$9,000, 1954; \$10,000, 1955 to 1957 and \$12,000 in 1958 and 1959. Prin. and interest (M. & N.) payable at the office of the Town Treasurer, or at the Chemical National Bank in New York City. The legal approval of B. H. Charles of St. Louis, and A. G. Ewing of Nashville, will be furnished. S. H. Rutledge, Secretary, will furnish the required bidding forms. A \$2,800 certified check must accompany the bid.

WATERVILLE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lucas County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—At the general election to be held on Nov. 5 the voters will be asked to sanction the issuance of \$50,000 in bonds to finance the construction of a new school building. Maturity of bonds set at 20 years.

WAUPACA COUNTY (P. O. Waupaca), Wis.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that of the \$235,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual highway bonds that was unsuccessfully offered for sale on June 12—V. 128, p. 4049—a block of \$200,000 has been sold at par to local purchasers.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of Plymouth Township coupon bonds aggregating \$22,000 offered on Oct. 22—V. 129, p. 2427—were awarded as 6s to Joseph Gaylord, a local investor: \$17,000 Eastlawn Tile drain bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$1,000, 1933 to 1935, incl.; \$2,000, 1936 to 1938, incl., and \$4,000 in 1939 and 1940.

5,000 Butternut Tile drain bonds. Due on May 1 as follows: \$1,000 in 1932 and \$2,000 in 1933 and 1934. Both issues are dated Oct. 1 1929.

WAYNE SCHOOL TOWNSHIP, Hamilton County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Advisory Board until 10 a. m. on Nov. 9, for the purchase of \$45,500 4 3/4% school building construction bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$500. Due \$2,000 on July 15 1930, \$2,500 on Jan. 15 and \$2,000 on July 15, from 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$2,500 on Jan. 15 1940. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the Citizens State Bank of Noblesville.

WEST ALLIS, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$75,000, offered for sale on Oct. 22 V. 129, p. 2575—were awarded to Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago, for a premium of \$836.25, equal to 101.115, a basis of about 4.88%. The issues are described as follows: \$55,000 police and fire building and \$20,000 storm sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due as follows: \$3,000, 1933 to 1939; \$5,000, 1940 to 1945 and \$6,000, 1946 to 1949, all incl. Interest payable on March and Sept. 1.

WEST VIRGINIA, State of (P. O. Charleston).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Oct. 29, by William G. Conley, Governor, for the purchase of a \$750,000 issue of 4 1/4% road bonds. Coupon bonds in \$1,000 denom., convertible into fully registered bonds of \$1,000 and \$5,000 denom. Dated July 1 1927. Due \$50,000 from July 1 1938 to 1952, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable in gold at the State Treasurer's office or at the National City Bank in New York, at the option of holder. These bonds are issued under authority of an Act of Legislature of the State of West Virginia, passed on the 27th day of April, 1927, and are a part of an issue of \$15,000,000. The bonds will bear interest at the rate of 4 1/4% per annum, or in any lesser rate which is a multiple of 1/4 of 1% which may be named, the rate to be named by the bidder. A part of the issue may bear one rate and a part a different rate. Not more than two rates will be considered in any one bid. Bonds cannot be sold at less than par and int. Calwell & Raymond of New York will furnish the legal approval at expense of purchaser. A certified check for 2% par of the bid, payable to the State, is required.

Financial Statement:

Table with 2 columns: Assessed valuation, Bonded indebtedness. Rows include 1919 Virginia debt bonds, State Road bonds, Total bonded indebtedness, and population statistics.

WEYMOUTH, Norfolk County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—R. L. Day & Co. of Boston, recently purchased an issue of \$15,000 5% water notes at a price of 103.65. The notes are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature from 1930 to 1944, inclusive. A bid of par plus a premium of \$15 was submitted by the Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.

WHEELERSBURG RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 5, the date of the general election, the voters will pass on a proposition to issue \$64,000 in bonds to finance the construction of additional school buildings.

WHITE COUNTY (P. O. Monticello), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Claude Secrest, County Auditor, until 10 a. m. on Nov. 11, for the purchase of \$3,245.86 ditch improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$445.86 in 1930; and \$400 from 1931 to 1937, incl.

WILLSHIRE VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Van Wert County, Ohio.—BOND ELECTION.—A measure calling for the issuance of \$65,000 in bonds for school building construction will be submitted to the voters at the general election to be held on Nov. 5. Maturity of bonds set at 20 years.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Herrick Co., of Cleveland, on Oct. 19 submitted the successful tender for various issues of road improvement bonds aggregating \$219,000. The purchasers, bidding for the bonds at 5 3/4%, paid par plus a premium of \$11, equal to a price of 100.005, a basis of about 5.74%. The following issues were among those sold: \$55,000 road bonds. Due \$5,000, March 1; and \$6,000, Sept. 1, from 1930 to 1934, incl. 20,000 road bonds. Due \$2,000 on Mar. and Sept. 1 from 1930 to 1934 incl. 18,000 Lake Twp. road impt. bonds. Due \$1,000, Mar. 1; and \$2,000, Sept. 1 1930 and 1931; and \$2,000, Mar. and Sept. 1, 1932 to 1934 incl. 14,000 Portage Twp. road impt. bonds. Due \$1,000, Mar. 1; and \$2,000, Sept. 1 1930 to 1933, incl.; and \$1,000 on Mar. and Sept. 1 1934. All of the bonds sold are dated Sept. 1 1929.

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodland), Yolo County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, until Nov. 4, for the purchase of a \$51,000 issue of school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 7 1929. Due \$3,000 from 1930 to 1946, incl.

WOODWORTH, Stutsman County, No. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 issue of annual coupon electric light system bonds offered for sale on Oct. 12—V. 129, p. 2270—was sold to the Jamestown College, of Jamestown, as 6s, at par. Denom. \$200. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due in 15 years.

YPSILANTI, Washtenaw County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 5% coupon paving bonds offered on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2575—were awarded to the Ypsilanti Savings Bank, for a premium of \$1, equal to a price of 100.005, a basis of about 4.99%. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due as follows: \$1,000 from 1930 to 1932, incl.; \$2,000 in 1933 and 1934; and \$3,000 from 1935 to 1939, incl.

YUMA COUNTY (P. O. Yuma), Ariz.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that a \$25,000 issue of airport bonds has recently been jointly purchased by the Yuma Valley Bank and the Security Trust & Savings Bank, both of Yuma. Dated April 1 1929. Due in 1939.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

CHAMBLY-RICHELIEU, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—T. Garstang, Secretary-Treasurer, of the Protestant School Commission, will receive sealed bids until 4 p. m. on Oct. 28, for the purchase of \$23,000 5% bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due serially in 23 years. Denom. \$250.00. Payable at any branch of the Canadian Bank of Commerce in Canada.

DRUMMONDVILLE, Que.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$15,000 5% improvement bonds offered for sale on Sept. 10—V. 129, p. 1626—were not sold as the tenders submitted were unsatisfactory. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1929 and mature serially in 30 years.

GRAND MERE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. E. Deziel, Secretary-Treasurer, until 4 p. m. on Oct. 28, for the purchase of \$30,000 5% improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929 and payable at Grand Mere, Montreal and Quebec.

LANARK COUNTY, Ont.—BIDS REJECTED.—The \$92,000 5% improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 16—V. 129, p. 2270—were not sold as the following bids received were rejected:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Rows include Wood Gundy & Co., C. H. Burgess & Co., Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Harris, Mackeen & Co., Dymont, Anderson & Co.

MAGRATH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 620, Alta.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$45,000 6% school building bonds was sold at a price of 99.27 during September. Purchaser unknown. The bonds are dated Sept. 24 1929 and are due on Sept. 24 1949. The sale was made through the Department of Education at Edmonton.

SASKATCHEWAN, Province of.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of the Dominion Securities Corp., A. E. Ames & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., Royal Bank of Canada, and the Canadian Bank of Commerce, all of Toronto, recently purchased an issue of \$2,000,000 5% public buildings, telephones and highway construction bonds at a price of 98.737, an interest cost basis of about 5.08%. Due in 30 years. The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment at 99.75 and int., yielding over 5%.

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURES SOLD AND AUTHORIZED.—According to the "Monetary Times" of Toronto, of Oct. 18 the following debentures were reported sold by the Local Government Board from Oct. 5 to 12:

School districts: Arland, \$2,000, 6 3/4%, 10-years to Waterman-Waterbury Manufacturing Co., Luseland, \$3,000, 6%, 10-years, locally; Saskatchewan Forks, \$1,300, 7%, 10-years, locally; Whiteside, \$3,000, 6% 10-years, locally; Crown, \$900, 6 3/4%, 6-years to Avonlea Village Electric Light Account.

The following is a list of authorizations granted by the Local Government Board from October 5 to 12:

School districts: McDonald Hills, \$2,500, not exceeding 8%, 10-years; McCord, \$9,800, not exceeding 8%, 20-years; Trewdale, \$8,500, not exceeding 7 1/2%, 15 years.

Villages: Beechy, \$3,000, 7%, 10-years; Nip win, \$8,500, not exceeding 8%, 10-years; Neville, \$2,830, not exceeding 7%, 10-years.

Rural municipality of Hazel Dell, \$10,000, 7%, 7-instalments. SPRINGHILL, N. S.—BOND SALE.—The Sterling Securities Co., of Winnipeg, is reported to have purchased an issue of \$45,600 5% improvement bonds at a price of 95.50, a basis of about 5.37%. The bonds mature in 20 years.

THOROLD, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$61,117 5% water works bonds offered on Sept. 24—V. 129, p. 1782—were awarded to Bell, Gouinlock & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 92.31, a basis of about 5.81%. The bonds mature in 30 instalments.

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