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The Financial Situation.

The most satisfactory feature of the situation at the moment—and it is a very reassuring feature—is that after last month's stock market panic and upheaval, things are rapidly returning to the normal. Evidences of this are met with on every side. In the first place, the stock market is at length regaining tone, after the violent convulsions which it suffered. It has shown strong rallying tendencies the present week and this, too, on a light volume of business, indicating that as far as the market as a whole is concerned selling pressure is no longer an influence playing havoc with prices. In the second place, brokers' loans are certainly fast getting back to ordinary proportions; indeed, the contraction is at a pace that is as striking as was the previous prodigious rise. A further big shrinkage has occurred the present week in the amount of these loans, and the grand total now is down to \$3,587,000,000, which compares with no less than \$6,801,000,000 on Oct. 16, showing a contraction in five weeks in the huge sum of \$3,214,000,000.

The release of this immense mass of funds, tied up in speculative loans, is being felt in a revival of the demand for bonds stronger than anything of the kind witnessed for a long while past, attended at the same time by a notable advance in bond prices. We allude not to bonds possessing convertible features, which naturally fluctuate with the market prices of the stocks into which they are convertible, but to ordinary bonds of the better class which during the long period of ascending values in the stock market were out of favor and suffered great depreciation simply because the public taste, spoiled and depraved by the excesses of the stock market, no longer showed any liking for them.

As a few illustrations of the advance in bond prices which occurred during the week, Atchison general 4s closed yesterday at 94½ against 91 on

Friday of last week; St. Louis-San Francisco cons. 4½s closed yesterday at 90⅞ against 86½ the previous Friday; Chic. Mil. St. Paul & Pac. 5s series A at 93¼ against 87⅞; N. Y. N. H. & H. 1st & ref. 4½s at 92½ against 90½; Penn. RR. gen. 4½s at 98⅝ against 94⅞; Union Pacific 1st and ref. 4s at 92 against 89⅞; Wabash ref. & gen. 4½s at 91½ against 89; Erie ref. & imp. 5s at 97½ against 94¾; Southern Ry. gen. 4s at 89 against 87; Great Northern 4½s series D at 96 against 95; Missouri Pacific gen. 4s at 75½ against 72; Baltimore & Ohio gold 4s at 92 against 90, and Northern Pacific prior lien 4s at 89¼ against 87¼.

Within the last day or two bond prices have been rising so rapidly that in some exceptional instances there has been occasionally a difference of a full point between sales—something quite unusual for bonds of the better grade. Bond prices showed an improving tendency during the early stages of the stock market panic, but subsequently slumped badly both because bonds had to be sold to protect weak stock market accounts and because the owners sold in order to obtain funds with which to buy stocks at the low level to which these latter had fallen. The present rise appears to be of more enduring character, and as such must be regarded as a healthy development and a hopeful sign, insuring in the near future a market for new bond issues upon which corporate undertakings must depend, now that the craze for stocks has disappeared, for the means with which to prosecute development and construction work, without which general business activity cannot be maintained.

As another result of the withdrawal of such immense sums from speculative channels, money rates have cheapened in every direction. There have been two further reductions the present week in the rates for bankers' acceptances, the highest type of mercantile paper, and 90-day prime bankers' acceptances are now quoted at only 4% bid and 3⅞% asked. Call money on the Stock Exchange is, of course, in superabundant supply, and the renewal rate for such loans on the Stock Exchange has been marked down to 4½%, while in the outside market call money has been obtainable at still lower figures—yesterday at 3%. Even time money on Stock Exchange collateral has dropped to 5@5¼%. Finally, a rectification of the foreign exchanges, so deeply disturbed for so long a period by the flow of funds to New York from all parts of the world, is taking place, and on Thursday the Bank of England was able further to reduce its discount rate from 6% to 5½%, after having marked the rate down from 6½% to 6% on Oct. 31. Several other European banks have likewise lowered their discount rates this week, more particularly in Norway, Austria and Ireland. All this reflects steady progress in convalescence and

means paving the way for the restoration of normal conditions.

In addition, President Hoover is doing his part towards minimizing the effects on trade and business of the collapse of the stock market structure. It is idle to think that the effects of such a calamity can be escaped altogether. We shall have to suffer, very likely suffer deeply, for our follies and errors. The most that can be done, and really the only thing to do, is to guard against men losing their reason and common sense. At such a time confidence becomes completely undermined and men cease having faith in one another. The pendulum now swings as violently in the other direction as it previously did in the contrary direction. Men become timid and afraid where before they proceeded utterly without restraint. Contraction becomes the overruling passion; and on the idea that business is going to rack and ruin, just as the stock market did, gloom and fear pervade every step, and they can see nothing but darkness ahead.

Such an unreasoning state of things, when applied to everyday affairs, if allowed to persist and spread, would bring all trade and industry to a complete standstill and result in unemployment and idleness on such a scale as to spell ruin and disaster. It is at such a time that efforts such as the President is making act as a cure and a palliative. The President has had conferences with railroad executives, with leaders in industry and agriculture, and with men prominent in banking and finance, all with the view to preventing any cessation in the ordinary activities of trade and business and for consideration of plans for furthering construction and betterment projects so as to insure continued employment and to maintain business activity unimpaired.

From one and all the President has received assurances of co-operation with him in his endeavors and has learnt how extensive and how comprehensive is the program of work laid out for the coming year in all the different departments of human activity, in the carrying out of which no interruption is to be permitted in response to Mr. Hoover's urging and request. All of this is highly beneficial and is sure to be attended with good results. Moreover, it is timely and just what the situation requires, even though, as already stated, it would be too much to expect that the ill consequences of the stock market debauch can be completely overcome, no matter how resolute the purpose and however well designed the means employed to that end.

Contraction is now the order of the day in brokers' loans, and this week's return of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York furnishes new testimony to that effect. Further great shrinkage is disclosed, the grand total of these loans on securities to brokers and dealers by the reporting member banks in New York City showing another reduction in the sum of \$585,000,000. This follows \$710,000,000 reduction the previous week, \$656,000,000 reduction the week before, \$1,096,000,000 reduction the week preceding, and \$167,000,000 reduction in the last week of October, making the contraction for the five weeks combined \$3,214,000,000 and reducing the total from \$6,081,000,000 on Oct. 16 to \$3,587,000,000 on Nov. 20. The amount is now over 1½ billion dollars below the amount a year ago, the grand total for Nov. 20 1929 at \$3,587,000,000 comparing with \$5,157,000,000 on Nov. 21 1928. In this week's further shrinkage the

loans under all the different headings have participated, but especially the loans made by the reporting member banks for their own account, these having been further reduced during the week from \$1,156,000,000 Nov. 13 to \$853,000,000 Nov. 20. At the same time the loans for account of out-of-town banks have dropped further from \$812,000,000 to \$704,000,000, and the loans for account of others from \$2,204,000,000 to \$2,031,000,000.

The Federal Reserve Banks in their own statements show no striking changes, though it is to be noted that member bank borrowing has undergone some further reduction during the week, the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve institutions for Nov. 20 being reported at \$899,558,000 against \$971,355,000 Nov. 13, \$990,880,000 Nov. 6, and \$991,038,000 on Oct. 30. Holdings of acceptances are somewhat lower at \$283,831,000 Nov. 20 against \$299,512,000 a week ago, but, on the other hand, holdings of United States Government securities have been further enlarged, and are now \$326,528,000 against \$312,556,000 last week, \$292,749,000 Nov. 6, \$292,688,000 Oct. 30, and only \$135,704,000 Oct. 23. The final result is that total bill and security holdings, which reflects the amount of Reserve credit in use, stand at \$1,530,265,000 this week, as against \$1,606,304,000 on Nov. 13, \$1,637,634,000 on Nov. 6, \$1,648,742,000 on Oct. 30, and \$1,336,656,000 Oct. 23. It remains to be said that while the Reserve Banks' own holdings of acceptances declined during the week from \$299,512,000 to \$283,831,000, their holdings of bills purchased for foreign correspondents increased from \$508,290,000 to \$510,172,000.

The stock market this week has shown a greatly improved tone, but has otherwise been without special feature. The rally which occurred last week has been carried still further the present week, and the market is by degrees returning to the normal. On no day of the week has there been the slightest evidence of any distress selling, though views differ as to whether this means that there has been complete liquidation of the impaired accounts which, in the height of the panic, brokers and the banks were obliged to take over. Money tension has completely disappeared and no longer constitutes an element in the stock market, the call loan renewal rate on the Stock Exchange having dropped on Friday to 4½%, and call loans outside the Stock Exchange having been made at 3%.

After the sharp rally in the closing days of last week there was somewhat of a downward reaction on Monday in the case of a good many stocks, but it did not reach large proportions, inasmuch as there was no distress selling of any great consequence and little pressure of any kind against the market. On Tuesday and Wednesday the upward movement was resumed, the recovery extending all through the Stock Exchange list and being strongly in evidence also on the Curb Exchange. On Thursday some weakness developed at the opening, but it was quickly overcome, after which the market again turned upward. On Friday, notwithstanding the big further contraction in brokers' loans, the market showed a sagging tendency and a moderate downward reaction occurred—this having reference mainly to the market leaders. In the majority of cases, nevertheless, net gains were shown for the day. Abbreviated sessions are to be discontinued the coming week, full trading being resumed on

Monday and continuing on Tuesday and Wednesday. The rest of the week, however, the Exchange is to be closed. Thursday is a holiday, anyway, being Thanksgiving Day, and the holiday is to be extended so as to include Friday and Saturday also.

The volume of trading has been light on each of the five days of abbreviated sessions, the Stock Exchange each day having closed at 1 o'clock instead of the customary 3 o'clock. On Saturday last the Exchange was closed, the same as the previous Saturday. On Monday the sales on the New York Stock Exchange were 2,746,770 shares; on Tuesday, 2,718,010 shares; on Wednesday, 2,829,240 shares; on Thursday, 3,138,680 shares, and on Friday, 2,929,230 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales on Monday were 1,821,600 shares; on Tuesday, 1,167,300 shares; on Wednesday, 1,314,500 shares; on Thursday, 1,296,200 shares, and on Friday, 1,550,100 shares.

Prices show substantial recovery nearly all through the list, notwithstanding the downturn yesterday. United Aircraft closed yesterday at 47 against 43 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; American Can at 116 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 105 $\frac{1}{2}$; United States Industrial Alcohol at 146 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 120 $\frac{1}{2}$; Commercial Solvents at 29 against 29; Corn Products at 91 against 86 $\frac{1}{2}$; Shattuck & Co. at 37 against 37 $\frac{5}{8}$; Columbia Graphophone at 23 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 22; Brooklyn Union Gas at 136 against 121 $\frac{1}{4}$; North American at 92 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 83; American Water Works at 83 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 67; Electric Power & Light at 42 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 38 $\frac{1}{2}$; Pacific Gas & Electric at 56 against 51 $\frac{1}{2}$; Standard Gas & Electric at 112 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 90; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 100 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 93 $\frac{1}{4}$; Columbia Gas & Electric at 74 against 65 $\frac{1}{2}$; Public Service of N. J. at 82 against 68 $\frac{3}{4}$; International Harvester at 82 against 75 $\frac{3}{4}$; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 98 against 93; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 58 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 57 $\frac{3}{8}$; Woolworth at 76 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 67 $\frac{5}{8}$; Safeway Stores at 120 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 104 $\frac{7}{8}$; Western Union Telegraph at 194 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 183 $\frac{1}{2}$; Amer. Tel. & Tel. at 223 against 219 $\frac{7}{8}$, and Int. Tel. & Tel. at 73 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 70.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 250 against 230 on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 30 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 30; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 114 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 104 $\frac{3}{4}$; Radio Corp. at 36 against 32 $\frac{1}{2}$; General Electric at 221 against 198; National Cash Register at 82 against 71 $\frac{3}{8}$; International Nickel at 31 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 30 $\frac{7}{8}$; A. M. Byers at 73 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 63 $\frac{3}{4}$; Timken Roller Bearing at 77 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 76 $\frac{7}{8}$; Warner Bros. Pictures at 45 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 40 $\frac{1}{4}$; Mack Trucks at 71 against 71; Yellow Truck & Coach at 12 against 11 $\frac{3}{8}$; Johns-Manville at 121 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 117; National Dairy Products at 52 against 49 $\frac{1}{2}$; National Bellas Hess at 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 15 $\frac{7}{8}$; Associated Dry Goods at 39 against 31; Lambert Co. at 104 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 95 $\frac{1}{2}$; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 57 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 54 $\frac{1}{4}$, and Kolster Radio at 77 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 8 $\frac{3}{8}$. Quite a few instances are to be found of stocks that have reached new low figures for the year, notwithstanding the general tendency was so strongly upward. All the more important of the stocks distinguished in that way are shown in the following:

STOCKS MAKING NEW LOW FOR THE YEAR.

Railroads—
Havana Electric Ry.
Hocking Valley.
Internat. Rys. of Central America.
Seaboard Air Line.
Twin City Rapid Transit.

Industrial and Miscellaneous—
American Hide & Leather.
American Piano.
American Seating.

Industrial and Miscell. (Cont.)
Anaconda Wire & Cable.
Barker Bros.
British Empire Steel.
Cavanagh-Dobbs.
Debenham Securities.
Eureka Vacuum Cleaner.
Federal Light & Traction.
Florsheim Shoe.
Grant (W. T.).
Hawaiian Pineapple.

Industrial and Miscell. (Cont.)
Kaufmann Department Stores.
Lima Locomotive Works.
McCrory Stores class A.
McKeesport Tin Plate.
Punta Alegre Sugar.
Symington.

Industrial and Miscell. (Concl.)—
Transue & Williams Steel.
United Electric Coal.
United Paperboard.
U. S. Hoffman Machinery.
Ward Baking class A.
West Penn Electric class A.

The steel shares, next to the high priced specialties, have been leaders in the recovery for which the week is noteworthy. United States Steel closed yesterday at 167 against 164 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Youngstown Sheet & Tube at 108 against 100 $\frac{1}{2}$; Bethlehem Steel at 91 against 86 $\frac{3}{8}$, and Republic Iron & Steel at 77 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 76 $\frac{3}{4}$. The motor stocks have lagged. General Motors closed yesterday at ex-div. 40 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 41 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at 54 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 50 $\frac{1}{2}$; Chrysler at 33 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 32; Packard Motors at 15 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 16 $\frac{7}{8}$; Hudson Motor Car at 47 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 43, and Hupp Motors at 22 against 21 $\frac{3}{4}$. In the rubber group Goodyear Rubber & Tire closed yesterday at 69 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 66 on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 46 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 48 $\frac{1}{4}$; United States Rubber at 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 26, and the preferred at 54 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 46 $\frac{1}{8}$.

Railroad stocks are also higher. Pennsylvania closed yesterday at 85 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 83 on Friday of last week; New York Central at 181 against 171; Erie RR. at 56 against 49 $\frac{1}{2}$; Delaware & Hudson at 172 against 161; Baltimore & Ohio at 118 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 116 $\frac{1}{2}$; New Haven at 110 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 105 $\frac{1}{2}$; Union Pacific at 225 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 218; Southern Pacific at 123 against 119 $\frac{7}{8}$; Missouri Pacific at 70 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 61 $\frac{5}{8}$; Kansas City Southern at 82 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 72 $\frac{1}{2}$; St. Louis Southwestern at 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 64; St. Louis-San Francisco at 112 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 108; Missouri Kansas Texas at 40 against 35; Rock Island at 119 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 115; Great Northern at 97 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 96 $\frac{3}{4}$, and Northern Pacific at 93 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 87.

The oil shares show no very wide changes for the week. Standard Oil of N. J. at 65 comparing with 60 $\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Simms Petroleum at 23 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 20; Skelly Oil at 34 $\frac{1}{8}$ against 31 $\frac{3}{4}$; Atlantic Refining at 42 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 40 $\frac{5}{8}$; Pan American B at 62 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 60 $\frac{3}{8}$; Phillips Petroleum at 36 against 31; Texas Corp. at 56 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 53 $\frac{7}{8}$; Richfield Oil at 29 $\frac{1}{4}$ against 29 $\frac{1}{2}$; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 35 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 35 $\frac{1}{8}$, and Pure Oil at 23 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 23 $\frac{1}{8}$.

The copper group has been rather weak. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 80 $\frac{7}{8}$ against 83 $\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 62 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 64 $\frac{1}{2}$; Calumet & Hecla at 37 $\frac{1}{2}$ against 30 $\frac{1}{8}$; Andes Copper at 36 $\frac{5}{8}$ against 36 $\frac{1}{2}$; Inspiration Copper at 31 $\frac{3}{8}$ against 30; Calumet & Arizona at 92 against 88; Granby Consolidated Copper at 58 against 51 $\frac{1}{2}$; American Smelting & Refining at 76 $\frac{3}{4}$ against 73 $\frac{7}{8}$, and U. S. Smelting & Refining at 39 against 35.

Quiet conditions prevailed on all the important European stock exchanges this week, with price changes irregular and of little consequence. Tendencies at New York were again followed with absorbing interest in London, Paris and Berlin, and traders were apparently relieved at the absence of any further violent movements here. There was still much uneasiness, occasioned partly by the continuance of short sessions on the New York Stock Exchange, which was taken as evidence of distrust. In the absence of any definite trend in American markets, European traders were disposed to await develop-

ments before making commitments, and the markets were listless. The Bank of England discount rate was lowered Thursday from 6 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. This action was generally expected, however, because of the similar reduction of $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent in the New York rediscount rate the previous week, and the rate reduction therefore caused little stir.

The London Stock Exchange opened the week with a fairly confident tone, although business was very quiet. Business in the new 5 per cent conversion loan was begun at a fractional discount, and later in the day announcement was made in the House of Commons that subscriptions totaled £233,000,000, which will leave a satisfactory sum for reduction of the floating debt after the pending long-term maturities have been met. Closing of the lists for the loan had a beneficial effect on British Funds, which were marked upward. International issues followed an uncertain course, and British shares also were irregular. Little change occurred in the London market Tuesday. Gilt-edged securities sagged slightly from lack of support, while international and home industrial issues were irregular. A more confident spirit prevailed Wednesday, however, and the market advanced on a broad scale. Gilt-edged securities were sought in anticipation of the decline in the Bank rate, and international stocks were up on better reports from New York. Oil stocks, rubber issues and copper shares were prominent in the improvement. The market opened Thursday with a demonstration of strength based on the expected drop in the Bank of England discount figure. Some profit taking occurred when the announcement was actually made at noon, and an easier tendency set in. Anglo-American issues were again uncertain. Gilt-edged securities were strong in yesterday's market at London, but other issues declined.

The Paris Bourse was hesitant at the opening Monday, and stocks turned weak as the session progressed. Developments in Wall Street were awaited with much interest, and meanwhile some professional traders proceeded to sell. A slight recovery took place just before the close, and net losses, therefore, were not important. Tuesday's session at Paris was again heavy and dull, but the final upturn of the previous day was repeated, causing more confidence among traders. With overnight reports from Wall Street showing improvement, the Bourse opened with a better tendency Wednesday, and prices moved upward. Not all of the gains were maintained, but the market closed at higher levels than on the previous day. After a firm opening Thursday, based on favorable news from other centers, the Bourse once again slipped into a period of dullness and declining prices. Quotations were lowered in all divisions of the market. Price changes on the Bourse yesterday were irregular.

The Berlin Boerse was greatly depressed at the opening, Monday, and the market weakened all along the line. Electrical issues, Reichsbank shares, artificial silk stocks and the potash group were especially affected, with declines extending to 10 points in some instances. After an uneasy opening Tuesday, the Berlin market recovered to some extent. Interest was displayed in international issues for the first time in weeks. Reichsbank shares recovered 5 points of their previous loss, and chemical issues and electrical stocks also advanced. The Boerse was closed Wednesday for observance of a religious holiday. When trading was resumed Thurs-

day, the Boerse was again firm, but an easier tone developed in the course of the day on reports of bankruptcies in the German Provinces. The close was irregular, with a few issues showing net gains, but most shares lower than at the previous closing.

Spanish exchanges experienced a sharp slump, Tuesday, in which Government funds, domestic issues and international stocks all dropped drastically. The Government at Madrid took cognizance of the situation and ordered an early closing of the Stock Exchanges in Madrid and Barcelona. The slump caused embarrassment for the Government, according to a Madrid report to the New York Times, as it promises to make more difficult the efforts to stabilize the peseta. The political situation, moreover, has become delicate and it was not improved by the quick drop in value of stocks.

International pourparlers preliminary to the five-power naval conference scheduled to begin in London next Jan. 21 were begun in good earnest this week after the return to London of United States Ambassador Charles G. Dawes. Some knotty problems remain for discussion, and it is hoped to secure tentative agreement on most of them so that the work of the actual conference may be expedited. These problems include the Japanese demand for a 70 per cent ratio of American strength in 10,000 ton cruisers; French objections to the British and American suggestions for abolition of the submarine, and French and Italian differences regarding their respective naval strengths. With these differences apparently in mind, and possibly as the result of an undertaking given other powers, Acting Secretary of State Joseph P. Cotton made it clear in Washington late last week that there will either be a treaty embracing all five powers invited to the conference or none at all. In a Washington dispatch of Nov. 15 to the New York Times it was reported that "Mr. Cotton said the only alternative in case the five-power plan fell through would be for the American delegation to return to the United States." This statement clearly disposes of suggestions that there might be a three-power agreement, with Britain, America and Japan the signatories, if France and Italy are unable to compose their difficulties.

General Dawes reached London late last Saturday, and in an address before the Institute of Journalists, he expatiated on the principles underlying the coming negotiations. The naval conversations were prompted by the provisions of the Kellogg-Briand treaty, he declared. The negotiations have so far been preliminary, he explained, and their result is subject to such modifications as may be determined by the necessities of the other naval powers. "These powers will, from now on, give these results their full examination and consideration, not only in preliminary, informal conferences among themselves, but as well with the United States and Britain," Mr. Dawes said. Regarding what he termed the "new method of approach and the basis of the principles underlying it," the Ambassador said: "In the first place in these negotiations, both governments have from the first proceeded upon the assumption that the final arbiter of the outcome of the conference must be not only their own domestic public sentiment, but those of the other powers concerned. Secondly, they have realized no temporary public sentiment in the respective powers will be crystallized into matured, compelling public judgment determining the nation-

al policy unless the public in each power understands exactly the nature of the differences to be adjusted and their relation to domestic as well as to international interests of security. Thirdly, they have realized that as the basis of general, constructive public judgment insuring the successful outcome of the conference there must be, after the most painstaking and careful consideration by the naval technicians of the naval questions involved, a complete understanding of the naval opinion in each country with that of its statesmen. Fourthly, they have realized that this accord of naval technical opinion between the nations as well as between the technicians and statesmen in each nation, will best be reached through the discussion carried on by the principals separately advised by their naval staffs. Fifthly, they have realized that not until the naval technical differences, with meticulous care and after laborious research, have been reduced to their simplest terms can there be made by mutual understanding between the technicians and statesmen a proper statement of these differences which the general public will easily understand."

Some question was raised this week regarding the actual date of the London conference, pressure having been brought to bear by League of Nations authorities for postponement of the naval conference on the ground that it will clash with the League Council session scheduled for Jan. 20. In London, on the other hand, reports were circulated to the effect that the Council session might be postponed until Jan. 27, and it was affirmed with much assurance in dispatches from the British capital that the date set for the naval conversations will be adhered to. Reports this week from Washington, Tokio and London all indicated that Japan has every intention of insisting upon her demand for a higher ratio of 10,000 cruisers than was allotted to her on capital ships in 1921. Dispatches from Paris reported the effective opening on Tuesday of the preliminary conversations between France and Italy. In Washington, formal announcement of the personnel of the American delegation to the five-power conference was made Wednesday, after much press discussion of suggested objections by Admiral Hilary P. Jones to accompanying the delegation as a naval adviser. The delegation announced by the State Department follows:

Henry L. Stimson, Secretary of State, Chairman.
 David A. Reed, Senator from Pennsylvania.
 Joseph T. Robinson, Senator from Arkansas.
 Charles Francis Adams, Secretary of the Navy.
 General Charles G. Dawes, Ambassador to Great Britain.
 Dwight W. Morrow, Ambassador to Mexico.
 Hugh S. Gibson, Ambassador to Belgium.

Admiral William V. Pratt, Commander-in-Chief of the United States fleet, and Admiral Hilary P. Jones will accompany the delegation as naval advisers. "The objections of Admiral Jones to so doing, it is understood, have been overcome by the appointment of Secretary Adams," a Washington report to the New York "Times" said.

Discussions were begun by the interested Governments this week on further steps in the complicated program for placing the Young plan of German reparations payments in operation. Although no official disclosure has been made, there is some evidence to show that the Governments originally chose the third week of November for final ratification of the new plan. One delay has followed another, however, and it now appears likely that the plan will not

be ratified by all six Governments and placed in effect until well into the new year. Work was completed last week by two of the important committees appointed by or provided for at The Hague conference in August. The Bankers Committee, meeting at Baden-Baden, elaborated the statutes and charter of the Bank for International Settlements which is to act as a non-political clearing house for reparations payments, and the deliveries-in-kind committee, meeting at Paris, also finished its preparations for the second conference of Governments. Amendments were made by the Belgian delegates to the Bankers Committee last Saturday for their hasty withdrawal from the gathering at Baden-Baden, when the group decided upon Basle as the location of the new bank. The charter and statutes were carried to Brussels by Walter Lichtenstein, Secretary of the conference, and there the signatures of the Belgian delegates, Louis Franck and Paul van Zeeland, were affixed. Belgian acceptance of the documents was made subject, however, to reservations with regard to the bank's seat at Basle, Switzerland, indicating that this question also will be added to the other troublesome items already on the agenda of the second Hague conference.

Efforts were made at Paris this week to expedite the work of the committee charged with settlement of the reparations obligations of the non-German defeated States. This body also was authorized by the conference of Governments at The Hague, but progress in its task has been very slow. The Hungarians have persistently refused to include settlement of their optant claims against Rumania in the general settlement, while Rumania, with the support of France, has taken a definite stand for inclusion of such claims. The question produced many bitter disputes in the League of Nations, but no settlement satisfactory to both nations has yet been proposed. The work of this committee is further complicated by a demand of the Bulgarians for a reduction in the reparations payments imposed upon them. The active interest taken by Bulgarians in the question was indicated Monday, when riotous protest meetings were held in Sofia before the French and British legations, causing a two-hour stoppage of work and a 15-minute cessation of all traffic. Other meetings were held throughout Bulgaria at the same time. Meetings to examine the situation were held in Paris by Premier Tardieu, Foreign Minister Briand, Finance Minister Cheron, and other officials.

Differences have appeared between the French and German Governments regarding the date for assembling the second conference of Governments at The Hague. This gathering is expected to place the final seal of approval on the Young plan, after settling remaining difficulties, and upon its formal conclusion depends in large part the final date for French evacuation of the Third Rhineland Zone. A tentative date of June 30, 1930 was fixed for such final evacuation, apparently in the expectation that the Young plan would be ratified and in effect by the end of this year. The new French Government of Premier Tardieu promised the Chamber of Deputies, however, that evacuation would be delayed beyond the tentative date, since the Young plan could not be placed in operation soon enough. France, according to Paris reports of last Sunday, will suggest Jan. 3 as the date for the second Hague conference, partly because of an expressed unwillingness to consider final ratification until after the Young plan pleb-

iscite has been held in Germany on Dec. 22. Dr. Leopold von Hoesch, German Ambassador to Paris, has been making every endeavor to secure earlier convocation of the Government representatives at The Hague. According to Berlin dispatches, the Nationalist-Fascist referendum on the Young plan in Germany is doomed to certain defeat, and it is contended, moreover, that this is purely an internal matter which hardly constitutes a valid reason for delaying the second Hague conference. Meanwhile, final evacuation of Belgian troops from German soil will take place at Aix-la-Chapelle Nov. 30, according to Brussels reports, and British evacuation also is to be completed within the next few weeks.

Negotiations for disposition of the Sarre Basin before the date fixed by the Treaty of Versailles were begun at the Foreign Office in Paris, Thursday, by representatives of the French and German Governments. Foreign Minister Briand of France, and the late German Foreign Minister, Dr. Gustav Stresemann, are understood to have agreed at The Hague conference in August that discussions on this problem were to precede the final adoption of the Young plan. By the terms of the Versailles Treaty, sovereignty of the Sarre is given to the League of Nations until 1935, when a plebiscite is to be taken to determine whether the area is ultimately to belong to France or Germany. The Sarre coal mines were given outright to France in compensation for those of Northern France destroyed during the war, but provision was made for repurchase of the mines by Germany by negotiation with France. The Basin also was included in the French customs zone, and under this arrangement the combination of Sarre coal interests and Lorraine iron and steel industries was continued under a new dispensation. M. Briand, it is said, agreed to discuss the early return of the Sarre area to Germany partly because of the universal conviction that the plebiscite scheduled for 1935 will inevitably result in favor of Germany. Strong delegations to consider the matter were named by both Governments. The German delegates are headed by Herr von Simon, Under-Secretary of State, while the French representatives are headed by Georges Pernot, Minister of Public Works and Right Party leader. After the first formal exchange Thursday morning, the delegates promptly decided to divide the work among three commissions, one to take up the question of the mines, the second to consider the commercial aspects of the Sarre Valley situation, and the third to deal with its juridical aspects.

Representations by the German Government for the unconditional return by Britain of all private German property confiscated during the war which remains unliquidated were formally refused last week in behalf of the present Labor Government at London by Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer. It was made known in London late last week that a communication to this effect had been addressed by Mr. Snowden on Nov. 11 to the German Ambassador at London. The note, which was drawn up after consultation with the president of the Board of Trade, was described as similar to a letter addressed by the Chancellor to the German Ambassador in October. The amount involved in the claim is reported to be \$115,000,000, a London dispatch to the New York "Times" said. Mr. Snowden states in his communication that a draft agreement on the unliquidated

property already has been prepared, and he suggests that it is in the interest of Germany to accept the proposed procedure as early as possible in order to facilitate the carrying out of the recommendations contained in the Young plan. The Reich Government also claims payment to it of all surpluses resulting from the liquidation of German private property after the covering of British private losses in Germany. This claim Mr. Snowden rejected absolutely on the ground that it already has been dealt with on earlier occasions. A great deal of hostile criticism of Mr. Snowden's stand was voiced in Germany when news of the communication was published. It was pointed out in the press that he condemned as a private citizen, in 1926, the procedure which he now supports in his official capacity. In official quarters, however, it was merely remarked that the German Government does not consider the negotiations have definitely ended. It was intimated in Berlin that the German Government will continue the conversations and try to secure a decision in keeping with the recommendations of the experts who drafted the Young plan, that "liquidation of the issues still pending is to be made in a broad spirit of mutual concessions."

An explanation of the British position on this matter was made before the House of Commons, Thursday, by Mr. Snowden. The refusal to hand over any sums realized to the German Government was based, he said, on the fact that the British right to retain any surplus was recognized by the Experts' Committee, to be set off against the reduction of Germany's reparations obligations effected by the Young plan. It was, therefore, he held, an integral part of the Experts' plan. Such surpluses were similarly treated in the Dawes plan, and their retention was sanctioned by the Treaty of Versailles in 1920 and the Reparations Commission in 1921. The procedure also had been sanctioned by the interpretations of the tribunal established under the Dawes plan, which twice rejected the German claims to be credited with the proceeds of the liquidation. Mr. Snowden said he had consulted British experts on the Young Committee and had been informed that the matter was fully considered by the experts at Paris. "It was the intention of the British experts, as it was the intention of all other creditor governments," he said, "that the proceeds of the liquidation of these properties should be retained in accordance with the Versailles Treaty by the creditor powers concerned, and that no part of such proceeds should be returned to Germany. It was only on this understanding that they agreed to recommend reduction of the German obligations, as proposed in the plan." The Chancellor claimed, in addition, that Britain had been more, and not less, generous than the other creditor nations to the original owners of enemy property, having made "compassionate allowances totaling \$25,000,000 to individuals." An opportunity for debate on the matter was requested by Liberal members of the House.

Final steps were taken this week in settlement of the long dispute between France and the United States regarding the right of American Treasury agents to obtain for tariff purposes data in France bearing upon the cost of production of French goods exported to the United States. Treasury agents who had exercised such functions for years were withdrawn from France in 1927, after severe objec-

tions to their presence were voiced by French exporters who apparently misunderstood their functions. A reciprocal agreement on the question was announced by the two governments last summer, and the Treasury agents have since returned to France. The terms and scope of the agreement were revealed Tuesday, when the final correspondence between Washington and Paris was made public in both capitals. The exchanges made public consist of a lengthy note from the American Government, delivered to the French Foreign Office on July 26; the French reply of Aug. 9, and two concluding communications, dated Oct. 28 and 29, from the American Charge d'Affaires in Paris to the Foreign Office. The correspondence discloses that James F. O'Neill, of the Treasury Department at Washington, has been designated as the first Treasury Attache of the American Embassy in Paris.

In the American note of July 26, the French Government was advised that in deference to its expressed wishes and in an effort to arrive at a satisfactory solution of the question, the Department of State and the Treasury Department had recommended to the Congress of the United States repeal of Section 510 of the Tariff Act. This section requires the Secretary of the Treasury to prohibit the importation of merchandise from any foreign manufacturer or shipper who refuses, upon request of a representative of the United States Treasury Department, to give the latter necessary information so that the appraising office in the United States may be able to find foreign value or export value. "Thus under the new law, if finally enacted," the note stated, "it will be entirely optional with the exporter whether he wishes to give to the United States Treasury agent information which is necessary to the appraising officer in determining export value or foreign value. Under the proposed law, when an appraiser is unable to ascertain foreign value or export value of any French merchandise, the Treasury Department will so advise its agent in France and will instruct the agent to call upon the exporter in order to advise the latter of the situation. The agent will, at the same time, offer his services to the exporter with a view to obtaining the information required by the appraising officer in the United States."

The note explained further that the French exporter may, if he so desires, avail himself of the foreign value or export value, which are the lowest bases of value, at no expense to himself. Assurances were given that any information of a confidential character which it is necessary for the agent to obtain will be held in strictest confidence. It was added, significantly, that the laws of the United States provide severe punishment for any officer who should divulge information of this character. After mentioning that Treasury agents are instructed to report facts as they find them, whether they favor the Government or the exporter, the note gave assurances that Treasury agents returned to France under any agreement would be officers of long standing and experience, fully versed in the French language, and who will be in every way fully acceptable to the French Government. In accepting this arrangement, the French Government suggested certain conditions which were subsequently found agreeable to the United States. The chief point made by the Foreign Office was that the agents should be attached to American Consulates and

officially accredited to France. It was also asked, by way of reciprocity, that the Washington Government consent to representatives of the French customs being assigned to the United States on an exactly similar basis. No indication has yet been given by France of an intention to invoke the reciprocal right.

Establishment of a 100,000,000 yen credit in favor of the Yokohama Specie Bank by British and American banking institutions was formally announced in Tokio, Wednesday, as a preliminary to the removal of the embargo on gold shipments from Japan. This step and the consequent return of Japan to full international utilization of the gold standard have been much discussed in recent months, as Japanese currency slowly crept upward toward gold parity with other exchanges. Announcement of the credit, therefore, caused no surprise. It was arranged at the request of the Japanese Government and the Bank of Japan. The credit is extended in equal parts by British and American banking institutions. The American half is underwritten by J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City Bank, and the First National Bank; while the British half is underwritten by the Westminster Bank, Ltd., and associates. Japan is the last of the great Allies of the war to return to the gold standard, having been prevented from restoring it heretofore by a series of misfortunes such as the destructive earthquake of 1923 and the financial panic of 1927. Japanese authorities are understood to have accumulated substantial holdings of foreign currencies, and these, together with Japanese gold stocks and the credit just arranged, are considered sufficient to assure maintenance of yen exchange above the gold shipment point. The actual date for lifting the gold embargo was set at Jan. 11 1930, in an announcement made at Osaka, Thursday, by Premier Hamaguchi. Minister of Finance Junnosuke Inouye, who played a prominent part in the events leading up to the complete restoration of the gold standard, asserted at the same time that the Government intends to refrain from regulating exchange after removal of the embargo.

Pascual Ortiz Rubio, candidate of the National Revolutionary Party, was chosen the next President of Mexico by an overwhelming majority in national elections held last Sunday. His chief opponent was Jose Vasconcelos, who campaigned on an Anti-Re-Electionist platform. According to figures given out early this week at the Revolutionary Party headquarters in Mexico City, said to represent the returns from all 28 States of Mexico, except Guerrero, Sinaloa, Sonora, Tamaulipas and Zacatecas, Senor Ortiz Rubio polled 1,414,150 votes, while Senor Vasconcelos received only 12,420. The Communist candidate, General Pedro Rodriguez Triana, was said to have received 14,800 ballots in the area mentioned. Complete returns from the northern tier of States, where Senor Vasconcelos is considered popular, will probably increase his showing somewhat, but there is no possibility of a change in the decision. Rioting and other violent acts that accompanied the election resulted in the deaths of 21 Mexicans. For the most part, however, the balloting was more peaceful than had been looked for by observers in Mexico. The election was protested by Senor Vasconcelos, and his adherents filed approximately 2,000 individual

complaints of election irregularities. That many irregularities occurred is not doubted, as polling booths, under Mexican law, are placed in the control of the first arrivals after they are opened. The Revolutionary Party is in thorough control of the political machine, and gained control of almost all polling places throughout Mexico. It appears probable, however, as a result of the election, that the executive power will pass peacefully to the hands of Senor Ortiz Rubio from those of the present Provisional President, Emilio Portes Gil. A notable feature of the election was that the candidates of the two important political parties were both civilians.

Election of Senor Ortiz Rubio to the Mexican Presidency insures a continuance of the policies of the National Revolutionary Party, which have been successively followed by Presidents Obregon, Calles and Portes Gil. The President-elect will take office next Feb. 5, to serve until Nov. 30 1934, filling out the remainder of the six-year term for which former President Alvaro Obregon was elected in June 1928, only to be assassinated by a religious fanatic three weeks later. Senor Ortiz Rubio is a civil engineer by profession. He is 52 years old, has served as Mexican Ambassador to Brazil, and has written extensively on the history of his native State, Michoacan. The main principles of his immediate predecessors and of the National Revolutionary Party are said to be rigid national economy, coupled with a program of intensive internal and economic development, such as roads, irrigation, aids to agriculture, distribution of land, education, and every possible means to renew payments on Mexico's foreign indebtedness. Senor Vasconcelos, who opposed him, is a lawyer of note and a writer well known in the fields of economics and education. He was Minister of Education in the Obregon regime, but resigned because of political differences. His main plank in the present election was a proposal that the Congress enact a law preventing any Mexican President from serving more than one term. He maintained on this point that Mexico might again develop into a country governed by dictators and not by the votes of the people, unless re-election to the Presidency is prohibited. Such a provision was actually contained in the Mexican Constitution, until it was changed in order to permit General Obregon's candidacy last year.

A preferential tariff agreement between Great Britain and Argentina has been concluded in Buenos Aires, as a result of which certain British textiles will have a decided advantage over similar American products, which now occupy an important position in the Argentine market. British artificial silk yarns and textiles, as well as products of mixed artificial silk with cotton or wool, will be placed in a position of particular advantage, according to a Buenos Aires report of last Sunday to the New York "Times." Britain took the initiative in the negotiations, the dispatch stated, offering to keep Argentine meats and cereals free of any duties or other restrictions if Argentina would lower her duties on the specified yarns and textiles. Argentina agreed to reduce the duties 50% on such goods imported from Great Britain and Northern Ireland, and President Irigoyen has signed a decree placing the new arrangement in effect as of Jan. 1 next. "The arrangement is a distinct victory for British diplo-

macy," the report said. "Britain requires large quantities of Argentine meat and cereals to feed its population, and these are practically the only two Argentine products which the United States does not require." It was noted in the same report that Sir Malcolm Robertson, British Ambassador at Buenos Aires, who played the chief part in the Anglo-Argentine agreement, had resigned the post which he had held very successfully since 1925. Sir Malcolm's decision caused much regret, not only in Government circles, but also in the British and American colonies in Buenos Aires, where he has been very popular.

Still further reductions in discount rates by central banks in Europe have occurred the present week. On Thursday the Bank of England reduced its rate from 6%, the figure in effect since Oct. 31, to 5½%; the Bank of Norway made a similar reduction on the same day; on Friday the National Bank of Austria reduced from 8½% to 8%; on Friday likewise the Irish Bank reduced its rate from 6½% to 6%. Other than this there have been no changes in Central Bank rates. Rates continue at 7% in Germany and Italy; at 5½% in Denmark, Sweden and Spain, at 4½% in Holland and Belgium, and at 3½% in France and Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills yesterday were down to 4½% against 5½%, on Friday of last week and 4⅞%@5 1-16% for long bills against 5½@5 9-16% the previous Friday. Money on call in London yesterday was 4½%. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3½%, but in Switzerland are down from 3⅞% to 3 5-16%.

The Bank of England discount rate was reduced last Thursday from 6 to 5½%. The 6% rate had only been in effect since Oct. 31 1929, on which date it was lowered from 6½%. The Bank's statement for the week ended Nov. 20 shows a further gain in gold holdings, but of only £59,605. Reserves, however, increased £3,081,000, circulation having undergone a contraction of £3,021,000. Public deposits decreased £444,000, while other deposits increased £629,405. The latter consists of bankers' accounts which expanded £3,839,614, and other accounts, which fell off £3,210,209. The proportion of reserve to liabilities is now 33.57%, as compared with 30.88% last week and as against 42.88% last year. Gold holdings now aggregate £132,830,637, against £162,084,589 a year ago. Loans on Government securities declined £4,336,000, while those on other securities expanded £1,466,865. Other securities include "discounts and advances" and "securities." The former decreased £1,101,917 and the latter increased £2,568,782. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the return for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1929. Nov. 20.	1928. Nov. 21.	1927. Nov. 23.	1926. Nov. 24.	1925. Nov. 25.
	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation.....	135,087,000	132,804,000	135,213,810	138,004,975	141,953,580
Public deposits.....	15,340,000	14,898,000	16,761,157	23,808,078	14,273,662
Other deposits.....	97,089,831	99,473,000	97,772,164	100,826,331	111,441,007
Bankers' accounts.....	58,544,923				
Other accounts.....	38,544,908				
Government securities.....	62,498,855	48,340,000	40,895,179	33,327,539	41,597,794
Other securities.....	29,952,118	34,757,000	55,407,383	74,371,191	77,347,714
Disc't. & advances.....	8,108,161				
Securities.....	21,843,957				
Reserve notes & coin.....	37,742,000	49,031,000	36,025,830	34,719,641	24,530,682
Coin and bullion.....	132,830,637	162,084,589	151,489,640	152,974,616	146,734,262
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	33.57%	42.88%	31.45%	27.86%	19.14%
Bank rate.....	5½%	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.

The Bank of France statement for the week ended Nov. 16, showed an increase in gold holdings of 241,422,177 francs, raising the total of the item to 40,539,531,987 francs. Gold holdings in the corresponding week last year amounted to 30,851,839,852 francs. Credit balances abroad declined 175,000,000 francs, while bills bought abroad increased 2,000,000 francs. Notes in circulation reveal another decrease, this time of 517,000,000 francs. Total notes outstanding now are 66,582,824,615 francs, compared with 61,409,916 250 francs the corresponding week last year. A decrease is shown in French commercial bills discounted of 978,000,000 francs and in advances against securities of 40,000,000 francs, while credit or current accounts registered a loss of 39,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past two weeks as well as with the corresponding week last year:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Changes for Week.	Status as of		
	Nov. 16 1929.	Nov. 9 1929.	Nov. 17 1928
Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings... Inc. 241,422,177	40,539,531,987	40,298,109,810	30,851,839,852
Credit bals. abr'd. Dec. 175,000,000	7,136,985,964	7,311,985,964	13,889,677,644
French commercial bills discounted. Dec. 978,000,000	8,770,202,138	9,748,202,138	3,793,485,830
Bills bought abr'd. Inc. 2,000,000	18,686,984,042	18,684,984,042	18,775,027,419
Adv. agst. secur. Dec. 40,000,000	2,617,873,113	2,657,873,113	2,202,550,303
Note circulation... Dec. 517,000,000	66,582,824,615	67,099,824,615	61,409,916,250
Cred. curr. acts... Inc. 39,000,000	20,093,489,139	20,054,489,139	18,708,034,809

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the second week of November shows an increase in gold and bullion of 5,029,000 marks, bringing the total of the item up to 2,234,039,000 marks. Total gold in the corresponding week last year amounted to 2,563,545,000 marks and in 1927 to 1,854,498,000 marks. Reserve in foreign currency increased 2,352,000 marks during the week, while deposits abroad remain unchanged. Bills of exchange and checks and notes on other German banks register increases of 288,454,000 marks and 5,571,000 marks, respectively. Notes in circulation show a contraction of 204,012,000 marks, reducing the total of the item to 5,020,893,000 marks, which compares with 4,172,738,000 marks last year. A decrease is shown in other daily maturing obligations of 2,202,000 marks and in other liabilities of 2,545,000 marks, while investments remain unchanged at 92,562,000 marks. An increase of 11,749,000 marks is shown in advances and a decrease of 26,314,000 marks in other assets. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

Assets—	Reichsmarks.		
	for Week.	Nov. 15 1929.	Nov. 15 1928.
Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Gold and bullion... Inc. 5,029,000	2,234,039,000	2,563,545,000	1,854,498,000
Of which depos. abr'd. Unchanged	149,788,000	85,626,000	70,096,000
Res've in for'n curr... Inc. 2,352,000	369,260,000	185,590,000	287,122,000
Bills of exch. & checks. Inc. 288,454,000	2,639,613,000	1,879,131,000	2,167,617,000
Silver and other coin. Inc. 11,749,000	111,849,000	99,998,000	60,688,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks. Inc. 5,571,000	20,114,000	24,324,000	20,692,000
Advances... Inc. 81,308,000	131,961,000	69,928,000	42,352,000
Investments... Unchanged	92,562,000	92,309,000	92,080,000
Other assets... Dec. 26,314,000	591,363,000	537,545,000	628,884,000
Liabilities—			
Notes in circulation... Dec. 204,012,000	5,020,893,000	4,172,738,000	3,787,413,000
Oth. daily matur. oblig. Dec. 2,202,000	495,044,000	569,453,000	643,664,000
Other liabilities... Dec. 2,545,000	370,422,000	293,202,000	356,675,000

Money rates showed pronounced ease this week in all departments of the market. Credit was released on a vast scale as speculative loans against stock and bond collateral were repaid, and the problem involved in the redistribution of these sums is not one that can be solved in a day or a week. A further decrease in brokers' loans of \$585,000,000 was re-

ported in the Federal Reserve Bank statement for the week ended Wednesday, bringing the total liquidation of these loans since the high figure was reached on Oct. 2 to \$3,217,000,000. Much of this money is flowing back into normal commercial channels, but a considerable portion remains available for lending on collateral in financial centers, and rates are dropping quickly under the enormous load. Other financial centers also are reflecting the change in the situation. The Bank of England effected its second cut in the discount rate within three weeks, Thursday, lowering the figure from 6 to 5½%. The Boston and Chicago Federal Reserve Banks followed this week the precedent set by the New York institution on Nov. 14, and reduced their rediscount rates from 5 to 4½%. Bankers' bills and commercial paper rates showed marked recession this week. Call money in the New York market also moved steadily downward. Beginning with a renewal rate of 5½% Monday, call loans moved lower on successive days, and in yesterday's market 4½% was quoted throughout on the Stock Exchange, both for renewals and new loans. Large sums remained unloaned every day, and offerings of this money in the outside or "street" market brought much lower rates there than prevailed in the official market. Street trades were reported at 4% Monday and Tuesday, and 3% Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Time loans eased from 5½ to 5¾% Monday, to 5@5¼% yesterday. Gold movements through New York for the week ended Wednesday, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank, consisted of exports of \$11,212,000 and imports of \$427,000. A decrease of \$8,010,000 in the amount of gold earmarked for foreign account was shown.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, the renewal rate on Monday was 5½%, and from this there was a reduction to 5% in the charge for new loans. On Tuesday all loans were at 5%, including renewals. On both Wednesday and Thursday the renewal rate continued at 5%, but some new loans were negotiated each day at 4½%. On Friday all loans were at 4½%, including renewals. Time money has been inactive, with rates still lower. On Monday quotations were 5½@5¾% for loans of all dates. On Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday the range each day was 5@5½% for all dates. On Friday the range was 4½@5% for 30 days and 5@5¼% for all other dates from 60 days to six months. Commercial paper in the open market has been without special feature except that here also rates have further declined. Rates for names of choice character maturing in four to six months have ruled all week at 5%, while names less well known have commanded 5¼%, with New England mill paper also quoted at 5¼%.

The market for prime bank acceptances has continued active, with the demand for bills greater than the supply, and on Tuesday the experience last week was repeated and rates were twice reduced in a single day, ⅛ of 1% each time, the reduction applying in both the bid and the asked columns and to all dates of maturity. This made six reductions this month, and ten since Oct. 21. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council are now 4% bid and 3⅞ asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 and 90 days; 4⅛ bid and 4% asked for 120

days, and $4\frac{1}{4}\%$ bid and $4\frac{1}{8}\%$ 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.

SPOT DELIVERY.					
-180 Days-		-150 Days-		-120 Days-	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$
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FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.					
-90 Days-		-60 Days-		-30 Days-	
Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Eligible member banks	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$
Eligible non-member banks	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$	$4\frac{1}{2}$	$4\frac{1}{4}$

Following the action taken last week by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York in reducing the rediscount rates from 5% to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$, the Boston and Chicago Federal Reserve Banks likewise lowered their rates this week from 5 to $4\frac{1}{2}\%$. In the case of the Boston Reserve Bank the announcement was made on Nov. 20 that the $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ rate would become effective Nov. 21. The change in the rate of the Chicago Reserve Bank was announced yesterday, the lower rate becoming effective to-day (Nov. 23). There have been no other 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 Nov. 23.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Nov. 21 1929	5
New York	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Nov. 15 1929	5
Philadelphia	5	July 26 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Cleveland	5	Aug. 1 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Richmond	5	July 13 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Atlanta	5	July 14 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Chicago	$4\frac{1}{2}$	Nov. 23 1929	5
St. Louis	5	July 19 1928	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Minneapolis	5	May 14 1929	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Kansas City	5	May 6 1929	$4\frac{1}{2}$
Dallas	5	Mar. 2 1929	$4\frac{1}{2}$
San Francisco	5	May 20 1929	$4\frac{1}{2}$

Sterling exchange has been highly irregular during the week, under pressure the greater part of the time in a dull market. The outstanding news of importance relating to the future of sterling exchange is the further reduction in the Bank of England's rate of discount of $\frac{1}{2}$ of 1% to $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ from 6%, and a further increase in its gold holdings. The Bank of England's rate has been at 6% since Oct. 31. Prior to that date a $6\frac{1}{2}\%$ rate had been in force since Sept. 26, when the rate was raised from $5\frac{1}{2}\%$. The present reduction in the rate occasioned no surprise in banking circles, where the move has been regarded as logical for more than a week. The rate is now at the same level which prevailed from Feb. 7 to Sept. 26, at which time it was forced up to $5\frac{1}{2}\%$ from $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ to counteract the pull of the New York money market on British funds which was at that time causing a rapid and substantial loss of gold from the Bank of England. The present reduction was an inevitable result of the extremely easy tone prevailing in the London money and bill markets. A reduction in the central bank rates of several other European countries has also occurred—in Norway, Austria and Ireland. It is not believed that the lower rate will have any effect whatever on the gold movements between London and Paris which have been in progress for many months, as this movement is governed by other considerations arising from the active employment of French funds at home and the ease with which French private banks can draw upon their heavy balances in London.

The lower rate, however, is expected to exert a stimulating influence upon general business in Great Britain and the reduction is received with great satisfaction in industrial circles. This week the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings of £59,605, the total standing at £132,830,637 as of Nov. 20, which compares with £162,084,589 on Nov. 22 1928. It is a matter of some surprise that the Bank does not show a larger increase in gold holdings, since it was able to secure £540,600 in the open market on Tuesday, for which it paid at the rate of 84s. $10\frac{3}{4}$ d. It will doubtless be disclosed later that Paris has taken more gold from London, which would account for the small increase in the total bullion holdings of the Bank. Despite the reduction in the Bank's discount rate, the sterling rate on London did not ease as might have been expected, since the cut in the Bank rate had already been discounted and traders had covered themselves on the possibility of a full 1% reduction. On Thursday there was considerable activity in spot sterling and quotations rose to as high as 4.87 11-16 bid, compared with Wednesday's close of 4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. Inasmuch as the New York money market continues to ease off, bankers look for less seasonal pressure on sterling exchange, and the present or even slightly lower levels would be regarded as satisfactory from the London point of view at this time, when it is taken into consideration that par of exchange is 4.8665. On Saturday the Bank of England sold £5,155 and on Monday £225,197 in gold bars; on Tuesday the Bank bought £540,600 of the £848,000 open market gold available. France took £120,000 of the open market gold and the balance was absorbed by India and the trade. On Tuesday also the Bank of England received £6,500 in sovereigns from abroad and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. On Wednesday the Bank bought £34,000 in gold bars. On Friday the Bank bought £3,240 in gold bars and £1,329 in foreign gold coin.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Nov. 14-Nov. 20, inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$427,000, of which \$250,000 came from Uruguay and \$177,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries. Exports totaled \$11,212,000, of which \$5,010,000 was shipped to Poland, \$5,002,000 to Switzerland, \$1,000,000 to France, \$150,000 to Mexico, and \$50,000 to Germany. The Reserve Bank reported a decrease of \$8,010,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Nov. 20, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, NOV. 14-NOV. 20, INCLUSIVE.

Imports.	Exports.
\$250,000 from Uruguay	\$5,010,000 to Poland
177,000 chiefly from oth. Latin American countries	5,002,000 to Switzerland
	1,000,000 to France
	150,000 to Mexico
	50,000 to Germany
\$427,000 total	\$11,212,000 total

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.
Decrease \$8,010,000

Canadian exchange continues at a discount, but has firmed up considerably from the low levels of a week ago. The comparative strength is attributed to the withdrawal of short-term funds from New York and to the purchase of Canadian bills to finance wheat movements. On Saturday last Montreal funds were at a discount of $2\frac{1}{4}\%$; on Monday at 2%; on Tuesday at $1\frac{5}{8}\%$; on Wednesday at $1\frac{1}{4}\%$; on Thursday at $1\frac{1}{4}\%$; on Friday at 1 3-16%.

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was inclined to ease in the usual dull half-day market. Bankers' sight was 4.87 1-16@4.87 $\frac{3}{8}$; cable transfers were 4.87 11-16@4.87 13-16. On Monday the market continued to show weakness. The range was 4.86 $\frac{3}{4}$ @4.87 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 4.87 5-16@4.87 9-16 for cable transfers. On Tuesday the market was somewhat firmer. The range was 4.86 $\frac{7}{8}$ @4.87 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 4.87 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4.87 19-32 for cable transfers. On Wednesday the market was irregular. Bankers' sight was 4.86 15-16@4.87 3-16; cable transfers 4.87 7-16@4.87 $\frac{5}{8}$. On Thursday sterling developed a slightly firmer tone. The range was 4.87@4.87 5-16 for bankers' sight and 4.87 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4.87 11-16 for cable transfers. On Friday sterling was fractionally lower again; the range was 4.86 15-16@4.87 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4.87 19-32 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.87 7-32 for demand and 4.87 19-32 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.87, sixty-day bills at 4.82 $\frac{1}{2}$, ninety day bills at 4.80 $\frac{1}{2}$, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.82 $\frac{1}{2}$, and seven-day grain bills at 4.86 $\frac{1}{8}$. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.87.

The Continental exchanges have been irregular and have moved down with the general trend of sterling exchange. French francs continue relatively firm, although slightly easier than last week as the result of the practical cessation of the withdrawal of French funds from the New York market. The French rate is absolutely under the control of the Bank of France, which has large holdings in New York, London and Amsterdam which could be readily converted at any time were the franc to be unduly depressed. The present level of the franc, around 3.93 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, compares with dollar parity of 3.92. As noted above, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York accounts for a further shipment of \$1,000,000 gold to Paris and the French banks continue to draw down gold from London. This week the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 241,400,000 francs, bringing the total to 40,539,000,000 francs, the highest in the history of the Bank. This compares with 30,851,000,000 francs on Nov. 17 1928. The Bank's ratio of gold to liabilities stands also at the record level of 46.25%, which compares with 45.73% on Nov. 8 and with 38.47% on Nov. 17 1928, and with the legal requirement of 35%. Paris dispatches reiterate the French stand that France is not "hoarding gold" and that the Bank of France has done nothing and is doing nothing to attract gold from London or New York. On the other hand, it appears that the Bank of France has decided to do nothing to prevent the inflow. This leaves the gold movement dependent solely on exchange market tendencies. At present the reduced interest rates on foreign markets seem more likely to bring capital back to Paris than to cause an exodus. It is believed that if confidence in the New York market is restored, French capital may possibly return to this side for investment. In fact, the slightly lower level of exchange on France this week is attributed in some measure to a resumption of demand for dollars in Paris, indicating, of course, a return of French investment funds to this side.

German marks continue relatively firm, although off from last week. The lower mark quotations are normal, considering the easier trend of sterling. Present quotations for marks, around 23.91 for cable

transfers, must be judged by dollar par of exchange, 23.82. Bankers report that there was also some demand for dollars in Berlin during the week, which would account for the fractional average weakness in exchange on Berlin. On the whole, however, the lower money rates in New York are regarded as more likely to contribute to firm mark quotations and to the transfer of credit from New York to German centres. Money is fractionally easier in Berlin and foreign exchange circles are expecting a reduction in the Reichsbank rate from the present 7%. This week the Bank of Germany shows an increase in gold holdings of 5,029,000 marks, the total standing at 2,234,000,000 marks as of Nov. 15, which compares with 2,563,500,000 marks on Nov. 15 1928.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.88 on Friday of this week, against 123.86 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French center finished at 3.93 5-16, against 3.93 $\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday a week ago; cable transfers at 3.93 9-16, against 3.93 $\frac{7}{8}$; and commercial sight bills at 3.93 1-16, against 3.93 $\frac{3}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.98 for checks and at 13.99 for cable transfers, against 13.98 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 13.99 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.90 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and 23.91 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.91 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 23.92 $\frac{1}{2}$ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight bills and at 5.23 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 5.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 5.23 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week. Austrian schillings closed at 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of this week, against 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week. Exchange on Czechoslovakia finished at 2.96 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 2.96 $\frac{1}{4}$; on Bucharest at 0.60, against 0.60; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25; and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.30 for checks and at 1.30 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 1.30 and 1.30 $\frac{1}{4}$.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the war, while generally lower in sympathetic relation to the easier tone of sterling and the leading Continental exchanges, are nevertheless firm for this time of year. Exchange on Amsterdam has moved off from the higher levels of a few weeks ago owing chiefly to conditions in the New York security market, which have caused the return of Dutch funds to Holland. Bankers state that there has been in evidence some demand for dollars for Amsterdam account, indicating to some extent a return of investment funds to this side. Amsterdam dispatches to New York indicate that the Holland bankers are looking for still greater ease in international money markets and for an increase in American credits abroad. They are working on the supposition that the resumption of such credit facilities to foreign countries are necessary to provide for American surplus production. Swiss francs have been fractionally firmer, moving contrary to the general trend of the foreign currencies. As noted above, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported a shipment of \$5,002,000 to Switzerland this week. Swiss francs closed this week at 19.40 for cable transfers, and the range for the week has been from 19.39 to 19.40, which compares with gold parity of 19.30. The general easing in European money rates is further emphasized this week by the reduction in the rediscount rate of the Bank of Norway from 6% to 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ %.

Spanish pesetas continue to sag, due partly to the lower rates for exchange on London and the Con-

continent, but chiefly to general uncertainty with respect to the Government's attitude on the question of exchange. This feeling of uneasiness is further accentuated by the fact that a compulsory change was made a few weeks ago in the management of the Bank of Spain. The official reason given for the interference was ill health on the part of Senor Vergara, Governor of the Bank of Spain, but it is known in financial circles that the Governor of the bank was averse to the carrying out of certain operations which the Minister of Finance had insisted upon in order to effect the better safeguarding of the monetary situation. Senor Vergara was unable to see the method of facilitating the task from the same point of view as the Dictator. Madrid dispatches state that one of the first reform measures of the new Governor, Don Jose Manuel Figueras, will be the reorganization of the Bank of Spain. The opinion seems to prevail, however, that no new banking reorganization will be put into effect until the peseta has been stabilized. The Government gives no idea as to its intention concerning the rate or figure at which it will be prepared to stabilize the peseta. The finance minister, it would seem, although agreeing that complete revalorization is not "within the realm of practical finance," purposely maintains silence upon this and other equally important matters.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.31½, against 40.33½ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.33½, against 40.35½, and commercial sight bills at 40.27, against 40.29. Swiss francs closed at 19.39½ for bankers' sight bills and at 19.40½ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.38½ and 19.39½ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.76½ and cable transfers at 26.78½, against 26.79 and 26.81. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.86 and cable transfers at 26.88, against 26.86 and 26.88; while checks on Norway finished at 26.76½ and cable transfers at 26.78½, against 26.79 and 26.81. Spanish pesetas closed at 13.87 for checks and at 13.88 for cable transfers, which compares with 14.07 and 14.08 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges have been dull and inclined to ease as the result of the generally lower quotations on London. In the main, exchange on the South American countries continues unchanged from the past several weeks. Exchange on Buenos Aires, while at present easier, has assumed a generally firmer tone as a result of the heavy export of gold during the past few months to New York and London. Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 41 5-16 for checks, as compared with 41 9-16 on Friday of last week, and at 41⅝ for cable transfers, against 41⅝. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.74 for checks and at 11.77 for cable transfers, against 11.82 and 11.85. Chilean exchange closed at 12⅛ for checks and at 12 3-16 for cable transfers, against 12⅛ and 12 3-16; while Peru closed at 3.99 for checks and at 4.00 for cable transfers, against 3.99 and 4.00.

The Far Eastern exchanges are essentially unchanged from the past few weeks. The silver units of course move strictly with the price of silver and for that reason the Chinese units are easier with respect to former quotations, as silver has been ruling much below 23d. in London. On Friday there was a sharp break in exchange on Hong Kong, when the price dropped to 43 cents, a full

cent under Thursday, and a new low for many years. The Hong Kong dollar, which has been selling upon a basis more or less arbitrary as compared with silver metal, is now subject, according to banks here with Far East affiliations, to a concerted effort by Hong Kong banks to bring the exchange value into line with the value of silver metal. The currency unit is now within one or two cents of the sought-for objective. Yen and taels held steady, the latter advancing a small fraction. Japanese yen are firm. On Wednesday Mr. Tshushima, Japanese Financial Commissioner at New York, announced the completion of a \$25,000,000 credit to be extended to Japan by a New York banking group. The loan was made in favor of the Yokohama Specie Bank at the request of the Japanese Government and the Bank of Japan. Tokio dispatches at the same time announced the removal of the gold embargo. Official confirmation was also given of a London credit for £5,000,000 arranged with Westminster Bank and associates. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 48.85@49⅛, against 48⅞@49⅛. Hong Kong closed at 43@43 13-16, against 43⅞@44 5-16; Shanghai at 55@55⅜, against 54⅝@54 13-16; Manila at 50, against 50; Singapore at 56½@56⅝, against 56⅝; Bombay at 36 7-16, against 36 7-16; and Calcutta at 36 7-16, against 37 6-16.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACTS OF 1922
NOV. 16 1929 TO NOV. 22 1929, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York Value to United States Money.					
	Nov. 16.	Nov. 18.	Nov. 19.	Nov. 20.	Nov. 21.	Nov. 22.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	140533	140520	140539	140532	140516	140532
Belgium, belga	139828	139813	139798	139812	139820	139791
Bulgaria, lev	007217	007242	007232	007232	007232	007222
Czechoslovakia, krone	029616	029617	029615	029623	029622	029629
Denmark, krone	267939	267802	267744	267772	267789	267768
England, pound sterling	4.876953	4.874583	4.874633	4.874918	4.875706	4.874999
Finland, marka	025162	025166	025168	025166	025160	025163
France, franc	039373	039353	039345	039350	039351	039349
Germany, reichsmark	239110	239001	239051	239053	239084	239098
Greece, drachma	012978	012988	012976	012979	012982	012976
Holland, guilder	403394	403185	403203	403294	403363	403321
Hungary, pengo	174728	174698	174739	174739	174757	174769
Italy, lira	052343	052331	052329	052338	052341	052340
Norway, krone	267942	267800	267786	267773	267794	267765
Poland, zloty	111930	111943	112038	111972	111977	111972
Portugal, escudo	044950	045192	045100	045083	045066	045050
Rumania, lei	005983	005972	005970	005982	005977	005971
Spain, peseta	140236	139967	139642	139195	139122	139038
Sweden, krona	268711	268575	268648	268656	268803	268685
Switzerland, franc	193838	193853	193966	193953	193992	194004
Yugoslavia, dinar	017654	017667	017661	017670	017666	017670
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo tael	566041	570000	572500	572916	573291	573125
Hankow tael	560156	558750	563750	561875	562343	563437
Shanghai, tael	545178	547142	549732	548482	548303	549553
Tientsin tael	574375	576666	580000	578750	578750	579166
Hong Kong dollar	438303	438392	439107	439107	437500	428571
Mexican dollar	392812	394062	396562	394687	395312	395000
Tientsin or Pelyang dollar	392500	394166	397083	397083	397500	397083
Yuan dollar	389166	390833	394166	393750	394166	393750
India, rupee	362839	362946	362746	362567	362453	362410
Japan, yen	488964	488887	488781	489359	488984	488393
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	562083	562083	562083	561666	561666	561250
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	978255	978238	982150	986354	987482	987942
Cuba, peso	999610	999581	999581	999456	999456	999529
Mexico, peso	479150	479416	479525	479775	480250	480425
Newfoundland, dollar	975625	976468	980187	984125	984187	985218
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	938544	938982	936808	937691	938275	937487
Brazil, milreis	117245	117360	117190	117009	117227	117290
Chile, peso	120708	120689	120732	120752	120775	120786
Uruguay, peso	972310	969569	967684	966434	965070	964454
Colombia, peso	963900	963900	963900	963900	963900	963900

Owing to a marked disinclination on the part of two or three leading institutions among the New York Clearing House banks to keep up compiling the figures for us, we find ourselves obliged to discontinue the publication of the table we have been

giving for so many years showing the shipments and receipts of currency to and from the interior.

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

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

Saturday, Nov. 16.	Monday, Nov. 18.	Tuesday, Nov. 19.	Wednesday, Nov. 20.	Thursday, Nov. 21.	Friday, Nov. 22.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 195,000,000	\$ 137,000,000	\$ 173,000,000	\$ 155,000,000	\$ 142,000,000	\$ 150,000,000	Cr. 952,000,000

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

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

Banks of	Nov. 21 1929.			Nov. 22 1928.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	£ 132,830,637	£ —	£ 132,830,637	£ 162,084,589	£ —	£ 162,084,589
France a	324,316,255	(d) —	324,316,255	246,814,718	d —	246,814,718
Germany b	104,212,550	€ 994,600	105,207,150	123,895,950	€ 994,600	124,890,550
Spain	102,595,000	28,092,000	130,687,000	102,533,000	27,593,000	130,126,000
Italy	56,017,000	—	56,017,000	54,527,000	—	54,527,000
Netherl'ds	36,885,000	—	36,885,000	36,321,000	1,834,000	38,155,000
Nat. Belgr.	30,481,000	1,286,000	31,767,000	23,416,000	1,266,000	24,682,000
Switzerl'd.	21,345,000	1,116,000	22,461,000	18,774,000	1,924,000	20,698,000
Sweden	13,405,000	—	13,405,000	13,169,000	—	13,169,000
Denmark	9,582,000	379,000	9,961,000	9,602,000	519,000	10,121,000
Norway	8,151,000	—	8,151,000	8,180,000	—	8,180,000
Total week	\$39,820,442	\$ 31,867,600	\$ 71,688,042	\$ 799,317,257	\$ 34,130,600	\$ 833,447,857
Prev. week	\$36,351,010	\$ 31,949,600	\$ 68,300,610	\$ 799,896,035	\$ 34,181,600	\$ 834,077,635

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 £7,489,400. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

Pre-Conference Politics in Europe.

The imminence of an international conference, if what is to be discussed is of general importance, is usually a signal for a quieting down of domestic politics in preparation for the serious debates shortly to come. The month of January will find pretty much all Europe in conference. The date of the opening of the London Conference on naval reduction and limitation appears to have been definitely fixed, on the proposal of the British Government, for January 21 notwithstanding that that date would, in regular course, find the Council of the League of Nations in session at Geneva. The feeling of the British Government appears to be that there is no necessary conflict between the two meetings, and that the meeting of the Council might without difficulty be postponed if any officials found it necessary to attend both meetings. The reparations conference at The Hague will, it is expected, reconvene before the London Conference to act upon the reports of the committees which have been at work drawing up the statute of the Bank for International Settlements and dealing with other questions which the first session of the conference left open.

It is somewhat difficult to tell how much of the discussion about the London Conference that has been going on in France and other countries represents an actual divulging of government programs, and how much is informal and unofficial talk representing only the various shades of public opinion. On November 10, for example, it was reported that France would insist at London upon a radical reduction in capital ships, and was even ready to advocate a postponement for ten years from 1931 of the replacement construction authorized by the Washington Conference. The new Tardieu Ministry was re-

ported on Nov. 12 to be much divided in opinion regarding the policy of naval cuts that should be advocated, but two days later it was announced that the French program of naval building prepared in 1923 would be continued, the construction for 1930 amounting to 48,000 tons of vessels of various types, from one 10-000-ton cruiser to auxiliary craft and a mine sweeper. The total expenditure for the construction called for will be slightly less than \$50,000,000. On Nov. 15 the Paris correspondent of the New York "Times" cabled that Premier Tardieu and Foreign Minister Briand were strongly opposed to changing the French program to accord with an Anglo-American agreement, that the proposed ratio for cruisers was not acceptable and submarines would not be given up, and that the general attitude toward the Conference was skeptical. On Nov. 17, however, the French temper had become more hopeful, following the publication of a statement from Washington that the United States would not be a party to any limited agreement if the five Powers at the Conference failed to agree, and the assurance from Ambassador Dawes, given in a speech at London, that the requirements of security would be kept to the front in the negotiations.

Considerable difference of opinion about the Conference seems also to have developed in Japan. A report on Nov. 14 that Prime Minister MacDonald had rejected the demand of Japan for a ratio for large cruisers of 70 per cent in comparison with the United States, and also for a reduction of the Anglo-American parity figures in order to relieve Japan from the necessity of building up to the 70 per cent ratio, called out from Admiral Hyo Takarabe the statement that "we cannot change our policy to the slightest extent". The British objection, it was believed, was largely due to the opposition of Australia and New Zealand to Japanese naval power in the Pacific. It was the revulsion of feeling in Japan, and the rumor that Japan might not take part in the Conference, that appear to have inspired the statement of Joseph P. Cotton, Acting Secretary of State, on Nov. 15 to the effect that the United States would accept a five-Power agreement or nothing. On Tuesday, however, the Japanese Ambassador at London was quoted as saying that he was "not at all pessimistic over the outcome of preliminary conversations" which he was having with Mr. MacDonald, Ambassador Dawes, and the Italian and French Ambassadors. The same day brought a report that the arrangements for preliminary conversations between France and Italy had been discussed at Paris between M. Briand and the Italian ambassador.

These various happenings probably represent little more than political maneuvers for position—attempts to define the attitudes of the different parties to the Conference and obtain advance consideration for their respective claims. The greatest obstacle which the London Conference will have to overcome is not the demand of France and Italy for the continued use of the submarine, or the demand of Japan for a higher ratio of cruiser tonnage, but the ingrained reluctance of the British public to consent to any considerable reduction of the British fleet. As is likely to be the case in British politics, the Opposition appears to be leaving Mr. MacDonald a free hand in preparing for the Conference, and awaits an announcement of the kind and measure of naval reduction to which Great Britain will be asked to assent. The real debate will open when the decisions

of the Conference are known. In the meantime General Smuts, former Premier of South Africa, who is now in England on his way to the United States, has called attention pointedly to the need of curbing aerial armaments as well as those on sea or land. Speaking at the Guildhall in London, on Nov. 14, General Smuts said that "if a serious reduction of navies is decided upon next January, the way will be open for an attack on the more difficult subject of military and aerial disarmament. Of these, aerial disarmament is the more urgent and important, as aerial warfare constitutes by far the more serious danger to civilization. It means ruthless warfare, not against the armed forces of the enemy but against his civilian population, with the consequent destruction of cities and the population behind the lines. The position with regard to air warfare is still in a fluid, formative stage, with air forces growing rapidly in many countries, and it should therefore be dealt with without further delay."

Whatever makes for political stability at home conduces, in general at least, to peace in international relations. In France the Tardieu Government has settled down to work with the apparent expectation of continuing in office for some time. An unexpected majority of 60 in the Chamber of Deputies on Nov. 13, when a vote of confidence was asked on an effort of the Left to return to the Finance Commission the first chapter of the new finance bill, was followed on Wednesday by an overwhelming vote of 581 to 3 in support of a Government bill for the protection of wheat. The carrying out of the Government's large plan of internal improvements and industrial reorganization is aided by a Treasury surplus of more than 10,000,000,000 francs, and a gold reserve in the Bank of France of 46% of the note circulation. Public undertakings costing 5,000,000,000 francs will, it is believed, be carried through next year without extra taxation, and a tax reduction of 10% is also promised. It was M. Briand's hope that the war might be "liquidated" entirely, as he put it, by the end of 1930, and the Tardieu Government, while reported as "adamant" against further concessions at The Hague in the matter of reparations, is preparing to support the acceptance of the Young Plan, and to complete the withdrawal of French troops from Germany by the end of next June.

The political outlook in Germany at the moment is less serene. The crisis which it seemed for a time might follow the sudden death of Foreign Minister Stresemann has indeed been averted by the appointment of Dr. Julius Curtius, former Minister of Economics, as Dr. Stresemann's successor. Dr. Curtius, who took a prominent part in the reparations conference at The Hague, was a warm personal friend of Stresemann and at one with him in his views of foreign policy. A popular referendum on the approval of the Young Plan is pending, however, although the attempt of the Nationalists to reject the Plan seems certain to be defeated, while the municipal elections on Monday gave the Socialists and Communists together a majority in the Berlin city assembly, and increased the representation of the Nationalist Socialists, as the Fascist followers of Adolf Hitler are called, in a number of cities. Every development of the Fascist movement in Austria, moreover, where the military organization known as the Heimwehr is endeavoring to break the power of the Socialists and revise the Constitution, reacts upon Germany by keeping alive the agitation in favor

of the union of Austria with Germany. The emphatic refusal of Mr. Snowden, British Chancellor of the Exchequer, to turn over to Germany the unliquidated portion of the German private property that was confiscated during the World War has also developed a controversy which may be carried before the coming Hague conference.

Two other controversies whose origin traces back directly to the war have lately been thrown to the front, although only one of them seems to be very hopefully in the way of settlement. The first concerns the final disposition of the rich Saar basin, which, by the Treaty of Versailles, was placed under the control of France for fifteen years, or until 1935, when a plebiscite was to determine whether it should be returned to Germany. Popular sentiment has long been so pronounced in favor of a return to the Reich that a vote, if it were taken today, would probably be overwhelmingly adverse to the French occupation. It is for this reason that France, pressed by the industrialists who have invested large amounts of capital in the region, has opened negotiations with Germany for a settlement of the question of control which will avoid a plebiscite and also protect French interests. The Tardieu Government won another substantial victory on Thursday when the Chamber of Deputies, by a vote of 337 to 224, rejected a Socialist motion to postpone the negotiations.

The other war issue still to be "liquidated" has to do with former Hungarian territory now included in Czechoslovakia. A few months ago a report was revived to the effect that President Masaryk had proposed a return of the territory to Hungary, and although the report was promptly denied by the Czech Foreign Office, documentary evidence seemed to sustain it. On Nov. 14 the Czech Foreign Minister, Dr. Benes, in an interview with the correspondent of the New York "Times", emphatically repudiated the idea of restoration, on the ground that if anything were conceded Hungary would be encouraged to "demand all", and that while the narrow strip in dispute contains some 650,000 Hungarians, it also contains 100,000 Slovaks who would pass under Hungarian rule. What Dr. Benes fears is the restoration of a pre-war Hungary, with consequent resistance to the political domination of the Little Entente, which in turn is dominated by Czechoslovakia. His words were ominous in their bearing upon the prospect for peace in eastern Europe: "We know", he said, "that we are surrounded by enemies and must fight". It is with this in mind that Dr. Benes urges the development of a national spirit and the retention of whatever political advantages the war gave while western Europe is seeking international understanding.

The Source of Banking Power—Henry M. Dawes Again Pleads for the Unit System.

In the "Saturday Evening Post" for Nov. 9 Henry M. Dawes, who in his brief administration of the office of Comptroller of the Currency established such an enviable record for himself, discusses "The Branch Banking Problem." Mr. Dawes, in whatever he writes or says, always furnishes much food for study and reflection, and on this occasion his discussion of his subject is most enlightening. Syndicated banking operation does not appeal to him, and he is utterly opposed to concentration and the centralization of banking control. With masterly skill he marshals the facts and arguments in opposi-

tion in such a convincing way as to carry conviction with it. It may be recalled that we commended Mr. Dawes for the strong stand he took on the subject while occupying the Comptrollership—reprinting his remarks in full at the time—and in again emphasizing with such cogency the menace involved in the threatened destruction of unit banking he is making the public anew indebted to him.

The article is most timely, and in view of the almost inevitable investigation and discussion of our "banking system" by the coming Congress, it is well, if it be possible, to try to arrive at a fixed starting point, for the purpose of developing an unassailable fundamental principle of banking. The supreme issue may be stated as follows: Shall we retain our present "correspondent system" of independent unit banks or shall we adopt the system of great central banks with branches scattered over a territory nation-wide, or more or less limited by Act of Congress? There are many phases of this problem, one of which indicates a possible domination by either State or National banks. For the sake of arriving at a primary principle of banking, let us consider these two forms of banks as common integers in the broad field of "dealing in credits." Each is an organizer of community credit as matters stand to-day. As far as what are termed "country banks" is concerned, each serves its locality in the same way. Each receives deposits and makes loans. Each is, or may be, a member of its district, State or National (American) independent Bankers' Association. On proper articles of association, either form of bank can come into being on its own initiative subject to such provisions of its charter as provide for governmental supervision. Limitation of the number of these banks, while it is influenced by the Comptroller of the Currency or by the State Superintendent of Banking, is not wholly controlled by either. As a consequence, it is fair to say that under our present system we have *free banking*.

May we not, then, disclose one of the most fundamental principles of banking by asking the question: Are the people ready to surrender this *right* to engage in banking at their own free will to an official of the government, either State or National, who shall be vested with power to limit the number of banks to come into existence in the various communities of the country? For the people are the real owners of their own banks. Stockholders and depositors have vested interests in the banks, large and small, that they organize. Supervision is readily accepted as a safeguard of the people. But regulation below the point of freedom to receive deposits and to make loans they do not accept, and control as to numbers and internal methods of conduct they have never been called on to relinquish. The "unit" independent bank is therefore part and parcel of the constitutional right to engage in *business* for profit and accumulation. If we keep this in mind it will help us to determine the position of the bank among the people, and will aid us in defining the relation of the banks to the government. While we shall not, for the moment, consider the involved issue of a Federal Reserve System obtained through the forced membership of the National banks, we cannot adopt a system of branch banking, or sit quietly by while "group" or "chain" banking creeps upon us, or, rather, rushes upon us, if we are to preserve free banking and the "unit" independent bank.

J. W. Pole, Comptroller, in his recent address to the American Bankers' Association, said: "I have given long and careful study to this question" (the extension of branch banking) "and have conferred with representative bankers of all classes. I have caused to be gathered comprehensive statistics on bank operations throughout the country. After reviewing all of the discussions concerning branch banking before and since the McFadden Act, and having in mind that this should not be regarded as a controversy solely between bankers, but that the interest of the general public also be given full consideration, I have reached the conclusion that an extension of branch banking privileges should be granted to National banks." . . . "That it should not be nation-wide will be generally admitted."

On the other hand, Mr. Dawes, in the "Saturday Evening Post" article referred to, while not bringing Mr. Pole at all into the controversy, says: "The ownership and the direction of outside banks are directly opposed to the co-ordinated theory in existence now, under which the activities of smaller banks are supplemented by the larger ones and the whole tied in with the Federal Reserve System. Independence under the present system is emphasized in every phase of the relationship, and the urge for the substitution of centralization and ownership, as contrasted with co-ordination, is not due either to a demand from the public for a service not now available or a desire for public service on the part of the banks. It is dictated solely by the desire to increase the earnings on the stock of banking institutions." Further, Mr. Dawes says: "It may be assumed, in dealing with a branch bank, a chain bank, or any form of syndicated banking operation, that the residents of that section of the United States which lies outside of New York City will probably be dealing with larger institutions than they are at present. They will find their banking standardized, but they will discover that it is at the cost of community and personal independence. This is a price which they would not pay if they understood it, but it is a condition which will be forced upon them if the habit of analogy" (chain stores) "is carried into the banking business, and if they stop reasoning when they have discovered a superficially apparent parallel."

Returning to the address of Comptroller Pole, we find this statement: "What of the sound country bank which has been operated for years with profit and is serving its local community? Under the procedure outlined above" (investigation by the Comptroller empowered to deny the branch or permit it) "such a bank could not be driven out of business through the establishment of a *de novo* branch, for the simple reason that no Comptroller of the Currency would permit. Bank stock is a commodity with a market value, and if a stockholder wishes to sell to a branch system that is his right under the ordinary law of contract. But it is inconceivable that any Comptroller of the Currency, the proceedings of whose office are important public records, would ever lend his high responsibility to aid a branch bank unfairly to drive a local bank out of business. The successful country bank, therefore, should have nothing to fear from the recommendation which I propose."

On his part, Mr. Dawes, in the article referred to, again without mentioning Comptroller Pole, says:

"An advocate of branch banking will hardly contend that the absorption of weak units into strong ones would be sound. Neither could he deny that the introduction of branches into towns whose banks were already wavering could have any other effect than to make their bad situation more desperate." . . . "It would be very difficult for him to find any country in the world where systems of unit and branch banks, over a long period of years, have continued to operate together. The two systems are antagonistic." Mr. Dawes suggests the ultimate of this "movement" in the following way: "The tendency to concentration and the centralization of control is charged not only with obvious intrinsic dangers, but threatens a governmental control that is similar to that now exercised over public utilities operating under franchise. If it should ever be necessary to subject the banks to the sort of control that the Inter-State Commerce Commission exercises over the railroads, it would be the most deadening influence that could be placed on enterprise, but governmental control is the inevitable consequence of monopoly and is frequently invoked long before complete monopoly exists."

If, now, banking is a business, in which the people, through association, are free to engage, the so-called "country bank," the "unit," independent bank, must be preserved against the agencies, offices of out-of-State aggregations that enjoy the privileges of doing a business without paying adequate taxes, without contributing to the communities a proportionate benefit for the advantages gained. If service is the keynote of the right to protection, then the unit bank without question, being of the people and for the people, with a quasi-public functioning, is the best form that can be devised, and all local business is imperiled by relinquishing it. Freedom to organize and operate is the fundamental principle at stake, and the turning this over to alien powers is a danger to the rights and interests of the towns and small cities of the country.

Bearing this principle in mind, we can make short shrift of the alleged benefits of "branch banking." Observing this principle, there is no conflict between the State and the National bank. Because of the "correspondent" relation with the great city central banks there is no restriction on either. Under this relation the country has prospered. Credit and its freedom to issue out of local trade, accumulating finally into international trade, aided and extended by local banks, is the prime consideration. Money is of secondary importance. Emergency currency provided by the Federal Reserve System relieves from money panics. Since there is no well established reason for changing this system, the branch bank is an interloper without excuse for its existence. The people are not calling for it. If legislation will accept the fundamental need of the freedom of credit to issue, a few slight changes are all that are necessary in our banking laws.

New York Central Railroad—An Analysis of Operating Results.

In 1928 the New York Central Railroad earned \$10.86 per share. It paid \$8 in dividends. After dividends and other appropriations, there remained a surplus of \$15,303,000 which was carried to profit and loss.

In the year 1928 there was completed in the area the New York Central Terminal plaza, in New

York City a monumental structure, the "New York Central Office Building." It is 34 stories high and dominates its neighborhood. It cost around \$13,000,000. Across its portals high above the vehicular traffic that streams through its gates is the legend "The Gateway to a Continent." Beyond this gateway stretches westward to the Mississippi the system of 11,852 miles of line or 28,000 miles of track.

In this transportation plant the New York Central Railroad proper, earning in 1928 the \$10.86 noted above is but one of the units, albeit by far the largest, and itself the parent company into whose coffers the yield of the vast operations are finally gathered.

The aggregate property carried on the books of all the companies comprising the system, is \$2,270,000,000. In 1928 the rate of return on their aggregate properties devoted to transportation was 5.10%.

The New York Central system, it will be recalled, embraces some 17 different lines variously welded into a single operating or financial entity. Thus the Boston and Albany and the Ohio Central Lines being under lease are operated directly. The carrying charges for the plants (except only the improvements under leasehold) are covered into the New York Central accounts as rental charges. The Michigan Central, the Cleveland, Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis and the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, being separately operated, pass over to the parent or controlling company to the extent of its stock holdings, that part of the net proceeds of their operation which is apportioned to dividends. Plans for leasing the Michigan Central and the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis were approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission in the current year. Actual merger is for the time held up. Because of the existing and proposed amalgamations embracing over 85% of the aggregate gross revenues it will be well to discuss the system as a single entity so far as figures presently available permit. Except for 50% of the Pittsburgh & Lake Erie and 10% of the Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis (the "Big Four") being the stock held by others, the ownership of these properties vests in the stockholders of the New York Central proper, by reason of their company's stockholdings.

As an operating entity, the system produced in 1928 aggregate operating revenues of \$623,000,000. Aggregate expenses in that year were \$462,000,000, making an operating ratio of 74.21%. After deducting taxes, uncollectible revenue and hire of equipment and joint facility rental (net) there was left a net operating income of \$116,000,000.

The picture of the whole is in the figures below for 1928.

	Gross Revenue.		Operating Ratio.	Rate of Return on Property. ^a
	Proportion of Whole.	Per Mile of Line.		
System-----	100%	\$50,685	74.21%	5.10%
New York Central RR-----	61%	55,274	75.52%	4.21%
Michigan Central RR-----	15%	50,159	67.03%	8.76%
Cleve. Cin. Chic. & St. Louis Ry-----	14%	37,055	76.31%	4.31%
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie RR-----	5%	135,800	81.12%	5.98%
Miscellaneous (11 short lines and 2 terminal companies)-----	5%			

^a Current assets included.

NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM—PROPERTY CHANGES IN FIVE YEARS.

Year.	Total Property Investment (Includ. Current Assets).	Net Railway Operating Income.	Rate of Return. ^a
1928-----	\$2,270,154,000	\$115,801,000	5.10
1927-----	2,206,675,000	112,213,000	5.09
1926-----	2,155,420,000	130,863,000	6.07
1925-----	2,078,129,000	126,251,000	6.08
1924-----	1,961,587,000	112,046,000	5.71
1923-----	1,905,153,000	129,215,949	6.78

^a Current assets included.

Comparison with the Pennsylvania system operations in the same period will be illuminating.

Year—	Total Property Inv. (Excl. Curr't Assets).		Rate of Return. b	
	New York Central.	Pennsylvania.	N. Y. C.	Penna.
1928	\$ 2,151,474,000	\$ 2,466,441,000	5.38	5.07
1927	2,105,633,000	2,440,333,000	5.33	4.51
1926	2,038,946,000	2,375,674,000	6.42	4.76
1925	1,959,401,000	2,302,802,000	6.43	4.68
1924	1,843,340,000	2,258,292,000	6.08	3.72
1923	1,792,575,000	2,196,947,000	7.21	4.01

b Current assets not included.

As appears by the above table, New York Central system property investment is 87% that of the Pennsylvania, the actual difference being \$315,000,000.

In the next table we see how the two systems have increased their property account.

Year—	New York Central.	P.C.Incr.	Pennsylvania.	P.C.Incr.
	1928	Incl. mat'ls, supp. & cash. \$2,270,154,000	18	Excl. materials & supp. \$2,466,441,000
1923	1,905,153,000			
Increase	\$365,001,000			
1928	Excl. materials & supp. \$2,151,474,000	16	2,196,947,000	12
1923	1,792,575,000			
Increase	\$358,899,000			

In the above period, New York Central system property investment increased \$90,000,000 more than Pennsylvania. When the increase in property investment is joined with a steady increase of net railway operating income—in case of the Pennsylvania from \$84,000,000 in 1924 to \$125,000,000 in 1928, while on New York Central the corresponding figures are \$112,000,000 in 1924 and \$115,000,000 in 1928—the situation is sound only if the net railway operating income increases keep pace with the property increases. But the increase in case of the Pennsylvania was a restoration to normal status rather than an actual increase. Operations on that road were badly demoralized in 1924 and prior thereto.

The tendencies in New York Central system operations that have developed in the last five years are indicated in the next table:

NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM.

Year—	Gross Revenue.	Expenses.	Oper. Ratio.	Net Railway Revenue.	Taxes.	Net Railway Op. Inc. c
1928	\$ 623,288,000	\$ 462,876,000	74.21	\$ 160,412,000	\$ 44,511,000	\$ 115,441,000
1927	622,980,000	470,893,000	75.59	152,087,000	40,468,000	112,213,000
1926	651,147,000	479,907,000	73.70	171,239,000	42,312,000	130,863,000
1925	628,732,000	462,659,000	73.59	166,072,000	40,697,000	126,251,000
1924	602,423,000	452,814,000	75.17	149,608,000	37,209,000	112,046,000
Total	3,128,570,000	2,329,149,000		799,418,000	205,197,000	596,814,000

c Hundreds dropped, and uncollectible revenue deducted but not tabulated.

By the above figures gross revenue would seem to be nearly static, ranging between 4 and 5% above the figures of the first year of the period. The management have been able to hold expenses pretty well in hand, keeping the operating ratio near 74.5. As a result net rail-revenue has moved pretty closely with gross revenue. But there has been an increase in taxes; on the face of the reports this increase is \$7,000,000. Of this, \$3,000,000 is the special item of U. S. income tax on profits on securities sold, which is an extraordinary item. These profits are not included in income, but have been carried to profit and loss. The real current increase, therefore, is \$4,000,000. In these same years the corresponding figures on the Pennsylvania system are:

PENNSYLVANIA SYSTEM.

Year—	Gross Revenue.	Expenses.	Net Revenue.	Oper. Ratio.
1928	\$ 705,067,000	\$ 520,622,000	\$ 184,445,000	73.8
1927	721,280,000	554,780,000	166,499,000	76.9
1926	766,989,000	594,547,000	172,441,000	77.5
1925	727,678,000	569,944,000	157,734,000	78.2
1924	698,713,000	560,069,000	138,643,000	80.2
Total	3,619,727,000	2,799,962,000	819,762,000	
Total N. Y. Central System	3,128,570,000	2,329,149,000	799,418,000	

	Taxes.	Railway Operating Income.	Hire of Eq. Rent Jt. Facilities, Net.	Net Railway Operating Income.
		\$	\$	\$
1928	41,939,000	142,505,000	17,366,000	125,138,000
1927	39,499,000	125,999,000	16,831,000	110,168,000
1926	40,816,000	131,625,000	18,474,000	113,161,000
1925	35,585,000	122,149,000	14,356,000	107,792,000
1924	33,566,000	104,895,000	20,885,000	84,010,000
Total	191,345,000	628,173,000	87,912,000	540,269,000
Total N. Y. Central System	205,197,000	593,021,000	3,793,000	596,814,000

Note.—In the above hundreds have been dropped and uncollectible revenue deducted, though not separately stated.

In the past five years Pennsylvania took in \$3,620,000,000 gross revenue and disbursed in expenses \$2,800,000,000, yielding a net revenue of \$820,000,000. In the same years New York Central took in \$3,120,000 at an operating expense of \$2,320,000,000 and yielded a net revenue of \$800,000,000.

The crux of the matter is that New York Central has been well operated during all of the years of this period. Pennsylvania operations on the other hand have in these years been in process of recovery. In the last year (1928) Pennsylvania has brought its operating ratio to a figure slightly below that of New York Central but at about the figure of New York Central for the previous year. Having held its expense disbursements in closer rein than Pennsylvania, New York Central followed up its lead by so adroitly handling its equipment that its net expense for equipment hire and joint facility rents taken together was \$85,000,000 less than on the Pennsylvania. As a final result the New York Central operating management, out of \$500,000,000 less gross revenue, produced a net railway operating income \$56,000,000 greater than Pennsylvania. But the former disparity in operating results has now in the last year disappeared except in respect to the heavy car hire cost on Pennsylvania. As for New York Central, the noticeable fact is that it has not appreciably bettered its own operating results in this period.

Profit and loss balance combined with equipment reserves on the system show large increase indicating conservative dividend policy.

The figures for the four principal lines of the New York Central system are readily available. As these lines produce 85% of the total gross earnings their figures may be taken as fairly indicative for the whole system.

FOUR PRINCIPAL LINES—PROPERTY INVESTMENT.

	1928.	1923.	Increase.
Road, with materials, supplies & cash	\$1,571,060,000	\$1,361,936,000	\$209,124,000
Equipment	623,332,000	483,207,000	140,125,000
Total	\$2,194,392,000	\$1,845,143,000	\$349,249,000
Surplus	\$472,072,000	\$255,298,000	\$216,774,000
Equipment depreciation reserve	199,853,000	106,817,000	93,036,000
Total	\$671,925,000	\$362,115,000	\$309,810,000
Per cent of property investment offset by surplus and equipment reserve	30.5	19.7	

But the productivity of the added property, which is represented by the increase in surplus and equipment depreciation reserve, is low. If we exclude from property investment the net current assets and consider road and equipment only, the increase is \$319,091,000. This is distributed as below:

FOUR PRINCIPAL LINES—INCREASE IN ROAD AND EQUIPMENT.

New York Central	\$214,407,000
Michigan Central	30,971,000
Cleveland Cincinnati Chicago & St. Louis	59,783,000
Pittsburgh & Lake Erie	13,929,000
Total	\$319,091,000

The character of the above additions to property is indicated in the next table.

Roadway and structures	\$118,052,000	37%
Equipment	150,110,000	42%
Miscellaneous	16,854,000	5%
Leased properties	34,073,000	16%
Total	\$319,091,000	

It appears therefore that \$150,000,000 of the increase was in equipment which was clearly pro-

ductive investment. But the productivity of the \$118,000,000 is by no means clearly indicated. In fact if we assume that equipment increases paid for themselves, the added investment in roadway must have been at a loss, since the whole increase of net railway operating income in this time after making an adjustment for the extraordinary item in taxes of \$3,000,000 U. S. income tax on securities sold, which has been previously referred to, was but about \$6,000,000. This represented a return on the whole added investment of but 1.7%.

The increase in miscellaneous physical properties however, has been profitable. The bulk of these properties is in and about the Grand Central Terminal plaza in New York City. They were one of the first large undertakings by a railway to turn to profitable account the indirect possibilities of a great passenger terminal.

In the five years 1924-28 the New York Central system increase in security holdings, after inter-company ownerships have been eliminated, was about \$82,000,000. The income derived from security holdings in this period increased something over \$5,000,000. Therefore the yield on the added investment in securities was better than 6%.

The disposition of New York Central system gross income is set out in the next table.

NEW YORK CENTRAL SYSTEM.

Year.	Gross Income.	Rent for Leased Roads.	Interest on Funded Debt.	Net Income after Minority Interest Has Been Deducted.
1928	\$141,213,000	\$19,924,000	\$40,398,000	\$69,108,000
1927	135,191,000	20,447,000	41,888,000	63,744,000
1926	152,828,000	20,422,000	41,913,000	80,214,000
1925	146,523,000	20,225,000	41,771,000	73,719,000
1924	141,213,000	19,924,000	40,398,000	56,706,000

As noted in an earlier table, "other income", has steadily mounted. This increase amounts to \$16,000,000 in this period and more than covers the carrying cost for the increased investment in securities from which the other income is derived.

By refinancing maturing obligations, notably the retirement of the \$50,000,000 Lake Shore & Michigan Southern bonds and substitution of stock therefor in the capital structure, the loss by increased taxes has been overcome and the net income pretty directly reflects the changes in gross revenue.

In the next table the final result to the New York Central stockholders is set out, after undivided equities have been accounted and minority interests eliminated.

NEW YORK CENTRAL RAILROAD.

Year—	Capital Outstanding.	Consol. Net Income.*		Surplus of Sdry. Cos.		Total Net Income per Sh.
		Total.	Per Share.	Total.	Per Share.	
1928	\$463,559,000	\$69,108,000	14.91	\$2,624,000	0.57	\$15.48
1927	421,285,000	63,474,000	15.13	3,259,000	0.77	15.90
1926	383,258,000	80,214,000	20.93	3,058,000	0.80	21.73
1925	383,258,000	73,719,000	19.23	3,125,000	0.82	20.05
1924	304,836,000	56,706,000	18.60	3,036,000	1.00	19.60

*All undivided equities have been set up and minority equities in the net income have been withdrawn.

The reduction to \$15.48 in 1928 above is due to the added burden of \$365,000,000 in system property investment of which the New York Central accounts for nearly two-thirds. This investment has not yielded commensurately. The other cause for the reduction in earnings per share of New York Central stock is the large increase of New York Central Railroad stock outstanding due to the refinancing of the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern Railroad bond issue referred to above, through the issue of New York Central Railroad stock. The increase of system property investment over the past five years has averaged \$73,000,000 a year.

The notable point in the whole story of New York Central system is the nearly static results of operation in face of a steadily mounting property account. The increase in property account in the past five years is actually heavier by some \$90,000,000 than on the Pennsylvania in the same time. At this time the management are recently committed to a new program for the expenditure of \$83,000,000 on one specific project alone, namely the so-called West Side Improvements in Manhattan, New York City. Plans have been worked out for industrial developments, over the right of way and yards on the west side, something after the manner of the overhead office developments at the Grand Central passenger terminal. It remains to be seen whether this investment can be made productive in the same large way.

Sniffing A "Snifter."

Cyrano de Bergerac had a fateful nose—ah, "flabby and pendulous, like a proboscis"—it gained him far more fame than friendship or love. Yet did he not say himself, "I am proud, proud of such an appendage! inasmuch as a great nose is properly the index of an affable, kindly, courteous man, witty, liberal, brave, such as I am!" Dying, sword in hand, he exclaimed, "One does not fight because there is hope of winning! No! . . . No! . . . It is much finer to fight when it is of no use!" And so with his last breath he fought "Hypocrisy!" "Compromises!" "Prejudices!" "Silliness!" But it was his nose reacting on his soul that led to deeds of valor and words of sacrifice. The example is there—though it is not well to put too much trust in the nose when seeking the lime-light of devotion to a principle or the proud acclaim of a country saved from a broken law. In his speech to the balcony, Cyrano sought to conceal himself, to impersonate another, and when the incongruous member was about to be discovered, he sent a rival to receive the reward of a kiss. At no time, as we read his story, do we find him apostrophizing all the earth, saying: "Behold, it is my nose I follow that the world may be better for my having lived."—his lyric songs and honeyed words had in them no thought of self, no propaganda for a cause constitutionally sound though popularly infirm. He was a model seldom copied and never equaled, though he has had followers even in these modern days of Prohibition and Progressivism.

As we think on the place of the nose in the political economy of modern times we are reminded that though taste is now regulated by statute, the sense of smell is still free. Even in China, wise with the wisdom of ages, it was not thought necessary to add a fourth monkey to the famous trio: "I see no evil, I hear no evil, I speak no evil!" And to-day, in the richest country of earth, in the midst of a prosperity that is undying, smelling is permitted to those of low and high degree, and to those who gather in banquet halls, and to those who fulminate in deliberative chambers against the iniquities of the demon drink. Yet, when seeking the way of temperance and triumph, is it well to depend too closely on this unfettered sense?

It is admitted, in the prosaic annals of common knowledge, that the sense of smell is much more craftily developed in animal than in man. Men only are employed at high salaries as "tasters" of fine wines. It will not do, therefore, to depend too much,

in current specialized committee investigations, on this weak and secondary sense of smell. Nor is it an argument in favor of ultra submissiveness to this single sense to say that every man follows his own nose since it is always before him. Life is too complex for this. Invitations to notable feasts are not always written on perfumed stationery or stamped with the mystic numbers of a Wall Street address. In the capital of the nation they often come in the ordinary mail, and the reformer with infallible nose need not accept unless he seeks to gratify his palate, albeit he anticipates in imagination the luring odors of terrapin and duck.

If at one of these Lucullan feasts one chances to sit between two millionaires and to discourse familiarly on the true valuation of railroads, is one to measure his intellectual capacity by the size of his nose? And if there are mysterious flasks produced and delectable liquids poured into thin-stemmed crystal glasses, without an offer to share and share alike, is one to allow his nose to protest in silence and await an opportune time two years after to denounce the iniquity as dangerous to his country—how much more dangerous than over-valuation of the railroads only those hailing from the corn-juice State of Iowa can possibly know! "You may break, you may shatter, the vase if you will, but the scent of the roses will cling round it still!" Byron had a memory said to be "wax to receive and marble to retain," but the memory of one who can retain a smell for two long years will go down in history as the greatest of all. Before the days of "flaming youth" there used to be a feminine proverb to the effect that "lips that have touched liquor shall never touch mine"; but in modern Progressivism it would probably read "The nose that smells liquor and never forgets, is the nose that shall always fill life with regrets."

Using the nose as the official organ of "investigation" is always apt to react upon the investigator. Smells that "mount to high heaven" are apt to return in imagination and poison the very atmosphere of legislation. In after years, having looked upon the changing colors of, perchance ginger ale, one is apt unconsciously to confuse the beverage with the wine that is red or the gin that is pale or the whiskey that is intoxicating. Carrying these recollections of sights and smells to the Grand Jury, though but carrying coals to Newcastle, may stir the latent energies of law enforcement, but they are unlikely to convict, and have much more effect upon the galleries than upon the greatest deliberative body in the world! It is sometimes cruelly said that the age of statesmen has passed, that administration of government is but a business procedure, but who

shall say that in the midst of a tariff discussion such interludes as a speech on the smell of alcoholic contents at a banquet two years old is not proof positive that the country is safe and the Federal Constitution still the unbroken protection of a free people?

Congress immediately governs the District of Columbia, in which is situated the City of Washington, capital of the United States. There are rumors abroad that it is astoundingly "wet," but is to be made the model "dry" spot of the country. And since charge and countercharge are flying thick as to its condition, it behooves those who make the laws and govern the capital, in which the Capitol is located, on a "hill," to be alert when banquets of the "get-acquainted" variety are broached by the brokers of Wall Street lest there lurk in them the lobbyists who use wine as a mocker and strong drink as a snare to the innocent. Only those with a nose long enough to sniff a "snifter" of intoxicating beverage a mile away from the white marble dome on the hill are really safe. To vote "dry" and drink "wet" is a charge that only a big nose can controvert. And when the wind is blowing offshore it requires a long smell and a strong smell to save one from the enticements of the hip-flask and the millionaire. Beware, then, O legislators, of the banquet halls when the flowing bowl is banished and the silver flask jumps out unawares to confuse and confound the guest of honor. Sit no longer between millionaires conspiring on railroad valuations lest they drown their sorrows in the cup that inebriates. Though a teetotaler from birth, knowing not the taste of alcohol, use the nose, that the Constitution be not nullified and the Grand Juries be fortified to do their duty though the statesmen fall!

And to the people who live far away amid the corn rows, it must be wise advice to say: "Touch not, taste not, only smell." If, after having inadvertently accepted an invitation that is found to be displeasing to the nose and against the law, hesitate not to expose the host as a doer of evil, albeit some of the guests "brought their own," and none could foresee that two years would elapse before the indictment could be found. What, pray, is a Tariff Union in Europe, a Peace Pact in Paris, a Conference on Disarmament, Flood Relief on the Mississippi, and a nine-foot channel in its tributaries, while within smelling distance of the Capitol the representatives of the people, or some of them, drink something that bears to the cultivated nose the odor of alcohol? Of the five senses Godgiven to man, neglect not that of smell. Brains may sometimes be necessary to the making of laws, but only smell can enforce them. Blessed be the big, big nose!

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, Nov. 22, 1929.

Colder weather has brought about some improvement in retail trade in seasonable goods. Wholesale business is being conducted along conservative lines until the commercial world can get its bearings. In recent weeks wholesale and jobbing sales have fallen off. The stock market has been rather uneventful, but on the whole has acted well, encouraged by a drop of nearly \$600,000,000 in brokers' loans, a call money rate of 4½% and 3% outside with a steady investment demand for prime securities and a widening business in bonds, domestic and foreign. Stocks, bonds,

grain, coffee, and provisions are all higher than a week ago. President Hoover is proceeding along constructive lines of statesmanship looking to the best interests of trade throughout the country in a thousand avenues of activity, looking to continuity of employment, maintenance of wages, immunity from new strikes and in general the furthering of business by a maintenance of the buying power of the nation. Mr. Ford has announced that he will advance wages. Steel workers at Youngstown, Ohio, are assured by the Youngstown Sheet & Tube Company that there will be no reduction in wages there regardless of widespread rumors that wages in the steel industry might be reduced. Meanwhile great

constructive plans are announced by the railroads, building and other industries. And in the retrospect for 1929 though it has its dark lines commemorative of one of the greatest Stock Exchange panics in history, it has produced as yet little or none of the effects of the lamentable old-time panic effects in general prostration of business although there is no denying that there is a note of caution in most lines to-day mingled with growing confidence. Steel production is being reduced and this would seem to be a conservative move for the time being. That is to say there is some decrease in the production of light forms, but in some directions there is an increase, it is said, in the output of heavy lines. In the automobile trade the reports are to the effect that resumption of work offset shutdowns. There is some curtailment of the production of cotton goods in the Carolinas and also at Fall River and New Bedford, the results of which seem likely to prove salutary in the long run. In the New England centers mentioned, the reduced output is confined mostly to fine goods, it is stated.

Meanwhile somewhat large buying of heavy lines of steel, especially fabricated shapes, agricultural implements and railway supplies is reported in some directions, even if the steel trade, taken as a whole, can by no means be called active. Pig iron has been quiet and Southern competition is again active, forcing some of the Pennsylvania makers to reduce prices in at least isolated transactions where Pennsylvania has to face the Southern manufacturer.

Wheat has advanced 5 to 6 cents under the stimulus of a better export demand, more frequent mention of American hard winter and durum in the foreign business and persistent bad crop reports from Argentina and Australia, especially of black rust in parts of Argentina, even though some of these reports are apparently exaggerated. The receipts at primary points in this country have dwindled to small daily totals. Moreover the visible supply has begun to decrease. Corn has advanced 2 to 3 cents, partly under the influence of wheat and smallness of supplies hinting at a possibility of something like a pinch for December delivery. It is none the less true that a larger corn crop movement will be under way before long. Other grain has advanced mostly because wheat and corn have. Provisions have risen partly under the influence of higher prices for grain. Coffee advanced both because of a report that the Brazilian government had secured a loan of \$50,000,000. and because the short interest was large enough to strengthen the technical position. The tendency seems to be to overdo the short side in coffee at New York and the foreign markets. Raw sugar advanced to-day with the attitude of the Cuban Sales Agency as inflexible as ever. Refined sugar has dropped to 5 cents with trade slow and raw closed steady at 2 cents. It is said that the Cuban Sales Agency will not sell sugar to the United States until next year and it will not sell either here or elsewhere until all the sugar not under its control has been sold. There is a good deal of talk about sugar in a bearish strain on account of the existing stocks. The attitude of the Cuban Selling Agency is criticized as unconciliatory. But there seems to be some evidence of a tendency towards the short side here, which may be worth keeping in mind, in scanning this branch of trade. Cotton has advanced on near months and declined on the later ones, but on the whole has acted very well in the face of considerable liquidation of December on the eve of the December notices to be issued on the 25th inst. They may comprise most or all of the certificated stock here of 88,000 bales. The general idea, however, is that big spot interests will as usual stop the notices with little ceremony. There has been a good deal of rain within the last month in the cotton belt so that it is not surprising to see that the ginning total up to the 14th inst. was comparatively small. i. e. 11,898,300 bales. To-day there were reports of noteworthy snows in the central belt which probably will further delay the picking of the remnants of the crop and the ginning. Rubber is down some $\frac{3}{4}$ to 1 cent despite attempts to restrict exports, in face of the fact that the native production cannot be controlled and sharp comment in London to the effect that the whole scheme of artificial regulation of the trade is infeasible. The furniture trade is quiet. In the woodworking trades of the Pacific Northwest some mills are reducing operations, because of unsatisfactory returns. The shingle trade suffers from the lowest prices for years and logging camps are closing down burdened with large stocks. Woolens and worsteds have recently been quiet, owing partly to mild weather, but of late temperatures have fallen all over the country. Broad silks have been dull. The trade in raw silk has been small and prices are only fairly steady.

The carloadings for the week of Nov. 9th were the smallest of any week since Sept. 7th, falling below the week of Nov. 9th of last year and also of 1926, though larger than in the same week of 1927.

On the 18th inst. the stock market showed a decline on some of the best, or so-called "blue chips" of 3 to $6\frac{1}{2}$ points. This included steel common off $4\frac{1}{4}$ points; General Electric off $6\frac{1}{2}$; American Can $3\frac{1}{2}$; American Tel. & Tel. $3\frac{3}{8}$; Anaconda Copper $2\frac{7}{8}$; Eastman Kodak $4\frac{1}{2}$; Johns-Manville 6; Continental Baking $4\frac{1}{4}$; American and Foreign Power $3\frac{1}{8}$ and Brooklyn Union Gas 5. The curb was less active and irregular within a narrow range. Money fell to 5%. Easy rates are expected by some to last well into 1930. Investment buying was heavy. Big buying orders in the market on a scale down headed off anything like bad breaks. The firmness of bonds excited general remark. On the 20th inst. stocks rose 1 to 5 points in many cases and General Electric 15. The sales of stocks on the Stock Exchange were only 2,830,000 shares. Moderate trading at gradually advancing prices epitomized the day. On the 21st inst. stocks rose 1 to 13 points with money at 5% and outside at 3%. Brokers loans were later announced as \$585,000,000 smaller than a week ago. It reduced the total to \$3,857,000,000 the lowest in about two years. It was the fifth consecutive weekly decrease. Since Oct. 16 the decrease has been nearly 50%. In London stocks advanced as the Bank of England rate of discount fell from 6 to $5\frac{1}{2}$ %. To-day with trading in about 2,900,000 shares stocks were irregular, rather unsettled, then advancing for a time and finally sagging in some cases with call money $4\frac{1}{2}$ % and outside 3%. The renewal rate was the lowest since March 27 1928. U. S. Steel fell $2\frac{3}{4}$ points net and General Electric $5\frac{1}{2}$. Bonds advanced on a broad demand that included U. S. Government and foreign issues. The governing committee of the New York Stock Exchange decided to-day to close the exchange next Friday and Saturday, following the Thanksgiving Day holiday on Thursday, with the result that the Exchange will observe a three-day recess next week. They also directed that the exchange be open for full sessions of five hours daily on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week.

Fall River wired that fine goods manufacturers in that section are curtailing production to the extent that 40% of the fine goods looms in that city and New Bedford are stopped at the present. The weekly increases in curtailment continue to mount, and the stoppage of preparatory machinery is in proportion. Only in very extreme cases of emergency is any night work being carried on. Spartanburg, S. C. wired that results of the recent conference of mill executives, attended by President Sloan and retiring President Walker Hines of the Cotton Textile Institute are reflected in the fact that Spartanburg County plants manufacturing print cloth and narrow sheetings would begin a general program of reduction of output. Reductions of individual mills will range from 25 to 30%. Spartanburg later wired that the Arcadia Mills curtailment will average, it is said, about 30%. The D. E. Converse Co. mills at Glendale and the Clifton Mills will operate four days a week instead of the $5\frac{1}{2}$ day schedule. Beaumont Mills will operate four days instead of $5\frac{1}{2}$ days. The Spartan Mills will operate 40 hours instead of the regular 55-hour a week schedule. The Woodruff Mill will operate only four days instead of $5\frac{1}{2}$. The Enoree Mills will curtail but not as much as some others, as several large orders will prenet.

At Great Falls, S. C. the Republic Cotton Mills report that owing to unsatisfactory conditions in the cloth market, their mills are curtailing 27% production indefinitely. Anderson, S. C. wired that the Gluck Cotton Mills there are paying 2% quarterly dividend, an increase from $2\frac{1}{2}$ to 2% in dividends. Greenville, S. C. wired that effective about December 1 all mills of the Easley Mill group will probably shut down each Friday and Saturday, officials of the plant announced. This schedule is tentative. No curtailment will start for two weeks with the exception of Thanksgiving, when all mills in the group will be idle. Officials of the Poe Mill stated they would announce their curtailment plans. The Alice Mills at Easley are curtailing, but are not shutting down any specific number of days, it was stated. Greensboro, N. C. wired that the night shift in the sheetings plant operated by the Carolina Cotton & Woolen Mills Co. at Draper, has been dropped. At Morrilton, Ark., the Morrilton Cotton mill will resume operations by the first of the year. Business in the Woolworth 5 and 10 cent stores has actually

increased, rather than decreased, since the stock market crash.

Forty persons were drowned by a 15 foot tidal wave on the southern coast of Newfoundland due to an earthquake there on the 18th inst.

On the 19th inst. it was 42 to 52 degrees here. Overnight Boston was 44 to 52; Montreal 34 to 36; Philadelphia 44 to 60; Portland, Me. 36 to 46; Chicago 34 to 46; Cincinnati 38 to 46; Cleveland 38 to 44; Detroit 34 to 42; Kansas City 34 to 44; St. Paul 28 to 42; St. Louis 38 to 46; Winnipeg 4 to 22; Seattle 38 to 48; San Francisco 52 to 70. On the 20th inst. it was 39 to 48 degrees here. Boston had 38 to 48 degrees; Chicago 26 to 32; Cincinnati 30 to 40; Cleveland 32 to 36; Detroit 28 to 32; Kansas City 21 to 36; Milwaukee 28 to 30; St. Paul 14 to 22; Montreal 24 to 30; Omaha 24 to 38; Philadelphia 42 to 48; Portland, Me. 32 to 42; San Francisco 50 to 72; Seattle 36 to 48; Winnipeg 4 below to 2 above. Here to-day the temperatures were 30 to 36; overnight Boston was 30 to 36; Montreal 22 to 24; Philadelphia 32 to 44; Chicago 8 to 22; Cincinnati 24 to 36; Cleveland 20 to 32; Detroit 14 to 28; Indianapolis 18 to 30; Milwaukee 4 to 20; Kansas City 12 to 24; St. Paul zero to 8. Heavy snows were reported in Louisiana, Arkansas and a couple of inches in Tennessee. The forecast here was for cloudy and cold weather Saturday.

Federal Reserve Board in November Bulletin Finds Factory Employment and Wage Payments In Large Volume.

In its November "Bulletin," made available Nov. 17, the Federal Reserve Board reports "notwithstanding the slackening of industrial activity in the past two months, factory employment and wage payments to industrial workers, which had been increasing for two years, remained in large volume this autumn." "Earnings of industrial workers, therefore," said the Board, "have been maintained, and there appears to be no considerable change in the income of farmers as compared with last year. The sustained buying power of both industrial and agricultural workers has been reflected in a large volume of distribution of commodities by the railroads and in a growth in retail sales to ultimate consumers." The Board's comments on industrial activity and the building industry follow:

Industrial Activity.

Industrial activity, as measured by the Federal Reserve Board's index of production in basic industries, has shown some decline since midsummer. The Board's index is adjusted for usual seasonal variations, and while the actual physical volume of the industrial output increased somewhat in August and again in September, the index showed declines for both months, because the increases were not so large as is usual at that season of the year. The fact that this autumn's growth of industrial production was less than has been usual in recent years should be considered in connection with the unusually rapid expansion of many industries earlier in the year, which continued until midsummer contrary to the usual seasonal trend. Total production in basic industries for the first nine months of the year was 11% larger than for the corresponding period of 1928, which was a year of high production, and the third quarter showed an increase of 10% over the unusually high industrial record of the third quarter of the preceding year.

Course of Production Analyzed.

An analysis of the recent course of the Board's index of industrial production is presented in the accompanying chart [this we omit.—Ed.], which divides the index into two elements, the upper line representing the production of iron and steel, automobiles, rubber tires, and other products entering to a large extent into the manufacture of automobiles, and the lower line representing the output of all other industries included in the index.

The group of industries represented by the lower line on the chart, which includes altogether 70% of the entire output of basic industries, shows a steady gradual growth since the middle of 1928, indicating that operations of more than two-thirds of these basic industries have shown no marked fluctuations and have continued on a high level. In contrast to the course of the major group of industries has been the group including steel automobiles, and other related industries, comprising in the aggregate less than one-third of the total industrial output. This group has shown a rapid rise in the first nine months of 1928, a decline in the last quarter of that year, a further growth in the first half of 1929, and a more pronounced decline in the last three months. The principal component of this group is the iron and steel industry; two important factors in the rise of the curve have been demand for steel from the automobile industry and from the railroads, while in the recent decline the principal factor has been the reduced demand for steel by producers of automobiles. The contrast between the two lines would be still more pronounced if it were possible to subdivide steel and other products into those used in building automobiles and those used by other industries, since the demand for steel from other important consumers, such as the construction industry, the railroads, and shipbuilding, has remained high in recent months, while the demand from the automobile industry has declined.

The output of automobiles increased rapidly from 1927 and reached a peak in the late spring of this year. Since that time there has been some decline in the industry, but the total output of automobiles in September was approximately in the same volume as in September 1928. For the first nine months of the year the number of motor cars produced was about 4,650,000, an amount 300,000 in excess of the entire annual output in 1928 when motor production exceeded all previous records. The

rapid expansion in automobile output in 1928 and in the first half of 1929 was supported by a backlog of demand that had accumulated during 1927, when the Ford organization suspended activities pending the introduction of new models, and by increased exports. It would appear that during the first half of this year the output had caught up with this demand.

Building Industry.

In the construction industry, which is not included in the index of industrial production, the volume of residential building contracts awarded declined further in September, but public works and commercial and industrial building continued in large volume. The aggregate for all classes of building, however, was smaller in September than in earlier months. Notwithstanding the decline in the past 12 months, the volume of construction, as measured by contracts awarded, has remained at a high level compared with earlier years. During the year ending Sept. 30 1929, total construction contracts awarded in 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains were about 8% lower than in the preceding year and about 4% under the corresponding years ending in September 1926 and also 1927, as is shown by the chart [this we omit.—Ed.]. The chart brings out the fact that the decrease during the past year was entirely due to a reduction in contracts for residential construction, which declined to the lowest levels since the 12 months ending in September 1924, while contracts for construction other than residential have expanded during the year.

The decline in residential construction has followed a drop in house rents, as measured by the semi-annual index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics, which is also shown on the chart. The shortage of housing that had developed during the war was accompanied by a rising trend in rents, which came to a peak in 1924, and was a factor in causing a steady expansion of building activity from 1921 to 1926. Activity of the construction industry was, in fact, an important element in the general expansion of industrial production during this period. The total volume of construction activity has remained on a high level since 1926, but there has been a decrease in the proportion of the total represented by residential construction.

During the past year the decline in residential construction has also been influenced by the prevailing high level of money rates and the unfavorable condition of the bond market. The financing of speculative building enterprises has been more difficult than in other recent years. The termination of the housing shortage and the availability of housing accommodation fully adequate to meet the demand, and in some localities in excess of immediate demand, has led to a more conservative appraisal of mortgage values and risks than was the practice during the period of rising rents and assured demand for all new houses and apartments that were erected.

Decrease in Employment During October Reported by Bureau of Labor Statistics—Increase in Wages.

Employment decreased 1.2% in October 1929 as compared with September, while payroll totals increased 0.4%, according to a report issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The Bureau in its survey issued Nov. 16, reports further as follows:

Payroll totals showed the usual October recovery from the effect of Labor Day closing in September.

This report is based upon returns made by 34,722 establishments, having in October 5,255,529 employees, whose combined earnings in one week were \$145,196,138. The industrial groups included were manufacturing, mining, quarrying, public utilities, trade, hotels, and canning.

Manufacturing Industries.

Employment in manufacturing industries decreased 1% in October as compared with September, and payroll totals decreased 0.3%. The usual October small increase in employment was more than overcome by a 10% drop in automobile plants and a 7% cut in automobile tire plants.

This report is based upon returns from 12,762 establishments in 54 of the principal manufacturing industries of the United States. These establishments had in October 3,524,647 employees, whose earnings in one week were \$97,472,746.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics' weighted index of employment in manufacturing industries for October 1929 is 98.3 as compared with 99.3 for September 1929, and 95.9 for October 1928; the weighted index of payroll totals for October 1929 is 102.3, as compared with 102.6 for September 1929 and 99.0 for October 1928. The monthly average, 1926, equals 100.

Employment increased in October in the food (plus 1.9%), chemical, textile, tobacco, paper, and non-ferrous metal (plus 0.1%) groups; the decreases in the remaining six groups were led by the decrease of 5.2% in the vehicle group, followed by 2% in the lumber group. Among the separate industries cotton goods gained 0.8% in employment, petroleum refining gained 0.4%, iron and steel decreased 2.5%, foundry and machine-shop products decreased 0.9%; the electrical machinery-apparatus-supplies industry fell off 0.6%, its first decrease since July 1928.

Employment in rayon plants increased 2.9% in October and radio plants gained 7.8%.

The level of employment in manufacturing industries in October 1929 was 2.5% higher than in October 1928, and employees' earnings were 3.3% higher, this being the 13th successive month of increased employment as compared with the same month of the preceding year.

The outstanding changes in employment in this comparison over a 12-month period were gains in shipbuilding, electrical machinery, machine tools, and petroleum refining, and decreases in automobiles and automobile tires.

Employment in seven of the nine geographic divisions was substantially greater in October 1929 than in October 1928, while there were decreases of only 0.5% in the East North Central and Pacific divisions.

Per capita earnings in manufacturing industries in October 1929 were 0.8% higher than in September 1929, and 0.9% higher than in October 1928.

In October 1929, 10,399 manufacturing establishments reported an average of 92% of a full normal force of employees who were working an average of 98% of full time, these percentages indicating a decrease of 1% in average force with no change in average working time.

Mining, Quarrying, Public Utilities, Trade, Hotels, Canning.

Employment increases in October 1929 as compared with September were: Anthracite mining, 4.1%; bituminous coal mining, 1.6%; wholesale trade, 1.1%; retail trade, 4.2%.

Employment decreases in October were: Metalliferous mining, 0.2%; quarrying and non-metallic mining, 2.8%; public utilities, 0.5%; hotels, 2.1%; canning, 31.8%.

INDEX NUMBERS OF EMPLOYMENT AND PAYROLL TOTALS IN MANUFACTURING INDUSTRIES. (Monthly Average 1925=100.)

Groups of Industries.	Employment.			Pay-Roll Totals		
	Oct. 1928.	Sept. 1929.	Oct. 1929.	Oct. 1928.	Sept. 1929.	Oct. 1929.
General Index.....	95.9	99.3	98.3	99.0	102.6	102.3
Food and kindred products.....	102.3	102.1	104.0	103.0	105.3	106.0
Slaughtering and meat packing.....	97.8	100.6	101.4	99.5	104.2	103.8
Confectionery.....	111.7	99.8	111.0	112.7	102.0	112.7
Ice cream.....	90.0	102.5	90.6	89.9	103.3	91.2
Flour.....	104.3	106.4	106.5	111.4	115.0	112.6
Baking.....	103.9	104.4	105.2	104.2	106.5	107.1
Sugar refining, cane.....	96.3	89.5	96.8	101.7	92.1	103.0
Textiles and their products.....	96.5	97.1	98.2	99.5	97.8	100.0
Cotton goods.....	94.1	94.0	94.8	93.1	91.2	94.2
Hosiery and knit goods.....	94.3	100.6	103.2	102.4	106.3	113.7
Silk goods.....	98.1	98.1	98.1	104.3	100.6	101.8
Woolen and worsted goods.....	96.4	97.4	98.5	99.1	98.1	100.7
Carpets and rugs.....	103.0	103.8	109.1	100.0	99.2	108.4
Dyeing and finishing textiles.....	99.4	100.8	102.4	104.0	100.0	103.5
Clothing, men's.....	91.8	95.3	93.3	88.7	92.0	85.2
Shirts and collars.....	93.5	93.9	94.6	95.0	91.5	94.6
Clothing, women's.....	109.1	102.8	108.1	117.8	108.7	114.9
Millinery and lace goods.....	90.6	94.0	92.2	90.4	93.2	89.5
Iron and steel and their products.....	93.9	100.7	99.5	97.9	104.2	104.4
Cast-iron pipe.....	91.5	99.3	93.9	96.7	101.7	99.1
Structural iron work.....	79.7	81.8	79.4	76.3	83.3	80.3
Foundry and machine-shop prods.....	98.2	107.7	106.9	105.7	112.1	113.1
Hardware.....	94.9	105.7	104.7	97.9	108.1	109.5
Machinery.....	90.1	92.2	92.0	92.6	93.4	94.2
Machine tools.....	110.2	134.9	135.8	120.9	143.9	146.5
Steam fittings.....	83.0	77.2	79.1	82.8	78.2	82.8
Stoves.....	96.7	97.1	100.2	100.2	93.4	102.3
Lumber and its products.....	90.2	91.4	89.6	93.6	94.9	94.9
Lumber, sawmills.....	88.8	89.0	86.2	91.8	92.6	90.6
Lumber, millwork.....	84.6	84.1	79.9	87.2	85.8	82.8
Furniture.....	97.7	102.1	104.3	103.3	105.6	111.5
Leather and its products.....	93.7	98.4	98.2	92.6	100.7	96.6
Leather.....	94.0	95.3	96.2	93.2	97.6	100.6
Boots and shoes.....	93.6	99.2	98.7	92.4	101.6	95.5
Paper and printing.....	99.9	102.9	103.1	103.2	107.7	109.1
Paper and pulp.....	94.7	96.2	96.9	96.8	98.5	100.7
Paper boxes.....	99.4	99.0	103.6	107.9	108.0	113.5
Printing, book and job.....	98.3	105.6	101.9	101.3	108.3	106.7
Printing, newspapers.....	106.0	108.9	110.9	108.9	113.9	116.6
Chemicals and allied products.....	94.9	101.6	102.8	98.5	105.2	106.9
Chemicals.....	102.0	103.6	105.6	107.5	106.0	109.6
Fertilizers.....	93.5	90.9	91.7	96.3	92.3	92.6
Petroleum refining.....	86.4	102.7	103.2	89.0	106.6	106.7
Stone, clay and glass products.....	91.6	90.5	88.8	93.6	89.6	88.9
Cement.....	89.6	84.2	80.9	92.0	87.3	82.6
Brick, tile and terra cotta.....	86.4	87.3	83.6	85.9	82.4	80.7
Pottery.....	97.4	92.7	94.0	94.4	91.1	94.5
Glass.....	95.0	97.4	98.3	100.3	100.6	101.7
Metal products, other than iron and steel.....	95.8	96.2	96.3	104.6	100.6	102.3
Stamped and enameled ware.....	89.5	89.7	90.3	93.4	89.3	93.6
Brass, bronze & copper products.....	98.4	99.3	99.1	108.3	105.1	105.7
Tobacco products.....	101.3	95.9	97.0	100.6	98.6	99.5
Chewing and smoking tobacco and snuff.....	92.7	89.3	85.9	95.6	86.8	89.7
Cigars and cigarettes.....	102.4	96.7	98.4	101.3	100.0	100.5
Vehicles for land transportation.....	100.3	99.9	94.7	106.1	104.8	100.7
Automobiles.....	122.6	115.7	103.7	130.5	117.0	105.1
Carriages and wagons.....	82.4	85.0	84.2	90.0	92.2	92.9
Car building and repairing, electric railroad.....	92.7	91.5	92.4	94.5	93.3	95.1
Car building and repairing, steam railroad.....	82.7	86.5	86.8	86.9	93.2	96.7
Miscellaneous industries.....	93.2	114.7	113.1	93.3	115.1	114.4
Agricultural implements.....	109.0	109.2	110.1	114.2	108.1	112.8
Electrical machinery, apparatus and supplies.....	99.9	127.3	126.5	103.4	130.8	130.6
Pianos and organs.....	78.0	65.4	66.6	79.7	63.6	68.3
Rubber boots and shoes.....	102.3	103.3	103.5	102.1	109.0	107.5
Automobile tires.....	108.6	102.3	95.1	111.7	92.9	88.3
Shipbuilding.....	79.8	105.8	106.0	79.7	110.6	109.9

In the group designated as miscellaneous, there were small decreases reported for cattle feed, paper and pulp, crude rubber, and automobile tires. Raw materials and finished products as a whole were cheaper than in September, while semi-manufactured articles were slightly higher. Non-agricultural commodities as a group declined in price. Of the 550 commodities or price series for which comparable information for September and October was collected, increases were reported in 92 instances and decreases in 180 instances. In 278 instances no change in price was reported.

Comparing prices in October with those of a year ago, as measured by changes in these index numbers, it is seen that hides and leather products were considerably lower, and fuel and lighting materials, textiles, foods, and chemicals and drugs, were somewhat lower. A minor price increase is shown for housefurnishing goods, while metals and metal products and building materials were appreciably higher.

INDEX NUMBERS OF WHOLESALE PRICES BY GROUPS AND SUB-GROUPS OF COMMODITIES (1926=100.0).

Groups and Sub-Groups.	October 1928.	September 1929.	October 1929.	Purchasing Power of the Dollar Oct. 1929.
All commodities.....	97.8	97.5	96.3	103.8
Farm products.....	103.5	106.6	103.9	96.2
Grains.....	96.6	101.6	99.1	100.9
Livestock and poultry.....	106.4	106.6	98.8	101.2
Other farm products.....	103.9	108.3	108.9	91.8
Foods.....	102.3	103.2	101.2	98.8
Butter, cheese and milk.....	108.4	106.5	106.2	94.2
Meats.....	116.4	113.1	106.7	93.7
Other foods.....	91.2	95.9	95.8	104.4
Hides and leather products.....	117.5	110.8	110.5	90.5
Hides and skins.....	129.9	121.3	117.9	84.8
Leather.....	124.2	112.4	114.2	87.6
Boots and shoes.....	110.4	106.1	106.1	94.3
Other leather products.....	109.0	106.6	106.6	93.8
Textile products.....	101.1	93.1	92.7	107.9
Cotton goods.....	100.7	98.9	99.0	101.0
Silk and rayon.....	84.4	80.3	79.3	126.1
Woolen and worsted goods.....	100.0	96.2	96.2	104.0
Other textile products.....	86.1	83.1	80.0	125.0
Fuel and lighting materials.....	84.9	81.1	81.7	122.4
Anthracite coal.....	91.2	90.6	91.2	109.6
Bituminous coal.....	93.9	91.3	92.0	108.7
Coke.....	85.0	84.4	84.4	118.5
Manufactured gas.....	94.3	94.3	*	---
Petroleum products.....	76.3	70.2	70.8	141.2
Metals and metal products.....	101.0	104.1	103.6	96.5
Iron and steel.....	95.1	97.6	96.8	103.3
Nonferrous metals.....	95.8	104.9	104.2	96.0
Agricultural implements.....	98.8	98.2	96.1	104.1
Automobiles.....	108.7	110.3	109.9	91.0
Other metal products.....	96.9	98.5	98.6	101.4
Building materials.....	95.0	97.5	97.8	102.2
Lumber.....	91.7	95.7	96.3	103.8
Brick.....	92.4	89.4	90.6	110.4
Cement.....	94.6	86.0	85.0	116.8
Structural steel.....	94.5	99.6	97.0	103.1
Paint materials.....	87.1	99.9	101.1	98.9
Other building materials.....	104.3	105.4	105.6	94.7
Chemicals and drugs.....	95.6	93.9	94.2	106.2
Chemicals.....	101.8	99.9	100.4	99.6
Drugs and pharmaceuticals.....	70.7	70.3	70.7	141.4
Fertilizer materials.....	93.8	89.9	90.1	111.0
Fertilizers.....	97.5	97.8	97.4	102.7
Housefurnishing goods.....	96.5	97.1	97.1	103.0
Furniture.....	95.5	96.7	96.7	103.4
Furnishings.....	97.1	97.3	97.4	102.7
Miscellaneous.....	80.3	81.7	81.3	123.0
Cattle feed.....	128.2	132.5	130.4	76.7
Paper and pulp.....	89.0	88.2	87.9	113.8
Rubber.....	38.8	41.9	40.7	245.7
Automobile tires.....	60.9	55.3	55.1	181.5
Other miscellaneous.....	98.5	108.5	108.4	92.3
Raw materials.....	97.4	98.9	97.1	103.0
Semi-manufactured articles.....	96.9	97.6	97.9	102.1
Finished products.....	98.5	97.0	95.8	104.4
Non-agricultural commodities.....	96.4	95.1	94.3	106.0

* Data not yet available.

Bureau of Labor Statistics Reports Further Decline in Wholesale Prices in U. S. During October.

A further decline in the general level of wholesale prices is shown for October by information collected in leading markets by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor. The Bureau's weighted index number, with prices in 1926 as 100.0, stands at 96.3 for October compared with 97.5 for September, a decrease of 1 1/4%. Compared with October 1928, with an index number of 97.8, a decrease of 1 1/2% is shown. Based on these figures, the purchasing power of the dollar in October was 103.8 compared with 100.0 in the year 1926. The Bureau's advices, Nov. 18, further state:

Farm products showed a pronounced price decline from the September level, due to decreases for grains, cattle, hogs, sheep and lambs, poultry, cotton, onions, and wool. Eggs, hay, flaxseed, lemons, and oranges, on the other hand, averaged higher than in September. Only minor price changes were reported for milk and potatoes. The decrease in the group as a whole was over 2 1/2%.

Among foods there were price declines for butter, fresh and cured meats, lard, flour, corn meal, coffee, and canned vegetables, resulting in a net decline for the group of almost 2%. Both granulated and raw sugar advanced slightly.

Hides and skins reacted from their recent upward movement, while leather advanced. No change in the price level is shown for boots and shoes and other leather products.

Prices of cotton textiles and woolen and worsted goods were mostly unchanged from those of September, while silk and rayon and other textiles, including burlap, manilla hemp, and jute, declined.

Fuel and lighting materials again averaged somewhat higher, due to advances in anthracite and bituminous coal. Petroleum products also tended upward, while coke was unchanged.

In the group of metals and metal products prices generally were downward, non-ferrous metals as well as iron and steel products sharing in the decline.

Among building materials lumber, brick, and paint materials advanced, while cement and structural steel declined.

Chemicals and drugs showed a small price increase over the September level, although prepared fertilizers were slightly cheaper. No change in the price level was reported for the group of housefurnishing goods.

Decrease in Retail Prices of Food in October.

The retail food index issued by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor shows for Oct. 15 1929, a decrease of about one-fifth of 1% since Sept. 15 1929; an increase of a little more than 2% since Oct. 15 1928, and an increase of approximately 54% since Oct. 15 1913. The index number (1913=100.0) was 156.8 in Oct. 1928; 160.8 in Sept. 1929, and 160.5 in Oct. 1929. The Bureau's survey, issued Nov. 19, continues as follows:

During the month from Sept. 15 1929 to Oct. 15 1929, 24 articles on which monthly prices were secured decreased as follows: Cabbage, 12%; onions, 7%; pork chops, 4%; round steak, leg of lamb and potatoes, 3%; sirloin steak, chuck roast, sliced bacon, sliced ham, hens, flour, navy beans and canned tomatoes, 2%; rib roast, plate beef, evaporated milk, lard, bread, rolled oats and baked beans, 1%; and oleomargarine, cheese and coffee, less than five-tenths of 1%. Ten articles increased: Strictly fresh eggs, 9%; prunes, 7%; butter, raisins and oranges, 2%; fresh milk, macaroni, canned peas and bananas, 1%; and canned red salmon, less than five-tenths of 1%. The following eight articles showed no change: Vegetable lard substitute, cornmeal, cornflakes, wheat cereal, rice, canned corn, sugar and tea.

Changes in Retail Prices of Food by Cities.

During the month from Sept. 15 1929, to Oct. 15 1929, there was a decrease in the average cost of food in 29 of the 51 cities, as follows: Cleveland and Detroit, 2%; Kansas City, Manchester, Memphis, Mobile, Norfolk, Pittsburgh, Portland, Me., St. Louis, St. Paul, Springfield, Ill. and Washington, 1%; and Atlanta, Bridgeport, Buffalo, Chicago, Dallas, Fall River, Houston, Indianapolis, Little Rock, Louisville, Minneapolis, New Haven, New Orleans, Omaha, Peoria and Rochester, less than five-tenths of 1%. In 18 cities there was an increase: Portland, Ore., 2%; Boston, Butte, Cincinnati, Columbus, Denver, Newark, Salt Lake City, San Francisco, Savannah and Seattle, 1%; and Baltimore, Los Angeles, Milwaukee, New York, Philadelphia, Richmond and Scranton, less than five-tenths of 1%. The following four cities showed no change in the month: Birmingham, Charleston, S. C., Jacksonville and Providence.

For the year period Oct. 15 1928, to Oct. 15 1929, 49 cities showed increases: Indianapolis, 6%; Kansas City, Milwaukee and Minneapolis, 5%; Butte, Cincinnati, Columbus, Little Rock, Peoria, St. Louis, St. Paul and Seattle, 4%; Baltimore, Detroit, Houston, New York, Philadelphia, Portland Ore., Salt Lake City, Scranton and Springfield, Ill., 3%; Atlanta, Boston, Buffalo, Charleston, S. C., Chicago, Cleveland,

Louisville, Newark, New Haven, New Orleans, Omaha, Providence, Richmond, San Francisco and Savannah, 2%; Bridgeport, Dallas, Denver, Fall River, Los Angeles, Manchester, Norfolk and Pittsburgh, 1%, and Jacksonville, Memphis, Portland Me., Rochester and Washington, less than five-tenths of 1%. In Mobile there was a decrease of 1% and in Birmingham there was no change in the year.

As compared with the average cost in the year 1913 food on Oct. 15 1929, was 70% higher in Chicago and Scranton; 69% in Washington; 67% in Cincinnati and Richmond; 66% in Baltimore, Buffalo and Detroit; 65% in Milwaukee, New Haven, New York and Philadelphia; 64% in Providence; 63% in Atlanta, Pittsburgh and St. Louis; 62% in Birmingham, Boston and Charleston, S. C.; 61% in Minneapolis; 60% in Fall River and Indianapolis; 59% in Dallas, New Orleans and San Francisco; 58% in Kansas City, Louisville and Manchester; 57% in Cleveland; 56% in Newark; 55% in Little Rock and Seattle; 52% in Memphis and Omaha; 51% in Los Angeles; 50% in Jacksonville; 49% in Portland, Ore.; 44% in Denver and 40% in Salt Lake City. Prices were not obtained in Bridgeport, Butte, Columbus, Houston, Mobile, Norfolk, Peoria, Portland Me., Rochester, St. Paul, Savannah and Springfield, Ill. in 1913, hence no comparison for the 16-year period can be given for these cities

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Lower Than a Year Ago.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Nov. 9 totaled 1,049,475 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on Nov. 18.

Due to the usual seasonal decline in freight traffic, this was a reduction of 22,175 cars under the preceding week this year. Freight loadings this year, even in the face of the gradual decrease in traffic that develops in the late fall and winter months, are holding up better it is stated than for some years back, when larger reductions were reported for the corresponding weeks compared with the preceding week each of those years than took place this year. The total for the week ended on Nov. 9 was a reduction of 4,878 cars under the same week last year but an increase of 74,341 cars above the same week in 1927. The following further particulars are furnished:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week totaled 401,399 cars, 6,541 cars above the same week last year and 28,434 cars over the corresponding week two years ago.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight amounted to 267,853 cars, an increase of 5,370 cars above the same week in 1928 and 9,077 cars over the same week two years ago.

Coal loading amounted to 195,130 cars, an increase of 1,699 cars over the same week in 1928 and 23,570 cars above the same week in 1927.

Forest Products loading totaled 58,442 cars, 5,387 cars below the same week in 1928 and 4,214 cars under the corresponding week in 1927.

Ore loading amounted to 41,785 cars a decrease of 6,592 cars under the same week in 1928 but an increase of 22,949 cars compared with the corresponding week two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 11,587 cars, an increase of 853 cars above the corresponding week last year and 2,684 cars over the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 39,307 cars, a reduction of 10,048 cars under the corresponding week last year and 5,817 cars under the same period in 1927. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading amounted to 26,593 cars, a reduction of 5,541 cars under the same week in 1928.

Live stock loading totaled 33,972 cars, 2,686 cars over the same week last year but 2,342 cars below the corresponding week in 1927. In the western districts alone, live stock loading amounted to 26,983 cars, an increase of 3,122 cars compared with the same week in 1928.

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

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

	1929.	1928.	1927.
Four weeks in January	3,570,978	3,448,895	3,756,660
Four weeks in February	3,767,758	3,590,742	3,801,918
Five weeks in March	4,807,944	4,752,559	4,982,547
Four weeks in April	3,983,978	3,740,307	3,875,589
Four weeks in May	4,205,709	4,005,155	4,108,472
Five weeks in June	5,260,571	4,924,115	4,995,854
Four weeks in July	4,153,220	3,944,041	3,913,761
Five weeks in August	5,590,853	5,348,407	5,367,206
Four weeks in September	4,538,575	4,470,541	4,370,747
Four weeks in October	4,677,375	4,703,882	4,464,872
Week ended Nov. 2	1,071,650	1,103,942	1,039,075
Week ended Nov. 9	1,049,475	1,054,353	975,134
Total	46,678,086	45,086,939	45,651,835

Commodity Prices Decline for Eighth Consecutive Week, According to National Fertilizer Association.

For the eighth consecutive week commodity prices have declined according to the wholesale price index of the National Fertilizer Association. For the week ended Nov. 16 the decline was 0.4%, for the eight weeks ended Nov. 16, it was 2.8%, and since July 27 it has amounted to 38%. The Association also says:

For the week ended Nov. 16 five groups declined and only one advanced. Of the total list of prices 40 items declined and only 13 advanced. The largest declines occurred in the groups of (1) fats (largely butter); (2) grains, feeds and livestock; and (3) miscellaneous commodities. Advances occurred in milk, canned peaches, dried apples, prunes and potatoes, but these changes are due to reduced supplies. The general trend of prices is still downward.

Based on 1926-1928 as 100, and on 473 quotations, the index for the week ended Nov. 16 stood at 94.9; for that ended Nov. 9, 95.3; for Nov. 2, 95.7; and for Oct. 26, 96.0.

The "Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The Annalist Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices stands at 141.5, an increase of 0.4 point from last week (141.1 revised) and compares with 148.0 last year at this time. In presenting its index the "Annalist" also says:

With only slight interruptions, the index has been falling steadily since last July and this week's rise, amounting to 0.27%, seems too small to justify the conclusion that a price reversal has set in. Especially does the rise seem small when it is considered that the drop last week alone was 1.6%, or almost seven times this week's rise.

The price movement of commodities is mixed. Prices of grains and cotton recovered some of the losses of last week but beef, hide and hog prices descended to new lows for the season. In fact, hog and hide prices are the lowest of the year. There were additional and substantial declines in prices of metas, coffee, eggs, cotton goods, silk and gasoline, and some recovery in prices of flour, tin, zinc and rubber.

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

	Nov. 19 1929.	Nov. 12 1929.	Nov. 20 1928.
Farm products	136.8	136.0	145.0
Food products	147.1	147.1	150.0
Textile products	144.2	145.2	154.9
Fuels	161.2	161.4	166.3
Metals	125.9	125.8	123.7
Building materials	154.0	154.0	153.8
Chemicals	134.0	134.0	134.9
Miscellaneous	125.1	124.6	116.9
All commodities	141.5	141.1	148.0

W. W. Putnam of Union Trust Co., Detroit Says "Principal Thorn In Side of Business" Is Gone With Disappearance of Excessive Speculation In Securities. Business Conditions in Michigan "Reasonably Good."

According to Wayne W. Putnam, Assistant Vice-President of the Union Trust Co., Detroit, "two things should be kept clearly in mind in making an appraisal of current business conditions and forecasting the trend of industry and commerce in the months that lie ahead. The one is that the severe break in the stock market has not destroyed any of the nation's wealth. The other is that excessive speculation in securities, the principal thorn in the side of business for several years, has been removed." Under date of Nov. 18, Mr. Putnam also says, in part:

There is just the same foundation for credit, which is commonly referred to as dollars, as there was before the break in the security markets took place. The funds which have been used in stock speculation will be put to work at lower interest rates than have prevailed for some time and will be used for purposes having a distinctly more constructive nature.

One of the outstanding features of the country's prosperity during the past few years has been its wide diffusion. This situation has been altered by the losses in the stock market. It would not be surprising if purchases of luxuries are curtailed and employment figures show some falling off in excess of the normal seasonal amount.

For several years the public had been warned that many securities were changing hands at prices which were greatly in excess of their real worth. During recent weeks the pendulum of security prices has swung to the other extreme and thousands of speculators, having learned that "no tree ever grows to the sky," will go back to their work with new energy and determination and with their attention undivided, which will help pave the way for a sound and wholesome revival of business later on.

The splendid cash position of corporations generally, high efficiency of labor, absence of inflation of commodity prices, moderate inventories, excellent ratio of reserves of the Federal Reserve System, and the stability in the agricultural situation as a whole, will materially soften the repercussion from the decline in the stock markets and should shorten the period of readjustment. There is every reason for confidence in underlying conditions and in both the near-term and the long-term outlook for business.

General business conditions in Michigan are reasonably good. Reports received from more than one hundred bankers and business executives throughout the State indicate a total volume of business practically equal to that of a year ago. There is, however, considerable spottiness both as to lines of goods produced and as to localities. Output in the automotive industry tapered off during October and continued on the downward trend during the first half of the current month. Production will be further curtailed during the remainder of the year due to inventories and preparations for new models.

The tone of reports received from the Upper Peninsula is decidedly good. Operations at the iron and copper mines are above normal. Lumbering, the second largest industry in that part of the State, is quite active. A \$5,000,000 development by a prominent lime and stone company is under way at Manistique, also a large power project in Ontonagon County.

Consumption of electrical energy by Michigan industries in the month of October amounted to 193,958,155 kilowatt hours, which was 4 2/3% less than the amount used in the preceding month and 7% less than the consumption in October last year.

There has been some falling off recently in employment, but not enough to cause any concern. Slowing up of outdoor work has been a contributing factor. Employment is reported normal in 33 cities, decreasing in 17 and increasing in three. The Detroit employment index, prepared by the Detroit Board of Commerce, was 98.5 on Nov. 1 as compared with 119 a month previous and 129 on Nov. 1 1928. Ford payrolls are holding up well.

Debts to individual accounts in Bay City, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Muskegon, St. Joseph and Detroit in October amounted to \$2,212,645,000 as compared with \$2,321,360,000 in September and \$2,014,156,000 in October 1928.

The estimated value of building authorized by permits in 24 Michigan cities during October aggregated \$17,197,000 as compared with \$16,867,000 in the preceding month and \$19,149,000 in October last year.

With very few exceptions, banks throughout the State report the borrowing demand heavy to strong. Seventeen cities report a scarcity of loanable funds, while 36 report that the supply is ample for local requirements.

There is considerable spottiness in the retail trade situation. Merchants generally expect a normal volume of holiday business. Retail distribution is reported increasing in four cities, normal in 30, and fair in 20. Collections are fair to good. Wholesalers have experienced no cancellations. The volume of trade at wholesale has held at practically the same level for the past six weeks. Collections have fallen off seasonally.

Life Insurance in United States Continues to Gain—4% Higher in October This Year Than Last Year.

Since the general business slump of 1921 sales of ordinary life insurance have shown consistent gains at the same time that speculation was carrying stocks to unprecedented levels. During October sales of life insurance continued the upward trend and were 4% higher than in October 1928. The Life Insurance Sales Bureau of Hartford, Conn., in reporting this, says:

During the first ten months of 1929 every section of the country increased its production of ordinary life insurance over the same period in 1928. The country as a whole has paid for a volume of life insurance 8% greater than paid for in the same ten months of 1928. These figures are furnished by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau at Hartford, Conn., and are based on the reports of 78 companies having in force 88% of the total legal reserve ordinary life insurance outstanding in the country.

New England.

In October the New England States show a gain of 5% over sales in the same month of 1928. Rhode Island leads all the States in this section with a monthly increase of 28%. For the first ten months of 1929 and for the twelve-month period which ended Oct. 31 1929 the New England States show an 8% increase over their production in the same periods in the preceding year.

Middle Atlantic.

The three Middle Atlantic States during October paid for a volume of insurance 2% less than during the same month in 1928. This is due to the decrease in New York State, for New Jersey and Pennsylvania increased their production during October. For the first ten months of 1929 the Middle Atlantic States increased their production 9% over the same months in 1928. For the twelve-month period ending Oct. 31 1929 these three States record a 10% increase over the preceding twelve-month period.

East North Central.

Every State in the East North Central section records increased production for the month of October, the first ten months of 1929 and for the 12 month period just ended. The section increased its production 4% during October over October 1928. The increase over the same period last year for the 10 months and the preceding 12 months was 11% and 10%, respectively.

West North Central.

The West North Central States averaged a 10% increase in life insurance sales in October over October 1928. North Dakota was the only State which failed to share the section increase. The production of West North Central States during the first 10 months of 1929 was 5% greater than for the same months in 1928. This section averaged a 4% increase in sales during the 12 month period just ended over the preceding 12 months.

South Atlantic.

The South Atlantic States increased their production 10% in October over the same month in 1928. Delaware leads all States in the country with a monthly increase of 35%. For the first 10 months of the year the South Atlantic States show an increase in production of 4% over the same 10 months of 1928. For the 12 month period just ended these States record an average gain of 3% over the preceding 12 months.

East South Central.

The four States in this section paid for a volume of insurance during October which was slightly smaller than the volume paid for in October 1928. During the first ten months of 1929 these States record an average increase of 2% over the same period in 1928. The volume of insurance sold by the East South Central States during the past 12 months just equals the volume paid for during the preceding 12 month period.

West South Central.

The West South Central States increased their production 10% during the month of October over October 1928. All States shared this increase and all States in the section also recorded increases for the 10 months of 1929 and for the 12 month period just ended over the same period of last year.

Mountain.

The Mountain States as a whole record a 6% increase in volume of ordinary insurance sold in October over October 1928. This section shows a 12% increase for both the first 10 months of 1929 and the 12 month period just ended and leads all sections for both these periods.

Pacific.

The Pacific States lead all sections in October for the largest monthly increase. These three States averaged a 13% gain in October over October 1928. These three States averaged an 11% gain for both the first 10 months of 1929 and the 12 month period just ended.

Canadian Sales of Ordinary Life Insurance Increase 7% During Ten Months of 1929.

During the first ten months of 1929 sales of ordinary life insurance in Canada show an increase of 7% over the same months in 1928. The Provinces of Alberta and Prince Edward Island are the only Provinces which failed to share the gain. The Provinces of Ontario and Quebec, which pay for more than half the new business sold in the Dominion, show year-to-date increases of 10% and 7% respectively. These figures are issued by the Life Insurance Sales Research Bureau at Hartford, Conn., and are based on the reports of companies having in force 84% of the total legal reserve ordinary life insurance outstanding in the Dominion of Canada. The Bureau adds:

Sales in October fell slightly below the volume paid for in October 1928. Fifty-three per cent of the reporting companies reported increased sales; but the volume recorded was 3% less than for October 1928.

The largest monthly increase, 15%, was made in New Brunswick. Manitoba comes second with an 8% increase over October 1928.

During the 12 month period, which ended Oct. 31 1929, Canada as a whole increased its production 9% over the preceding 12 month period.

In October the reports of the cities vary widely. Vancouver reports a volume 30% larger than in October 1928, while Hamilton, Ottawa and Toronto failed to equal their sales in October 1928. All reporting cities show increased sales for the first ten months of 1929.

Building Permits Continue Smaller Than A Year Ago.

Building permits issued in October in 584 leading cities and towns of the country amounted to \$250,583,028, according to official reports to S. W. Straus & Co. The same centers in Oct. 1928, issued permits valued at \$292,359,188. The loss was 14%. The October total, however, was a gain of 15% over September when the identical 584 places showed a volume of permits amounting to \$218,109,584. The total of permits issued in this list of cities for the first 10 months of the current year was \$3,031,752,558 compared with \$3,294,933,307 for the same period in 1928 and with \$3,334,278,499 for 1927. The loss from last year was 8% and from 1927, 9%. It is added:

It is to be borne in mind that recent changes in the money market and the heavy liquidation in the stock markets came too late to be reflected in the October building permit records. If these phenomena are to affect the trend of building activities throughout the nation, they may begin to show such effects in the November records. The view seems to be quite generally held in the industry that better conditions are in prospect but such a re-adjustment, if it comes, will not come speedily and there may be no reflection of improved conditions in the November reports. Inasmuch as the first indication of a changing tendency will manifest itself in the building permit index, these data during the next few months will be awaited with unusual interest.

Recognition is given to the fact that the scope of building operations will for some time to come have a pronounced reaction on the country's general business situation. Other lines, notably the automobile industry, have been going at top speed and now in more recent weeks have shown slower tendencies. Meanwhile building operations have been proceeding at a greatly slackened pace. It is strongly to be hoped, therefore, that the building industry will now prove a sustaining influence to general business. There is reason to feel that such will be the case inasmuch as the partial cessation of building work during the last year and a half has created a wholesome fundamental situation. The country could, it is felt, stand a more intensive building program at this time without danger of disturbing the delicate balance of supply and demand.

Fifteen Principal Cities.

In the group of 15 cities which head the list in point of population, there was a loss between last October and this of 13%. The loss in New York was 8%, Chicago 18% and Detroit 43%. Fair gains were reported in Philadelphia, Baltimore, Pittsburgh, Buffalo and Cleveland. The totals were \$121,332,443 last month against \$138,412,785 in Oct. 1928. These figures are of no special significance, excepting to show that the declines, still in force in October, were quite uniformly distributed and that no particular section of the country or group of cities fared differently from the rest of the nation.

The Labor Situation.

Considerable unemployment exists among building craftsmen, although with a changed market situation more funds will likely be released for building development so that the outlook is not as bad as present facts indicate. According to the Building Construction Employers Association of Chicago, one half of the building mechanics of the city are out of work, and while a definite check is not available on numerous other cities, it is safe to estimate that with decreasing building permits throughout the country generally in the last several months unemployment in the trade extends pretty much over the country.

Jurisdictional disputes among the trades continue to be the source of some difficulty, but fortunately a report is current that the Building Trades department of the American Federation of Labor is contemplating some action to relieve both workers and contractors of the risks of jurisdictional trouble. During the month, considerable adverse criticism in labor circles has arisen over the practice of some employers making a wage agreement with one trade to the effect that wages will be governed by the wage rate of other trades having negotiations under way with their own employers. The Lathers union in Chicago, demanding from employing plasterers the right to name their own foreman, raised an interesting question in labor management.

Material Markets.

During the last month some weakness was shown in practically all building materials, particularly in cement, common brick and certain lumber items. For the country as a whole, the structural steel market was slightly weaker in spite of heavy orders in the New York area.

TWENTY-FIVE CITIES REPORTING LARGEST VOLUME OF PERMITS FOR OCT. 1929, WITH COMPARISONS.

	Oct. 1929.	Oct. 1928.	Oct. 1927.	Sept. 1929.
New York (P. F.)	\$47,696,818	\$51,600,977	\$62,312,440	\$31,674,925
Chicago	22,827,200	27,840,400	25,076,800	11,316,200
Los Angeles	8,189,199	7,656,526	10,388,098	6,629,710
Philadelphia	8,175,610	5,735,455	8,047,420	3,760,510
Detroit	6,767,971	12,522,648	7,812,667	9,928,308
Cleveland	5,645,125	3,717,225	3,773,125	2,087,250
Cincinnati	4,552,405	3,420,360	3,542,575	5,198,415
New Haven	3,389,542	767,500	307,750	1,84,589
Houston	3,267,646	3,014,223	2,317,929	1,622,669
Baltimore	3,221,280	2,342,100	1,200,960	3,249,240
Milwaukee	3,192,150	4,504,495	6,035,934	3,606,744
Washington, D. C.	3,066,705	2,905,020	2,272,680	3,232,900
Boston (P. F.)	3,054,558	5,388,906	3,505,053	1,507,950
San Francisco	2,444,543	5,687,396	2,518,374	1,842,015
Ann Arbor, Mich.	2,426,799	172,130	341,035	176,100
Buffalo	2,315,023	1,781,352	2,377,223	7,490,606
Flint	2,130,293	1,060,468	1,473,720	1,837,829
Pittsburgh	2,047,677	1,678,561	3,529,164	2,860,677
Passaic, N. J.	1,784,565	180,004	346,633	91,186
Cambridge, Mass.	1,746,367	366,272	386,477	2,738,045
Dallas	1,655,474	552,651	451,704	768,992
Portland	1,615,585	1,348,335	2,212,380	1,862,845
Dearborn, Mich.	1,581,298	904,670	1,075,275	1,075,150
Oklahoma City	1,519,550	2,144,436	3,117,086	3,905,715
Oakland, Calif.	1,470,810	1,162,272	1,444,600	1,530,496
Total	\$145,784,193	\$148,453,382	\$155,211,107	\$110,129,066

(P. F.) Indicates plans filed.

Decline of 1% in Employment in Pennsylvania Attributed to Recessions in Metal Products Industries—Wages Increased 2%—Delaware Employment Declined—Wages Higher.

Following a steady rise since the early part of this year, factory employment in Pennsylvania declined nearly 1% between September and October instead of increasing as is usual at this time, according to 861 reports collected by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia in co-operation with the Pennsylvania Department of Labor and Industry. The Bank, under date of Nov. 18, says:

This drop is largely attributable to recessions in some of the key industries included in the metal products group, which showed an unusually high rate of activity during the summer months. The number of wage earners in textile, food and tobacco, and leather and rubber products, on the other hand, showed about the usual seasonal gains during the month.

Wage disbursements increased more than 2% in the same period, but this was not up to expectations for this season. Nearly all reporting groups shared in this gain, although several industries, particularly in the metal group, had less than the ordinary expansion in the volume of wage payments during October. Reports on employee hours worked also showed an increase of over 2%.

Both employment and payrolls in manufacturing industries as a whole were considerably larger than in October last year or two years ago, the gain in employment over a year ago being almost 9% and in wage payments nearly 10%. This holds true in the majority of reporting industries and indicates that the rate of factory operations in October this year was noticeably higher than in the previous two years.

Delaware manufacturing industries report a decline of about 2% in the number of workers, but an increase of about the same percentage in the volume of wages paid during October in comparison with the previous month.

Most of the reporting city areas in this section showed gains in wage disbursements during the month, but only about one-half of them had an increase in the number of workers. Comparisons with a year ago, however, continue more than favorable with respect to employment and payrolls.

The statistics follow:

EMPLOYEE-HOURS AND AVERAGE HOURLY AND WEEKLY WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.
 Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Department of Labor and Industry, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.]

Group and Industry.	No. of Plants Reporting.	Employment—Hours Change from Sept. 1929 to Oct. 1929.	Average Hourly Wages.		Average Weekly Wages.	
			Oct.	Sept.	Oct.	Sept.
All manufacturing industries (47)	556	+2.4	\$ 5.88	\$ 5.76	\$27.96	\$26.96
Metal products.....	190	+1.7	6.22	6.15	30.42	29.27
Blast furnaces.....	7	+3.5	5.76	5.83	30.27	29.82
Steel works and rolling mills.....	32	+3.6	6.30	6.27	31.92	30.43
Iron and steel forgings.....	9	-7.7	5.81	5.86	27.81	26.34
Structural iron work.....	7	+6.3	5.65	5.67	29.74	29.26
Steam and hot water heating apparatus.....	13	+17.0	6.16	6.17	32.65	28.64
Foundries.....	32	+8.8	6.05	6.06	30.36	28.18
Machinery and parts.....	26	+1.2	6.19	6.05	32.37	31.18
Electrical apparatus.....	23	-5.4	6.66	6.30	27.49	27.77
Engines and pumps.....	10	+7.7	6.10	6.06	30.87	29.09
Hardware and tools.....	13	+2.2	6.22	5.17	24.84	23.43
Brass and bronze products.....	9	+8.6	5.52	5.56	28.19	27.20
Transportation equipment.....	23	+4.8	6.37	6.37	30.05	28.51
Automobiles.....	5	+12.4	6.55	6.48	30.98	27.16
Automobile bodies and parts.....	10	-4.9	6.25	6.28	29.86	28.91
Locomotives and cars.....	9	+11.4	6.07	6.01	30.50	29.46
Railroad repair shops.....	4	+8.5	7.32	7.31	29.42	26.10
Shipbuilding.....	4	+4.3	6.44	6.52	27.67	27.94
Textile products.....	96	+5.3	4.54	4.47	22.69	21.75
Cotton goods.....	10	+0.1	4.76	4.66	24.07	23.62
Woolens and worsteds.....	9	-3.8	4.25	4.19	21.81	21.50
Silk goods.....	33	+8.9	4.31	4.27	20.32	18.97
Textile dyeing and finishing.....	7	-10.5	5.13	4.92	25.12	25.62
Carpets and rugs.....	5	+4.7	5.37	5.06	26.35	23.60
Hosiery.....	9	+9.8	5.30	5.21	26.76	25.96
Knit goods, other.....	9	+9.8	3.95	4.07	20.80	18.45
Men's clothing.....	3	+6.2	2.64	2.67	19.50	19.11
Women's clothing.....	8	-3.2	3.20	3.23	14.49	14.71
Shirts and furnishings.....	4	+11.9	3.40	3.36	16.12	15.48
Foods and tobacco.....	50	+4.8	4.62	4.63	21.04	20.69
Bread and bakery products.....	21	+3.3	4.81	4.92	28.05	27.72
Confectionery.....	5	+12.7	4.25	4.27	18.81	18.91
Ice cream.....	3	-4.2	5.59	5.54	33.30	31.96
Meat packing.....	9	+3.6	5.57	5.63	31.12	29.22
Cigars and tobacco.....	7	+3.2	3.46	3.22	15.79	15.61
Stone, clay and glass products.....	40	-0.3	5.43	5.36	27.05	25.36
Brick, tile and pottery.....	20	-0.5	5.07	5.06	24.25	23.89
Cement.....	8	+1.3	5.45	5.47	31.83	29.75
Glass.....	12	+10.5	5.80	5.61	25.41	22.88
Lumber products.....	43	+3.9	5.49	5.53	24.33	23.39
Lumber and planing mills.....	14	+2.8	5.40	5.24	21.64	20.32
Furniture.....	24	+4.4	5.61	5.86	26.69	26.38
Wooden boxes.....	5	+2.8	5.04	4.44	22.25	20.14
Chemical products.....	24	-2.5	6.18	5.70	30.08	28.60
Chemicals and drugs.....	10	+0.6	5.02	4.98	28.25	27.15
Paints and varnishes.....	9	+9.0	5.60	5.59	28.09	25.84
Petroleum refining.....	5	-5.6	6.50	5.84	31.50	30.10
Leather and rubber products.....	31	+0.2	4.67	4.65	23.87	23.12
Leather tanning.....	8	+5.5	5.00	5.08	26.42	25.10
Shoes.....	11	-2.4	3.70	3.66	19.25	18.96
Leather products, other.....	8	-2.5	5.53	5.40	23.52	23.10
Rubber tires and goods.....	4	-0.8	5.61	5.62	27.65	28.42
Paper and printing.....	50	+3.4	6.45	6.54	33.49	34.16
Paper and wood pulp.....	8	+4.9	5.41	5.59	29.13	29.44
Paper boxes and bags.....	7	+14.1	3.98	4.01	17.92	16.98
Printing and publishing.....	35	+1.2	7.47	7.45	37.21	38.11

* These figures are for the 861 firms reporting employment.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN DELAWARE.
 [Compiled by Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.]

Industry.	Number of Plants Reporting.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-). Oct. 1929 over Sept. 1929.		
		Employment.	Total Wages.	Average Wages.
All Industries.....	27	-2.3	+2.2	+4.6
Foundries and machinery products.....	3	+1.9	+2.4	+0.5
Other metal manufactures.....	5	-0.1	+8.5	+8.5
Food industries.....	3	-4.3	-38.2	+5.3
Chemicals, drugs and paints.....	3	-8.7	-2.8	+6.5
Leather tanned and products.....	3	-2.1	-2.0	+0.1
Printing and publishing.....	4	-0.9	+0.1	+1.1
Miscellaneous industries.....	6	-0.3	-0.9	-0.6

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN PENNSYLVANIA.
 [Compiled by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia and the Department of Labor and Industry, Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.]
 Index Numbers, 1923-1925 Average—100.

Group and Industry.	No. of Plants Reporting.	Employment October 1929.			Payrolls October 1929.		
		Oct. 1929.	Per Cent Change Since		Oct. 1928.	Sept. 1929.	Oct. 1928.
			Sept. 1929.	Oct. 1928.			
All mfg. industries (51).....	861	96.1	-0.9	+8.6	103.9	+2.4	+9.7
Metal products.....	247	94.9	-2.8	+6.6	104.4	+0.5	+7.1
Blast furnaces.....	9	48.0	+1.5	+17.9	52.6	+3.1	+21.5
Steel works & rolling mills.....	49	83.8	-1.2	+8.8	92.6	+2.9	+8.3
Iron and steel forgings.....	10	104.3	-7.0	+17.2	119.6	-1.9	+17.4
Structural iron work.....	10	117.5	+2.7	+7.7	126.7	+4.5	+8.9
Steam and hot water heating apparatus.....	16	95.5	+1.6	+2.9	114.4	+15.8	+9.0
Stoves and furnaces.....	9	86.9	+3.4	+1.6	93.3	+13.8	-3.6
Foundries.....	37	96.6	+0.6	+13.9	108.5	+8.5	+19.1
Machinery and parts.....	44	119.4	-0.6	+14.4	138.2	+3.4	+19.8
Electrical apparatus.....	23	135.4	-7.6	+11.1	145.3	-9.0	+8.6
Engines and pumps.....	10	104.0	+3.0	+6.4	118.2	+8.5	+8.5
Hardware and tools.....	19	85.9	-1.2	+5.4	91.6	+4.7	+5.0
Brass and bronze products.....	12	91.2	+4.3	-17.2	95.0	+8.2	-5.6
Transportation equipment.....	41	*75.4	-2.1	+1.9	77.8	+3.0	-0.1
Automobiles.....	5	83.3	-0.5	-9.3	89.3	+13.5	-11.1
Auto. bodies and parts.....	13	82.8	-8.1	-1.4	76.5	-5.1	-9.0
Locomotives and cars.....	13	66.4	-0.4	+22.1	70.1	+3.2	+12.8
Railroad repair shops.....	6	87.1	-3.0	+10.4	96.8	+9.4	+11.2
Shipbuilding.....	4	53.0	+4.1	+11.9	50.4	+3.1	+11.2
Textile products.....	174	104.5	+1.9	+8.1	116.4	+6.0	+8.8
Cotton goods.....	13	77.0	-0.4	-3.3	78.0	+1.7	-5.8
Woolens and worsteds.....	15	93.5	-1.8	+5.5	95.9	+0.5	+4.6
Silk goods.....	49	102.0	+1.5	+1.3	113.8	+8.4	+5.7
Textile dyeing & finishing.....	12	117.7	-0.8	+0.0	122.8	-2.8	-7.8
Carpets and rugs.....	9	91.9	+4.4	+9.8	96.2	+16.5	+11.5
Hats.....	4	97.7	+0.6	+1.0	90.3	-3.6	-0.4
Hosiery.....	30	135.5	+3.3	+23.9	168.3	+6.4	+17.8
Knit goods, other.....	14	102.5	+8.5	+11.1	119.7	+21.5	+14.3
Men's clothing.....	10	95.9	+1.3	+12.3	109.1	+3.4	+31.0
Women's clothing.....	9	106.6	-3.9	+0.3	109.4	-5.2	-2.3
Shirts and furnishings.....	9	112.1	+2.7	+17.5	115.7	+7.0	+19.9
Foods and tobacco.....	104	104.5	+4.1	+2.4	108.9	+5.8	+4.6
Bread & bakery products.....	29	110.5	+1.0	+4.9	107.2	+2.2	+6.3
Confectionery.....	13	113.5	+9.0	+7.8	126.9	+14.2	+5.8
Ice cream.....	11	86.3	-9.7	+2.1	97.1	-6.0	+3.4
Meat packing.....	11	101.2	-0.6	+2.5	107.8	+6.0	+7.4
Cigars and tobacco.....	37	102.5	+5.8	-1.1	106.0	+7.0	+1.5
Stone, clay & glass products.....	68	84.5	-2.1	+2.7	83.8	+4.4	-3.0
Brick, tile and pottery.....	32	94.0	-5.5	+6.5	91.7	-4.1	+1.4
Cement.....	14	70.3	-2.5	-7.9	76.9	+4.2	-12.0
Glass.....	22	99.4	+1.5	+10.0	94.1	+12.7	+4.7
Lumber products.....	54	80.7	-2.1	-4.6	86.2	+1.9	-5.9
Lumber and planing mills.....	17	70.9	-8.4	-3.4	74.7	-3.1	-5.6
Furniture.....	30	81.9	+1.5	-11.4	85.4	+2.3	-15.8
Wooden boxes.....	7	114.2	+0.7	+2.1	141.1	+11.3	+17.9
Chemical products.....	54	105.7	-1.1	+7.9	117.9	+4.4	+10.9
Chemicals and drugs.....	29	98.2	-1.1	+4.6	101.0	+1.9	+5.5
Coke.....	3	120.4	+1.5	+1.3	123.9	+5.3	+0.6
Explosives.....	3	143.0	+3.0	+7.3	138.0	+8.7	+13.3
Paints and varnishes.....	12	130.9	+0.2	+2.4	141.9	+6.7	+3.6
Petroleum refining.....	7	101.2	-0.8	+15.8	115.6	+8.4	+19.8
Leather & Rubber Products.....	51	104.6	+1.7	+7.4	112.2	+4.9	+8.2
Leather tanning.....	17	109.1	+1.6	+5.3	117.1	+6.8	+7.9
Shoes.....	20	101.1	+1.0	+14.2	109.7	+2.4	+18.6
Leather products, other.....	10	122.7	+4.4	-1.5	113.2	+5.5	-6.4
Rubber tires and goods.....	4	84.3	+1.7	-0.1	99.1	-1.1	-5.4
Paper and printing.....	68	97.3	+1.8	+3.1	115.4	-0.2	+6.2
Paper and wood pulp.....	12	84.6	+2.7	+1.0	95.9	+1.5	-2.6
Paper boxes and bags.....	10	107.1	+5.5	+6.0	136.8	+11.3	+10.3
Printing and publishing.....	46	104.6	+0.9	-2.0	124.9	-1.3	+5.5

* Preliminary figure.

EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES IN CITY AREAS.

[Compiled by Department of Statistics and Research of Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.]

Cities.	No. of Plants Reporting.	Employment Percentage Change		Payrolls Percentage Change	
		Oct. 1929 Since		Oct. 1929 Since	
		Sept. 1929.	Oct. 1928.	Sept. 1929.	Oct. 1928.
Allentown-Bethlehem-Easton.....	81	+0.7	+4.0	+6.4	+7.9
Altoona.....	13	-2.4	+16.3	+0.4	+19.4
Erie.....	22	-1.0	+17.6	+3.0	+19.2
Harrisburg.....	35				

863,700, or 14%, for industrial plants. Last month's contract total brought the amount of new construction work started in the 37 Eastern States since the first of this year up to \$5,046,909,900 as compared with \$5,724,047,600 for the same period in 1928, a decrease of 12%.

New contemplated projects during October reached a total of \$801,806,300, which represents a decided increase of 73% over September's total and a marked increase of 30% over October of last year. The following details are also furnished:

The New England States.

October building and engineering contracts let in the New England States amounted to \$40,040,700. This figure represents an increase of 17% when compared with the September total and a slight decrease of 3% when compared with October 1928. The September total amounted to \$34,297,700.

Included in last month's contract record were the following important classes of work: \$14,370,200, or 36% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$5,980,500, or 15%, for educational buildings; \$5,720,800, or 14%, for commercial construction, and \$3,939,300, or 10%, for public works and utilities.

The total volume of construction started in this district during the first 10 months of this year amounted to \$358,288,500 as compared with \$436,720,000 for the first 10 months of last year, a decrease of 18%.

The volume of new work reported in contemplation totaled \$37,632,300, an increase of 37% over September 1929 and a 3% decrease from October 1928.

New York State and Northern New Jersey.

During the month of October the New York State and Northern New Jersey District had \$101,603,100 in contracts awarded for new building and engineering work. This total represents an increase of 25% over the preceding month's record but was off 46% when compared with the same month of last year.

The major items in the September construction record were the following: \$42,405,900, or 42% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$16,084,500, or 16%, for public works and utilities; \$15,151,300, or 15%, for commercial construction, and \$10,825,600, or 11%, for educational buildings.

Contracts awarded since the first of the year amounted to \$1,184,737,300 against \$1,540,935,400 for the corresponding period of last year, a decrease of 23%.

In contrast to other figures the contemplated new work reported during the past month shows an enormous increase of 239% over the preceding month and a 90% increase over October of last year, indicating a favorable prospect for increased building in the future. October contemplated work amounted to \$287,436,500.

The Middle Atlantic States.

Construction started last month in the Middle Atlantic States (Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia, and Virginia) amounted to \$51,531,500, representing an increase of 6% over September and a decline of 34% from October of last year.

Analysis of the October building record showed the following items of note: \$16,959,300, or 33% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$8,740,100, or 17%, for commercial buildings; \$7,161,500, or 14%, for industrial plants, and \$6,089,300, or 12%, for educational buildings.

New building and engineering work contracted for in this district during the first 10 months of this year has reached a total of \$608,747,400 against a total of \$681,129,200 for the same period of last year.

New work reported in contemplation during the past month amounted to \$72,835,300 as compared with \$45,744,200 for the preceding month and \$84,503,000 for the corresponding month in 1928.

The Pittsburgh District.

The Pittsburgh District (Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio, and Kentucky) had \$77,619,300 in contracts for new building and engineering work for the past month, representing increases of 11% over the September total and 28% over October 1928. The awarding of two single contracts, one in Western Pennsylvania for an iron and steel mill costing \$20,000,000, and the other in Pittsburgh for a hospital at a cost of \$6,000,000, were mostly responsible for the above increases.

The following were the most important items in last month's contract record: \$28,272,500, or 36% of all construction, for industrial plants; \$13,127,900, or 17%, for public works and utilities; \$13,011,700, or 16%, for residential buildings, and \$8,607,600, or 11%, for hospitals and institutions.

Total contracts awarded in this district during the first 10 months of this year amounted to \$631,452,000 as compared with \$623,954,100, an increase of 1%.

Contemplated work reported during October amounted to \$73,002,900 against \$60,984,700 for the preceding month and \$75,433,800 for October of last year.

The Central West.

October contracts let in the Central West (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Southern Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, and Nebraska) amounted to \$118,455,200. This total represents decreases of 24% from September and 23% from October of last year.

Among the classes of building which were most active included the following: \$36,876,900, or 31% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$27,298,400, or 22%, for public works and utilities; \$23,006,500, or 19%, for commercial construction, and \$10,733,600, or 9%, for industrial plants.

New construction work started in the Central West since the first of this year amounted to \$1,498,180,000, which was 11% under the total for the corresponding period of 1928.

The volume of new work reported as contemplated during the month amounted to \$218,614,300, an increase of 46% over September and an increase of 18% over the total reported during October 1928.

The Northwest.

The total volume of new building and engineering work contracted for in the Northwest (Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Northern Michigan) during October amounted to \$4,295,200. When compared with preceding month and the corresponding month of last year this figure represents decreases of 44% and 55%, respectively.

The types of construction which figured prominently were the following: \$1,423,700, or 33% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$904,100, or 21% for public works and utilities; \$753,500, or 18%, for commercial buildings, and \$497,500, or 12%, for educational buildings.

Since the first of this year new construction started in this section has reached a total of \$77,670,800 as compared with \$70,598,700 for the first 10 months of last year, an increase of 10%.

Contemplated projects reported last month in the Northwest totaled \$11,630,200 compared with \$11,570,800 for the preceding month and \$9,855,500 for October 1928.

The Southeastern States.

In the Southeastern States (North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas and Louisiana) the October contract record amounted to \$32,626,300. This was a slight drop of 1% from the preceding month's total but a heavier decline was noted from October of last year, the decrease being 36%.

According to major classes, the October construction contract record showed the following totals: \$10,955,900, or 34% of all construction, for public works and utilities; \$6,761,700, or 21%, for residential buildings; \$5,464,800, or 17%, for industrial plants, and \$3,822,500, or 12%, for commercial buildings.

Contracts awarded during the first 10 months in the Southeastern States amounted to \$495,043,700, representing a slight decrease of 1% from the total for the same period of last year.

New work reported as contemplated during October amounted to \$69,627,100. This total shows an increase of 9% over the preceding month and an increase of 37% over the corresponding month of last year.

Texas.

The State of Texas had \$19,471,000 in contracts for new building and engineering work during the past month. The above figure was 29% greater than the preceding month's total and a still further increase of 35% was noted when compared with the October total of last year.

Analysis of the October construction record showed the following items of importance: \$5,880,900, or 30% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$4,910,600, or 25%, for public works and utilities; \$4,050,600, or 21%, for commercial plants, and \$1,458,900, or 7%, for religious and memorial buildings.

New construction work awarded during the first 10 months amounted to \$192,790,700, as compared with \$195,206,800 for the first 10 months of last year.

Contemplated new work reported in this State for the past month amounted to \$31,027,700, representing marked increases of 65% over the preceding month and 48% over October of last year.

Advance Report for October on Wholesale and Retail Trade in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

The following advance report on wholesale and retail trade for October in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District is made available by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia:

ADVANCE REPORT ON WHOLESALE TRADE IN THE PHILADELPHIA FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1929.

	Net Sales During Month.				Stocks at End of Mo.	
	Index Numbers (P. Ct. of 1923-1925 Monthly Average).		Compared with Previous Month.	Compared with Same Month, Last Year	Compared with Previous Month.	Compared with Same Month, Last Year
	Sept. 1929	Oct. 1929				
Boots and shoes.....	106.4	96.1	-9.7%	-8.3%	---	---
Drugs.....	106.7	116.2	+8.9	-2.1	---	---
Dry goods.....	81.4	85.3	+4.7	-3.7	-5.4	-12.9
Electrical supplies.....	92.2	135.2	+46.7	-21.2	---	---
Groceries.....	105.5	117.1	+11.1	-1.4	+8.3	+1.8
Hardware.....	88.3	109.5	+24.1	+8.3	-1.4	+7.0
Jewelry.....	118.0	148.7	+26.0	+13.3	+3.1	-11.8
Paper.....	104.0	115.7	+11.3	+8.5	-0.9	-4.5

	Accounts Outstanding at End of Month.			Collections During Month.	
	Compared with Previous Month	Compared with Same Month, Last Year	Ratio to Net Sales During Month	Compared with Previous Month	Compared with Same Month, Last Year
Boots and shoes.....	+4.4%	-9.4%	319.1%	+25.7%	-18.8%
Drugs.....	+5.0	+2.7	111.0	+15.1	+0.2
Dry goods.....	+9.7	-7.0	236.7	+27.7	-0.2
Electrical supplies.....	+22.7	-9.3	157.6	---	---
Groceries.....	+4.1	+1.1	110.6	+18.0	+2.9
Hardware.....	+9.9	+7.4	182.5	+11.4	-2.5
Jewelry.....	+16.0	+12.0	331.2	+13.1	+19.2
Paper.....	-3.0	+7.0	128.4	+14.9	+4.4

a Preliminary. d Revised.

ADVANCE REPORT ON RETAIL TRADE IN THE PHILADELPHIA FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1929.

	Index Numbers of Sales (Per Cent of 1923-25 Monthly Average).		Net Sales.	
	Per Cent of 1923-25 Monthly Average.		October 1929.	Jan. 1- Oct. 31, 1929.
	Sept. 1, 1929.	Oct. 1, 1929.	Compared with October 1928.	Compared with Same Period a Year Ago.
All reporting stores.....	89.4	*124.1	+3.5	+0.4
Department stores.....	87.0	121.8	+4.1	+0.2
In Philadelphia.....	---	---	+4.3	+0.1
Outside Philadelphia.....	---	---	+3.4	+0.5
Apparel stores.....	103.1	*140.8	+0.8	---
Men's apparel stores.....	87.4	*115.4	+2.9	-0.2
In Philadelphia.....	---	---	+0.6	+2.9
Outside Philadelphia.....	---	---	+5.1	-3.1
Women's apparel stores.....	109.9	151.1	+0.2	+5.5
In Philadelphia.....	---	---	-0.3	+6.5
Outside Philadelphia.....	---	---	+4.3	-1.4
Shoe stores.....	104.7	*125.7	+7.7	+3.1
Credit stores.....	96.3	133.1	-2.8	-6.8
Stores in:				
Philadelphia.....	90.8	*128.8	+3.6	+0.5
Allentown, Bethlehem and Easton.....	82.1	114.7	+2.4	-0.2
Altoona.....	89.7	98.4	+0.3	+2.1
Harrisburg.....	92.2	102.2	+8.1	+2.7
Johnstown.....	63.0	87.2	+9.8	-0.1
Lancaster.....	78.6	109.5	+2.3	+1.4
Reading.....	70.8	118.1	+8.3	+2.0
Scranton.....	95.1	98.0	-3.1	-4.2
Trenton.....	83.1	108.9	+2.2	+0.4
Wilkes-Barre.....	68.4	105.6	+2.1	-4.3
Wilmington.....	94.5	137.4	+9.3	+3.5
All other cities.....	---	---	+1.5	+3.3

* Preliminary.

	Stocks at End of Month, Compared With		Stocks Turnover January 1 to October 31.		Accounts Receivable at End of Month Compared With Year Ago.	Collect'ns During Month Compared With Year Ago.
	Mo. Ago.	Year Ago.	1929.	1928.		
	All reporting stores	+9.7	-5.6	2.89			2.59	---	---
Department stores	+10.2	-7.0	2.80	2.48	---	---
In Phila.	+11.2	-9.0	3.17	2.59	---	---
Outside Phila.	+8.5	-2.9	2.37	2.29	+6.1	-0.1
Apparel stores	---	---	---	---	---	---
Men's apparel stores	-5.5	+0.5	2.19	2.25	---	---
In Phila.	-18.1	-2.0	2.56	2.71	---	---
Outside Phila.	+4.7	+2.0	1.83	1.84	+5.8	-5.5
Women's app'l stores	+14.8	+4.6	4.76	4.74	---	---
In Phila.	+15.2	+7.5	5.05	5.07	---	---
Outside Phila.	+12.8	-7.6	3.27	3.24	+6.7	+8.6
Shoe stores	+5.8	-7.9	2.28	2.10	+2.5	-7.1
Credit stores	+10.6	+6.3	2.55	2.53	+3.3	+7.3
Stores in:						
Philadelphia	+10.7	-7.0	3.36	2.85	---	---
Allentown, Bethlehem & Easton	+7.4	-6.7	2.03	1.92	-2.2	-8.7
Altoona	+6.5	-1.0	2.31	2.15	+4.1	-8.8
Harrisburg	+9.3	-6.7	2.15	2.16	+5.5	+1.0
Johnstown	+5.0	-1.1	---	---	+8.1	+9.9
Lancaster	+8.2	+5.5	2.18	2.20	---	---
Reading	+7.8	-7.0	2.27	2.00	+13.9	+5.7
Scranton	+10.5	-4.3	2.69	2.65	+1.3	-6.0
Trenton	+5.5	-4.6	2.62	2.47	+10.7	+5.2
Wilkes-Barre	+4.6	-2.6	2.00	2.11	-6.6	-3.8
Wilmington	+6.6	+0.3	2.40	2.29	+15.7	+22.8
All other cities	+13.1	+0.8	2.56	2.38	+10.8	+4.9

Industrial Situation in Illinois During October—Falling Off in Factory Employment—Wage Payments Gain.

Illinois all-industry employment was 0.8% less in October than in September. The index number of 102.5 was nevertheless above that of 102.0 for October 1928. Payroll totals moved in the opposite direction with an increase of 1.5% over September. Average weekly earnings for males and females were \$32.58 and \$18.74, respectively. These advices are contained in the summary of the industrial situation in Illinois during October, issued Nov. 16 by Howard B. Myers, Chief of the Bureau of Statistics and Research of the Illinois Department of Labor. Mr. Myers's review continues as follows:

Employment in manufacturing industries decreased more sharply, the loss being 1.9%. Payroll totals, however, increased 0.8%.

The employment decrease was spotty, not general. Many of the industries which registered losses were still well above the level of October 1928, but some of those recording gains were below last year's level.

Losses were recorded in the following major groups in the given percentages: Stone, clay and glass, 1.9; metals, machinery, conveyances, 0.5; furs and leather goods, 2.5; chemicals, oils, paints, 2.2; printing and paper goods, 2.8; clothing and millinery, 3.4; food, beverages, tobacco, 8.1; miscellaneous manufacturing, 7.8; public utilities, 0.5.

Gains in employment were reported in the following major industrial groups: Wood products, 2.0; textiles, 3.0; trade, wholesale and retail, 3.5; services, 0.8; coal mining, 5.1; building and contracting, 10.0.

Fourteen hundred and thirty-nine firms employing 437,544 workers reported a net employment decrease of 0.8% from September. The employment loss in manufacturing industries was still greater, the net loss amounting to 1.9%. Payroll totals, on the other hand, moved in the opposite direction and gains of 1.5% and 0.8% in the all-industry and manufacturing groups, respectively, were recorded. It should be pointed out that, normally, October employment reports as a whole indicate increases and not decreases over September. However, both the all-industry and the manufacturing employment indexes of October 1929 are still above those for October 1928.

Coal mines, although reporting employment gains, were still operating on part time schedules, often not working more than half time.

The employment decrease was reflected in the rise of the ratio of applicants per 100 jobs available at the free employment offices. The September 1929 ratio was 135.9; that for October was 146.7. The October 1928 ratio was 132.8.

Gains and losses in employment were divided in the stone, clay and glass group. The group as a whole reported a 1.9% loss in employment. Increases in the brick, tile and pottery and glass industries were not sufficient to offset losses in the miscellaneous stone and mineral and in the lime, cement and plaster industries. Gains in payroll totals, however, resulted in a net gain for the group of 5.0% over September.

The metals, machinery and conveyances group, employing nearly half of all workers engaged in manufacturing industries in Illinois, suffered a 0.5% employment loss but gained 2.8% in payroll totals. Average weekly earnings for males were \$32.35 and for females \$16.40. Among the larger industries in this group, sheet metal work and hardware lost 4.8% in employment, cars and locomotives 8.2%, and autos and accessories 5.9%. Iron and steel, on the other hand, gained 0.2%; cooking and heating apparatus, 3.0%; brass, copper, zinc and other, 3.7%, and electrical apparatus, 1.3%. The large employment increase in the electrical apparatus group over a period of one year is worthy of especial mention. The employment index of 132.5 was greatly above that of 113.6 for October 1928, and represents a gain of approximately 17%.

The wood products industries recorded a net gain of 2.0% in employment and 5.4% in payroll totals. Gains were reported by all of the industries in this group except saw and planing mills. Employees engaged in the manufacture of radio cabinets worked a great deal of overtime. This is reflected in a payroll gain for pianos and musical instruments of 23.3%, although the employment gain was only 10.7%.

The furs and leather goods group, although reporting an employment loss of 2.5% from the previous month, had a higher employment index than for October 1928. The largest loss, as well as the one affecting the largest numbers of employees in this group, was suffered by the boot and shoe industry.

Chemicals, oils and paints was another of the losing groups, but payroll totals moved in an upward direction. While employment registered a 2.2% loss, payrolls gained 1.9%. The largest decrease occurred in drugs and chemicals.

An 8.2% employment drop in job printing was sufficient to offset gains in all other industries included under the heading, printing and

paper goods. Employment in newspapers and periodicals, although showing a gain over September, was far below last year's level, as is indicated by the October 1929 employment index of 111.7 as compared with the October 1928 index of 135.9.

The gain in the textiles group was general, the only exception being a slight decline, 0.1%, in miscellaneous textiles. The net employment gain of 3.0% for the group as a whole was accompanied by a payroll gain of 6.1%. The employment index for the group was practically the same as for October 1928.

A 10.6% employment loss in men's clothing was the main factor in bringing about a 3.4% loss in the clothing and millinery group. The number of employees in the women's clothing industry, on the other hand, increased by 8.7%. Payroll totals for the whole group decreased by 15.6%, the telling actor being the 23.8% loss in men's clothing. The employment index of 69.5 for this industry, however, is above that of 50.5 for October 1928.

The food, beverages, tobacco group, giving employment to about 76,000 workers, decreased employment 8.1% and payroll totals 4.3%. With the fruit and vegetable canning season over, employment in the canning industry decreased 77.4%. Employment in slaughtering and meat packing also declined, but the loss was only 0.2%. The employment index for this industry of 103.8 for October 1929 compared very favorably with that of 88.3 for October a year ago.

Practically all non-manufacturing industries, with the exception of those in the public utilities group, made gains in employment. The most outstanding gains were reported in coal mining and building and contracting. The employment index for coal mining was higher than that of September 1929 as well as that of October a year ago. Employment in building and contracting, on the other hand, was very much below October 1928. The difference between the employment index for that month, 140.4, and that of 93.4 for October 1929, indicates a drop of about 34%.

All of the industries in the public utilities group lost in both employment and payroll, with the exception of railway car repair, which, although reporting a 0.9% employment loss, reported an 11.5% increase in payrolls. The employment index of 106.9 for the group as a whole compares unfavorably with that of 139.2 of October 1928.

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

Employment conditions in manufacturing establishments became worse in eight of the 15 leading Illinois industrial centers during October. The net result was a 1.9% loss in factory employment as compared with September. Total wage payments, however, instead of keeping step with the employment decline, moved in the opposite direction with a net gain of 0.8% over September.

Demands for farm help for corn husking were smaller than expected because of unfavorable weather conditions. Activities in coal mines increased, giving greater employment not only to coal miners but also to workers engaged in allied trades and in railroad transportation.

Aurora.—The September decreases in employment and payroll totals were partly offset by a 2.3% increase in employment and a 5.6% gain in payrolls during October. The number of persons registered at the free employment office per 100 positions open was 148 as compared with 136 for September. Reports indicate that the number of persons engaged in manufacturing industries was about 90% of the number ordinarily employed. Building activities remained at a low point. There was a surplus of both common and farm labor.

Bloomington.—This city reported a 5.6% decrease in factory employment, but a 2.8% increase in payroll totals. The average weekly earnings of male and female employees in a typical October week were \$29.48 and \$13.13, respectively. The corresponding average weekly earnings for September were \$26.78 and \$11.93. The building situation was reported as good. Reports indicate a small shortage of electrical workers. In spite of a fairly good demand, a surplus of farm labor existed. The surplus of common labor was described as consisting largely of floaters. The number of persons registered at the free employment office per 100 jobs available was 106.

Chicago.—Reports from 562 establishments, covering 174,148 employees, indicate a 1.1% decrease in employment and a 0.3% decrease in payroll totals. The industrial groups suffering most severely are furs and leather goods, clothing and millinery, and food-beverages-tobacco. Employment gains in the metals-machinery-conveyances, wood products, and printing and paper goods groups were not large enough to offset the losses in other industries. The free employment offices reported an average of 159 applicants for every 100 jobs available. This figure represents a 14% increase over the September figure of 140 and also exceeds the figure of 141 for October 1928. The amount of average weekly earnings of males, \$33.77, was the second highest reported in the State, exceeded only by Cicero; the average of \$19.16 for females was the highest reported.

Cicero.—The 16.3% employment decrease reported was the largest recorded loss. With this drop went a 16.1% loss in payroll totals. The average weekly earning of \$35.98 for males, however, is still the highest for any of the reporting cities. Due to unfavorable weather, all outdoor activities, including building and road building, were at low ebb. The free employment office reported a surplus of almost all kinds of labor, with common labor and building and construction help predominating. The ratio of applicants per 100 positions offered was 206.9 as compared with 189.2 for September 1929 and 165.8 for October 1928.

Danville.—A further drop of 7.5% in employment and 9.7% in payroll totals carried forward the steady recession recorded since last May. Beginning with that month, reports covering about half of the factory employees of the city have indicated a steady decline in employment. The unemployment ratio, which was 142.9 in September, stood at 161.9 in October. The comparison with October 1928 is still more unfavorable, the ratio for that month being 120.0. Part time work and reduction of forces in the metal as well as stone, clay and glass groups were largely responsible for the October recession. A more favorable trend may perhaps be expected in the near future because of the location of several new factories in the city. Building activities slowed down and rainy weather checked the demand for corn huskers. The general depression is further indicated by a surplus of practically every type of labor.

Decatur.—Reports covering about two-thirds of the factory employees of this city indicated an 0.9% increase in employment and a 7.0% increase in payroll totals. For the week nearest October 15, the average amount of weekly earnings for males was \$30.14; for females, \$10.11. The corresponding September figures for the same firms were \$27.92 and \$11.02. Practically all plants were reported as having operated on a normal basis. The erection of several large office buildings and work on a large sewer project helped materially in providing employment. Corn harvesting was hampered by adverse weather conditions. Although a surplus of common labor prevailed, the free employment office reported

a shortage of tool and die makers. The number of applicants per 100 jobs available was given as 146.

East St. Louis.—No change in employment, but a 3.1% decrease in payroll totals were indicated by reports covering about one-third of all factory employees. The ratio of applicants per 100 jobs available at the free employment office was 114.6 as compared with 105.0 for September. All plants seemed to be working full time. Farm labor was not in demand.

Joliet.—The employment decrease of 1.0% was the same as that for the State as a whole. Payrolls increased slightly as compared with September, the gain being 0.6%. Weekly earnings for male and female employees for a typical October week averaged \$29.38 and \$14.47, respectively. A large number of laborers, including casual and floating labor, were absorbed in pipe line and bridge work in the vicinity of Joliet. Many of the larger building projects were expected to continue through the fall and winter. The free employment office reported 141 applicants for every 100 jobs available. This number is below that of 147 for September 1929 and 160 for October 1928.

Moline.—Eighteen establishments, employing approximately 3,500 workers, reported an 0.8 decrease in employment. The corresponding payroll loss was 0.4%. Average weekly earnings for males of \$30.37 increased but slightly from the September figures; but earnings for females increased from \$12.91 to \$14.71. Building appeared to have been more active than it was in September 1929 or in October 1928.

The statistics follow:

COURSE OF EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS IN ILLINOIS DURING OCTOBER 1929.

Industries.	Per Cent Change from a Month Ago. (a)	Employment.			Earnings (Payroll).				
		Index of Employment (Average 1925-27=100.)			Total Earnings Per Cent of Chge. from Sept. 1929.	Average Weekly Earnings Oct. 1929.		Males.	Females.
		Oct. 1929.	Sept. 1929.	Oct. 1928.		\$	\$		
All Industries.....	-0.8	102.5	103.3	102.0	d+1.5	d32.58	d18.74		
All manufacturing industries...	-1.9	103.8	105.8	95.9	e+0.8	e31.84	e17.41		
Stone-clay-glass.....	-1.9	89.3	91.0	120.2	+5.0	30.56	13.77		
Miscellaneous stone-mineral.....	-7.4	97.0	104.7	101.4	-5.1	31.48	14.89		
Lime-cement-plaster.....	-9.9	72.8	80.8	106.2	-2.0	30.02	13.62		
Brick-tile-pottery.....	+0.3	74.0	73.8	102.6	+6.8	30.99	14.87		
Glass.....	+0.5	106.9	106.4	146.9	+10.2	32.35	16.40		
Metals-machinery-conveyances.....	-0.5	115.4	116.0	109.7	f+2.8	f32.35	f16.40		
Iron and steel.....	+0.2	118.4	118.2	123.8	-1.0	31.34	16.00		
Sheet metal work-hardware.....	-4.8	92.1	96.7	100.4	-3.8	30.17	16.94		
Tools and cutlery.....	-10.8	86.5	86.3	81.6	-13.0	31.36	12.71		
Cooking & heating apparatus.....	+3.0	107.4	104.3	109.1	+4.6	34.14	17.18		
Brass-copper-zinc and other.....	+3.7	122.7	118.3	148.8	+1.1	31.09	17.77		
Cars-locomotives.....	-8.2	66.3	72.2	38.9	-8.3	35.59	23.05		
Auto-accessories.....	-5.9	134.4	142.8	137.9	+3.1	30.34	18.44		
Machinery.....	-1.9	128.5	131.0	139.8	-0.5	31.42	19.60		
Electrical apparatus.....	+1.3	132.5	130.8	113.6	g+29.1	g41.85	g24.64		
Agricultural implements.....	-0.4	126.0	126.5	145.4	-0.6	29.59	15.33		
Instruments and appliances.....	-2.8	96.8	99.6	57.5	-5.3	31.61	18.43		
Watches-jewelry.....	+0.4	95.0	94.6	109.9	+0.2	31.64	16.27		
All other.....	+5.7	---	---	---	+7.6	28.43	16.11		
Wood products.....	+2.0	77.6	76.1	79.1	+5.4	29.99	17.58		
Saw-planing mills.....	-1.1	76.0	76.8	94.3	-3.1	32.38	7.39		
Furniture-cabinet work.....	+1.1	85.1	84.2	100.2	+4.5	30.13	20.26		
Pianos-musical instruments.....	+10.7	59.1	53.4	59.3	+23.3	31.07	12.21		
Miscellaneous wood products.....	+3.6	77.5	74.8	49.9	+9.0	26.32	13.44		
Furs and leather goods.....	-2.5	104.6	107.3	103.9	-0.7	25.49	15.86		
Leather.....	-2.4	102.3	104.8	91.5	+3.1	32.13	17.73		
Furs-fur goods.....	+4.6	123.5	118.1	83.0	+15.7	55.71	36.68		
Boots and shoes.....	+2.7	108.5	111.5	109.2	-2.3	21.06	15.38		
Miscellaneous leather goods.....	+2.1	98.9	97.7	49.3	+7.7	31.55	17.62		
Chemicals-oils-paints.....	-2.2	99.9	102.1	124.9	+1.9	29.00	14.33		
Drugs-chemicals.....	-6.5	81.9	87.6	93.8	-6.7	27.71	14.47		
Paints-dyes-colors.....	-2.2	99.7	101.9	132.9	+4.0	28.35	16.89		
Mineral and vegetable oil.....	-0.4	92.7	93.1	123.7	+4.8	31.04	17.93		
Miscellaneous chemicals.....	-2.5	117.3	120.3	156.0	+0.8	27.02	12.55		
Printing and paper goods.....	-2.8	99.2	102.1	116.5	+0.4	33.92	18.79		
Paper boxes-bags-tubes.....	+0.9	101.2	100.3	149.0	+1.5	30.26	17.07		
Miscellaneous paper goods.....	+1.9	108.6	106.6	126.0	-0.6	34.81	17.73		
Job printing.....	-8.2	92.4	100.7	107.5	-2.3	39.52	19.14		
Newspapers-periodicals.....	+0.8	111.7	110.8	135.9	+2.9	46.69	22.47		
Edition book binding.....	+2.5	---	---	---	+5.4	39.85	22.08		
Lithographing and engraving.....	+0.1	---	---	---	+0.7	47.71	23.50		
Textiles.....	+3.0	101.4	98.4	101.6	+6.1	29.21	14.75		
Cotton-woolen goods.....	+4.1	107.4	103.2	140.7	+5.4	31.17	15.18		
Knit goods.....	+4.4	86.9	83.2	82.9	+31.2	29.08	12.94		
Thread-twine.....	+7.9	97.5	90.4	74.3	+11.8	24.31	18.06		
Miscellaneous textiles.....	-0.1	124.1	124.2	110.5	-5.8	27.89	15.28		
Clothing and millinery.....	-3.4	78.9	81.7	61.9	-15.6	30.65	16.90		
Men's clothing.....	-10.6	69.5	77.7	50.5	-23.8	30.06	18.97		
Men's shirts-furnishings.....	+11.4	68.7	61.7	98.5	+11.4	35.90	16.63		
Overalls-work clothes.....	-7.2	71.4	76.9	73.3	-3.8	29.95	16.63		
Men's hats-caps.....	0.0	93.3	93.3	53.9	-22.4	30.34	19.06		
Women's clothing.....	+8.7	93.6	86.1	105.9	+4.2	41.37	17.43		
Women's underwear.....	+17.1	140.4	119.9	119.3	+29.6	26.62	11.53		
Women's hats.....	-10.4	57.2	63.8	50.8	-27.5	30.24	16.40		
Food-beverages-tobacco.....	-8.1	96.2	104.7	90.7	-4.3	29.79	17.01		
Flour-feed-cereals.....	-4.8	92.0	96.6	103.4	-0.9	30.18	14.12		
Fruit-vegetable canning.....	-77.4	19.1	84.3	10.1	-71.2	21.39	11.86		
Miscellaneous groceries.....	+2.3	102.1	99.8	92.5	+13.7	33.48	14.81		
Slaughtering-meat packing.....	-0.2	103.8	104.0	88.3	-1.8	28.01	18.50		
Dairy products.....	+3.5	122.2	108.4	103.7	+4.5	38.24	12.56		
Bread-other bakery products.....	+0.1	91.8	91.7	81.8	+1.7	34.22	17.14		
Confectionery.....	+3.2	106.2	102.9	86.5	+3.0	29.80	15.06		
Beverages.....	-2.8	74.4	76.5	65.1	-18.3	33.27	12.67		
Cigars-other tobaccos.....	-2.0	95.4	97.3	91.6	+0.2	27.51	23.14		
Miscellaneous ice.....	-27.3	66.2	91.1	77.7	-27.2	42.37	---		
Ice cream.....	-14.8	---	---	---	-18.8	50.49	13.44		
Miscellaneous manufacturing.....	-7.8	---	---	---	-6.4	31.24	15.41		
Non-manufacturing industries.....	+1.3	---	---	---	+2.6	34.19	20.23		
Trade-wholesale-retail.....	+3.5	90.6	87.5	68.6	+1.0	33.66	20.25		
Department stores.....	+4.0	108.5	104.3	125.2	+4.3	35.42	18.48		
Wholesale dry goods.....	+3.1	89.3	86.6	62.1	+4.2	26.25	21.39		
Wholesale groceries.....	+10.6	93.9	84.9	92.5	+8.7	28.40	16.78		
Mail order houses.....	+4.5	91.8	87.8	89.8	+2.3	24.74	20.60		
Milk distributing.....	-1.6	---	---	---	-5.2	49.40	34.84		
Metal jobbing.....	+2.9	---	---	---	+7.0	37.15	30.87		
Services.....	+0.8	---	---	---	-7.8	22.15	15.42		
Hotels-restaurants.....	+1.2	---	---	---	-9.3	20.97	14.77		
Laundries.....	-0.4	108.5	108.9	21.7	-2.3	27.03	18.05		
Public utilities.....	-0.5	106.9	107.4	139.2	-1.6	35.40	20.84		
Water-gas-light-power.....	-0.4	125.8	126.4	148.9	-0.1	35.48	23.86		
Telephone.....	-0.7	115.4	116.2	126.6	-1.8	40.46	26.76		
Street railways.....	-0.2	99.6	98.8	108.6	-7.8	35.39	19.79		
Railway car repair.....	-0.9	82.4	83.1	52.6	+11.5	31.06	22.76		
Coal mining.....	+5.1	79.1	75.3	60.8	+34.5	29.18	---		
Building and contracting.....	-10.0	93.4	84.9	140.4	+18.7	43.60	---		
Building construction.....	+16.7	75.3	64.5	97.5	+27.8	44.38	---		
Road construction.....	+26.3	146.0	115.6	774.6	+31.6	31.85	---		
Miscellaneous contracting.....	-8.8	148.9	163.3	210.2	-3.7	44.13	---		

a Including firms not reporting by sex. d Figures based on payrolls for 291,786 males and 75,667 females. e Figures based on payrolls for 200,323 males and 40,102 females. f Figures based on payrolls for 114,868 males and 15,424 females. g Figures based on payrolls for 7,728 males and 2,741 females.

Peoria.—A 3% increase of employment roughly offset the 3.0% decline reported for September. The increase in payroll totals, however, was only 0.6%. The average weekly earnings for male and female employees were \$28.23 and \$13.08, respectively. The ratio of applicants per 100 positions available at the free employment office, 135.7, was approximately the same as that for September. Building activities on a new million dollar bridge crossing the Illinois River and work on a two million dollar sanitary district project absorbed most of the available labor supply. Completion of several new buildings by a large manufacturing establishment was expected to result in the employment of about 2,000 additional workers. On account of inclement weather, corn husking was slow and the demand for farm labor small.

Quincy.—This city reported the second largest decrease in employment and the third largest payroll loss. Employment diminished 10.8% from the September figure, and the payroll total decreased by 8.4%. The ratio of applicants per 100 jobs available, as reported by the free employment office, was 133.1, a slight increase over the September figure of 131.3. The general slowing down, however, was reported to have affected common labor. Building was active, but was expected to drop with the arrival of cold weather. Unfavorable weather conditions retarded corn husking to some extent and, as a consequence, the demand for farm hands was slightly below expectations.

Rockford.—With knitting and machine tool plants running full time and furniture factories working on either normal or overtime schedules, the 1.3% drop in employment appeared to be due entirely to layoffs by manufacturers of automobile parts. Textile machinery plants were reported to be working part time. The 2.2% increase in payrolls seemed to be due primarily to overtime activities of furniture plants. Building operations were reported as nearly normal, but were expected to drop when the cold weather sets in. The ratio of applicants per 100 jobs available at the free employment office was 112.0 as compared with 107.2 for September 1929 and 96.2 for October 1928. The surplus of labor was reported to include many floaters and some semi-skilled factory workers.

Rock Island.—The 5.7% increase in factory employment over September was reflected in a drop in the number of applicants per 100 jobs available at the free employment office from the September figure of 134 to 122 in October. The October 1928 figure was 149. Payrolls not only kept pace with the increase of employment, but exceeded it. The gain over September was 12.0%. Although there was a surplus of common labor, skilled laborers, mechanics, tool designers and patternmakers were in demand.

Springfield.—A 10.9% increase in payroll totals and a 2.4% increase in employment during September reflected the general improvement in industrial and business conditions. All plants were reported to have worked full time, with coal mines increasing their forces steadily and thereby stimulating allied trades as well as railroad transportation. Building activities were expected to be confined to indoor finishing with the coming of cold weather. Farmers appeared to be marking time as a result of late corn planting. The free employment office reported a surplus of farm labor, consisting largely of floaters attracted by the expected corn harvest, and a small shortage of skilled mechanics. The ratio of applicants per 100 jobs available was 113.6.

Sterling-Rock Falls.—Factory employment increased by 0.4% after a 4.1% increase of September over August. Payrolls, however, increased 7.8%, resulting in an average weekly earning of \$25.11 for male and \$12.21 for female employees.

Philadelphia Business, Financial and Civic Leaders Act to Co-Operate with President Hoover in Aiding Industry.

According to the Philadelphia "Public Ledger" industrial leaders and city officials outlined plans on Nov. 18 for the expenditure of many millions of dollars in public and private enterprises and the gathering passed a resolution calling a larger conference to marshal the resources of Philadelphia in support of President Hoover's program. The "Ledger" says:

The resolution introduced by Edward G. Budd, President of the E. G. Budd Manufacturing Company, is as follows:

"President Hoover has placed before the business men of the country the necessity of setting under way as speedily as possible all work now being held in abeyance as a spur to business and as a means of sustaining the country's prosperity.

"Therefore, be it resolved that the business men here assembling tender to President Hoover their congratulations upon his vision of the situation and his speedy development of plans to meet the situation, and offer him their whole-hearted support in the effort;

"And be it resolved: That this meeting empower the Industrial Relations Committee of the Chamber of Commerce to call together the Governor of Pennsylvania, the Mayor, heads of State, county and municipal units throughout the surrounding counties, as well as heads of business organizations, to take an inventory of the situation and to press forward at this time all possible work, especially of a constructive nature, so that the necessary impetus will be given to the country's prosperity."

Many Leaders at Hand.

Some of the men who participated in yesterday's conference were Joseph Wayne, Jr., President of the Philadelphia National Bank; Charles E. Ewing, Vice-President of the Reading Company; Walter K. Hardt, President Integrity Trust Company; William H. Taylor, President, Philadelphia Electric Company; William P. Gest, Chairman of the Board, Philadelphia-Fidelity Trust Company; Morris E. Leeds, President, Leeds & Northrup Company; Dr. J. H. Willis, of the University of Pennsylvania.

Thomas F. Armstrong, President Manufacturers Club; Ralph T. Senter, President Philadelphia Rapid Transit Company; Albert M. Greenfield, Hubert J. Horan, President of the Commercial Exchange; Robert E. Bidde, President West Philadelphia Manufacturers Association; Ralph T. Bencker, Architect; D. Klinkerbacker Boyd, President the Philadelphia Building Congress; H. G. Tully, Vice President P. R. T.

Staubton B. Peck, Vice President Link Belt Company; E. J. Lafferty, Walter P. Miller, C. W. Garrett, W. P. James, H. L. Badger, Vice-President Bell Telephone Company; Kenneth Coolbaugh, head of the State Employment Bureau; F. C. Durant Jr., President Keystone Telephone Company.

The "Ledger" reports Edward T. Stotesbury as saying that the only problem facing the country was to establish complete confidence of all the people in the essential soundness of the country. The account added:

"The resolution adopted here," he said, "meets with my hearty approval and I feel we should do whatever we can to keep industrial conditions stable and to uphold the President.

"There is no money panic. The only real condition is an apparent lack of confidence. Let us show the President that we are back of him in his efforts to solve this one knotty problem. There is plenty of business here. There is a tremendous amount of money, as we have heard to-day, to be spent here."

As if in answer to that, Colonel George W. B. Hicks "raised the ante" of Philadelphia in the prosperity pool.

"I am authorized by the Board of Education," he announced to the meeting, "to say that the body will spend upward of \$8,000,000 on construction work alone next year in this city."

In its report of the conference, the "Ledger" also had the following to say:

In tune with a keynote struck by Ernest T. Trigg, Chairman of the meeting, Mayor Mackey and other speakers asserted the municipal Government of this city would, during the next few months, start a program of construction involving expenditure of more than \$57,000,000.

"Engineers of various departments," Mayor Mackey said, "advise me that this means that at least 57,000 men are assured of work and wages during the next 18 months."

The conference yesterday, preceded by a luncheon, was called Saturday by Mr. Trigg as head of the Industrial Relations Committee of the Chamber of Commerce

Philadelphia Prepared, Trigg Says.

"I can say without hesitation," Mr. Trigg asserted, "that Philadelphia, as a result of our co-operation with Mr. Hoover's plans in the last few years, is probably better prepared than any other great American city to give him the utmost co-operation in his movement to spur American industry, and especially to speed up construction activities.

"Let our example be even measurably carried out in other great centers of the country and astonishing results will follow."

City Will Send Bonds.

Following Mr. Trigg's introduction Otto T. Mallery presented the report of a survey of municipal construction programs, stating that \$63,000,000 of city bonds had been authorized for public works and would shortly be sold, and that nearly all of this work can be put under contract during next year.

In addition, he pointed out, approximately \$50,000,000 more in bonds have been authorized by the voters for various projects in recent years, but for one reason or another these projects have not been carried out and the bonds have not been issued. He pointed, as an instance, to \$10,000,000 authorized for construction of a Chestnut Street subway, now transferred by popular vote to be used in the proposed Locust St. subway.

Some of these items, Mr. Mallery said, could be transferred to other work by vote of the people in most cases, and in some instances by ordinance of City Council, he believes. Mayor Mackey later suggested virtually all of these unissued bonds covered projects that would require action of the people at an election if the authorizations were to be changed.

Calls for Expansion as Stabilizer.

"The expansion of public work and that of utilities, railroads and similar organizations," Mr. Mallery's report stated, "would at this time exert an important stabilizing influence. This influence would not only be upon employment on public work but also in the manufacture of the materials needed and in creating new purchasing power by means of the wages paid to all the persons employed directly and indirectly.

"This purchasing power will be exerted for commodities that have nothing to do with public works, such as hats, textiles and leather goods. This purchasing power multiplies itself very rapidly. It is estimated that every dollar of new credit turns over 25 times in the course of a year. Thus, whatever sum is expended upon public work in Philadelphia will be multiplied 25 times during the year in successive purchases."

Mayor Mackey, announcing that he was calling a session of his Cabinet and bureau chiefs at 11 a. m. to-day to work out in detail the proposal for earliest possible start of big municipal construction projects, fixed the amount likely to be spent early next year at about \$56,940,000, representing bond issues authorized by the voters.

This total includes \$8,000,000 for highway improvements, \$1,500,000 for extensions and improvements of the city's water supply system, \$3,000,000 for sewage disposal, \$2,000,000 for elimination of grade crossings, \$2,250,000 for Pennsylvania terminal improvement, \$1,000,000 for Baltimore and Ohio Railroad improvements, \$2,750,000 for bridges, \$3,300,000 for construction of main and branch sewers.

The Department of Public Welfare, the Mayor stated, will expend \$1,250,000 for a home for the indigent and completion of the House of Correction, \$1,500,000 will be available for river and harbor improvements, \$3,000,000 for hospital improvements, including several new buildings; \$5,000,000 for the new Convention Hall and \$1,000,000 for airport construction.

In addition, the Transit Department will set under way projects calling for an initial expenditure of \$21,390,000.

Dr. F. R. Cawli, economist, of the Public Ledger, pointed to the requirements of Philadelphia for food, clothing and other supplies with the query: "Is Philadelphia getting its own share of its own business and of the business of the vast population surrounding it?"

Cites Huge Sums Spent by People.

"This city," he said, "spends \$345,000,000 annually for food, \$294,000,000 for clothing, \$146,000,000 for automotive needs, \$119,000,000 for furniture and housefurnishings, \$60,000,000 for building materials, \$40,000,000 for drugs and toilet goods."

Dr. Cawli listed more immense sums of millions of dollars spent every year by Philadelphians for coal, wood, hardware, jewelry, silverware, cigars and tobacco, office equipment, radio and music and \$81,000,000 for "miscellaneous," including such things as flowers and books.

"The economists of the present situation," he said, "are affected by psychological conditions in which, if I were in business, I would be increasing my sales force and advertising appropriations instead of cutting them down.

Aids Foresighted Firms, He Says.

"Just exactly that fear for the future that affects some business men at a time like this, in which they lay off salesmen and cut down advertising, makes the sales effort of the business manager who keeps on fighting for business more impressive—gives him a larger audience."

While the Chamber of Commerce meeting was being held, the Philadelphia Board of Trade met at the Bourse, and at the instance of Emil P. Albrecht, the president, adopted a resolution urging Philadelphia business interests "to co-operate to the fullest extent of their ability with the President in the successful accomplishment of his program looking to the rehabilitation of public confidence in business that national prosperity may continue in greater volume and upon a broader plan than has prevailed heretofore."

The board, at the suggestion of Lincoln K. Passmore, also adopted a resolution recommending approval by Congress of the \$160,000,000 cut in Federal income tax proposed by Secretary Mellon and the President, and

another resolution urging lowering of taxes in Philadelphia and commending Mayor Mackey for his efforts "to establish satisfactory budgeting in municipal administration expenditures."

Industrial Employment in Ohio and Ohio Cities During October—Decline of 1% as Compared With September.

Industrial employment in Ohio in September and October declined slightly from the high level of August, when employment in the State reached a new high point for all time, says the Bureau of Business Research of the Ohio State University, in presenting its summary of employment conditions in Ohio during October. The Bureau's further comments follow:

The decline in October from September in industrial employment was 1%, while the increase as compared with October 1928 was 4%, and the increase for the first 10 months of 1929 as compared with the same period of 1928 was 9%. However, in spite of the slight decline in total industrial employment in the State, 309 of the 630 concerns reporting to the Bureau of Business Research reported increases in employment in October as compared with September, while only 285 reported employment decreases. Manufacturing employment, which largely dominates the figure for total industrial employment in Ohio, also declined 1% in October from September, but was 4% greater than in October 1928, and 9% greater during the first 10 months of 1929 than during the same period of 1928.

There were employment increases in October from September in the lumber products, the paper and printing, the textiles, and the miscellaneous groups of industries, and employment decreases in the chemicals, the food products, the iron and steel, the rubber products, the stone, clay, and glass products, and the vehicles groups. Employment in the machinery industries of the State showed practically no change in October from September.

In the iron and steel group of industries there was a decline of 1% in employment in October from September, and no change from October 1928, but an increase of 7% during the first 10 months of this year as compared with the first 10 months of last year. Eighty-three of the 172 reporting concerns in the iron and steel group showed employment increases in October from September, and 78 showed decreases.

Employment in the machinery industries in October, while showing no change from September, was 15% greater than in October 1928 and 15% greater during the first 10 months of 1929 than during the same period of 1928.

Employment in the manufacture of automobiles and automobile parts declined 13% in October from September, and 18% from October of last year, and averaged 14% higher during the first 10 months of 1929 than during the same period of 1928. Employment in the rubber products group, of which tire and tube manufacturing is the principal industry, declined 5% in October from September, and 4% from October 1928, but increased 7% during the first 10 months of 1929 as compared with the same period of 1928.

Employment in the stone, clay, and glass products group declined 1% in October from September, and 4% from October 1928. In the lumber products group, October employment was 6% greater than in September, and 5% greater than in October 1928, although the average for the first 10 months of 1928 was 3% behind the average for the same period of last year.

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

Industrial employment in Akron in October declined 5% from September but was 1% greater than in October 1928, and 11% greater during the first 10 months of 1929 than during the same period of 1928. Industrial employment in Cincinnati remained practically unchanged in October from September, but was 6% greater than in October 1928, and averaged 4% greater during the first 10 months of this year than during the same period of last year. October industrial employment in Cleveland was 2% less than in September but 2% greater than in October 1928 and 14% greater during the first 10 months of 1929 than during the first 10 months of 1928. Industrial employment in Columbus decreased 1% in October from September, was 7% greater than in October 1928, and 10% greater during the first 10 months of 1929 than during the same period of 1928. In Dayton industrial employment declined 1% in October from September, but increased 15% from October 1928 and 22% during the first 10 months of 1929 as compared with the same period of last year. October industrial employment in Toledo was 11% less than in September and 19% less than in October 1928, but averaged 8% greater during the first 10 months of 1929 than during the same period of 1928. In Youngstown, industrial employment declined 5% in October from September, and 1% from October 1928, but averaged 6% greater during the first 10 months of 1929 than during the same period of last year. Industrial employment in Stark County declined 2% in October from September, and 6% from October 1928, but increased 11% during the first 10 months of this year as compared with the first 10 months of last year.

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

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture made public on Monday afternoon, Nov. 11, its forecasts and estimates of the grain crops of the United States as of Nov. 1, based on reports and data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians and co-operating State Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture. The production of corn is now placed at 2,621,000,000 bushels, which compares with the Department's estimate of a month ago of 2,528,000,000 bushels and with 2,835,678,000 bushels harvested in 1928 and a five-year average production of 2,746,740,000 bushels. The yield per acre on Nov. 1 was estimated at 26.7%, comparing with 28.2% a year ago and with 27.8% the ten-year average. Conditions in October were generally favorable and all crops combined show better prospects by 1½% than a month ago. We give below the report in full:

Yields of corn, potatoes, sweet potatoes, rice, grain sorghum, beans, peanuts, sugar beets, and grapes are all running substantially above earlier expectations chiefly because October weather was much more favorable than usual for late crops which escaped the September frosts. Combining all crops, prospects averaged about 1½% better than they were a month ago, but, chiefly on account of the summer drought, crop yields average 5.8% below those secured last year and 2.6% below the average yields of the previous ten years.

Corn.

The preliminary estimate of corn production in the United States is 2,621,000,000, an increase of 93,000,000 bushels, or 3.7% over the Oct. 1 forecast. Practically all of the important producing States showed an increase during the month of October, due in most instances to more favorable than average weather conditions for maturing the crop. The 1929 crop is, however, relatively a short crop. It is 7.7% below the 1928 crop of 2,826,000,000 bushels and 4.6% below the five-year average of 2,747,000,000 bushels. The preliminary estimate represents the equivalent grain production of corn on the acreage grown for all purposes. An estimate of production for grain, for silage, and for hogging down and other purposes will be made in December. The distribution and production of the 1929 crop is markedly different from that of the 1928 crop. Production in the Southern and Western States is somewhat in excess of last year. In the North Atlantic States production is below 1928. The North Central States, which roughly coincide with the Corn Belt proper and from which the bulk of market grain is shipped, show a material reduction from the 1928 production. In the North Central States east of the Mississippi River, the production in 1929 of 690,000,000 bushels is 14% less than in 1928. The relative amount of corn to be harvested as grain in the North Atlantic and the North Central States east of the Mississippi River will be less than indicated by those figures because of the material percentage of the acreage in these States which is cut for silage. In the North Central States west of the Mississippi River the production of 1,172,000,000 bushels in 1929 is 10.6% below production in 1928.

Farm stocks of old corn on Nov. 1 are estimated to be 76,863,000 bushels, which is a considerable increase over the stocks on Nov. 1 in 1928, of 54,000,000 bushels, but 29% less than the five-year average stocks of 108,000,000 bushels.

Combining 1929 production with the farm stocks on Nov. 1, the farm supply of corn this season is 2,698,000,000 bushels, which is 6.6% less than the farm supply for the 1928 season.

The quality of the 1929 corn crop was reported at 80.2% in comparison with 82.9 of 1928 and the ten-year average of 80.7%.

Buckwheat.

The buckwheat crop is now estimated at 11,896,000 bushels, which makes it the smallest buckwheat crop since 1916. Last year 13,148,000 bushels were produced from a smaller acreage, and during the previous five years production averaged 13,900,000 bushels. The low production this year is due chiefly to drought and frost in New York and Pennsylvania, the leading producing States.

Flaxseed.

The flaxseed crop is now estimated at 16,060,000 bushels, for late reports show that in the Dakotas and Minnesota, the leading producing States, yields per acre averaged even lower than was previously estimated. The average yield in the United States is now estimated at only 5.2 bushels, which is two-thirds of the average yield during the past ten years. The crop is the smallest since that of 1922. Although an increased acreage was planted this season, production was 14% less than the 18,690,000 bushels produced last year.

Rice.

The weather has been unusually favorable for the harvesting of rice, and in all important States yields per acre are running substantially higher than were expected. The average yield in the United States is now estimated at 44.5 bushels, which would be above the yield secured in any previous year except 1916. As the acreage was reduced this season, the production is estimated at 39,178,000 bushels compared with the 41,881,000 bushels produced last year. This year's crop appears to be of better quality than the crops of the last two years.

Grain Sorghums.

The preliminary estimate of the production of grain sorghums is 103,988,000 bushels. This represents the grain equivalent on the 6,300,000 acres grown for all purposes in 1929, a considerable portion of the crop each year being harvested for forage. The Nov. 1 estimate is an increase of about 10,000,000 bushels over the Oct. 1 forecast, but is still a very short crop. Last year 142,500,000 bushels were produced, and the average production during the previous five years was 122,900,000 bushels. The crop improved materially during the month of October in Texas, Arizona and New Mexico, due to timely rains during September and favorable temperatures during October. The short crop this year is due largely to reduced yields per acre. The average yield of 1929 is estimated at 16.5 bushels, compared with 21.9 bushels for 1928 and an average yield of 20.4 bushels during the previous nine years.

Apples.

The apple harvest seems to have turned out about as expected a month ago, nearly all the important producing areas reporting production to be light and quality far below average. The crop is now estimated at 140,099,000 bushels compared with the 185,743,000 bushels harvested last season and an average of 183,452,000 during the previous five years. Production was substantially heavier than in either of the low years, 1921 or 1927, but otherwise the smallest since 1907.

The commercial apple crop, including only that portion sold or to be sold for consumption as fresh fruit, is estimated at 28,519,000 barrels of three bushels each, compared with 35,268,000 barrels last year and an average of 32,468,000 barrels during the previous five years. The Western boxed apple States produced the equivalent of 12,846,000 barrels compared with 16,811,000 last year and the barreled apple States 15,673,000 barrels compared with 18,457,000 barrels last year. Small size and poor quality are reported from most of the commercial States.

Pears.

The pear crop turned out slightly better than expected a month ago, the estimated production being 20,812,000 bushels compared with 24,012,000 bushels last year and 20,211,000 bushels the average production for the five years, 1923-27. The crop was smaller than last year in the large producing States, but Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas and a few other States had larger crops. California, with an estimated production of 7,509,000 bushels, has 36% of the total crop. The quality of this year's crop is reported to be 81%, which compares with 81.8% for the 1928 and 87.2 the average for the previous ten years (1918-1927).

Grapes.

Grape production is estimated at 2,045,000 tons, compared with 2,671,000 tons harvested last year and an average of 2,250,000 tons during the

previous five years. The crop is rather light this year in all important States. In California, where grapes were extensively damaged by a late Spring frost, the production of wine varieties is now estimated at 427,000 tons, compared with 482,000 tons produced last year. Table varieties show a production of 327,000 tons, compared with 478,000 tons produced last year. Raisin varieties show a production for all purposes equivalent to 1,021,000 tons of fresh grapes, compared with 1,406,000 tons last year. This year some 241,000 tons of raisin varieties were sold fresh and the portion dried represents the equivalent of 195,000 tons of raisins.

Cranberries.

The 1929 production of cranberries is estimated at 548,000 barrels as compared to 544,000 produced in 1928 and 496,000 in 1927. The increase in production is due to the large crop in Massachusetts, production in other States being less than it was last year.

Potatoes.

Now that digging has progressed far enough to permit more definite information regarding yields, the production of potatoes is estimated at 353,977,000 bushels. This is nearly 9,000,000 bushels, or 2½% above the estimate of a month ago, but still 23.8% less than the large 1928 crop of 464,483,000 bushels and 7½% below the average production of the previous five years. The crop now seems likely to approach that of 1926, but this year's production is the smallest since 1925.

Sweet Potatoes.

The yield of sweet potatoes promises to be much larger than has been expected, and the estimated production of 82,917,000 bushels is 8% above the October forecast and 7% above the 1928 crop of 77,661,000 bushels. However, it is still 12% below the large 1927 crop of 94,112,000 bushels. In most States the September rain and favorable weather during October enabled the crop to overcome the effects of the dry weather in August, and in part of the Southeast the crop is running to larger sizes than usual. Yields of 90 bushels or more per acre are being secured or are expected in all States except Texas, Oklahoma and Arkansas, where the drought was most severe. With the exception of these States, New Jersey, California and perhaps Maryland, production is expected to be heavier than it was last year. The quality of this year's crop is reported as rather below average in most States and far below average in Arkansas, Oklahoma and Texas.

Tobacco.

The indicated yield of tobacco, based on November returns, is 739 pounds per acre, compared with the low yield of 727 pounds in 1928 and 779 pounds the average of the previous ten years. This moderate increase in average yield, coupled with an increase in planted acreage, indicates a production that will exceed that of last year by 103 million pounds. The total amount of tobacco harvested or to be harvested this year is estimated at 1,480,965,000 pounds, compared with 1,378,139,000 pounds in 1928. The changes from last year are as follows: Flue cured, 769 million pounds, compared with 741 million pounds in 1928; all fire cured, 168 million pounds, compared with 132 last year; light air-cured, 324 million pounds, compared with 294 last year; dark air-cured, 59 million pounds, compared with 44 last year. Of the cigar types, fillers and wrappers show moderate increases, while binders show a decline of nearly 10 million pounds.

Quality of tobacco this year is reported as 79.6%, compared with 74.4 last year. Cigar districts, with few exceptions, show lower quality than a year ago. The flue-cured and Virginia fire-cured districts show higher figures for quality than in 1928. Excellent quality is reported also in the Kentucky and Tennessee fire-cured districts, while burley is somewhat lower.

Sugar Crops.

The production of sugar from the 1929 beet and cane crops of the United States is now estimated at 1,316,000 short tons. This forecast, based on yields of beets and cane being secured to the first of November, is 2% above the forecast of a month ago. It is 10% above the 1,193,000 short tons produced last year and 22% above the average production of 1,076,000 during the previous five years.

Sugar beets are expected to average 11.6 short tons per acre, which is more than half a ton higher than last year. It is now expected that about 730,000 acres of beets will be harvested for sugar compared with 644,000 last year.

In Louisiana, harvesting of cane began about the middle of October. General use of the new "P. O. J." varieties is resulting in a relatively high yield and cane is now expected to average about 18.3 short tons per acre.

Production of cane syrup in Louisiana is now forecast at 7,833,000 gallons, or 17% more than was made from the 1928 crop. United States production of cane syrup is forecast at 22,889,000 gallons, compared with 20,401,000 gallons last year.

United States sorgo syrup production is estimated to be 26,725,000 gallons, or a quarter of a million gallons less than last year.

Clover Seed.

Production of Red (including Mammoth) and Alsike clover seed in 1929 is approximately 2,100,000 bushels, which is practically double the 1928 crop and also double the five-year average production of 1923-27. The 1929 season was exceptionally favorable for the production of clover seed in the North Central States. An exceptionally large acreage of clover was available for seed because of freedom from mixture with other hays. Yield per acre at 1.59 bushels in 1929 was about the same as the yield in 1928, but is above the ten-year average yield of 1.46 bushels. Determination of acreage harvested in 1929 is exceedingly difficult because of the large increases over the 1928 cutting. In some States the acreage cut was three times as large as last year. A tentative estimate of acreage of 1,340,000 acres was made for the purpose of computing the approximate production. The five-year average acreage is 823,000 acres.

Sweet Clover Seed.

Production of sweet clover seed in 1929 is approximately equal to the average production of the past five years. A tentative estimate of acreage cut is 250,000 acres, which is about equal to the five-year average. Approximate production is given at 1,080,000 bushels, as compared with the five-year average production of 1,046,000.

Alfalfa Seed.

Production of alfalfa seed in 1929 is about 21% greater than in 1928 but is still more than 27% below an average production. A tentative estimate of acreage harvested in 1929 is 257,000 acres, compared with an average acreage of 280,000. The yield per acre of 2.76 bushels is more than in 1928 but considerably below the average yield of 3.47 bushels of the preceding 10 years. Production is 710,000 bushels as compared with production of 586,000 bushels last year and an average production of 980,000 bushels. Utah again has a short crop of alfalfa seed in 1929, with a production of 107,000 bushels, compared with 110,000 bushels in

1928. Most of the other important producing States show larger production than last year.

Timothy Seed.

About the same quantity of timothy seed was produced in 1929 as in 1928. The yield per acre in 1929 is estimated at 3.59 bushels per acre, compared with 3.88 bushels in 1928 and an average of 3.80 bushels per acre during the last five years. The acreage harvested in 1929 is about 400,000 acres and the production approximately 1,400,000 bushels. Last year 1,360,000 bushels were produced. Average production of the past five years has been 2,318,000 bushels.

Peanuts.

The peanut crop is larger than expected. The November returns indicate a production of 902,330,000 pounds, an increase of about 45,000,000 over the Oct. 1 indication. The crop now in prospect is 93,000,000 pounds more than the crop of last year and 185,000,000 pounds more than the average crop of the previous five years. Of the increase over last year, about 40,000,000 bushels is in Virginia and North Carolina, 36,000,000 in Georgia, Alabama and Florida, and 13,000,000 in Oklahoma and Louisiana.

Dry Edible Beans.

The production of edible dry beans is estimated at 18,638,000 bushels. This is 530,000 bushels more than was expected a month ago, 2,000,000 bushels more than were produced last year, and 1,580,000 bushels above the average production during the previous five years. The principal increases over last year's production occurred in Idaho, Colorado, New Mexico and California, these increases being mostly of Great Northern, Pintos and Limas. The pea bean crop, grown mostly in Michigan and New York, appears to be slightly smaller than last year's production.

Soybeans and Cowpeas.

Production of soybeans has continued to increase and the quantity of beans picked or threshed is now estimated at 9,450,000 bushels, compared with 8,688,000 last year and 7,459,000 in 1927. Increases were particularly heavy in Illinois and North Carolina.

A moderate crop of 4,780,000 bushels of cowpeas is indicated, compared with the very short crop of 3,730,000 produced last year and 6,100,000 in 1927.

Crop Report as of Nov. 1 1929 for the United States.

The Crop Reporting Board of the United States Department of Agriculture makes the following report from data furnished by crop correspondents, field statisticians, co-operating State Board (or Departments) of Agriculture and Agricultural Colleges. The final outcome of crops will depend upon whether the various influences affecting them during the remainder of the season are more or less favorable than usual.

Crop.	Total Production in Millions.			Yield per Acre.		
	5-Yr. Avar. 1923-27	1928.	1929 (Pre-lim.)	10-Yr. Avar. 1918-27	1928.	1929 (Pre-lim.)
	Corn (a).....bush.	2,747	2,836	2,621	27.8	28.2	26.7
Winter wheat.....	549	578	568	14.9	14.9	14.2
Durum wheat, 4 States.....	60	93	52	12.4	13.8	9.6
Other spring wheat, U. S.....	200	231	172	112.6	15.6	11.1
All wheat.....	810	902	792	14.1	15.6	13.0
Oats.....	1,345	1,449	1,227	31.0	34.7	30.5
Barley.....	209	357	313	24.8	23.5	23.1
Rye.....	54.8	41.7	41.0	13.6	12.1	12.5
Buckwheat.....	13.9	13.1	11.9	18.9	17.6	15.6
Flaxseed.....	23.2	18.7	16.1	7.5	7.1	5.2
Rice, 5 States.....	37.1	41.9	39.2	39.3	43.4	44.5
Grain sorghums (d).....	122.9	142.5	104.0	c20.4	21.9	16.5
Hay, all tame.....tons	92.8	93.0	100.6	1.52	1.61	1.67
Hay, wild.....	14.4	12.9	12.4	1.00	.98	.94
Timothy seed.....bush.	e2.56	1.36	---	---	3.88	3.59
Clover seed (red and alsike).....	1.09	1.02	---	1.46	1.56	1.59
Alfalfa seed.....	c.98	.59	---	3.47	2.59	2.76
Beans, dry edible.....	17.1	16.6	18.6	11.2	10.5	10.7
Peanuts (for nuts).....lbs.	718	809	902	697	686	741
Apples, total crop.....bush.	183	186	140	d58.4	d61.5	d45.7
Apples, commercial crop.....bbls.	32.5	35.3	28.5	cd62.1	d64.2	d49.2
Peaches, total crop.....bush.	52.2	68.4	44.8	d62.1	d72.6	d48.9
Pears, total crop.....	20.2	24.0	20.8	d69.7	d73.4	d62.0
Grapes.....tons	e2.25	e2.67	e2.05	d79.2	d83.3	d66.4
Pecans.....lbs.	c33.9	42.0	---	d44.2	d57.4	d40.9
Potatoes.....bush.	883	464	354	106.4	121.2	105.0
Sweet potatoes.....	78.0	77.7	82.9	95.0	95.9	101.9
Tobacco.....lbs.	1,331	1,378	1,481	779	727	739
Sugar beets.....tons	27.46	7.10	8.47	10.1	11.0	11.6
Sorgo for sirup.....gals.	29.3	27.0	26.7	81.3	77.5	75.9
Broomcorn.....tons	f66.6	f54.5	f46.2	g315	g366	g308
Hops.....lbs.	27.6	32.7	31.6	1,211	1,254	1,260

a Grain equivalent on acreage for all purposes. b All spring wheat. c Short time average. d Production in percentage of a full crop. e For fresh fruit, juice and raisins, including some not harvested in 1928 and earlier years. f Thousands of tons. g Pounds per acre.

Crop.	Acreage Harvested.			Quality.		
	5-Yr. Avar. 1923-27	1929.		10-Yr. Avar. 1918-27	1928	1929
	1,000 Acres.	Per Cent of 1928.	1,000 Acres.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.	Per Cent.
Corn.....bush.	100,899	97.7	98,333	80.7	82.9	80.2
Winter wheat.....	36,244	110.2	39,885	89.8	88.7	86.7
Durum wheat, 4 States.....	4,732	79.8	5,357	a90.2	89.6	92.6
Other spring wheat, U. S.....	14,965	104.5	15,514	b86.1	90.9	88.7
All wheat.....	55,941	105.2	60,756	88.8	89.4	87.5
Oats.....	42,816	96.4	40,222	86.4	89.1	86.2
Barley.....	8,041	108.5	13,595	87.2	88.9	86.1
Rye.....	4,105	95.5	3,284	89.8	88.6	86.2
Buckwheat.....	747	102.0	784	89.6	86.9	86.6
Flaxseed.....	2,861	117.2	3,092	89.7	86.5	87.7
Rice, 5 States.....	928	91.3	881	---	91.4	93.6
Grain sorghums.....	6,561	96.8	6,286	---	---	---
Hay, all tame.....tons	59,646	104.0	60,054	89.4	86.7	89.3
Hay, wild.....	14,609	100.7	13,233	89.9	86.1	84.4
Timothy seed.....bush.	a674	---	---	---	89.7	90.5
Clover seed (red and alsike).....	823	---	---	a87.0	87.5	88.8
Alfalfa seed.....	a280	---	---	---	87.0	88.0
Beans, dry edible.....	1,655	110.0	1,735	---	---	---
Peanuts (for nuts).....lbs.	1,005	103.1	1,217	---	---	---
Apples, total crop.....bush.	---	---	---	78.9	74.7	69.3
Peaches, total crop.....	---	---	---	84.1	78.6	72.4
Pears, total crop.....	---	---	---	87.2	81.8	81.0
Grapes.....tons	---	---	---	90.6	80.5	85.5
Potatoes.....bush.	3,359	87.9	3,370	86.9	85.0	84.8
Sweet potatoes.....	842	100.5	814	86.8	82.8	83.9
Tobacco.....lbs.	1,716	105.7	2,003	80.6	74.4	79.6
Sugar beets.....tons	a715	113.4	730	---	---	---
Sorgo for sirup.....gals.	374	101.1	352	---	---	---
Broomcorn.....tons	346	100.7	300	---	---	---
Hops.....lbs.	21	96.2	25	---	---	---

a Short time average. b All spring wheat.

CORN REPORT.
(Grain equivalent on acreage for all purposes.)

State.	Yield Per Acre. (Bushels)			Production. (1,000 Bushels)		Merchantable Quality. (Per Cent)			
	10-Yr. Avar. 1918-1927.	1928.	1929.	Harvested, Revison in Dec. 1923-27.	November 1929 Prelim. Estimate.	10-Year Avar. 1918-1927.	1928.	1929.	
	New Eng.....	44.9	42.4	42.1	9,960	9,190	9,564	81	77	78
New York.....	37.2	34.0	34.0	23,689	22,100	22,984	76	73	58
New Jersey.....	42.6	38.5	36.0	8,445	6,968	6,660	85	75	76
Pa.....	43.2	39.0	35.5	57,760	50,037	47,357	81	80	73
Ohio.....	39.1	37.5	35.5	137,122	136,725	125,564	79	81	75
Indiana.....	36.1	35.2	32.0	163,952	156,288	136,384	80	80	77
Illinois.....	35.3	38.4	34.5	320,656	367,488	310,362	81	88	83
Michigan.....	34.5	35.0	25.0	52,578	51,135	35,425	74	70	60
Wisconsin.....	39.6	43.0	40.5	76,626	91,203	82,458	68	72	74
Minnesota.....	35.5	35.0	35.0	140,512	143,115	147,420	76	78	78
Iowa.....	39.8	42.6	39.3	411,446	477,205	431,435	85	91	87
Missouri.....	27.7	29.0	22.7	178,203	181,540	127,892	78	85	72
No. Dak.....	25.3	24.5	16.4	24,708	24,426	17,335	62	55	38
So. Dak.....	27.3	21.0	22.8	108,883	93,849	106,978	80	80	82
Nebraska.....	26.0	23.8	25.8	226,251	212,701	232,871	87	86	91
Kansas.....	19.1	27.0	17.0	120,170	179,118	103,273	80	92	80
Delaware.....	32.8	33.0	30.3	4,760	4,488	4,000	83	74	85
Maryland.....	39.3	36.5	36.5	22,241	19,345	18,578	81	78	79
Virginia.....	26.8	27.5	29.0	43,704	44,715	44,312	82	72	81
West Va.....	33.0	36.2	31.5	16,533	16,523	14,458	78	76	73
No. Caro.....	20.6	18.5	22.5	50,114	42,642	50,828	85	77	83
So. Caro.....	15.6	12.0	16.4	23,901	17,064	23,321	83	69	80
Georgia.....	13.4	10.5	14.0	49,290	38,010	51,184	81	74	80
Florida.....	14.0	13.0	14.5	8,443	7,891	8,976	81	70	84
Kentucky.....	27.3	22.0	27.3	86,432	66,638	79,388	79	69	79
Tennessee.....	24.0	19.5	25.0	71,942	56,842	72,150	81	75	82
Alabama.....	14.6	11.5	15.5	41,735	30,476	40,672	82	78	80
Mississippi.....	16.5	13.0	20.2	33,435	22,445	33,875	80	76	82
Arkansas.....	18.1	16.5	14.3	34,126	33,033	26,913	73	75	65
Louisiana.....	16.9	17.0	18.2	20,233	21,114	20,348	74	78	73
Oklahoma.....	19.3	23.0	16.0	51,293	70,150	46,848	75	87	71
Texas.....	20.5	21.0	19.0	81,386	99,162	90,611	78	84	77
Montana.....	17.6	19.0	12.5	6,950	5,206	3,938	66	49	54
Idaho.....	37.7	46.0	36.0	2,822	2,438	2,016	84	88	81
Wyoming.....	21.3	18.0	19.0	3,529	3,006	2,850	77	73	75
Colorado.....	15.6	13.0	17.5	20,593	18,694	22,645	79	80	82
New Mexico.....	19.1	17.5	24.0	3,529	3,482	5,352	79	78	87
Arizona.....	27.6	26.0	28.0	1,043	1,014	1,176	83	80	83
Utah.....	23.8	29.0	32.0	490	522	704	78	75	76
Nevada.....	26.1	22.0	28.0	43	44	56	84	90	85
Washington.....	30.5	39.0	35.5	1,873	1,794	1,704	79	84	81
Oregon.....	31.5	36.0	35.0	2,347	2,952	3,010	78	65	77
California.....	33.8	32.0	31.8	2,992	2,400	2,576	87	85	80
U. S.....	27.8	28.2	26.7	2,746,740	2,835,678	2,621,451	80.7	82.9	80.2

BUCKWHEAT.

State.	Yield Per Acre. (Bushels)			Production. (1,000 Bushels)		Quality. (Per Cent)			
	10-Yr. Avar. 1918-1927.	1928.	1929.	Harvested, Subj. to Revision in Dec. 1923-27.	November 1929 Prelim. Estimate.	10-Year Avar. 1918-1927.	1928.	1929.	
	Maine.....	24.4	23.0	30.0	315	299	450	91	88	94
Vermont.....	22.1	24.0	30.0	61	48	60	80	94	99
New York.....	19.8	18.1	15.0	4,216	3,475	3,165	90	87	86
New Jersey.....	19.7	20.0	18.0	77	20	18	90	84	84
Pennsylvania.....	20.8	19.5	17.0	4,394	3,802	3,485	90	90	87
Ohio.....	19.9	20.0	17.8	490	700	659	90	89	87
Indiana.....	15								

The company will by the end of 1930 have expended approximately \$18,000,000 over a five-year period in rebuilding and modernizing its 50 plants. Resultant improved efficiency is expected to be reflected in steadily decreasing costs and probable eventual lower bread prices for the consumer.

Lumber Shipments and Orders Below Production.

Lumber orders for the week ended Nov. 16 were below production, it is indicated in reports from 838 softwood and hardwood mills to the National Lumber Mfrs. Association. Softwood orders were reported by 644 mills as 17% less, while 221 hardwood mills reported orders 27% below production. Shipments were also less than production by 15% in softwoods and 19% in the case of hardwoods. Unfilled orders at 519 softwood mills at the end of the week were the equivalent of 20 days' production, which may be compared with an equivalent of 21 days' reported by 530 mills a week earlier. Comparatively, softwood production for the week, as reported by 424 identical mills, was approximately 33,000,000 feet less than for the same week a year ago, while shipments and orders fell off by approximately the same figure. Hardwood production at 200 identical mills was 2% greater, while shipments were 18% and orders less by 29% than for the same week last year.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Nov. 16 1929 by 644 softwood mills totaled 264,465,000 feet, or 17% below the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 269,123,000 feet, or 15% below production. Production was 317,225,000 feet.

Reports from 221 hardwood mills give new business as 33,206,000 feet, or 27% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 36,824,000 feet, or 19% below production. Production was 45,280,000 feet. The Association's statement further goes on to say:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 519 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 1,013,484,000 feet on Nov. 16 1929, or the equivalent to 20 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 530 softwood mills on Nov. 9 1929 of 1,075,284,000 feet, the equivalent of 21 days' production.

The 355 identical softwood mills reported unfilled orders as 754,008,000 feet on Nov. 16 1929, as compared with 820,969,000 feet for the same week a year ago. Last week's production of 424 identical softwood mills was 248,572,000 feet, and a year ago it was 271,692,000; shipments were respectively 208,005,000 feet and 248,788,000; and orders received 189,159,000 feet and 221,613,000. In the case of hardwoods, 200 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 40,001,000 feet and 39,047,000; shipments, 33,545,000 feet and 40,971,000; and orders, 31,143,000 feet and 43,927,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle that new business for the 223 mills reporting for the week ended Nov. 16 totaled 145,095,000 feet, of which 64,901,000 feet was for domestic cargo delivery and 22,858,000 feet export. New business by rail amounted to 45,772,000 feet. Shipments totaled 142,711,000 feet, of which 53,967,000 feet moved coastwise and intercoastal and 28,339,000 feet export. Rail shipments totaled 50,842,000 feet, and local deliveries 11,563,000 feet. Unshipped orders totaled 638,477,000 feet, of which domestic cargo orders totaled 298,113,000 feet, foreign 199,254,000 feet and rail trade 141,110,000 feet. Weekly capacity of these mills is 251,895,000 feet. For the 45 weeks ended Nov. 9 138 identical mills reported orders 2.3% over production and shipments were 0.9% over production. The same mills showed a decrease in inventories of 2.3% on Nov. 9 as compared with Jan. 1.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reports from New Orleans that for 163 mills reporting shipments were 16% below production and orders 12% below production and 4% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 55,440,000 feet (previous week 57,786,000 for 153 mills); shipments, 53,130,000 feet (previous week 61,499,000); and production 63,327,000 feet (previous week 65,285,000). The three-year average production of these mills is 80,499,000 feet. Orders on hand at the end of the week at 122 mills were 163,863,000 feet. The 148 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 15% and in new business a decrease of 19% as compared with the same week a year ago.

The Western Pine Manufacturers' Association of Portland, Ore., reported production from 60 mills as 41,222,000 feet, (shipments 28,972,000 and new business 27,672,000 feet. Fifty-one identical mills reported production 4% more and new business 19% less, than for the corresponding week of last year.

The California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturers' Association of San Francisco reported production from 18 mills as 18,528,000 feet, shipments 13,027,000 and orders 11,239,000 feet. The same number of mills reported an increase in production of 2% and an increase in orders of 5% when compared with 1928.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers' Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from nine mills as 264,000 feet (only one small mill sawing last week), shipments 8,967,000 and new business 5,351,000. The same number of mills reported a decrease in production of 96% and a decrease in new business of 28% compared with a year ago.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 27 mills as 3,252,000 feet, shipments 2,392,000 and orders 2,281,000. The same number of mills reported production 7% more and orders 13% less, in comparison with the same period of last year.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 129 mills as 11,671,000 feet, shipments 11,338,000 and new business 9,075,000. Fifty-four identical mills reported a decrease in production of 11% and of 38% in new business, when compared with last year.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco, reported production from 15 mills as 9,020,000 feet, shipments 8,586,000 and orders 8,312,000. The same mills reported an increase of 23% in production and of 12% in orders in comparison with the corresponding week a year ago.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers' Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 194 mills as 41,306,000 feet, shipments 32,543,000 and new

business 30,313,000. Reports from 173 identical mills showed an increase in production of 6% and a decrease in new business of 24% when compared with 1928.

The Northern Hemlock and Hardwood Manufacturers' Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 27 mills as 3,974,000 feet, shipments 4,281,000 and orders 2,893,000. The same number of mills reported production 19% less and orders 56% less in comparison with last year.

CURRENT RELATIONSHIP OF SHIPMENTS AND ORDERS TO PRODUCTION FOR THE WEEK ENDED NOV. 16 1929 AND FOR 46 WEEKS TO DATE.

Association.	Production (M Feet)	Shipments (M Feet)	% of Prod.	Orders (M Feet)	% of Prod.
Southern Pine—					
Week—163 mill reports.....	63,327	53,130	84	55,440	88
46 weeks—6,885 mill reports.....	3,082,414	3,089,189	100	3,075,000	100
West Coast Lumbermen's—					
Week—223 mill reports.....	169,941	142,711	84	145,095	85
46 weeks—9,407 mill reports.....	8,091,463	8,025,003	99	8,093,744	100
Western Pine Manufacturers—					
Week—60 mill reports.....	41,222	28,972	70	27,672	67
46 weeks—2,409 mill reports.....	1,838,326	1,799,699	98	1,678,186	91
California White & Sugar Pine—					
Week—18 mill reports.....	18,528	13,027	70	11,239	61
46 weeks—1,187 mill reports.....	1,300,130	1,220,528	94	1,218,564	94
Northern Pine Manufacturers—					
Week—9 mill reports.....	264	8,967	9	5,351	1
46 weeks—414 mill reports.....	351,329	398,808	114	365,730	104
Northern Hemlock & Hardwood (Softwoods)—					
Week—27 mill reports.....	3,252	2,392	74	2,281	70
46 weeks—1,867 mill reports.....	218,200	189,753	87	169,052	77
North Carolina Pine—					
Week—129 mill reports.....	11,671	11,338	97	9,075	78
46 weeks—4,051 mill reports.....	482,816	475,531	98	449,534	93
California Redwood—					
Week—15 mill reports.....	9,020	8,586	95	8,312	92
46 weeks—645 mill reports.....	348,914	349,613	100	363,028	104
Softwood total—					
Week—644 mill reports.....	317,225	269,123	85	264,465	83
46 weeks—26,865 mill reports.....	15,713,592	15,548,124	99	15,412,898	98
Hardwood Mfrs.' Institute—					
Week—194 mill reports.....	41,306	32,543	79	30,313	73
46 weeks—9,512 mill reports.....	1,871,989	1,865,311	100	1,888,145	101
Northern Hemlock & Hardwood—					
Week—27 mill reports.....	3,974	4,281	108	2,893	73
46 weeks—1,867 mill reports.....	460,984	395,019	86	365,695	79
Hardwoods total—					
Week—221 mill reports.....	45,280	36,824	81	33,206	73
46 weeks—11,379 mill reports.....	2,332,973	2,260,330	97	2,253,840	97
Grand total—					
Week—838 mill reports.....	362,505	305,947	84	297,671	82
46 weeks—36,377 mill reports.....	18,046,565	17,808,454	99	17,666,678	98

West Coast Lumbermen's Association Weekly Report.

According to the West Coast Lumbermen's Association, reports from 223 mills show that for the week ended Nov. 9 1929 orders and shipments were 9.64% and 14.38%, respectively, below production, which amounted to 180,156,000 feet for that period. The Association's statement follows:

WEEKLY REPORT OF PRODUCTION, ORDERS AND SHIPMENTS
223 Mills Report for Week Ended Nov. 9 1929.
(All mills reporting production, orders and shipments.)

Production.....	180,156,000 feet (100%)
Orders.....	162,804,947 feet (9.64% under product'n)
Shipments.....	154,257,463 feet (14.38% under product'n)

COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PAST PRODUCTION AND WEEKLY OPERATING CAPACITY (308 IDENTICAL MILLS).
(All mills reporting production for 1928 and 1929 to date.)

Actual production week ended Nov. 9 1929.....	205,380,189 feet
Average weekly production 45 weeks ended Nov. 9 1929.....	205,082,366 feet
Average weekly production during 1928.....	206,075,276 feet
Average weekly production last three years.....	212,258,400 feet
x Weekly operating capacity.....	296,805,136 feet

x Weekly operating capacity is based on average hourly production for the 12 months preceding mill check and the normal number of operating hours per week.

WEEKLY COMPARISON FOR 222 IDENTICAL MILLS—1929.
(All mills whose reports of production, orders and shipments are complete for the last 4 weeks.)

Week Ended—	Nov. 9.	Nov. 2.	Oct. 26.	Oct. 19.
Production (feet).....	180,124,000	178,813,207	184,056,663	185,314,334
Orders (feet).....	162,772,947	165,413,832	166,730,180	158,091,999
Rail.....	52,121,660	55,548,521	65,137,716	69,042,045
Domestic cargo.....	63,530,989	62,419,610	57,449,796	57,879,661
Export.....	33,875,658	26,214,339	31,551,268	19,261,735
Local.....	13,244,660	19,231,362	12,591,400	11,908,558
Shipments (feet).....	154,225,463	154,174,149	166,992,816	167,728,298
Rail.....	57,299,912	62,337,812	68,699,107	67,005,218
Domestic cargo.....	49,608,033	47,446,629	52,229,528	57,805,936
Export.....	34,072,858	25,158,346	27,472,781	31,008,586
Local.....	13,244,660	19,231,362	12,591,400	11,908,558
Unfilled orders (feet).....	640,763,020	639,254,515	631,095,080	630,047,587
Rail.....	147,669,359	153,913,329	161,569,177	164,653,163
Domestic cargo.....	289,606,496	280,694,854	264,375,913	261,591,285
Export.....	203,487,165	204,646,332	205,149,990	203,803,139

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

	Week Ended Nov. 9 '29.	Average 45 Weeks Ended Nov. 9 '29.	Average 45 Weeks Ended Nov. 10 '28.
Production (feet).....	111,753,106	109,890,674	114,824,151
Orders (feet).....	87,731,173	109,812,899	119,290,235
Shipments (feet).....	87,606,154	111,044,020	119,179,017

DOMESTIC CARGO DISTRIBUTION WEEK END. NOV. 2 1929 (115 MILLS).

	Orders on Hand Beg'n'g Week Nov. 2 '29.	Orders Received.	Cancellations.	Shipments.	Unfilled Orders Week Ended Nov. 2 '29.
Washington & Oregon (98 Mills)—					
California.....	91,007,357	17,407,325	41,691	17,084,305	91,288,686
Atlantic Coast.....	119,627,993	32,897,684	183,624	22,096,893	130,245,160
Miscellaneous.....	4,238,355	611,243	None	5,508	4,844,090
Total Waab. & Oregon	214,873,705	50,916,252	225,315	39,186,706	226,377,936
Brit. Col. (17 Mills)—					
California.....	2,536,424	1,604,660	25,000	907,000	3,209,084
Atlantic Coast.....	17,088,780	4,619,243	80,000	1,927,977	19,700,046
Miscellaneous.....	270,000	2,000,000	None	None	2,270,000
Total British Col.	19,895,204	8,223,903	105,000	2,834,977	25,179,130
Total domestic cargo.	234,768,909	59,140,155	330,315	42,021,683	251,557,066

October Automobile Production Lower Than a Year Ago.

October production (factory sales) of motor vehicles in the United States, as reported to the Department of Commerce, was 379,942, of which 320,327 were passenger cars, 58,747 trucks, and 868 taxicabs, as compared with 415,697 passenger cars, trucks and taxicabs in September and 397,284 in Oct. 1928. The table below is based on figures received from 149 manufacturers in the United States for recent months, 47 making passenger cars and 116 making trucks (14 making both passenger cars and trucks). Figures for passenger cars include only those designed as pleasure vehicles, while the taxicabs reported are those built specifically for that purpose, pleasure cars later converted to commercial use not being reported as taxicabs. Figures for trucks include ambulances, funeral cars, fire apparatus, street sweepers and busses. Canadian figures are supplied by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION.
(Number of Machines)

	United States.				Canada		
	Total.	Passenger Cars.	Trucks.	Taxi-cabs, z	Total.	Pass'ger Cars.	Trucks.
1928.							
January.....	231,728	205,142	26,082	504	8,463	6,705	1,758
February.....	323,706	290,689	32,645	462	12,504	10,315	2,189
March.....	413,314	371,150	41,493	671	17,469	15,227	2,242
April.....	410,104	364,265	45,227	612	24,211	20,517	3,694
May.....	425,783	375,356	49,920	507	33,942	29,764	4,178
June.....	396,796	356,214	40,174	408	28,399	25,341	3,058
July.....	392,086	338,383	53,294	409	25,226	20,122	5,104
August.....	461,298	400,124	60,705	469	31,245	24,274	6,971
September.....	415,314	358,615	56,423	276	21,193	16,572	4,621
October.....	397,284	339,487	57,138	659	18,536	13,016	5,520
Total (10 mos.)	3,867,503	3,399,425	463,101	4,977	221,188	181,853	39,335
November.....	257,140	216,754	39,686	700	11,769	8,154	3,615
December.....	234,116	204,957	28,123	1,036	9,425	6,734	2,691
Total (year)	4,358,759	3,821,136	530,910	6,713	242,382	196,741	45,641
1929.							
January.....	401,037	347,382	51,591	2,064	21,501	17,164	4,337
February.....	466,353	405,708	58,537	2,108	31,287	25,584	5,703
March.....	555,223	513,344	69,800	2,079	40,621	32,833	7,788
April.....	621,347	537,225	82,436	1,686	41,901	34,392	7,509
May.....	*604,084	516,055	*86,711	1,318	31,559	25,129	6,430
June.....	*545,356	452,598	*91,380	1,378	21,492	16,511	4,981
July.....	*500,392	426,137	*73,201	1,054	17,461	13,600	3,861
August.....	*498,375	441,942	*55,393	1,040	14,214	11,037	3,177
September.....	*415,697	364,786	*50,046	865	13,817	10,710	3,107
October.....	379,942	320,327	58,747	868	14,523	8,975	5,548
Total (10 mos.)	5,017,806	4,325,504	677,842	14,460	248,376	195,935	52,441

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

Automobile Financing for First Nine Months Reaches \$1,259,076,460.

The number of automobiles financed during the first nine months of the current year, as reported to the Department of Commerce by 369 automobile-financing organizations, was 2,699,981, on which \$1,259,076,460 was advanced. This summary will be subject to revision in subsequent issues as reports are received from additional concerns. Detailed statistics are given below, by months, new cars and used cars being shown separately. Forty-six of the smaller firms found it impossible to segregate their operations; their totals are shown in the unclassified group.

1929.	Total.		New Cars Financed.	
	Number of Cars.	Volume in Dollars.	Number of Cars.	Volume in Dollars.
January.....	147,008	\$71,939,872	76,157	\$47,188,573
February.....	177,960	85,263,846	101,712	60,485,230
March.....	290,422	136,287,410	164,648	96,505,505
April.....	363,339	168,844,566	203,224	119,630,526
May.....	381,810	176,227,801	210,303	123,691,554
June.....	369,968	171,883,530	202,457	117,936,478
July.....	363,226	165,310,672	205,369	107,052,134
August.....	323,429	151,595,703	177,204	92,008,795
September.....	282,818	131,723,060	155,075	
Total (9 months)	2,699,981	\$1,259,076,460	1,496,149	\$885,270,523

1929.	Used Cars Financed.		Unclassified.	
	Number of Cars.	Volume in Dollars.	Number of Cars.	Volume in Dollars.
January.....	66,400	\$22,702,351	4,451	\$2,048,948
February.....	71,520	22,597,517	4,728	2,181,099
March.....	118,281	36,526,060	7,493	3,255,845
April.....	151,498	45,381,285	8,617	3,832,755
May.....	163,500	49,048,413	8,007	3,487,834
June.....	160,736	48,116,003	6,775	2,995,799
July.....	151,555	44,704,872	6,302	2,669,322
August.....	141,598	42,499,925	4,627	2,043,644
September.....	123,445	37,853,924	4,298	1,860,341
Total (9 months)	1,148,533	\$349,430,350	55,298	\$24,375,587

Tire Dealers Unite in \$50,000,000 Body—George J. Burger Heads Organization—Merger Expected to Allow Shops to Compete with Department and Chain Stores.

From the New York "Times" we take the following Associated Press advices from Chicago Nov. 13:

The United Tire Stores of America, a purchasing body, described by its backers as having a conservative purchasing power of \$50,000,000 annually, was organized here to-day as a result of a merger of the National Tire Dealers' Association and the Automobile Tire Dealers' League of America. The concern affects 5,000 retail tire dealers, it was announced.

The merger and the creation of the new purchasing body took place at the tenth annual convention of the National Tire Dealers' Association. The merged organizations will be known by the same name.

George J. Burger of New York, former President of the Automobile Tire Dealers' League, was made President of the purchasing corporation and he explained that this latter body is the result of still another merger. The Automobile Tire Dealers' Association, purchasing body for the Automobile Tire Dealers' League, was merged to-day with the United Tire Stores Corporation of America, incorporated in Delaware in October, he said.

It was decided that no par stock would be offered, but that 5,000 subscription shares at \$100 would be offered. Mr. Burger said. No retail tire dealer not a member of the national association can purchase through the new corporation, he said.

Other officers of the new corporation include S. B. Harper, of Fort Smith, Ark., Vice-President; M. J. Barry of Baltimore, Second Vice-President; Thomas J. Lane, of Jersey City, Treasurer, and Thomas Barbee of Louisville, Secretary.

Advices to Rubber Exchange of New York, Inc. Regarding Adoption Report of Co-operative Selling Committee by British Rubber Growers.

The plan of the British growers for co-operative sales control in the crude rubber plantation industry has carried, it was learned on Nov. 18. A cablegram to the Rubber Exchange late in the afternoon said:

At the meeting of the Rubber Growers' Association held to-day in London, the report of the co-operative selling committee was adopted.

Selling by Groups Urged for Rubber—British Growers Committee Proposes Pooling of Sales for Concerns in Plan—Against Central Agency.

The following London cablegram Nov. 20 is from the New York "Times":

Examination of the British rubber growers' plan for unified selling confirms the opinion of experts that it contains no far-reaching recommendations that are likely to be immediate factors in the rubber market. Central selling in relation to the whole producing industry is declared by the committee which suggested the plan at the instance of the Rubber Growers' Association to be impracticable. The committee proposes that smaller groups in the British trade should, for purposes of selling, combine with larger groups or with each other, market their standard quality rubber as one unit and pool sales for the benefit of each company within each group.

The purpose is to reduce sellers of British rubber by 90%. A third of the area planted with rubber is British-owned, a tenth Dutch-owned and nearly half is under Asiatic owners "numbering literally hundreds of thousands incapable of organization."

It has long been contended that the price of rubber, which closed Nov. 20 at 8 1/4 pence a pound, would be much higher but for the fact that, while American manufacturers who are the predominant buyers of rubber are organized, there is no such organization among the hundreds of British producers, who are sellers.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 21 had the following to say regarding the proposals:

The report of the British Rubber Growers' Association committee made public in London last night is understood to have turned down the proposal for a co-operative selling plan for the industry, according to advices to the local trade yesterday.

A plan calling for centralized selling for the entire industry was called impracticable, owing to the fact that practically one-third of the British and almost one-half of the Dutch rubber growing areas are Asiatic, or native controlled.

The committee, which made its report to the council of the association last week, did, however, offer an alternative proposal providing for combinations between the smaller plantation interests with larger groups. According to the advices, this recommendation reads:

"Twenty groups within the association control 60% of the British-owned output. It is therefore recommended that the smaller groups within and without the association combine with the larger groups, or combine among themselves, each group pooling its members' sales for the benefit of each company within the group."

The report also recommended the establishment of a commercial research department by the association for the benefit of its members.

The report was deemed distinctly disappointing to the London rubber trade, it was learned, or at least to those who have been favoring the constructive side of the market. The group combination proposal would be difficult to carry out, it was contended, owing to the involved capitalization of the British plantation companies and the likelihood of long and protracted negotiations, as each company submitted the plan to its stockholders for approval.

Dutch Rubber Interests See Increase in Prices Next Year—Plans for Rubber Pool.

Plans for the formation of a rubber pool by Dutch rubber producers have just been received by E. G. Holt, chief of the Rubber Division of the Department of Commerce, said advices from Washington Nov. 17 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" which also had the following to say:

The circular issued by the Dutch interests analyzes estimates of rubber production and reaches the conclusion that in 1929 the total output will be 821,000 tons, and slightly less next year, but that world rubber consumption will be 790,000 tons this year and may reasonably be expected to increase to 850,000 tons in 1930.

"If this state of affairs be taken as a starting point there is then all the more reason for a higher price basis for the product than the prevailing low market level," it is declared in the circular. "That low level is unmistakably the result of strong efforts, hitherto applied with success by the Americans, to depress the market price."

The circular describes the present condition of the rubber market as being one of transition and anticipates that by the middle of 1930 the situation will correct itself. It suggests that by producers holding 45,000 tons of standard quality rubber off the market during the transition stage, the desired correction to market prices would result promptly. It is proposed that if the organization is formed a price should be fixed below which, during a fixed period, nothing would be sold, the result being that consumers will have to rely upon such quantities as are offered on the open market by the producers.

British trade circles are not enthusiastic over the scheme, it is indicated by reports to the department. These interests take the view that the attitude of the large American consumers is a highly important consideration and it is pointed out that previous experience suggests that while American purchasers habitually offer strong opposition to any measure designed to regulate rubber prices in the interest of producers, their co-operation is ultimately essential to the success of any stabilizing scheme.

Curtailment in Production by Print Cloth and Cotton Yarn Mills in North and South Carolina.

Under date of Nov. 12 the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc. of New York issued the following announcement:

A largely attended meeting of the Print Cloth and Narrow Sheetings groups of the Cotton-Textile Institute was held at Spartanburg, S. C. to-day. Ninety-six thousand looms, or approximately 70% of the looms on print cloths and narrow sheetings in the South were represented.

The discussions developed a very general appreciation of the importance of the print cloth and narrow sheetings mills avoiding overproduction during the present business depression growing out of the unsettlement in the financial market and other recent factors.

Following the meeting practically every mill representative in attendance indicated his purpose in view of the present emergency to make a substantial reduction in his production. The announcements varied as to how this will be effected, but the minimum amount of reduction indicated will amount to 27%.

The action announced to-day by the individual mills was definite and gratifying evidence that close attention is being given by an intelligent adaptation of production to present and prospective demand in the face of an emergency.

Further advices issued by the Institute Nov. 13 said:

A meeting of significance to manufacturers of carded cotton yarn was held in Charlotte, N. C., to-day with 1,250,000 carded sales yarn spindles in the United States represented. Walker D. Hines, Chairman of the Board, and George A. Sloan, President of the Cotton-Textile Institute, presided during the discussion. There was a general recognition of the present emergency confronting the industry as a result of the difficulties now being experienced in the financial market.

According to announcements made by the individual mill executives a large number will effect substantial reduction of production at once in order to keep their output in line with the demand during the present emergency. Mill executives freely expressed their views and these were very generally to the effect that piling of stock and sale of yarns below replacement cost were unsound in principle from every standpoint. It was felt that such practices are detrimental to the best public interests and injurious to the cotton mills, including stockholders and employees alike.

The following regarding the curtailment, was contained in Spartanburg, S. C. advices Nov. 15 to the New York "Journal of Commerce"

Results of the recent conference of mill executives attended by President Sloan and retiring President Walker Hines of the Cotton-Textile Institute are reflected in the fact that Spartanburg County plants manufacturing print cloth and narrow sheetings will next week inaugurate a general program of reduction of output. Reductions of individual mills will range from 25 to 30%.

As a result of the announced intention of following a plan of curtailment several thousand mill operatives employed in a dozen or more plants in this area will face a reduction which will amount to an average of one day a week, it was learned this morning after conversation with executives of various cotton mills.

Curtailment Plan.

The general curtailment plan will mean that a large number of employees will face an added hardship at this season of the year, made necessary, executives say, to avoid overproduction.

None of the executives would give an opinion as to how long the contemplated curtailment would continue, but it is believed that the reduction in working hours will last for at least two or possibly three months.

At the Arcadia Mills it was said that the curtailment would average about 30% and that every effort was being made for it to affect as small a number of employees as possible. Certain departments will be cut, it was said, but there will be no general laying off of employees. This mill does not operate on Saturdays, but it was said that the Thursday closing may be adopted later.

The D. E. Converse Co. mills at Glendale and the Clifton Mills will adhere to the policy adopted at the textile meeting, it was said. They will operate four days a week instead of the five-and-a-half-day schedule. Around 400 employees will be affected as a result of the curtailment.

Beaumont Mills will operate four days, beginning next week, affecting some 400 employees, it was said. Heretofore this plant has operated 5½ days a week.

The Spartan Mills will curtail their production, and some 600 operatives will be affected. These mills will operate 40 hours instead of the regular 55-hour schedule, beginning next week. The same, it was said, was true of the Gaffney Manufacturing Co.

Operate Four Days.

The Woodruff Cotton Mill will operate only four days, and there are more than 500 operatives who will feel the reduction in working hours. This plant, like the others, has heretofore operated 5½ days.

The Enoree Mills will curtail to some extent, but perhaps not as much as will some of the other textile plants, due to the fact that several large orders will prevent them from cutting to a four-day week schedule all at once. These mills will curtail as much as they can, "giving due consideration to orders we already have on hand," said one of the executives. Eventually, however, their curtailment is expected to be in the same ratio with the other mills.

No specific information could be obtained from the executives of the Saxon, Inman, Paolet and Whitney mills, but it is understood that their curtailment plans will not be any greater than those of the other plants.

The Arkwright Mills are running full time at the present, but it is understood that they will curtail to some extent beginning next week. Drayton Mills of Spartanburg are not in the narrow sheeting or print cloth pro-

duction, and therefore will not make any reduction in their operating schedule, it was said.

Activity in the Cotton Spinning Industry for Oct. 1929.

The Department of Commerce announced on Nov. 20 that according to preliminary figures, compiled by the Bureau of the Census, 34,856,382 cotton spinning spindles were in place in the United States on Oct. 31 1929, of which 30,134,716 were operated at some time during the month, compared with 30,037,922 for September, 30,236,880 for August, 30,397,190 for July, 30,631,800 for June, 30,937,182 for May, and 30,302,278 for October 1928. The aggregate number of active spindle hours reported for the month was 9,003,522,885. During October the normal time of operation was 26¾ days (allowance being made for the observance of Columbus Day in some localities) compared with 24½ for September, 27 for August, 25 for July, 25 for June, and 26½ for May. Based on an activity of 8.88 hours per day, the average number of spindles operated during October was 37,903,186 or at 108.7% capacity on a single shift basis. This percentage compares with 104.0 for Sept., 97.7 for August, 100.3 for July, 104.8 for June, 110.9 for May, and 103.5 for October 1928. The average number of active spindle hours per spindle in place for the month was 258. 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 Oct.	
	In Place Oct. 31.	Active Dur-October.	Total.	Average per Spindle in Place.
United States.....	34,856,382	30,134,716	9,003,522,885	258
Cotton growing States	18,914,704	17,983,832	6,250,164,035	330
New England States.....	14,509,090	10,861,492	2,460,211,596	170
All other States.....	1,432,588	1,289,392	293,147,254	205
Alabama.....	1,837,272	1,777,590	606,171,274	330
Connecticut.....	1,102,304	1,043,584	248,389,641	225
Georgia.....	3,172,402	2,990,124	1,003,870,716	316
Maine.....	1,059,300	855,492	198,085,715	187
Massachusetts.....	8,608,728	6,272,494	1,306,896,209	162
Mississippi.....	177,372	118,004	44,136,302	249
New Hampshire.....	1,375,006	1,011,378	231,818,967	169
New Jersey.....	381,012	362,270	64,132,440	168
New York.....	694,208	616,872	153,974,721	222
North Carolina.....	6,210,108	5,883,548	1,984,347,252	320
Rhode Island.....	2,257,048	1,571,840	358,997,278	159
South Carolina.....	5,590,598	5,451,608	2,053,505,216	367
Tennessee.....	611,080	567,178	226,479,602	371
Texas.....	282,364	237,960	69,132,320	245
Virginia.....	709,054	669,606	167,974,053	237
All other States.....	788,526	705,168	195,611,170	248

Naval Stores Lead Chemical Exports—United States Produces Two-Thirds of World's Supply.

Showing a steady gain in value, the naval stores exported from the United States lead all other classes of chemicals, according to a recent statement by J. E. Lockwood, director of sales, Naval Stores Division, Hercules Powder Co. "Exports of naval stores (turpentine, rosin, pine oil) amount to \$30,000,000 annually, contributing strongly to the favorable trade balance of this country," said Mr. Lockwood. "Two-thirds of the world's supply of naval stores are produced in this country, and about half of this production is exported to all parts of the world. Next to the United States, France is the principal producer, furnishing about one-fifth of the world's supply."

Strong efforts are being made by manufacturers to increase the world consumption of naval stores. Mr. Lockwood maintains it is possible that a co-operative research program may be soon undertaken by American, or even world producers, to develop new uses and outlets for naval stores.

An International Naval Stores Conference is to be held at Jacksonville, Fla., in February 1930 to secure international co-operation in developing the industry.

Plans for Jute Futures Trading on New York Burlap & Jute Exchange.

Final plans for the inauguration of jute futures trading on the New York Burlap & Jute Exchange will be drawn up by the Board of Governors within the next few days, and trading in that commodity, supplementing futures operations in burlap and sugar bags, will get under way shortly, said Rutger Bleecker, President, on Nov. 20. He said:

"Our plans for listing jute futures are in shape, and operations will be started as soon as a few minor details are settled. Domestic jute interests are anxious for the beginning of futures trading, and interest among foreign jute traders is also general. On my trip to trade centers in Europe last month I found jute operators in London anxious to avail themselves of the hedging facilities of the New York Burlap & Jute Exchange, as Continental centers have been since the opening of the exchange. In fact, British interests, spurred by the success of our exchange, are already discussing the organization of a jute exchange in London."

Petroleum and Its Products—Further Cut in California Output Cheers Industry—Crude Prices Firmly Maintained Throughout Country—Voluntary Proration Found Effective.

The voluntary proration movement in crude oil production in California is becoming increasingly effective, according to figures for the week ended Nov. 16, which show that California produced a daily average of 672,150 barrels, as against the daily average of 706,000 barrels the previous week. This was a reduction of 32,150 barrels daily, and brings the output comparatively close to the 650,000-barrel daily average sought. Operators at Santa Fe Springs succeeded in curtailing output to the limit decided upon, 150,000 barrels daily. In other fields, however, full success had not been achieved in this respect. It is pointed out that the 650,000-barrel figure will be reached as soon as the operators in the other fields, through co-operative action, bring their production down to a point near the limit set for their fields.

Although Oklahoma showed a daily increase of 28,700 barrels, the total daily average of 645,950 is substantially less than the 660,000-barrel limit established as the estimated market need for the last three months of 1929. Leaders in the industry are well pleased with the manner in which the over-production problem is being corrected through the voluntary proration plan. The California movement, brought about by the action of large companies in making drastic cuts in the prices they would pay for crude, has apparently served as a turning point.

Prices have been firmly maintained throughout the country's producing centers. An excellent illustration of the result of California's proration program is given by Umpire Paul Grimm in surveying the Santa Fe Springs situation. He states:

"Based on a precurtailment price of \$.60 per barrel, and a post-curtailment price of \$1.25, the following deduction can be made:

"If curtailment had not been in effect during the period from Nov. 8 to 15 Santa Fe Springs operators would have received approximately \$1,310,400 from 2,184,000 barrels of oil produced during this latter half of the first semi-monthly period.

"As a result of curtailment, these operators received about \$1,510,714 from 1,208,571 barrels of oil. This represents a net gain of \$200,314 and a simultaneous oil saving of 975,429 barrels worth \$1,219,286, or a total apparent gain of \$1,419,600.

"This co-operative curtailment at Santa Fe Springs during the last eight days of the first 15-day period resulted in an actual cash gain of \$25,039 a day and a further deferred gain of \$152,411 daily, or a total daily gain of \$177,450."

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

Bradford, Pa.	\$3.05	Smackover, Ark., 24 and over	\$9.00
Corning, Ohio	1.75	Smackover, Ark., below 24	.75
Cabell, W. Va.	1.35	Eldorado, Ark., 34	1.14
Illinois	1.45	Urania, La.	.90
Western Kentucky	1.53	Salt Creek, Wyo., 37	1.23
Midcontinent, Okla., 37	1.23	Sunburst, Mont.	1.65
Corsicana, Texas, heavy	.80	Artesia, N. M.	1.08
Hutchinson, Texas, 35	.87	Santa Fe Springs, Calif., 33	1.20
Luling, Texas	1.00	Midway-Sunset, Calif., 22	.80
Spindletop, Texas, grade A	1.20	Huntington, Calif., 26	1.09
Spindletop, Texas, below 25	1.05	Ventura, Calif., 30	1.18
Winkler, Texas	.65	Petrolia, Canada	1.90

REFINED PRODUCTS—HEAVY CONSUMPTION INDICATES GASOLINE PRICES WILL HOLD AT PRESENT LEVELS THROUGH DECEMBER—HEATING OILS STRENGTHEN AS RESULT OF CRUDE OUTPUT REDUCTION—KEROSENE MORE ACTIVE—EXPORT DEMAND IMPROVES.

The excellent weather conditions throughout the eastern market have been reflected in a continued heavy consumption of U. S. Motor gasoline, resulting in firmness in prices with an indication that no downward revision can be expected during the remainder of this year. By that time, it is believed, the refined products market will feel more sharply the effects of the curtailment of crude, which will aid in maintaining prices through the real winter season, when the normal drop in demand usually brings with it a comparative price cut.

U. S. Motor gasoline continues at 8¾ cents to 8½ cents per gallon in tanks cars at refinery. There was some feeling a few weeks ago that the market might become established at an 8½ cent level, but apparently this is no longer expected. There has been a more active movement in heating oils as buyers begin to realize that these products will reflect the crude cut, possibly very soon. In addition, heavier consumption has aided in placing heating oils on a very firm basis, and rumors are heard of an upward revision of prices. Accordingly some excellent contract business is being booked.

Grade C bunker fuel oil is moving in good volume against contracts at \$1.05 a barrel at refineries. It is reported in the trade that marine interests have acted to cover their 1930 requirements already, and that a sizeable volume is under contract. Diesel oil is moving steadily at \$2 per barrel at refinery. A more spirited activity is reported in kerosene.

Service stations located in residential districts, as so many are these days, are finding kerosene an excellent and profitable seller. The price continues at 7¾ cents per gallon for 41-43 water white. The brisk weather, while not too cold for motoring, yet serves to bring into demand kerosene heaters. There has been a sudden spurt of activity in the export market. Several large inquiries from France have been consummated during the week, and there are at least two new inquiries for a total of approximately 16,000 gallons.

There was only one price movement of interest during the week. This was a one-cent per gallon reduction in kerosene tank wagon price in Pickaway County, Ohio, by the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.

Nov. 18.—Standard Oil Co. of Ohio reduces tank wagon kerosene price one cent per gallon in Pickaway County, Ohio. New price is 12 cents per gallon.

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

N Y (Bayonne) \$.08¼ @ \$.09	Arkansas	.....	\$.06¾	North Louisiana	.....	\$.07¼
West Texas	.....	California	.....	North Texas	.....	\$.06¾
Chicago	.....	Los Angeles, export	.....	Oklahoma	.....	\$.07
New Orleans	.....	Gulf Coast, export	.....	Pennsylvania	.....	\$.09½

Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included.

New York	.....	\$ .18	Cincinnati	.....	\$.18	Minneapolis	.....	\$.182
Atlanta	.....	.21	Denver	.....	.16	New Orleans	.....	.195
Baltimore	.....	.22	Detroit	.....	.188	Philadelphia	.....	.21
Easton	.....	.20	Houston	.....	.18	San Francisco	.....	.215
Buffalo	.....	.15	Jacksonville	.....	.24	Spokane	.....	.205
Chicago	.....	.15	Kansas City	.....	.179	St. Louis	.....	.165

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

NY (Bayonne) \$.07¾ @ \$.08	Chicago	.....	\$.05¼	New Orleans	.....	\$.07¾
North Texas	.....	Los Angeles, export	.....	Tulsa	.....	\$.06½

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

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

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

New York (Bayonne)	\$.05¼	Chicago	\$.08	Tulsa	\$.00
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Gross Crude Oil Stock Changes for October 1929.

Pipe line and tank farm gross domestic crude oil stocks east of the Rocky Mountains decreased 3,041,000 barrels in the month of October, 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.

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States.

According to the American Petroleum Institute, companies aggregating 3,491,600 barrels, or 94.9% of the 3,678,700 barrels estimated daily potential refining capacity of the plants operating in the United States during the week ended Nov. 16 1929 report that the crude runs to stills for the week show that these companies operated to 76.1% of their total capacity. Figures published last week show that companies aggregating 3,482,700 barrels, or 94.7% of the 3,678,700 barrels estimated daily potential refining capacity of all plants operating in the United States during that week, but which operated to only 75.7% of their total capacity, contributed to that report. The report for the week ended Nov. 16 1929 follows:

CRUDE RUNS TO STILLS, GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS, WEEK ENDED NOV. 16 1929. (BARRELS OF 42 GALLONS.)

District	P. C. Potential Capacity Report.	Crude Runs to Stills.	P. C. Oper. of Total Capac. Report.	Gasoline Stocks.	Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks.
East Coast	100.0	3,530,100	83.3	4,627,000	8,740,000
Appalachian	90.0	558,400	69.2	839,000	768,000
Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky	98.1	2,165,200	87.6	4,512,000	3,760,000
Okl., Kansas, Missouri	87.5	2,101,400	74.3	2,464,000	3,939,000
Texas	89.9	3,991,500	81.8	5,382,000	14,262,000
Louisiana, Arkansas	95.1	1,258,100	62.8	1,692,000	5,100,000
Rocky Mountain	92.9	410,800	42.4	1,737,000	1,007,000
California	99.3	4,575,700	73.4	14,945,000	109,520,000
Total week Nov. 16	94.9	18,591,200	76.1	35,298,000	147,096,000
Daily average	.....	2,655,900	.....	.....	.....
Total week Nov. 9	94.7	18,496,600	75.7	*33,632,000	147,813,000
Daily average	.....	2,638,100	.....	.....	.....
Texas Gulf Coast	100	3,143,900	85.3	4,546,000	10,954,000
Louisiana Gulf Coast	100.0	956,200	77.0	1,464,000	4,323,000

* Revised because of 398,000 barrel correction in Rocky Mountain district. 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.

Crude Oil Output in United States Again Lower.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ending Nov. 16 1929 was 2,620,000 barrels, as compared with 2,631,200 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 11,200 barrels. Compared with the output for the week ended Nov. 17 1928 of 2,490,850 barrels per day, the current figure represents an increase of 129,150 barrels daily. The daily average production east of California for the week ended Nov. 16 1929 was 1,945,500 barrels, as com-

pared with 1,925,200 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 20,300 barrels. The following are estimates of daily average gross production, by districts, for the weeks shown below:

DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (IN BARRELS).

Week Ended—	Nov. 16 '29.	Nov. 9 '29.	Nov. 2 '29.	Nov. 17 '28.
Oklahoma	645,950	617,250	661,450	715,100
Kansas	109,650	110,000	110,450	96,000
Panhandle Texas	100,350	102,500	104,900	66,750
North Texas	90,600	91,100	91,250	88,950
West Central Texas	57,500	59,750	59,100	54,750
West Texas	363,250	367,400	360,150	330,200
East Central Texas	17,800	17,750	17,900	21,450
Southwest Texas	73,700	74,150	72,750	26,600
North Louisiana	36,550	36,700	36,200	33,750
Arkansas	63,250	64,450	64,640	63,400
Coastal Texas	150,200	149,000	144,650	113,400
Coastal Louisiana	24,950	23,650	24,450	21,100
Eastern (not incl. Michigan)	119,000	119,150	119,300	106,000
Michigan	16,100	17,200	16,750	3,000
Wyoming	52,850	51,300	53,500	59,550
Montana	10,600	10,600	10,650	12,200
Colorado	5,450	5,100	5,350	7,700
New Mexico	7,950	8,150	7,000	2,450
California	674,500	706,000	859,000	643,500
Total	2,620,000	2,631,200	2,819,450	2,490,850

The estimated daily average gross production for the Mid-Continent Field, including Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle, North, West Central, West, East Central and Southwest Texas, North Louisiana and Arkansas, for the week ended Nov. 16 was 1,558,400 barrels, as compared with 1,541,050 barrels for the preceding week, an increase of 17,350 barrels. The Mid-Continent production, excluding Smackover (Arkansas) heavy oil, was 1,513,050 barrels, as compared with 1,495,150 barrels, an increase of 17,900 barrels.

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

	—Week Ended—			—Week Ended—	
	Nov. 16.	Nov. 9.		Nov. 16.	Nov. 9.
Oklahoma—			Southwest Texas—		
Allen Dome	20,300	20,250	Laredo District	9,400	9,550
Asher	4,600	5,200	Luling	10,800	10,900
Bowlegs	26,000	24,850	Salt Flat	33,650	33,900
Bristow-Slick	19,000	19,000	North Louisiana—		
Burbank	17,700	17,600	Haynesville	4,900	4,850
Carr City	10,400	9,050	Urania	5,550	5,700
Cromwell	7,600	7,700	Arkansas—		
Earlsboro	64,000	61,750	Champagnolle	5,300	5,050
East Seminole	4,250	5,050	Smackover (light)	5,800	5,800
Little River	70,700	68,900	Smackover (heavy)	45,350	45,900
Logan County	15,850	16,400	Coastal Texas—		
Maud	9,800	10,450	Barbers Hill	22,350	22,700
Mission	16,900	16,750	Hull	10,400	9,800
Oklahoma City	57,750	37,350	Pierce Junction	11,900	12,100
Sasakwa	11,800	8,200	Raccoon Bend	8,750	8,500
St. Louis	49,400	50,300	Spindletop	22,350	21,900
Seagriff	19,250	19,500	Sugarland	12,650	11,650
Seminole	26,400	25,950	West Columbia	6,200	6,200
Tonkawa	9,050	9,000	Coastal Louisiana—		
Kansas			East Hackberry	2,050	2,400
Sedgwick County	22,300	22,200	Old Hackberry	2,800	3,000
Panhandle Texas—			Sulphur Dome	6,400	6,000
Carson County	10,000	10,000	Vinton	4,100	4,200
Gray County	61,200	63,850	Wyoming—		
Hutchinson County	27,750	27,150	Salt Creek	31,250	30,400
North Texas—			Montana—		
Archer County	17,950	18,100	Sunburst	6,900	6,900
Wilbarger County	30,600	30,500	California—		
West Central Texas—			Dominguez	8,500	8,000
Brown County	10,900	11,400	Elwood-Goleta	28,000	29,000
Shackelford County	9,650	10,100	Huntington Beach	42,000	42,000
West Texas—			Inglewood	23,000	23,000
Crane & Upton Counties	44,800	44,300	Kettleman Hills	10,000	10,000
Howard County	40,900	42,700	Long Beach	112,000	124,000
Pecos County	143,600	144,100	Midway-Sunset	72,600	71,600
Reagan County	17,150	17,200	Santa Fe Springs	150,000	163,000
Winkler County	106,400	108,700	Seal Beach	22,000	22,000
East Central Texas—			Ventura Avenue	50,000	58,000
Corsicana-Powell	7,000	7,100			

Oil Field Output Declines Rapidly, Says the American Petroleum Institute.

One year after reaching peak production, oil fields show, on an average, a falling off in output amounting to about 60 to 66%, it is estimated by the American Petroleum Institute, which states:

Two years after the peak, the average decline is over 70%, and three years after around 80%. Individual fields show as big a decline after the third year as 94%.

Pro-ration agreements, which were in effect in 1928 and which still are in effect in some fields, of course are interfering with the natural decline as recorded previously under severe competitive drilling conditions. It will be noted that the average decline, after three years' production, recorded by 11 fields which came in subsequent to Jan. 1 1923, was 82%. The Wortham, Texas, field—which recorded a high production of 153,800 barrels daily during the week ended Jan. 17 1925—was producing only 2,200 barrels daily three years later, a decline of 99%. The Powell, Texas, field declined in three years from 315,800 barrels to 24,400 barrels daily, or 92%. The Santa Fe Spring, Calif., development—which reached its peak toward the end of 1923—showed a decline of 86% in three years, but subsequently deeper drilling opened up large new production.

Eleven outstanding oil fields, coming in subsequent to Jan. 1 1923, showed one year after the peak of production an average decline of 68%; two years after the peak, an average decline of 75%, and three years after the peak, an average decline of 82%. Eight of these 11 fields showed an average decline one year after the peak of 68%; two years after the peak, 74%, and three years after the peak, 92%.

Consumers Purchase Lead in Good Volume—Better Sentiment Noted in Non-Ferrous Metals—Copper Holds at 18 Cents.

Outstanding in the market for non-ferrous metals in the past week was the activity in lead, the sales volume of this metal for the period being well above the average, "Engineering and Mining Journal" reports. Copper, zinc and tin remained quiet. So far as prices were concerned no important changes took place. Copper producers were firm in main-

taining the market at 18 cents. Lead is in a strong position. Zinc sold in a small way at a decline of 5 points, although the price reduction was by no means general. It is added:

Although copper demand was dull throughout the week, producers feel that they have the market well in hand and that business will improve shortly, especially for export. The better feeling in Wall Street, coupled with constructive developments in Washington, helped matters considerably, but the improved sentiment has not resulted in a resumption of buying. The appearance of some resale copper at slight concessions attracted widespread attention. The second-hand offerings, however, were not sufficient in volume to bring about a change in the general situation.

Lead business was excellent. Total tonnage for the week exceeded in volume any similar period in over two months. One order called for 1,000 tons. Consumers have apparently reached the conclusion that the recent rapid decline in prices is at an end and that the next movement is likely to be upward. About 45% of the demand has been for prompt or November shipment, 30% for December and 25% for January. This forward buying of lead is unusual. Except for the smaller buyers, who buy carloads, all classes of purchasers were represented in the market.

The tonnage of zinc sold was small. Prices were unsettled sales having been completed at prices ranging from 6.20 cents to 6.25 cents per pound. St. Louis basis Tin, at slightly higher prices, aroused little interest in the domestic market.

Government of Federated Malay States Restricts Tin Production.

The Government of the Federated Malay States has taken steps to check depletion of tin resources, according to cable messages received on Nov. 15 from London and Kuala Lumpur. Forty per cent. of the world's tin comes from Malay.

The official bulletin issued by the government said:

The Government has recently had under consideration the matter of the rate of depletion and potential tin resources of the Federated Malay States and has reached the conclusion, after careful consideration of the question, that neither industry or government would derive advantage from any acceleration of rate of depletion.

Therefore, it has been decided that except in special cases no application for mining land or for conversion of agricultural to mining title, outside of the areas, will be considered, and further that within such mining areas alienation or conversion will not in general be approved unless it is essential for efficient development of existing undertakings.

The London "Daily News" points out that this announcement is regarded in Malay as virtually constituting restriction of the Malayan general production, and comes as a sequel to the recent fall in the price of tin. Cable messages from London report that well informed authorities there expect that the action of the Malayan Government will accelerate the movement for rationalization, including regulation of output and co-operative selling.

Steel Output Declines Further—Rail and Equipment Orders Continue Heavy—Prices Unchanged.

The manner in which business has withstood the shock of the Wall Street panic has done much to restore confidence among buyers and sellers of iron and steel, reports the "Iron Age" in its current issue. While the output of furnaces and mills has undergone a further decline, consumption has shown no general curtailment and in a number of leading lines has held its own or has gained, adds the "Age," further stating:

Entirely apart from the heartening effect of President Hoover's conferences, the news of the week is favorable. The large demand for fabricated structural steel is being maintained, 107,000 tons has been added to rail mill backlogs, farm machinery plants have further expanded their operations, there has been another impressive increase in prospective railroad equipment business, and large tin plate contracts have been closed for 1930. The outlook in electrically-welded pipe has been brightened by the placing of an order for a California gas line and the reinstatement of line pipe contracts suspended several weeks ago.

These evidences of sustained activity are not interpreted as indicating an early increase in steel output, but rather as an assurance that drastic general curtailment of consumption is not in prospect. With inventory-taking approaching, business will soon feel the effects of the year-end lull, although releases for January rolling of some products will reach the mills in December.

Steel ingot production of Steel Corporation subsidiaries now ranges from 72 to 74%, and it is doubtful whether any producer is operating at more than 75% of capacity. Operations of Valley plants have declined to 50%, and the rate in the Pittsburgh district is down to 70%, while Chicago output holds at 75%.

Specifications for steel from the automotive industry have continued to recede, and further curtailment is in prospect. However, it is understood that the Ford Company will get under production on its new models as quickly as possible and will shortly release sizable tonnages of sheets and other mill products. Two or three Detroit makers of higher-priced cars are now operating at a good rate on new models, while in the Chicago district an important motor car builder has resumed output at 65% of capacity, and a large parts maker is ordering steel.

Scrap markets have given further ground in keeping with the reduced requirements of steel plants. Heavy steel scrap has declined 75c. at Pittsburgh and 25c. at Chicago.

Mills have reaffirmed prices on tin plate, wire products and strip steel for first quarter. Specifications for tin plate are beginning to show improvement and the tonnage released prior to Nov. 15 for January rolling was of encouraging proportions. Blue annealed sheets are now generally quotable at 2.25c., Pittsburgh, for No. 13 gage and 2.10c. for No. 10, or \$2 a ton lower than prices recently asked by jobbing mills.

Rail orders for the week include 57,000 tons for the Rock Island, 40,000 tons for the Illinois Central, and 10,000 tons for the Boston & Maine. Purchases of rails to date for 1930 laying total 1,500,000 tons, and it is

estimated that 750,000 tons still remains to be placed. The Southern Pacific has bought 18,000 tons of track supplies. Locomotives ordered during the week total 64, and inquiries for 250 are pending. The Chesapeake & Ohio and the Pere Marquette are expected to ask for figures shortly on 10,000 cars. The New York Central's program for next year calls for the purchase of 15,000 cars.

Shipbuilding plants, already heavily booked, have much additional work in prospect. The United States Lines have taken bids on two ships of the Leviathan type, requiring 20,000 tons of plates and shapes each. The Export Steamship Corp. plans to build two additional vessels. Indications are that the Post Office Department will soon advertise for bids for mail contracts which will result in the construction of 15 to 20 ships, requiring a total of 150,000 tons of steel.

Fabricated structural steel contracts for October, as reported by the Department of Commerce, totaled 342,650 tons, compared with 319,550 tons in September. Awards for the past week, at 41,000 tons, were fairly large. Fresh inquiries aggregate 60,000 tons, including 40,000 tons for a Cincinnati railroad terminal. The release of both private and public work, as a result of the President's conference, will further stimulate building. Federal, State and municipal construction budgets for 1930, originally estimated at \$1,125,000,000, are likely to be doubled, according to Washington advices.

Pig iron melt has fallen off in some lines outside of the automotive industry, but this recession is offset, at least in part, by the increased requirements of foundries serving the railroad car builders and the farm equipment makers. Prices are softer in some districts, but producers of merchant iron evidently plan to avoid accumulating surplus stocks by reducing their output. Three Valley stacks have been blown out or barked in the past 10 days, and a Buffalo furnace may go out this week.

The "Iron Age" composite prices are unchanged, pig iron at \$18.38 a gross ton and finished steel at 2.362c. a pound. Pig iron is 16c. a ton lower than a year ago; finished steel, 14c. a ton lower, as the following table shows:

Finished Steel.				Pig Iron.					
Nov. 19 1929, 2.362c. a Lb.				Nov. 19 1929, \$18.38 a Gross Ton.					
One week ago	2.362c.			One week ago	\$18.38				
One month ago	2.369c.			One month ago	18.38				
One year ago	2.369c.			One year ago	18.54				
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 irons at Chicago, Philadelphia, Buffalo, Valley and Birmingham.					
	High.	Low.			High.	Low.			
1929	2.412c.	Apr. 2	2.362c.	Oct. 29	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	2.456c.	Jan. 4	2.293c.	Oct. 25	1927	19.71	Jan. 4	17.54	Nov. 1
1926	2.458c.	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

Railroad purchases of track material and rolling stock put about 225,000 tons of iron and steel in producers' books in the past week, states the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland, on Nov. 21. The Rock Island awarded 57,100 tons of rails, the Illinois Central 40,000 tons, and the Wabash 23,000 tons, while the New York Central, by exercising its option unusually early, expanded its 1930 order from 206,000 tons to 265,000 tons, says the "Review," which adds:

Many Eastern carriers are about to place track accessories, the New York Central closing on its requirements Nov. 26. About 1,075 freight cars were ordered in the past week, with fresh inquiry for 950, making 13,700 freight cars pending. This is exclusive of 5,000 contemplated by the Chesapeake & Ohio, 2,000 by the Virginian, and an unstated number by the Louisville & Nashville. For 1929 to date 92,000 freight cars have been closed, more than double all 1928, and topping any entire year since 1924.

Twenty-nine large locomotives were brought in the past week, while new inquiry for 16 maintains the pending total in excess of 400. First structural steel is being bought for the Cincinnati union terminal, largest structural project in the country, for which 40,000 tons of steel ultimately will be required. Railroad buying of bridge steel continues seasonally high.

With railroad executives assuring the President he can look to them for continued heavy purchases, there is no doubt that the railroads will be a large and steady factor in iron and steel activity at least through the first half of 1930. At the moment, construction of the 28,000 cars placed since midyear is tempering the seasonal downtrend in iron and steel production.

As the stock market crash recedes into history the immediate damage to iron and steel appears localized in the automotive industry, and there is a growing conviction that the repercussion in general business will largely spend itself in the fourth quarter. Excepting automotive consumers, and in isolated instances these have developed slight improvement, major outlets for iron and steel display little more than year-end lethargy.

Structural steel fabricators enter the winter season the best fortified in their history. Jobs closed in the past week include 12,500 tons of subway work in New York and 6,800 tons for the new Ford assembly plant at Edgewater, N. J. Farm implement manufactures, on the whole, are as active as a year ago, and some tractor plants have expanded their schedules. Pipe, both steel and iron, is in a period when commitments normally are light. Scattering automotive releases for pig iron and finished steel indicate slight expansion of assembly in December, chiefly for January show purposes, but a definite turn for the better is not yet at hand. Ford and Chevrolet are issuing some releases for their new models.

Tin plate specifications being received for January shipment augur well. In the Pittsburgh district some sheet producers have slightly accelerated their production, due chiefly to orders from car builders. Many bar and plate mills, excepting those heavily dependent upon the automotive industry, have bookings thus far in November which equal the comparable period of October, but there is frank acknowledgment that with inventory season approaching this condition may change.

An extremely spotty price situation prevails. Pig iron is generally unchanged, but quotations will be put to a severe test when volume buying for the first quarter begins. By-product coke and some beehive coke prices are being carried over into the first quarter. Iron and steel scrap prices continue to slide. Sheet bars are off \$1 per ton. Cast pipe has softened \$1 per ton at New York, while concrete bars are off \$2 per ton at Pittsburgh and sheets \$2 per ton at Chicago. Weakness in blue annealed and galvanized sheets at Pittsburgh is more pronounced. Tin plate and wire products' prices have been reaffirmed, and it seems probable this action will also be taken in regard to heavy finished steel.

Producers are paralleling restrained buying with curtailed operations. Two merchant blast furnaces have been taken off in the Valley district,

while two may be dropped shortly at Buffalo. Steelmaking at Youngstown, Ohio, at about 40%, is the lowest in over a year. Only 19 of 51 independent open-hearth furnaces and 46 out of 120 independent sheet mills are on this week. Buffalo operations are down to 63%, while Pittsburgh holds at 70-75, and Chicago at 75%.

After being stationary three weeks, the "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products declined 12c. last week, reflecting chiefly weakness in sheets. This index at \$35.97 is now the lowest since mid-November 1928.

The average ingot production in the steel industry is now down to a shade over 71%, compared with about 73% in the preceding week and between 77% and 78% two weeks ago, says the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 20. Independents are running under 70%, contrasted with better than 72% last week and a little over 75% two weeks ago. United States Steel Corp. is at 73%, against 75% a week ago and a fraction over 80% two weeks ago. At this time last year the Steel Corp. was running at between 79% and 80%, with independents at 82%, and the average was about 81%. The "Wall Street Journal," in a dispatch from Cleveland, says:

The National Association of Flat Rolled Steel Manufacturers, which includes practically all the independent sheet steel and strip makers of the country, reports operations of the mills in the past week as follows: Common sheets (black and galvanized), 69%; full finished sheets, 49%; hot rolled strip steel, 28%; cold rolled strip steel, 27%.

Subsidiaries of the United States Steel Corp. are not members of the association, but the activities of the plants of the leading interest on these products are at practically the same rates as the independents.

Full finished sheet mills, as well as the hot and cold rolled strip plants, are feeling the effects of the dearth of business from the automotive industry.

In commenting on the situation a manufacturer of these products stated that as far as the strip steel business is concerned, the current operations are at the lowest percentage rate in the history of the business. He expressed the belief that there will be substantial improvement in the early part of 1930.

The "American Metal Market" this week says:

The complete absence of any feelings of a panicky nature in industry and in trade at large is due to the financial soundness of business institutions and the lightness of inventories, not to any belief that industrial and commercial activity is unlikely to be materially affected by the collapse of the five-year stock market.

The intelligent constructive efforts of the Washington Administration are expected to be successful, but as palliatives rather than preventives. If, as is indicated by various statistics, some lines of industry have been pursuing too strong a pace since the middle of last year, success in prolonging the full pace would merely postpone difficulties.

October Output of Bituminous Coal Totaled 51,235,000 Net Tons and Anthracite 8,400,000 Net Tons, According to Revised Figures—Production of a Year Ago of Former Was Slightly Lower and of Latter Higher.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, revised figures for October show the output of bituminous coal as 51,235,000 net tons, compared with 51,176,000 tons a year ago and 44,515,000 tons in September last. Production of anthracite in October 1929 amounted to 8,332,000 tons as against 8,400,000 tons in October 1928 and 6,792,000 tons in September 1929. The Bureau shows:

MONTHLY PRODUCTION OF BITUMINOUS COAL AND ANTHRACITE IN OCTOBER (NET TONS).

Month.	Bituminous.			Anthracite.		
	Total Production.	No. of Working Days.	Average per Working Day.	Total Production.	No. of Working Days.	Average per Working Day.
August 1929	43,889,000	27	1,626,000	5,954,000	27	221,000
September	44,515,000	24.3	1,832,000	6,792,000	24	283,000
October, a	51,235,000	27	1,898,000	8,332,000	26	320,000
October 1928	51,176,000	27	1,895,000	8,400,000	26	323,000

a Revised.

October Anthracite Shipments 293,077 Tons Below Same Month Last Year, But Exceeding September by 1,117,599 Tons.

Shipments of anthracite for the month of October 1929, as reported to the Anthracite Bureau of Information, Philadelphia, amounted to 6,477,729 gross tons. This is a decrease as compared with shipments during the same month last year of 293,077 tons, and when compared with the preceding month of September this year shows an increase of 1,117,599 tons. Shipments by originating carriers (in gross tons) are as follows:

Month of—	Oct. 1929.	Oct. 1928.	Sept. 1929.	Sept. 1928.
Reading Co.	1,184,487	1,336,326	952,132	832,356
Lehigh Valley RR.	1,108,769	1,155,891	1,083,593	769,794
Central RR. of New Jersey	615,505	662,115	448,406	498,015
Del. Lackawanna & Western RR.	899,533	970,571	771,915	726,427
Delaware & Hudson Co.	913,307	1,013,028	739,198	549,590
Pennsylvania RR.	569,500	532,037	443,792	448,414
Eric RR.	724,952	676,390	515,499	484,768
N. Y. Ontario & Western Ry.	167,354	184,267	121,928	124,536
Lehigh & New England RR.	294,322	240,181	283,667	207,095
Total	6,477,729	6,770,806	5,360,130	4,640,995

Output of Bituminous Coal and Beehive Coke Higher—Anthracite Production Continues Below That of a Year Ago.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, bituminous coal and beehive coke output for the week ended Nov. 9 1929 was ahead of that of the preceding week and the corresponding period last year. Production of Pennsylvania anthracite, although higher than in week ended Nov. 2 1929, continued to decline as compared with last year. The output for the week under review was as follows: Bituminous coal, 11,076,000 net tons, Pennsylvania anthracite 1,582,000 tons, and beehive coke 113,400 tons. This compares with 10,546,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,785,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite, and 104,800 tons of beehive coke produced in the week ended Nov. 10 1928, and 11,064,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,264,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite, and 105,800 tons of beehive coke in the week ended Nov. 2 1929.

For the calendar year to Nov. 9 1929, the output of bituminous coal amounted to 447,639,000 net tons as compared with 417,253,000 tons in the same period last year, while production of Pennsylvania anthracite totaled 64,841,000 tons as against 65,273,000 tons in the calendar year to Nov. 10 1928. The Bureau's statement follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Nov. 9 1929, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 11,076,000 net tons. As indicated by the detailed table given below, loadings on Nov. 5 reflected the time lost at the mines on account of State elections.

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

Week Ended—	1929		1928	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.
Oct. 26.....	11,415,000	425,499,000	11,248,000	395,567,000
Daily average.....	1,903,000	1,677,000	1,874,000	1,559,000
Nov. 2. b.....	11,064,000	436,563,000	11,140,000	406,707,000
Daily average.....	1,844,000	1,681,000	1,837,000	1,566,000
Nov. 9. c.....	11,076,000	447,639,000	10,546,000	417,253,000
Daily average.....	1,877,000	1,685,000	1,758,000	1,574,000

a Minus one day's production first week in January to equalize number of days in the two years. b Revised since last report. c Subject to revision. Nov. 5 weighted as 0.9 of a normal working day.

The total production of soft coal during the present calendar year to Nov. 9 (approximately 266 working days) amounts to 447,639,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1928.....	417,253,000 net tons	1926.....	477,439,000 net tons
1927.....	448,422,000 net tons	1925.....	433,380,000 net tons

As already indicated by the revised figures, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Nov. 2 is estimated at 11,064,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this is a decrease of 351,000 tons, or 3.1%. Production during the week in 1928 corresponding with that of Nov. 2 amounted to 11,140,000 tons.

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

State—	Week Ended—				Nov. 1923
	Nov. 2 '29.	Oct. 26 '29.	Nov. 3 '28.	Nov. 5 '27.	
Alabama.....	336,000	334,000	345,000	332,000	409,000
Arkansas.....	50,000	47,000	47,000	38,000	28,000
Colorado.....	251,000	223,000	253,000	94,000	236,000
Illinois.....	1,209,000	1,200,000	1,361,000	1,111,000	1,571,000
Indiana.....	367,000	345,000	305,000	305,000	536,000
Iowa.....	102,000	91,000	92,000	45,000	128,000
Kansas.....	d	d	73,000	70,000	102,000
Kentucky—Eastern.....	1,003,000	1,024,000	1,059,000	795,000	724,000
Western.....	269,000	295,000	350,000	282,000	218,000
Maryland.....	58,000	61,000	63,000	51,000	35,000
Michigan.....	17,000	13,000	2,000	13,000	26,000
Missouri.....	78,000	77,000	82,000	85,000	73,000
Montana.....	77,000	66,000	97,000	77,000	83,000
New Mexico.....	62,000	62,000	58,000	67,000	62,000
North Dakota.....	59,000	47,000	76,000	58,000	35,000
Ohio.....	561,000	597,000	448,000	168,000	764,000
Oklahoma.....	83,000	76,000	91,000	85,000	72,000
Pennsylvania (bit.).....	2,719,000	2,945,000	2,702,000	2,178,000	2,993,000
Tennessee.....	129,000	125,000	109,000	92,000	117,000
Texas.....	13,000	20,000	18,000	24,000	29,000
Utah.....	127,000	112,000	110,000	113,000	112,000
Virginia.....	276,000	281,000	279,000	219,000	217,000
Washington.....	50,000	41,000	51,000	67,000	72,000
W. Virginia—Southern.....	2,190,000	2,285,000	2,128,000	1,714,000	1,304,000
Northern.....	756,000	814,000	764,000	716,000	743,000
Wyoming.....	163,000	165,000	174,000	185,000	184,000
Other States.....	59,000	69,000	3,000	7,000	5,000
Total bituminous coal.....	11,064,000	11,415,000	11,140,000	8,991,000	10,878,000
Pennsylvania anthracite.....	1,264,000	1,891,000	1,377,000	1,557,000	1,896,000
Total all coal.....	12,328,000	13,306,000	12,517,000	10,548,000	12,774,000

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

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

The total production of Pennsylvania anthracite during the week ended Nov. 9 is estimated at 1,582,000 net tons. This is an increase of 318,000 tons, or 25.1% over the output in the preceding week, when working time was curtailed by the holiday observance of Mitchell Day, Oct. 29.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

Week Ended	1929		1928	
	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.	Week.	Cal. Year to Date.
Oct. 26.....	1,891,000	61,995,000	1,959,000	62,111,000
Nov. 2.....	1,264,000	63,259,000	1,377,000	63,488,000
Nov. 9.....	1,582,000	64,841,000	1,785,000	65,273,000

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

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke for the country as a whole during the week ended Nov. 9 is estimated at 113,400 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows an increase of 7,600 tons, or 7.2%. The detailed table below apportions the tonnage by regions:

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Region—	Week Ended—			1929		1928	
	Nov. 9 1929. b	Nov. 2 1929.	Nov. 10 1928.	to Date.	to Date.	to Date.	to Date.
Penna., Ohio and West Virginia.....	99,200	93,500	91,300	4,859,500	3,166,000		
Georgia, Ky., Tenn., & Virginia.....	8,500	7,800	8,500	326,600	347,200		
Colorado, Utah and Washington.....	5,700	4,500	5,000	225,000	196,200		
United States total.....	113,400	105,800	104,800	5,411,100	3,709,400		
Daily average.....	18,900	17,633	17,467	20,191	13,841		

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

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Nov. 20, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the result for the 12 Reserve banks combined, shows decreases for the week of \$71,800,000 in holdings of discounted bills and of \$15,700,000 in bills bought in open market, and increases of \$14,000,000 in holdings of United States securities. Member bank reserve deposits declined \$89,800,000 and Federal Reserve note circulation \$12,200,000, while Government deposits increased \$7,800,000 and cash reserves \$8,300,000. Total bills and securities were \$76,000,000 below the amount reported a week ago. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Holdings of discounted bills declined \$29,700,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, \$22,000,000 at Philadelphia, \$13,400,000 at Cleveland, \$12,600,000 at Boston and \$5,400,000 at Minneapolis, and increased \$6,000,000 at Richmond. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market declined \$15,700,000 and of United States bonds \$3,700,000, while holdings of Treasury notes increased \$13,300,000 and of Treasury certificates \$4,400,000.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation for the week include decreases of \$5,100,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, \$3,600,000 at Cleveland and \$3,500,000 at New York, and an increase of \$2,100,000 at Richmond.

The statement in full, in comparison with the preceding week and with the corresponding date last year, will be found on subsequent pages—namely, pages 3291 and 3292. A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended Nov. 20, is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)		
	Nov. 20 1929.	Week.	Year.
Total reserves.....	\$3,195,628,000	+8,650,000	+395,539,000
Gold reserves.....	3,041,695,000	+2,525,000	+374,228,000
Total bills and securities.....	1,530,265,000	-76,039,000	+15,710,000
Bills discounted, total.....	899,558,000	-71,797,000	+99,612,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obligations.....	429,160,000	-41,182,000	-40,967,000
Other bills discounted.....	470,398,000	-30,615,000	+140,579,000
Bills bought in open market.....	283,831,000	-15,681,000	-200,333,000
U. S. Government securities, total.....	326,528,000	+13,972,000	+100,473,000
Bonds.....	76,791,000	-3,739,000	+22,723,000
Treasury notes.....	121,998,000	+13,321,000	+8,832,000
Certificates of indebtedness.....	127,739,000	+4,390,000	+68,918,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation.....	1,924,990,000	-12,177,000	+208,355,000
Total deposits.....	2,562,613,000	-83,328,000	+184,648,000
Members' reserve deposits.....	2,518,202,000	-89,771,000	+172,061,000
Government deposits.....	18,936,000	+7,779,000	+11,846,000

NOTE.—Thursday, Nov. 28, being a holiday, the weekly statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks for Nov. 27 will be issued on Friday, Nov. 29 and released for publication on Saturday, Nov. 30.

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

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

Below is the statement for the New York member banks and that for the Chicago member banks thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks. The grand aggregate of these brokers' loans the present week has decreased \$585,000,000 bringing the total amount of these loans down to \$3,587,000,000, which compares with \$6,804,000,000 the high record in all time which was reached on Oct. 2 1929, and with \$5,157,000,000 on Nov. 21 1928. The loans from account decreased during the week from \$1,156,000,000 to \$853,000,000, the loans for account of out-of-town banks from \$812,000,000 to \$704,000,000 and the loans for account of other from \$2,204,000,000 to \$2,031,000,000.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	Nov. 20 1929.	Nov. 13 1929.	Nov. 21 1928.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total	8,215,000,000	8,338,000,000	7,050,000,000
Loans—total	6,215,000,000	6,403,000,000	5,267,000,000
On securities	3,105,000,000	3,427,000,000	2,716,000,000
All other	3,110,000,000	2,977,000,000	2,550,000,000
Investments—total	1,999,000,000	1,934,000,000	1,784,000,000
U. S. Government securities	1,129,000,000	1,077,000,000	1,075,000,000
Other securities	870,000,000	857,000,000	709,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	903,000,000	963,000,000	722,000,000
Cash in vault	70,000,000	77,000,000	53,000,000
Net demand deposits	6,183,000,000	6,369,000,000	5,294,000,000
Time deposits	1,237,000,000	1,242,000,000	1,205,000,000
Government deposits	16,000,000	22,000,000	22,000,000
Due from banks	115,000,000	145,000,000	115,000,000
Due to banks	1,089,000,000	1,133,000,000	975,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	33,000,000	40,000,000	92,000,000
Loans on securities to brokers and dealers			
For own account	853,000,000	1,156,000,000	1,126,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks	704,000,000	812,000,000	1,751,000,000
For account of others	2,031,000,000	2,204,000,000	2,280,000,000
Total	3,587,000,000	4,172,000,000	5,157,000,000
On demand	3,145,000,000	3,720,000,000	4,532,000,000
On time	442,000,000	451,000,000	625,000,000

	Chicago.		
	Nov. 20 1929.	Nov. 13 1929.	Nov. 21 1928.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total	2,104,000,000	2,123,000,000	2,071,000,000
Loans—total	1,706,000,000	1,729,000,000	1,602,000,000
On securities	984,000,000	1,002,000,000	866,000,000
All other	722,000,000	727,000,000	736,000,000
Investments—total	397,000,000	395,000,000	469,000,000
U. S. Government securities	165,000,000	165,000,000	203,000,000
Other securities	232,000,000	229,000,000	266,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	182,000,000	182,000,000	184,000,000
Cash in vault	16,000,000	17,000,000	18,000,000
Net demand deposits	1,290,000,000	1,305,000,000	1,272,000,000
Time deposits	624,000,000	630,000,000	672,000,000
Government deposits	4,000,000	5,000,000	4,000,000
Due from banks	147,000,000	170,000,000	158,000,000
Due to banks	289,000,000	316,000,000	328,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	9,000,000	50,000,000	70,000,000

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

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

In the following will be found the comments of the Federal Reserve Board respecting the returns of the entire body of reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System for the week ended with the close of business Nov. 13:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on Nov. 13 shows decreases for the week of \$357,000,000 in loans and investments, of \$195,000,000 in net demand deposits, of \$79,000,000 in time deposits and of \$42,000,000 in borrowings from the Federal Reserve Banks.

Loans on securities declined \$341,000,000 at reporting member banks in the New York district, \$21,000,000 in the Boston district, \$10,000,000 in the Cleveland district, \$7,000,000 in the Richmond district and \$377,000,000 at all reporting banks. "All other" loans increased \$14,000,000 in the Boston district, \$8,000,000 in the Philadelphia district and \$6,000,000 in the San Francisco district, and declined \$9,000,000 in the New York district and \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district, all reporting banks showing a net increase of \$3,000,000.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities increased \$13,000,000 in the New York district and declined \$2,000,000 at all reporting banks, while holdings of other securities increased \$14,000,000 in the Boston district, \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$20,000,000 at all reporting banks.

The principal changes in borrowings from Federal Reserve Banks for the week comprise decreases of \$98,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$8,000,000 each at Cleveland and Dallas, and increases of \$49,000,000 at Chicago and \$10,000,000 at Boston.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Nov. 13 1929 follows:

	Nov. 13 1929.	Increase (+) or Decrease (—)	
	\$	Nov. 6 1929.	Nov. 14 1928.
	\$	\$	\$
Loans and investments—total	23,716,000,000	-357,000,000	+1,841,000,000
Loans—total	18,115,000,000	-374,000,000	+2,125,000,000
On securities	8,369,000,000	-377,000,000	+1,422,000,000
All other	9,746,000,000	+3,000,000	+703,000,000
Investments—total	5,601,000,000	+17,000,000	-284,000,000
U. S. Government securities	2,748,000,000	-2,000,000	-245,000,000
Other securities	2,854,000,000	+20,000,000	-38,000,000
Reserve with Federal Res've banks	1,952,000,000	+48,000,000	+237,000,000
Cash in vault	277,000,000	+1,000,000	+12,000,000
Net demand deposits	14,570,000,000	-195,000,000	+1,203,000,000
Time deposits	6,756,000,000	-79,000,000	-96,000,000
Government deposits	77,000,000	-6,000,000	+4,000,000
Due from banks	1,287,000,000	+31,000,000	+21,000,000
Due to banks	3,071,000,000	-143,000,000	-48,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks	688,000,000	-42,000,000	+47,000,000

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

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

The Department of Commerce at Washington releases for publication Nov. 23, the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

Business for the week ending Nov. 15 continued to be quiet and is adversely affected by the political situation, approaching summer season and drop in world prices of cereals. A revised private local estimate places this year's wheat crop at 6,220,000 metric tons, an increase of 110,000 metric tons over the previous estimate, the increase pertaining mostly to the Province of Buenos Aires. The market for yarns continues to be fair. The outlook for lumber is brighter than a month ago, despite the fact that labor difficulties at the port of Buenos Aires and Rosario delay the discharge of cargoes with losses to shippers.

AUSTRALIA.

The conference between mine owners and workers recently called by the Federal Government has failed to effect a settlement. Wool sales continue at steady prices and good clearances. The Queensland petroleum bill which provides for the unrestricted use of foreign capital in that State in producing oil has passed its second reading. The Federal Loan Council now meeting has decided not to change the reduced loan program recently adopted. The success of the £10,000,000 loan now being floated in Australia will probably determine whether or not the remainder of the Commonwealth's loan requirements will be secured locally or not.

BRAZIL.

General business is very dull, with automotive sales nearly paralyzed. The coffee market has been stable but at a low price level. Thirty-nine thousand bags, including 8,000 bags of a special allotment of fancy grades, are being released per day from Sao Paulo. The milreals has been unsteady with a slowly weakening tendency.

BRITISH MALAYA.

The recent sharp decline in the rubber market is affecting supplies slightly. A few rubber estates are curtailing tapping, and imports into British Malaya of native rubber from the Netherland East Indies have fallen off somewhat. According to local trade opinion, there will be a further small decline in the rubber market before any upward movement takes place.

CANADA.

The provisional crop report issued by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics on Nov. 13 gives the spring wheat yield of Canada as 273,756,000 bushels, and the fall wheat yield as 20,143,000 bushels.

The oat crop is now estimated at 280,270,000 bushels and the barley yield at 100,467,000 bushels. As compared with the earlier estimate issued by the Dominion Bureau in September, these figures represent a slight increase in the case of spring wheat, and decreases in fall wheat, oats and barley. Last year's final estimates follow: spring wheat 548,672,000 bushels; fall wheat, 20,054,000 bushels; oats, 452,153,000 bushels; and barley 136,301,000 bushels.

The potato yield for this year is estimated at locally 44,668,000 cwt., as compared with 50,195,000 cwt. last year. The value of the crop, however, is estimated to have been increased nearly 70%.

The weakness in security markets continues the outstanding factor in trade news, with special reference to the possibility of a curtailment in purchasing in such lines as jewelry, radios and automobiles. Montreal retail sales are reported on a generally quiet basis but hardware is active and clothing and women's wear are moving well. Fur sales are not up to expectations in view of the open fall weather prevailing to date. Colder weather in Western Canada has improved prospects in winter lines. Dry goods sales there are fair.

The New Brunswick Provincial Government will ask the Legislature of that Province for authority to spend \$10,000,000 on a 5-year program for

the construction of a hard-surfaced system of trunk roads, it has been announced.

Precipitation over the Prairie Provinces during October was reported as fair to very good in a large part of the area badly dried this summer, and average conditions as affecting the preparation of the land for next year's crop, are regarded as normal. Exports of wheat during October, 20,721,853 bushels, valued at \$28,376,000, were 53% less in quantity and 41% less in value than in the corresponding month a year ago. Wheat flour exports declined in somewhat greater ratio. Lake freight rates continue weak. Wheat stocks at Fort William and Port Arthur on Nov. 8 totalled 55,483,000 bushels. The discount on Canadian funds in New York was increased during the past week, closing on Nov. 15 at 97.87. The net debt of the Dominion on Oct. 31 is reported to have been \$2,137,125,000, a decline of 4% from the total registered on the corresponding date a year ago. According to an official announcement, the Dominion sales tax will be reduced in the next budget (for the fiscal year beginning April 1 1930).

EL SALVADOR.

Business in El Salvador has been restricted. Wages on some plantations have been reduced and there is considerable unemployment. Money in circulation is restricted and banks are curtailing credits. The coffee market continues weak. There are many sellers, but few buyers. Very little business is being done and that only in superior unwashed coffee at a price ranging from \$15.50 to \$16.00 a bag, for shipment during January, February and March. It is stated that sales of this season's crop amount to slightly more than 75,000 bags.

JAPAN.

It is probable that Japan's cotton spinners will voluntarily curtail production in view of the recent heavy output and the fullness in domestic and export markets. The 23% production restriction previously applied in mills of the Japanese Cotton Spinners' Association was automatically canceled when the new factory law became effective on July 1 1929, and as the reduction in hours of labor under the terms of the new law resulted in a decline of about 15% in output per spindle, production has been on a larger scale than when the mills were operating under the 23% production restriction. Foreign trade for the first ten days of November shows an export excess of 16,000,000 yen (1 yen equals \$0.4864 at current exchange). The second forecast of this year's rice crop is estimated at 58,300,000 koku (298,496,000 bushels).

MEXICO.

Peso exchange is slightly weaker, but owing to the export of coffee at this season a reaction is expected. An excursion consisting of 150 members of the Los Angeles Chamber of Commerce is now visiting Mexico. The visitors were entertained by the American Chamber of Commerce of Mexico at a luncheon on Nov. 13. The coffee crop is reported to be above normal for the 1929-30 season. While the first pickings are generally ready for the market in November, the bulk of the crop will not be ready for market until December and January.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

Business conditions, especially in retail and bazaar trades, continued a downward tendency during the past week. The period, however, was marked by more than normal building activity on the part of Government and large private interests. The automotive trade is experiencing a sharp decline in all regions except Sumatra, where the effect of former high prices for native products is still stimulating trade.

PANAMA.

The Compania Hidro Electrica de Chiriqui, which will supply light and power to the cities of Puerto Armuelles, Pedregal and Boquette, has been incorporated with a paid-in capital of \$150,000. Work has been started on a new five-story office building costing \$50,000 for the Panama Light & Power Co. Active work on the dryfill at Albrook air field is to begin at the end of November. A contract has been signed which provides for the reciprocal interchange of air mail by the Pan American Grace Airways and the Scadta Line. A total of \$7,000 has been raised up to Nov. 16 for the carnival which is to be held from March 1 to 4 1930. A special stamp is to be issued for this occasion. During the month of October 564 commercial vessels transited the Canal.

UNITED KINGDOM.

Following the refusal of the mining association to accept the Government's invitation to a joint conference with the miners' federation, for the purpose of discussing Government proposals in connection with contemplated legislation (as indicated in this section of Commerce Reports of Nov. 18), the Cabinet coal committee has been conferring separately with the two organizations. It is generally believed that the Government is now ready to introduce in Parliament its proposals for legislation in regard to the coal industry. British overseas trade, as usual, showed increases in October as compared with returns for September imports, exports and re-exports. As compared with the values for October of last year, imports, at £64,580,000, were only a shade larger; and re-exports, at £9,120,000 were larger by 2.6%. The value of imports for the first 10 months of the year aggregates £1,007,382,000; the value of exports, £607,991,000; and re-exports £93,558,000—representing, respectively, increases of 1.9% and 1.4% and a decrease of 6.8%, in comparison with the respective categories for the like period of 1928. The number of persons in Great Britain registered for employment (including persons wholly unemployed, temporarily stopped and those normally in casual employment) aggregated 1,252,000 on Nov. 4, as against 1,207,000 on Oct. 7 and 1,350,000 on Nov. 5 1928. The total for Northern Ireland on Nov. 4 was 36,600, as compared with 35,400 a month previous and 44,700 in the early part of November 1928.

YUGOSLAVIA.

Favorable crop returns for 1929, following two years of poor yields, are indicated in the preliminary data on exports during August, which established a new monthly record in the Kingdom's export trade. Exports valued at 1,006,191,000 dinars (dinar equals \$0.0176), as compared with 693,801,000 dinars in the same month of 1928. Wheat shipments alone accounted for 304,470,000 dinars of the total increase.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Although Manila importers continue pessimistic toward the immediate outlook, a revival of business is anticipated by the first of the year.

At present very little interest is shown in any leading line and textile trade continues depressing to importers, indenters and dealers. The copra market is steady with local prices still above export quotations. All oil mills except one are operating.

The abaca market is declining steadily with only a fair amount of business from the United Kingdom and Europe and no demand from Japan and the United States. Locally there is no interest from buyers or sellers at current prices. Receipts of abaca during the week ended Nov. 11 totalled 25,660 bales and exports amounted to 33,371 bales, of which the United States took 12,948; Japan, 10,074; and the United Kingdom and the continent, 8,844 bales.

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

Gold and Silver Imported Into and Exported from the United States, by Countries, in October.

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 October 1929. The gold exports were only \$3,805,146. The imports were \$21,320,516, of which \$6,575,000 came from Argentina, \$4,866,000 from Australia, \$3,016,478 from Canada and \$2,605,698 from Colombia. Of the exports of the metal \$3,005,275 went to France, and \$559,027 went to Mexico.

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.
Belgium	-----	760	-----	-----	-----	9,544
Finland	-----	2,700	-----	-----	-----	3,024
France	3,005,275	23,791	-----	-----	-----	8,848
Germany	-----	3,410	382,293	-----	190,995	11,051
Netherlands	-----	260	-----	-----	-----	124
Spain	-----	3,608	-----	-----	-----	5,614
United Kingdom	-----	1,014,503	-----	-----	-----	2,703
Canada	30,844	3,016,478	198,673	51,156	271,821	718,610
Costa Rica	-----	3,210	-----	-----	-----	-----
Guatemala	-----	14,125	-----	-----	-----	-----
Honduras	-----	18,874	-----	98,551	-----	104,903
Nicaragua	-----	27,507	-----	3,710	-----	2,138
Panama	-----	3,925	-----	-----	-----	250
Mexico	559,027	1,630,576	-----	3,687,238	1,241,300	2,992,876
Trinidad & Tobago	-----	-----	-----	-----	560	-----
Other British W. I.	-----	-----	-----	-----	200	-----
Cuba	-----	10,428	-----	-----	-----	278
Argentina	-----	6,575,000	3,215	-----	1,724	-----
Bolivia	-----	6,252	-----	-----	-----	409,464
Chile	-----	47,396	-----	-----	-----	124,169
Colombia	-----	2,605,698	3,216	174	1,644	102
Ecuador	-----	112,063	-----	-----	-----	4,584
Peru	-----	243,728	-----	698	-----	927,288
Venezuela	-----	16,927	-----	-----	-----	-----
British India	-----	-----	3,503,736	-----	1,767,327	-----
China	-----	49,698	7,663,047	46	3,838,034	23
Java and Madura	210,000	103,200	-----	67,384	-----	35,589
Hong Kong	-----	600,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
Philippine Islands	-----	294,622	-----	-----	-----	4,560
Australia	-----	4,866,000	-----	-----	-----	-----
New Zealand	-----	19,706	-----	34	-----	18
Belgian Congo	-----	3,757	-----	-----	-----	33,814
Union of So. Africa	-----	2,314	-----	-----	-----	3,360
Total	3,805,146	21,320,516	11,754,180	3,908,991	7,313,605	5,402,924

J. P. Morgan Returns From Abroad.

J. P. Morgan, who had been abroad since July, was a passenger on the White Star Liner "Olympic" which reached New York on Nov. 20. Mr. Morgan preserved his usual silence when queried by newspaper reporters. According to the "Wall Street Journal," when asked to comment on conditions at this time, he said: "I cannot gauge a situation like this in a few moments. I must have time to give it thought."

Mr. Morgan was accompanied by Dean Jay, partner of the Paris branch of the firm, who will remain here for a few weeks.

New British Conversion Loan 5% at Par—Unlimited Issue for Cash—Rights of War Loan Fives—Exchange Only Against New Scrip.

In giving details of the new British conversion loan (to which reference was made in our issue of Nov. 9, page 2940) the London "Financial News" of Nov. 4, said:

The launching of the Government's big cash and conversion loan has been a well-kept secret.

Details now published show that the rate of interest is 5%, and that holders of War Loan Fives have the option of conversion provided they lodge fully-paid allotment letters for the new loan equal to the amount of War Loan they wish to surrender.

Ultimate redemption date is 1964, with earlier option on and after May, 1944.

Particulars are published to-day of a new British Government 5% Conversion Loan, for which cash applications will be opened on Friday, Nov. 8 and closed on or before Friday, Nov. 15.

The loan is to be issued at par, payable £10 on application and £90 on Feb. 1 1930. The instalment due on Feb. 1 1930, may be prepaid after allotment, under discount at the rate of 5% per annum; but in any case of prepayment before Dec. 2, discount will only be allowed from that date. A first dividend of £1 6s. 6d. per cent will be payable on May 1 1930. Interest is payable half-yearly on May 1 and Nov. 1. The principal and interest of the loan will be a charge on the Consolidated Fund of the United Kingdom. The loan is redeemable at par on May 1 1964, or on three months' notice on any interest date on and after May 1 1944.

Advantages of the new loan to the investor may be summarized under the following three heads:

A clear 5% yield for a long term.
Option to cash subscribers to tender War Fives for conversion at par.
Holders of War Fives, by conversion, avoid liability of early repayment and obtain a long-dated security.

No Privileges.

It is provided that the new loan may be held in the form of inscribed stock, registered stock or bearer bonds. No privileges for income-tax, death

duties, &c., are attached to the loan. Until April 2 1930 5% Conversion Loan issued for cash subscriptions will be known as 5% Conversion Loan, 1944-64, A; but on that date it will be amalgamated with 5% Conversion Loan raised as a result of the conversion offer now made to holders of 5% War Loan, 1929-47.

Date and Terms.

As to conversion, the offer, which is open from Jan. 15 1930, to Feb. 15 1930, incl., allows holders of 5% War Loan, 1927-47 to surrender their holdings in whole or in part, and to receive in exchange an equivalent nominal amount of 5% Conversion Loan, provided that at the same time they lodge for exchange, into stock or bond certificates, fully-paid allotment letters for the present issue of 5% Conversion Loan, 1944-64, to a nominal amount of not less than the nominal amount of 5% War Loan surrendered by them. On 5% Conversion Loan, 1944-64, resulting from conversion of 5% War Loan, five months' interest will be paid on May 1 1930 interest on converted 5% War Loan ceasing on Dec. 1 1929.

A Condition.

The conversion offer provides an opportunity for holders of 5% War Loan to convert at par into a security bearing the same rate of interest but not redeemable before May 1 1944. The conversion right is exercisable only to the extent that allotment letters are held for the 5% Conversion Loan, 1944-64 A (the portion of the loan subscribed in cash).

Recent Conversions.

Among recent War debt conversion schemes, one of the largest in magnitude was that launched by Mr. Winston Churchill in September, 1927, when terms were offered which affected over £222,380,000 of maturing loans. In March, 1928, £62,714,000 of War Loan 3½% fell due, while on April 1 of that year over £122,280,000 National War Fives and £37,385,000 of National War 4% bonds matured.

The 3½% affected were quoted at 99 9-16 at the time the scheme was announced. Holders surrendered £132 15s. of that loan in exchange for each £100 nominal of the new 3½% Conversion Loan. The 5% National War bonds (Series 2) were surrendered at the rate of £142 Conversion for each £100 bond and the Fours (Series 2) at the rate of £134 of Conversion Loan per £100 bond. At that date the National War Fives were quoted at 105½ and the Fours at 100½.

The basis of exchange was consistent with the existing 3½% Conversion Loan, which then stood at 75½. This loan was issued originally in 1921 for conversion purposes at 61½. Additions to it were £59,660,000 in January, 1925, £30,000,000 in March of that year and £40,000,000 in the following September, raising the aggregate to £821,550,000 odd. Sinking Fund operations have reduced the amount outstanding to the neighbourhood of £811,034,000.

Earlier Conversions.

Following is a summary of some earlier conversions, an interesting point concerning which is that a formidable amount of the total then exchanged now ranks among the near future maturity liabilities:

April 1924: Stock converted, £148,407,100, war 5s; exchanged into, conversion 4½%; terms, £103 conversion per £100. Nov. 1924: Stock converted, Exchequer 5½%; exchanged into treasury, 4½%, 1934; terms, par. Nov. 1924: Stock converted, £57,727,880, Exchequer 5½%; exchanged into conversion 4½%; terms, par plus £2 5s. cash. Sept. 1926: £83,817,215, Treasury 5%; exchanged into Treasury 4½%, 1934; terms, par plus £1 cash.

Consol Four Per Cents.

The 4% Consolidated Loan, "new Consols", came into being in January, 1927, against the surrender of £100,600,000 of National War Bonds and about £9,170,000 Treasury Fives. A total of £81,300,000 was issued for cash at 85 and £133,781,800 in exchange for the maturing loans.

In July, 1928, 4% Consols were again created to a total of £156,624,400 by the conversion of Treasury 5% bonds at the rate of £117 Consols for each £100 Treasury bond.

Maturing Debt.

In the following table is given a summary, of the approximate totals of maturing debt. External liabilities are shown at par of exchange; National Savings Certificates are at issue price. Loans marked with an asterisk are under specific Sinking Fund operations:

Year.	Security.	Internal. £	External. £	Total. £
1929-30	5½% Treasury bonds	30,168,000		65,106,000
	3% Exchequer bonds	15,640,000		
	5½% 10-yr. bds.	\$2,009,200	412,000	
	5% Straits Settlements dollar loan		4,315,000	
	4½% Treas. bonds, 1930	14,571,000		134,741,000
1930-31	5½% Treasury bonds	134,741,000		
1932-33	4½% Treasury bonds	121,266,000		121,266,000
1933-34	4% & 4½% Treas. bonds	265,241,000		265,241,000
1934-35	5% Straits Sett'l'm'ts sterling loan	1,753,000		116,361,000
	5% Treasury bonds	114,608,000		
1936-37	5½% 20-yr. bonds, \$143,584,000		29,504,000	29,504,000
1940-41	Anglo-French Loan, 4½% bonds, \$13,850,000		3,000	3,000
1942-43	4% war loan, 1929-42	79,685,000		79,685,000
1944-45	4½% conversion loan	223,120,000		223,120,000
1945-46	4½% war loan, 1925-45	12,804,000		12,804,000
1947-48	5% war loan, 1929-47	2,184,469,000		2,184,469,000
	*4% Victory bonds	340,510,000		340,510,000
	*4% funding loan	382,059,000		382,059,000
	*3½% conversion loan	811,034,000		811,034,000
	*4% consolidated loan	353,862,000		353,862,000
	Consols, &c	313,393,000		313,393,000
	Terminable annuities	12,531,000		12,531,000
	Treasury bills	700,295,000		700,295,000
	Ways and means advances	37,050,000		37,050,000
	National savings etfs	361,461,000		361,461,000
	4% National savings bonds	787,000		787,000
	Loans from certain Allied Governments		135,450,000	135,450,000
	U. S. A. Govt. loan		915,000,000	915,000,000
	*\$4,453,000,000			
	Total outstanding on March 31 1929	6,511,048,000	1,084,684,000	7,595,732,000
	Deduct—Victory bonds, &c. purchased by Nat. Debt Commissioners, but not yet cancelled	95,000,000		95,000,000
	Totals	6,416,048,000	1,084,684,000	7,500,732,000

The New Conversion Loan.

In discussing the loan in its editorial columns the London "Financial News" (Nov. 4) had the following to say:

Of the new Government conversion operation, the details of which we give to-day, it is safe to say two things, first, that in contrast with some recent cases, the secret of its imminence has been remarkably well kept, and,

secondly, that the plan itself is one of considerable ingenuity. For the rest it is none too easy to appraise the terms of the offer judiciously. If one regards them from the point of view of the tax-payer there can be little cause for satisfaction in the reflection that eleven years after the end of the war, and for the first time since 1917, the British Government is compelled to issue a long-dated loan—the new stock has a minimum life of 14½ years and may run for 34½ years—carrying interest as high as 5%. Not since the blackest days of the war has the Government had to borrow on long-term at a nominal rate of interest of more than 4½%, and not for some seven or eight years has it had to concede a full 5% yield on a long-term stock. It is not flattering to our National pride to reflect how emphatically the doctrine of constantly improving National credit, which was so assiduously employed to promote the success of earlier conversions, has been belied by the result—to see the sibil returning to offer more books for less money.

It is, however, no use kicking against the pricks, and one cannot but admit that it is an ugly-looking rowel which threatens Mr. Snowden's flanks. Ever since the great labor disturbances of 1926, the British Government has been in trouble with its short-term debt refunding. Successive maturities have had to be hastily provided for at the eleventh hour, and the borrower has thereby been placed at an economic disadvantage vis-à-vis the lender. Matters were made worse by the unsound sinking-fund policy pursued by Mr. Snowden's predecessor at the Exchequer, and since Mr. Snowden himself has been in office the capital market has, for reasons well known, been in an utterly unresponsive mood. Thus it has not proved possible to take advantage of the circumstance that the present year is one in which Government debt maturities have been exceptionally light. The period of respite is now approaching its end, for January and February, 1930, maturities have to be faced to the value of £31 millions, and on May 15 other bonds to the value of approximately £135 millions fall due, and Mr. Snowden has now found himself in the position of having to raise these sums without delay on such terms as he can.

Whether he is well advised at a time when interest rates are apparently trending downwards to commit himself to so long a loan as the 5% Conversion Loan is, perhaps, doubtful, but at all events it can be said that it seems almost certain that on the terms offered the response to the loan will be a satisfactory one. Though no limit is set in the prospectus to the amount of the cash subscriptions, it may be assumed that the intention is to raise, at any rate, the sum required for the early 1930 maturities, and, with luck, a contribution in addition towards the May maturities. From the point of view of the investor the offer is undoubtedly an attractive one. Mindful of the sibil, one may yet affirm that its terms are unlikely to be equalled by future offers. There is first of all the clear 5% yield certain for 15 years, a return unobtainable on any other direct Government obligation of equal currency. Secondly, there is the tempting option which is given to the cash subscriber for the new loan to tender, between Jan. 15 and Feb. 15 next, an equal nominal amount of the 5% War Loan 1929-47 for conversion at par into the new. That means that a holder of War Loan is enabled merely by subscribing for an equal amount of the new loan to remedy without cost the one defect inherent in his present holding, its liability to be paid off at any time on three months' notice by the Government. It will be observed, too, that (as was the case with 4½% War Loan of 1916, subscription to which conferred the right to convert an equal amount of 3½% War Loan) this right is transferable. A subscriber to the new loan who has no old loan which he wishes to convert will be able to lend his scrip to a War Loan holder who wishes to convert, but has no desire or power to take up the necessary amount of new loan; and the War Loan holder will, without doubt, be willing to pay a small percentage for the purchase of this right.

It may be asked why the Government should go out of its way gratuitously to modify the redemption terms of the War Loan in favor of the holders. The answer to that question would seem to be twofold. In the first place, the outstanding amount of the War Loan is so huge that even to convert a slice of it without saving of interest into a loan of different maturity is worth something. And, secondly, as the 5% Conversion Loan does not, like the War Loan carry the privilege of payment of interest without deduction of income-tax at the source, the Government will hope to gain something by a reduction of the opportunities for tax evasion which the privilege has created. The gain accruing from this particular operation will, of course, be small, since the investor who escapes tax by holding War Loan is unlikely to put his neck into the noose which the Chancellor is dangling so ostentatiously before him. It is worth noting, finally, that as the total amount of War Loan which can be converted cannot exceed the total cash subscription to the Conversion Loan, the present operation will not go very far towards solving the troublesome problem of the 5% War Loan. If, for example, £200 millions of 5% Conversion Loan is applied for in cash—and it is difficult to believe that this figure could be exceeded—then the maximum reduction of the War Loan would be only one-tenth of its present total.

British Subscribe \$1,134,710,000 on Loan—Chancellor of Exchequer Snowden Announces Cash for Conversion Issue Amounts to \$749,980,000.

A special cablegram from London, Nov. 18 to the New York "Times" said:

References to the loan appeared in our issues of Nov. 9, page 2940 and Nov. 16, page 3101.

Philip Snowden, Chancellor of the Exchequer, announced in the House of Commons to-night that subscriptions to the new 5% conversion loan amounted to £233,000,000 (\$1,134,710,000). This, he said, included cash subscriptions of £154,000,000 (\$749,980,000), so that the conversion of 5½% Treasury bonds accounts for £79,000,000 (£384,730,000).

In financial quarters the result of the loan is regarded as satisfactory but, in view of the advantageous terms of issue, not surprising. Estimates had put the cash subscriptions at £100,000,000 and Treasury bond conversions at £90,000,000. Dealings in the new loan started on the Stock Exchange to-day at a quarter discount.

In making his Commons announcement Mr. Snowden said that the objects of the loan conversion were "to provide for the maturity of £30,000,000 of exchequer and treasury bonds falling due in January and February next; to strengthen the position of the exchequer against maturity of £130,000,000 5½% Treasury bonds next May and to curtail the volume of the floating debt." He denied that the granting of half a per cent commission to certain brokers was a wasteful mistake.

Japanese Credits Arranged in New York and London—Gold Embargo to be Removed by Japan Jan. 11

Credits in behalf of Japan have been arranged in New York and London the present week,—a credit of \$25,000,000 having been granted in this country and one for £5,000,000

having been established in London. Announcement of this was made in New York Nov. 20 by the Japanese Financial Commissioner, as follows:

Juichi Tsushima, Financial Commissioner of the Imperial Japanese Government in London, Paris and New York, announces the completion of the negotiations with J. P. Morgan & Co., Kuhn, Loeb & Co., the National City Bank of New York and the First National Bank of the City of New York for the establishment of a \$25,000,000 one-year credit to the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. A contemporaneous credit for £5,000,000 has been established in London by Westminster Bank and associates. These credits have been arranged upon the request of the Japanese Government and the Bank of Japan in connection with the stabilization of Japanese currency and the restoration of the gold standard.

From the office of J. P. Morgan & Co., the following announcement was given out Nov. 20:

Messrs. J. P. Morgan & Co., Messrs. Kuhn, Loeb & Co., The National City Bank and the First National Bank of the City of New York confirm the announcement made by the Japanese Minister of Finance of the establishment of a \$25,000,000 credit to the Yokohama Specie Bank, Ltd. This credit and a contemporaneous credit for £5,000,000 arranged in London by Westminster Bank, Ltd. and associates have been established at the request of the Japanese Government and the Bank of Japan in connection with the stabilization of Japanese currency and the restoration of the gold standard.

On Nov. 21 announcement was made by the Japanese Financial Commissioner that a decree had been promulgated terminating the Japanese gold embargo as of Jan. 11 next. The announcement follows:

The Japanese Government has taken the definitive step to effect the lifting of the gold embargo and the currency stabilization which have been the most important problems in Japan during these ten years since the World War, and to-day the decree aiming to this end has been promulgated naming Jan. 11 1930, as the effective date of the enforcement. The event not only inaugurates a turning point to a new field of the stability and development of the economic world in Japan but also carries a historical significance in the fact that the world wide solution of the problem of post-war currency stabilization has now finally been achieved.

In view of the close economic relation between the United States of America and Japan, I trust that our currency stabilization would certainly bring about a very favorable effect on the general economic situation by further increasing the foreign trade between these friendly countries, and by smoothing the movement of capital from one side to the other.

Tokio advices Nov. 21 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" regarding the removal of the gold embargo said:

The embargo upon the export of gold from Japan will be removed on Jan. 11, it was officially announced here to-day by Premier Yuko Hamaguchi and by Finance Minister Junnesuke Inouye.

The Premier stated that the Government had amassed 300,000,000 yen gold in reserve and had contracted for credits in New York and in London so that no ill effect would follow the removal of the embargo.

The Minister of Finance declared that it is the intention of the Government to refrain from regulation of the exchange following the lifting of the gold embargo.

The same paper in its Nov. 21 issue referring to the credits established had the following to say:

It is understood that the credit will be used to maintain quotations upon the yen above the point at which it would be profitable to ship large amounts of gold from Japan. The gold export point is calculated to approximate \$0.49. Quotations on the yen are now above this level.

The form of the credit, it is believed, is similar to that issued to Great Britain upon the return of British currency to the gold standard. A credit issued by J. P. Morgan & Co. to the British Government was to be used for the purchase of British bills or for the purchase of gold at the option of the borrower should protection of the exchange require it. It is understood that interest is paid upon the credit as it is used and that a fee is given to the bankers in consideration of the establishing of the credit.

When British currency was returned to the gold standard a credit to the Government was extended by J. P. Morgan & Co. and the Federal Reserve Bank of New York granted a credit to the Bank of England. The Federal Reserve Bank yesterday made no announcement relating to the extension of a credit to Japan.

It was thought in banking circles that American bankers had been in favor of extending a larger credit to Japan than the amount announced. Japanese ministers, it was believed, held that a larger credit would be unnecessary.

The yen was first placed upon the gold basis in 1897. Until the war gold was freely slipped into and out from Japan as its currency moved upward or downward. An embargo was placed upon gold exports during the war and has remained in force until the present.

A group headed by J. P. Morgan & Co. in 1924 issued \$150,000,000 6½% bonds, due in 1954, for the purpose of retiring an older issue and for the purchase of materials for the reconstruction necessitated by the earthquake. The offering group was the same as that at present extending a one-year credit to Japan.

Krupp Curtails Output Lays Off 1,000 Workers.

In a Washington dispatch Nov. 19 the New York "Journal of Commerce" stated:

Production of the Krupp iron and steel interests of Germany has been reduced approximately 1,000 tons per week and about 1,000 workers have been laid off as a result of the unsatisfactory business conditions prevailing throughout the industry, the Department of Commerce was advised to-day in a report from Trade Commissioner James Wallis, Jr., at Berlin.

The adverse conditions, the report states, recently cause partial shut-downs in a number of other plants in the Ruhr district, both steel and rolling mills being affected.

Denies Lira is Inflated—Italian Exchange Delegate Cites Figures to Prove Economic Soundness.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 19:

Denial of the reports recently current in banking and foreign exchange circles that the parity of the lira was to be subjected to downward revision was officially made in a statement to Dow, Jones & Co. by Luigi Podesta, delegate of the Italian National Institute of Exchange in New York. Mr. Podesta expressed the opinion that the reports were the result of speculative

motives and cited official statements to Parliament by the King of Italy and Finance Minister Antonio Mosconi.

As evidence of the soundness of his contention that the Italian currency was not overvalued, Mr. Podesta instanced the economic progress of the country as shown in the latest trade and industrial statistics. Particularly important in firming exchange was the size of the current wheat crop, which totals over 70,000,000 quintals, a new high record. As a consequence of this bumper crop, wheat imports for the third quarter of this year amounted to only 2,372,947 quintals, compared with 5,129,944 quintals in the corresponding period of 1928.

Other indices pointing to the soundness of the economic position include an increase in hydro-electric power by 78,000,000 kilowatt hours in August, compared with 1928. Consumption for August was 770,000,000 kilowatt hours.

In the six months' period ending in August, unemployment declined to 217,000, compared with 480,000 in February. Steel output in July, at 187,000 tons, was approximately 10% higher than in the corresponding month last year. September wholesale price index was 472.31, against 487.54 for September 1928. Latest available figures for deposits in savings banks, for June, show these amount to 13,400,000 lire, against 12,700,000,000 in June 1928, and 11,200,000,000 in June 1927.

Among the official pronouncements on lira stabilization that of the King made at the opening of Parliament in April was regarded as one of the most significant. At that time his majesty declared to the legislators: "The lira will be rigidly maintained at the stabilization rate determined by law." This pronouncement was further confirmed by Finance Minister Antonio Mosconi in a speech to the Chamber of Deputies in which he said: "We admit of no further discussion on the irrevocable nature of our stabilization law."

J. Grant Forbes, Representative of American Bond Holders of Yugoslavian Loan, Issues Annual Report.

J. Grant Forbes, representative of American bond holders on the Autonomous Administration of the State Monopolies of the Kingdom of Yugoslavia, has issued his report covering the period from July 1 1928 to Oct. 31 1929. This report shows that, based upon the official revenues and expenses of the State, the present interest annuity on the outstanding bonds has been covered more than 28 times. Mr. Forbes' report, in part, states:

For the calendar year 1928, notwithstanding an unfavorable harvest, the revenues securing the bonds were slightly increased. The net receipts of the monopolies were \$51,607,000 compared with \$48,850,000 in 1927. Customs yielded \$27,346,500 in 1928, compared with \$28,339,000 in 1927, while gross revenues from the railways pledged for the service of the loan amounted to \$23,226,500 as compared with \$24,600,000 in 1927, or a total of \$102,180,000 in 1928, against \$101,789,000 in 1927.

The monopolies and customs revenues from Old Serbia and Montenegro are subject to prior charges which, if figured on a gold bases, would aggregate approximately \$8,260,000 on the outstanding bonds of these States. Deducting this sum from the total figure of \$102,180,000 for 1928, leaves a net revenue of \$93,920,000 to secure the full interest annuity of \$3,320,000 on the bonds now outstanding, namely, \$15,250,000 8% bonds and \$30,000,000 7% bonds, as compared with an interest charge of \$2,270,000 paid in 1927. The present interest annuity is therefore covered more than 28 times.

Poland Beginning To Show Favorable Balance of Trade.

From a statement furnished by the Legation of Poland at Washington Poland's balance of foreign trade for the quarter ended September 30 was favorable for the first time in more than two years, according to the eighth quarterly report of Charles S. Dewey, American Adviser to the Polish Government and Director of the Bank of Poland. During the three months, the excess of exports was 78,700,000 zlotys as compared with an unfavorable balance of 217,500,000 zlotys for the third quarter of 1928.

During the three months covered by the report, government budgetary receipts amounted to 724,000,000 zlotys, or 20,000,000 zlotys more than during the corresponding period of the previous year, and expenditures amounted to 719,000,000 zlotys, or 36,000,000 more than in 1928. During the six months of the current fiscal year, the excess of receipts over expenditures amounted to 15,523,000 zlotys.

"In addition to constituting a direct obligation of the Republic of Poland, the service of the Stabilization Loan is specifically secured by all revenues from customs duties. Customs receipts have been consistently high since the inauguration of the Stabilization Plan in the fall of 1927. During the past quarter customs receipts amounted to 96 million zlotys which was more than six times the service of the loan for that period."

Poland has reached the stage of development where economic changes are taking place more gradually, the report points out. Fluctuations in money rates, in consumer demand and in commodity prices are no longer so sharp or violent as formerly. Since the beginning of the year, the general tone of business in the country has been downward by easy stages, and this tendency continued during the third quarter and reached a point where, on the whole, production, which up to the present had been maintained well above comparative volume in 1928, was down to approximately the level of a year ago.

Coal was an exception, however, and the mines operated at levels consistently over those of 1928. Sales during the third quarter amounted to 10,750,000 tons, as compared with 9,160,000 tons for the third quarter of 1928. There was a steady development not only in domestic sales but of exports, and prices showed a tendency to advance. Orders for iron and steel products fell off but the production of pig iron, though declining, compares favorably with that of last year.

"Poland is at present a borrowing country", the report continues. "The enormous amount of reconstruction necessitated by war damages and also the development of its natural resources and adaptation of industry to the new territorial and economic organization of the country has required more capital than could be accumulated within a reasonable length of time through domestic savings."

"In view of the great possibilities for economic development in Poland it is probable and desirable that imports of raw materials needed for its industries and of goods of a productive nature will continue large. It is, however, desirable to counter-balance imports as far as possible by exports of goods and services and to depend upon foreign borrowings to make up the difference only to such an extent that their service will not over-burden the balance of payments.

"Although exports and imports of goods are the most important items entering into Poland's income account the other items are of considerable importance and worthy of close attention. In 1927 the total deficit of all items entering into Poland's income account, other than foreign trade, is estimated at 229 million zlotys and in 1928 the deficit had been reduced to 202 million zlotys.

"The development of transit railway traffic through Poland is a matter of great importance and deserves constant and careful consideration by the competent officials. Considerable progress has been realized already as is evidenced by the increase of receipts from this source from 128 million zlotys in 1927 to 171 million zlotys in 1928 but in view of the favorable location of the country it is believed that transit traffic could be enlarged much further."

"The recent history of agriculture has not been equally satisfactory. Agricultural production has increased but there has been no equal advance in methods of marketing agricultural products and, as a result, there is great fluctuation in prices, and the value of agricultural products, when compared to industrial products, usually lags far behind. There is but one way of closing this gap and of obtaining better prices for agricultural products and that is by better marketing methods.

Report on Swiss Trade and Industry in 1928.

The "Swiss Federation of Commerce and Industry" has just published its annual report on Swiss trade and industry during the year 1928. The abundance of economic facts and figures enables the peruser to obtain a ready insight into Swiss economic conditions. As last year, the present report begins by a succinct statement on the most important economic events of the year 1928, avoiding, as far as possible, all repetition of facts contained in the report itself. In a new chapter on "The State of the Federal Finances," the close relations between financial and economic policy are disclosed.

There follows a statistical part containing the more important data from the different fields of Swiss economic conditions such as population, agriculture, waterpower, factories, labor questions, cost of living, banking, foreign trade, finance and taxation. Special attention is directed to an estimate of the Swiss balance of payments.

The most important part of the volume is devoted to special reports on the individual branches of trade and industry, on traffic, insurance and banking, on production and distribution of electric energy and on technical and commercial education. The report, which is about 290 pages strong, appears in a German and in a French edition and may be purchased from the "Secretariat of the Swiss Federation of Commerce and Industry," Zurich, Borsenstrasse 17.

Mortgage Bank of Colombia Earnings—Semi-Annual Report Shows 39% Increase.

The semi-annual report of the Mortgage Bank of Colombia received by Baker, Kellogg & Co., Inc., and Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., shows a sharp increase in earnings for the six months ended June 30 1929 over the same period of 1928. The Bank, it is stated, earned 447,524 pesos in the period under review this year, against 321,659 pesos for the same period in 1928, or an increase of 39%. It is further stated:

Since its organization in 1910, the bank has never failed to show increased earnings in each year over the one preceding and with but virtually one exception, it has never failed to earn more in the last half year than in the first half.

The balance sheet of June 30 1929, shows total resources of 38,511,572 pesos as against 37,792,697 on Dec. 31 1928. The net worth on June 30 represented by capital of 4,000,000 pesos, legal reserve of 1,844,000 pesos, contingent reserve of 80,317 pesos and profit and loss of 447,524 pesos, amounted to 6,371,841 pesos. The book value on the 200,000 shares outstanding on this date was 31.85 pesos per share, as against 31.52 pesos per share on Dec. 31 1928. The ratio of total funded debt to net worth on June 30 was 4.23 to 1. This is very low compared to other outstanding mortgage banks.

The external bonds, represented by the Mortgage Bank of Colombia 7s of 1946, 7s of 1947, and 6½s of 1947, all listed on the New York Stock Exchange, are direct obligations of the Bank, as are its internal bonds (cedulas) and all share and share alike in their respective liens on the properties mortgaged. The external bonds totaled 15,815,280 pesos, the internal cedulas amounted to 11,135,664 pesos. The June statement shows total mortgages owned of 29,075,769 pesos against properties valued at 74,286,304 pesos with total bonds external and internal outstanding of 26,950,944 pesos.

For the first six months of 1929 the operating figures show gross income of 1,746,065 pesos. Total fixed charges on funded debt amounted to 1,000,232 pesos, with other interest charges of 146,128 and general expense, taxes and exchange charges of 152,182 totaling 1,298,542 pesos, leaving net profit of 447,524 pesos or 2.24 pesos per share for the period.

On its established record of expanding earning power, together with the future outlook, the directors increased the semi-annual dividend of 1.90 pesos to 2 pesos as of July 1 1929. This represents a yield of 20% per annum on the par value of the stock. On the present dividend, an original investment at the bank's inception in 1910, would show a current return of approximately 55½% per annum, and an enhancement in value of over 413% not including stock rights, which were given four times during the period.

The dividend being paid on these shares at the rate of exchange prevailing on the last distribution date (July 1 1929) and including deductions for trustees' fees for American shares, is the equivalent of \$3.82 per share per annum.

The current quotation of the Colombian peso is .9662.

Speyer & Co. Announce Drawing for Redemption of Bonds of State of Sao Paulo.

Speyer & Co., having received the funds for the Jan. 1 1930 sinking fund requirements of the State of Sao Paulo 15-year 8% sinking fund gold bonds, external loan of 1921, announce that the drawing of bonds has taken place, and that the numbers of the \$990,000 bonds so drawn for redemption at 105% of their face value will be published on Tuesday, Nov. 26.

\$700,000 Republic of Poland 8% Bonds to Be Redeemed on Jan. 1.

Dillon, Read & Co., as sinking fund trustee for the Republic of Poland 25-year sinking fund external 8% bonds offered here in 1925, have issued a notice calling for the semi-annual redemption of \$700,000 of these bonds for the sinking fund. They have been designated by lot for redemption on Jan. 1 1930 at a price of 105 and accrued interest.

New York State Comptroller Announces Plans To Purchase \$1,000,000 Bonds of Land Bank of State of New York.

New York State Comptroller Morris S. Tremaine announced at Albany on Nov. 18 that the State will buy \$1,000,000 of the bonds of the Land Bank of New York. Indicating that the Comptroller's action is taken with a view to aid the borrower of small funds for home building purposes, an Albany dispatch, Nov. 18, to the "Herald Tribune" stated:

The difficulty in raising money on real property is largely a thing of the past, according to the Comptroller, and he stated his belief that a large amount of money shortly will be available for building purposes and the expanding of home-building undertakings throughout the State.

A statement issued to-day said: "The Comptroller stated that he believes that the reduction in the Federal Reserve rate to 4½% will greatly facilitate the building program of our citizens.

"The savings and loan associations of New York State, more than 325 in number, have more than 600,000 members and their assets are well above \$300,000,000. These associations own all the stock of the Land Bank of the State of New York, whose bonds the Comptroller will purchase. The business of the Land Bank is to furnish money to savings and loan associations on the association's mortgages. These mortgages are deposited with the State Comptroller, and bonds, tax-exempt in this State, are issued against them in the proportion of \$1,000 for not less than \$1,200 net value of mortgages.

"The proceeds of these bonds are loaned to the savings and loan associations, and each association must buy \$5,000 worth of stock in the Land Bank for each \$100,000 it borrows. Thus the Land Bank is practically a rediscount bank for the savings and loan associations—somewhat in the same manner that the Federal Reserve is a rediscount bank for our commercial banks.

"As a result of the recent high rates for money it has been increasingly difficult for the associations to get cash to loan, and the Land Bank gives the associations the facilities for extending their business, thereby increasing the opportunities for home builders and at the same time increasing employment.

"The State Comptroller now has in his custody more than \$22,000,000 worth of mortgages issued on property appraised at nearly \$45,000,000, and against which the Land Bank has issued only about \$15,000,000 worth of bonds. The Comptroller explained that these securities are a loan on property worth nearly three times their face value, with the guarantee of the Land Bank and the savings and loan associations back of them. He stated that obviously they are a prize security, and their attractiveness is enhanced by virtue of the fact that they are tax-exempt in this State. He hopes other investors will take advantage of the opportunity to buy these bonds. Aside from their security value they are a real help in extending the building of homes.

"The savings and loan associations of the State have grown very rapidly and are a big factor in permitting our citizens to own their homes and pay for them gradually out of their earnings. These institutions are carefully supervised by the State Banking Department and have become a big factor in the welfare of the State."

Central Sales Agency Formed By Wool Co-operatives Under Name of National Wool Marketing Association.

The wool and mohair co-operatives of the United States have organized their own central sales agency to be known as the National Wool Marketing Association with a capital stock of \$1,000,000, according to an announcement made Nov. 20 by the Federal Farm Board. The Board's advice state:

Articles of incorporation, by-laws and marketing agreements were adopted at San Angelo, Texas, Tuesday, Nov. 19 1929, by the organization committee of 15 appointed at a meeting of representatives of the wool and mohair co-operatives with the Federal Farm Board in Chicago, Oct. 4 and 5.

C. B. Denman, member, Federal Farm Board, and C. G. Randell, marketing expert in charge of the livestock section, Division of Co-operative Marketing, represented the Farm Board at the organization committee meeting which preceded the Sixty-fifth Annual Convention of the National Wool Growers Association at San Angelo, Nov. 20-22.

The National Wool Marketing Association is the second central commodity sales agency to be set up under the guidance of the Federal Farm Board, the first being the Farmers National Grain Corporation.

L. B. Palmer of Columbus, Ohio, President of the Ohio Wool Growers Co-operative Association and also President of the National Wool Marketing Council, is President of the new National Wool Marketing Association; Roger Gillis of the Texas Sheep and Goat Raisers Association of Del Rio, Texas, is Vice-President, and B. M. Wilson of the Wyoming Wool Co-operative Marketing Association, McKinley, Wyoming, is Secretary-Treasurer.

Members of the Executive Committee are Mr. Palmer, R. A. Ward, Portland, Ore., Pacific Co-operative Wool Growers; F. R. Marshall, Prosser, Wash., National Wool Growers Association; Mr. Gillis and James A. Hooper, Salt Lake City, Utah, Utah Wool Marketing Association.

The Executive Committee and the following compose the first board of directors of the Association: F. H. Wager, Syracuse, N. Y., New York State Sheep Growers Co-operative Association, Inc.; Mr. Wilson, Murray E. Stebbins, Helena, Mont., Montana Wool Growers Co-operative Marketing Association; R. E. Jones, Wabasha, Minn., Minnesota Co-operative Wool Growers Association, Inc.; F. J. Hagenbarth, Salt Lake City, Utah, National Wool Growers Association; Roy Davenport, Uvalde, Tex., American Mohair Producers Co-operative Corporation; Floyd W. Lee, San Mateo, N. M., New Mexico Wool Growers Association; A. A. Johns of Phoenix, Ariz., Arizona Wool Growers Association and J. H. Lemmon, Morris Town, S. D., Co-operative Wool Growers of South Dakota.

Mr. Palmer, Mr. Marshall and Mr. Wilson will serve as the incorporating directors.

Immediate steps are being taken to build a National organization for the marketing of wool and mohair. With the aid of the Federal Farm Board, the National Wool Marketing Association will work to co-ordinate and strengthen the State and regional wool and mohair marketing associations.

Arrangements are also being made for the immediate financing of growers through existing co-operative organizations. This will be done through preshearing advances made to ranchers. Money will also be loaned on unsold wool and mohair.

New marketing associations among wool and mohair producers will be set up in localities which are not served by co-operative agencies. This will be done as rapidly as growers desire co-operative marketing services.

Below is the organization plan of the National Wool Marketing Association:

First—The National Wool Marketing Association will be owned and controlled by stockholding member agencies throughout the United States. The member or stockholding agencies will be incorporated as local, State or regional associations.

Second—In order to qualify or to obtain membership in the national association, each stockholder association must subscribe for one share of stock, par value \$100, for each 100,000 pounds of wool marketed the previous year or wool under contract for the current year.

Third—The national association will establish the following departments to conduct its business:

1. An executive department which will direct the business policies of the organization.
2. A sales department which will sell or direct the selling and set prices for all wool or mohair sold for its stockholders.
3. A research and standardization department which will analyze and interpret business statistics for its member agencies.
4. An educational and publicity department to disseminate information relative to operations of the wool marketing agencies, including the national organization.

Fourth—The national association will be financed by charging a selling commission on wool sold.

Fifth—Member associations will be financed by the national organization paying part of the selling commission to the local association.

Sixth—Adequate reserves will be set up and patronage dividends, when declared by the directors, will go back to the individual wool producer in proportion to the amount of wool which he has contributed.

Seventh—Contracts will run from the grower to the member associations and also from the member associations to the national organization.

Eighth—The stockholding member associations will receive the wool, assist in financing growers and take care of the field work and membership relations work.

An item regarding the proposed organization of the Wool Growers Sales Agency appeared in our issue of Oct. 12, page 2329.

**Appointments in Division of Co-operative Marketing—
Latter Transferred from Department of Agriculture
to Federal Farm Board.**

The Federal Farm Board announced on Nov. 18 that it has made the following appointments in the Division of Co-operative Marketing which, by Executive Order was transferred on Oct. 1 1929, from the Department of Agriculture to the Federal Farm Board:

Chief, Division of Co-operative Marketing, A. W. McKay, who has been Acting Chief since July 15 when Chris L. Christensen, Chief of the Division, was made Secretary of the Farm Board; appointed in 1921 to staff of the Division of Co-operative Marketing from Florida, and since then has been in close contact with the educational and research work of the Division.

Assistant Chief, Division of Co-operative Marketing, Hutzal Metzger, appointed to the Division of Co-operative Marketing from Minnesota on July 1 1926 since which time he has been engaged in economic studies and special service to co-operative associations marketing fluid milk.

Marketing Expert in Charge of Livestock Section, Division of Co-operative Marketing, Cortes G. Randell, had several years experience in livestock work in Indiana, Oklahoma and Kansas before appointment from Kansas to the Division of Co-operative Marketing in 1925.

Marketing Expert in Charge of Grain Section, Division of Co-operative Marketing, William J. Kuhrt, appointed to the Division of Co-operative Marketing in 1923 and since June 1924 has been engaged in study of the organization and marketing problems of the farmers elevators, which has brought him in extensive contact with farmers' elevators as it involved co-operative projects in Montana, North Dakota, South Dakota, Minnesota and the winter wheat States.

Marketing Expert in Charge of Fruit and Vegetable Section, Division of Co-operative Marketing, Kelsey B. Gardner, appointed from Kansas to Bureau of Markets as Field Assistant in 1922; transferred to the Division of Co-operative Marketing in 1925 and since has made studies of fruit, vegetable and livestock growers organizations.

Expert in Business Administration in Charge of Business Analysis Section, Division of Co-operative Marketing, James Earl Wells, Jr., appointed from California to the Division of Co-operative Marketing in July 1927; had a number of years of banking experience and since coming

to the Division has been engaged in planning, conducting and supervising economic studies of financial and business problems in co-operative marketing.

Marketing Expert in Charge of Membership Relations Section, Division of Co-operative Marketing, James W. Jones, made special studies of membership relations of cotton and tobacco associations of the South before appointment from Kentucky to Division of Co-operative Marketing in September 1926, since which he has studied membership problems of co-operative associations marketing various other products.

Other commodity sections in the Division of Co-operative Marketing are to be organized later by the Board.

The Co-operative Marketing Act of July 2 1926 made research, educational and service work with farmers co-operative associations the function of the Division of Co-operative Marketing. The work of the division is based upon the needs of the expanding co-operative movement, and its practical application to the problems of the associations is kept in the foreground. Research projects and service work undertaken by the Division have been carefully designed to assist farmers and their co-operative associations with problems of organization, management, financing, merchandising and membership relations. Business technique and marketing methods evolved by farmers' co-operative enterprises are being analyzed and studied by marketing specialists. These analyses cover the operating methods and experience acquired by co-operative associations marketing dairy products, livestock, grain, wool, fruits, vegetables, cotton and other agricultural commodities and the results of each study are made available to guide co-operatives along safe business lines.

**New York City Bank Stock Average Now 2½ Times
Book Value, According to Gilbert Elliott & Co.—
Compares with Four Times Book Value Less Than
Two Months Ago.**

At current levels leading New York City bank stocks are selling at approximately 2½ times book value on the average, while at their recent lows they were selling at about two times book value, according to figures compiled by Gilbert Elliott & Co., specialists in bank and insurance company stocks. Less than two months ago, however, New York City bank stocks were selling for about four times book value, while individual issues, such as National City Bank, sold for more than seven times book value at its high point. The following tabulation covering 15 leading issues shows that Empire Trust, currently selling for 1.59 times book value, has the lowest ratio of price to book value, while Central-Hanover, Bankers Trust and Corn Exchange and National City are the only issues selling for more than three times book value. In the following tabulation book value is adjusted to include the bank's equity in any subsidiary security company, while in the case of City and First National the book value is estimated:

	Book Value.	Nov. 20 Price.	Ratio.
America	90	160	1.78
Bankers Trust	43	145	3.38
Brooklyn Trust	389	800	2.06
Central Hanover	95	355	3.52
Chase	65	170	2.62
Chatham Phenix	54	115	2.13
Chemical	30	80	2.67
City	80	244	3.05
Corn	58	185	3.20
Empire	257	410	1.59
First National	2,000	5,000	2.50
Guaranty	321	665	2.07
Irving	26	60	2.31
Manhattan	71	130	1.83
New York Trust	93	250	2.69
Average			2.50

The announcement also says:

In connection with the above figures, it is interesting to note that at the end of 1923 these same bank stocks were selling for about 2.80 times book value, while at the end of 1927 a ratio of 2.46 times book value prevailed. In other words, bank stocks are to-day selling on approximately the same basis as they were two years ago.

Since 1921 the ratio of price to book value has been as follows: Nov. 21 1929, 2.50 times book value; Dec. 31 1928, 2.80 times; Dec. 31 1927, 2.46; Dec. 31 1926, 2.00; Dec. 31 1925, 2.00; Dec. 31 1924, 1.63; Dec. 31 1923, 1.40; Dec. 31 1922, 1.40, and Dec. 31 1921, 1.23 times book value.

**Stock Exchange Securities Placed on Approved
Investments List of Virginia.**

The following is from a dispatch from Richmond to the U. S. "Daily" of Nov. 16:

Securities of the New York Curb Exchange and of the Boston Stock Exchange have been placed upon the approved list under the State securities law by the State corporation commission. Hitherto stocks listed under these two exchanges and dealers in these securities were subject to the regulations of the securities law.

The new orders put these securities on the same basis as those of the New York Stock Exchange and others exempt from regulations applying to such issues.

Approval was granted following an investigation by the commission through C. M. Chichester, counsel of the commission.

**New York Stock Exchange To Resume Full Daily
Sessions First Three Days of Next Week—To Close
Latter Half of Week—New York Curb and Other
Exchanges to Follow Stock Exchange Action.**

There will be no trading on the New York Stock Exchange on Friday and Saturday of next week, Nov. 29 and 30, this recess following the Thanksgiving Day holiday on Thursday, Nov. 28. On the first three days of the week the

Exchange will be open for trading during the usual five-hour period from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Since Nov. 6, the trading hours had been limited daily from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m., except Saturday, on which day the Exchange was closed to trading.

The Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange, yesterday, Nov. 22, adopted the following resolutions:

Resolved, that the Exchange shall not be open for the purchase and sale of securities on Friday, Nov. 29 1929, or Saturday, Nov. 30 1929; and it is,

Further Resolved, that the standing committees of the Exchange shall make such rules as may be necessary because of the closing of the Exchange for the purchase and sale of securities.

The following notice was likewise issued yesterday, (Nov. 22):

Because of the fact that the Exchange will not be open for business on Thursday, Friday or Saturday of next week, members of the Exchange were notified yesterday that the usual custom under which specialists are requested to remain on the floor, or to have a representative thereon for one hour after the close of business on the last day of the month for the purpose of collecting orders, will be effective on Nov. 27.

Similarly, all day, week and month orders in the cabinets of the bond crowd of the Exchange will be cancelled on Wednesday, Nov. 27.

Orders to be effective at 10:00 a.m. on Dec. 2 must be filed by 3:00 p.m. on Nov. 27.

The following notices were sent to members of the New York Stock Exchange by the Committee of Arrangements:

The Committee of Arrangements requests that so far as possible the offices of members be closed on Thursday, Nov. 28, in order to afford an opportunity for rest to the personnel of member houses.

The committee directs that the offices of members be open on Friday, Nov. 29, from 10 a. m. to 3 p. m. and on Saturday, Nov. 30, from 10 a. m. to 1 p. m. for the purpose of clearing up open trades.

Partners must either be present in their offices or have representatives present who are authorized to settle open trade disputes.

Offices of members must be open on Saturday, Nov. 23 1929, from 10 a. m. until 1 p. m. for the purpose of clearing up open trades. This applies to bonds as well as to stocks.

Partners must either be present in their offices or have representatives present who are authorized to settle open trade disputes.

The Committee of Arrangements will consider any deliberate violation of this ruling as an act detrimental to the best interests and welfare of the Exchange.

The attention of members is called to the first paragraph of Circular C-3905, which requires that each office must make every effort to sent out Fail to Deliver and Fail to Receive notices on all contracts that are still open, and the firm receiving said tickets shall promptly inquire into the matter and stamp said notices. This ruling applies particularly to stock houses on transactions in bonds.

Any unusual delay in complying with the foregoing ruling will be considered by the committee as an act contrary to the best interests and welfare of the Exchange.

The Governors of the New York Curb Exchange voted to follow the action of the New York Stock Exchange in resuming five-hour sessions on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday and in closing the Exchange Friday and Saturday. The Exchange will likewise be closed on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day. The Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Chicago and exchanges in other cities will observe the same period of trading next week as the New York Stock Exchange.

Transactions in Nineteen Convertible Bonds on New York Stock Exchange To Be Cleared Through Stock Clearing Corporation Beginning Nov. 25.

Announcement was made yesterday (Nov. 22) that beginning with transactions on Monday, Nov. 25, all contracts in a group of nineteen convertible bonds on the New York Stock Exchange will be cleared through the Stock Clearing Corporation. This will be the first time that bond transactions have been cleared through the Night Clearing Branch, with the exception of the period April 1918 to December 1925 when Liberty bonds were the subject of special daily clearances, and from March to April 1922, when certain foreign Government bonds were cleared. Following is a list of the convertible bonds which will be the first to enjoy clearing privileges.

Names—	Abbreviations.
Alleghany Corp. coll trust conv. 5s, 1949	AYY '49
Alleghany Corp. coll and conv. 5s, 1944	AYY '44
Am. I. G. Chemical Corp. 5½s conv. deb., 1949	AIG 5½
Amer. International Corp. conv. 5½s, 1949	AL 5½
Amer. Tel. & Tel. conv. deb. 4½s, 1939	ATT cv4½
Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe conv. deb. 4½s, 1948	A 4½
Commercial Investment Trust conv. deb. 5½%, 1949	CIT 5½
Dodge Brothers, Inc. deb. 6%, 1940	DB 6
General Public Service conv. deb. 5½s, 1939	GPV 5½
International Cement Co conv. deb. 5s, 1948	ICM 5
International Tel. & Tel. conv. deb. 4½s, 1939	ITT Cv4½
Mo. Pacific R.R. Co. conv. 5½s, series A, 1949	MOP 5½
N. Y. N. H. & Hartford conv. deb. 6s, 1948	Vcv 6
Phila. & Reading Coal & Iron Co. conv. deb. 6s, 1949	PRC 6
Porto Rican American Tobacco Co. conv. 6s, 1942	PRT 6
Public Service Corp. of N. J. conv. deb. 4½s, 1948	PUB 4½
Richfield Oil 1st mtge. & coll. trust series A 6% conv., 1944	RIL 6cv
Southern Pacific conv. 5s, 1934	SX cv 5
Texas Corporation conv. 5s, deb., 1944	TX 5 RTG

The announcement also says:

Except for the fact that deliveries of these cleared bonds will be delayed for one day, the complete clearance operation will be conducted exactly as the case with cleared stocks. The one day delay will mean that transactions of Monday will appear on sheets delivered to the Night Clearing Branch by 11 a.m. Tuesday, and deliveries made and sheets, tickets, checks or drafts dated as of Wednesday. Similarly, Tuesday's transactions will be delivered Thursday, Wednesday's on Friday, Thursday's on the following Monday, and Friday's and Saturday's on the following Tuesday.

In announcing this innovation the Stock Clearing Corporation rules that: The same rules and principles, so far as applicable, shall govern these special clearances including matters connected therewith arising out of the insolvency of a party thereto, as in the case of regular clearances and the judgment of the Stock Clearing Corporation as to the applicability of such rules and principles shall be conclusive on all parties concerned in all respects.

In addition to the facilities for clearances, these bonds will also be delivered through the Central Delivery Branch, the same manner that stocks are now delivered.

Market Value of Shares Listed on New York Stock Exchange \$71,752,650,908 Nov. 1—Classification of Listed Stocks.

As of Nov. 1 1929 there were 1,287 stock issues aggregating 1,110,419,105 shares listed on the New York Stock Exchange, with a total market value of \$71,752,650,908. The month before, Oct. 1 1929, there were 1,279 stock issues aggregating 1,048,359,263 shares listed on the Exchange, with a total market value of \$87,073,630,423. As of Nov. 1 1929, New York Stock Exchange member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$6,108,824,868. The ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on this date was therefore 8.51%. Oct. 1 1929 member borrowings on security collateral amounted to \$8,549,383,979; the ratio of security loans to market values of all listed stocks on that date was therefore 9.82%. The Nov. 1 figures were made public by the Stock Exchange on Nov. 20, at which time there was also made available a table showing the classification of listed stocks Nov. 1 by leading groups, with the aggregate market value and average share price for each. This table we give below, along with the corresponding data as of Oct. 1.

In the following table listed stocks are classified by leading industrial groups, with the aggregate market value and average share price for each:

	Nov. 1 1929		Oct. 1 1929	
	Market Value.	Average Price.	Market Value.	Average Price.
Autos and accessories	\$4,150,489,417	\$39.10	\$5,671,827,543	\$54.38
Financial	1,742,427,817	118.22	2,477,774,155	184.58
Chemical	5,370,065,421	89.15	6,708,883,229	117.92
Building	603,031,303	56.16	773,069,915	77.45
Electrical equipment manufacturing	3,463,925,601	123.00	4,856,142,246	179.20
Foods	3,516,671,251	54.68	3,726,146,644	71.38
Rubber and tires	392,346,817	37.58	498,399,626	47.74
Farm machinery	673,536,259	84.36	829,589,276	103.95
Amusements	679,838,444	37.04	919,707,667	50.13
Land and realty	149,047,799	45.41	168,619,932	51.55
Machinery and metals	2,311,511,297	55.79	2,980,825,981	73.30
Mining (excluding iron)	2,445,294,132	52.00	2,925,086,254	62.13
Petroleum	6,603,804,526	40.48	7,405,531,242	45.28
Paper and publishing	735,349,230	49.54	804,918,567	54.31
Retail merchandising	3,994,246,685	60.28	4,864,301,414	78.24
Railroads and equipment	10,916,184,650	109.11	11,945,459,297	116.24
Steel, iron and coke	3,541,318,699	107.86	4,023,061,081	124.63
Textiles	269,267,791	26.95	334,487,721	33.47
Gas and electric (operating)	4,374,603,955	74.97	5,849,117,596	102.44
Gas and electric (holding)	3,939,948,885	51.44	5,124,645,077	112.51
Communications (cable, tel. & radio)	4,225,931,747	169.65	5,139,813,786	206.43
Miscellaneous utilities	323,753,916	38.83	413,630,563	49.61
Aviation	346,911,251	23.42	563,995,594	39.26
Business and office equipment	714,192,065	74.01	973,726,593	100.96
Shipping services	77,560,832	57.25	87,543,522	64.63
Ship operating and building	87,241,955	22.07	87,039,992	22.17
Miscellaneous business	184,300,753	47.65	213,445,884	55.19
Leather and boots	353,200,864	50.03	419,098,741	59.55
Tobacco	1,656,412,553	39.68	1,578,478,197	59.00
Garment manufacturing	62,115,170	30.92	73,902,824	39.41
U. S. companies operating abroad	2,192,769,862	58.77	2,729,825,559	73.17
Foreign cos. (incl. Canada & Cuba)	1,658,349,961	52.55	1,902,955,705	65.74
All listed stocks	71,752,650,908	64.62	87,073,630,423	83.06

The market value of shares on the Exchange as of Sept. 1 was shown in our issue of Sept. 28, page 1997.

Senator Heflin's Resolution Calling for Investigation of Speculative Transactions on New York, New Orleans and Chicago Cotton Exchanges.

Under the resolution adopted by the Senate on Nov. 14 the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, which is directed to "investigate the activities and speculative transactions of the New York, New Orleans and Chicago Stock Exchanges," is called upon to report its findings to the Senate before Dec. 20. The resolution, which was presented to the Senate by Senator Heflin, was referred to in our issue of Nov. 16, page 3102. The following is the text of the resolution as agreed to by the Senate:

Whereas, the Government report shows that the average price paid for American cotton for the last 10 years has been above 21 cents a pound; and *Whereas*, the world cotton crop in 1928 was 23,000,000 bales and the world consumption of cotton for the same year up to August 1929 was 25,000,000 bales, showing that the consumption of cotton was running far ahead of cotton production; and

Whereas, complaint is being made by cotton farmers, merchants and bankers in the cotton-growing States and by people in other sections of the country interested in cotton that something is wrong with the cotton market and that the price is being depressed and fixed by purely speculative forces, and that cotton is selling not only at unprofitable prices but below the cost of production, to the great hurt and injury of the cotton producers of the United States; and

Whereas, the price paid each day for cotton in the towns and cities and in all the places where cotton is bought and sold in the cotton-growing States is the price that is fixed on the Cotton Exchange where speculation in "cotton futures" and not where the sale and delivery of actual cotton fixes the price under the law of supply and demand; and

Whereas, the advocates of a speculative Cotton Exchange where unlimited quantities of cotton futures can be bought and sold, have contended that such an institution would positively and accurately reflect the price of actual cotton justified by the law of supply and demand; and

Whereas, the advocates of such speculative Cotton Exchanges have claimed that they are not and cannot be manipulated or controlled by influences other than those natural influences produced by the law of supply and demand; and

Whereas, Government officials of the United States, the Federal Farm Board, whose duty it is to know what amount of American cotton is produced, exported and consumed annually at home and abroad and the amount of the carryover of American cotton at the end of each cotton season, have recently declared in a public statement, in view of the increased consumption of and the increased demand for American cotton and cotton goods, the decreased number of bales in the carryover of American cotton for the previous year, and the production of a cotton crop this year not large enough to supply the world's demand for American cotton, that the price of cotton is too low and that the cotton farmer is entitled under the law of supply and demand to receive a higher price; and

Whereas, in recent weeks the Cotton Exchanges, where cotton prices have been unstable and fluctuation in the price of cotton has been the order of the day, the daily press reports on cotton prices have told us that the break in the price and the losses sustained by the cotton producers were not caused by the law of supply and demand; and

Whereas, American cotton producers are now in the midst of the cotton-selling season, and in order that they may market their cotton to the best advantage so as to receive prices that will yield them a fair profit it is necessary that every influence and agency that is being used to hamper and depress the price of cotton be immediately suppressed; and

Whereas, the Federal Farm Board has declared that the present price of cotton is low and unprofitable and that all the facts in the cotton trade demand and justify higher prices for American cotton; and

Whereas, the Cotton Exchanges' daily reports show that it is not the law of supply and demand that fixes the price of cotton on the Cotton Exchange, but that it is done by manipulation; and

Whereas, in order to give the Federal Farm Board a fair chance and a free hand in preventing fluctuation and in stabilizing cotton prices immediately for the purpose of enabling the cotton farmers of the United States in the daily sales of their cotton to obtain a price that will yield them a profit: Therefore be it

Resolved, That the Committee on Agriculture and Forestry, or a subcommittee thereof, is hereby authorized, and directed to immediately investigate all the matters set out in the preamble of this resolution and investigate the activities and speculative transactions of the New York, New Orleans and Chicago Cotton Exchanges, and other interests engaged in any way in the cotton business, and report its findings to the Senate on or before Dec. 20 1929; and said Committee is hereby directed to make any recommendations in its report to the Senate in December that it feels would be helpful in correcting the conditions complained of and in obtaining for the cotton producers of the United States profitable prices for their cotton.

Said Committee is authorized to send for or subpoena persons, books, and papers, to administer oaths, and to employ a stenographer at a cost not exceeding 25 cents per 100 words to report such hearings, the expenses of said investigation to be paid out of the contingent fund of the Senate and not to exceed \$10,000.

President Miller of New York Cotton Exchange, Referring to Heflin Resolution, Says Exchange Is Functioning in Satisfactory Manner.

Gardiner H. Miller, President of the New York Cotton Exchange, said on Nov. 15 that the Exchange has received no information from Washington as to the nature and extent of the Senate inquiry into cotton exchanges, and that therefore he was not in a position to discuss the matter. "I may say, however, that the New York Cotton Exchange has been and is now performing its functions in a satisfactory manner," Mr. Miller added.

The action of the Senate in sponsoring an investigation of the New York Cotton Exchange, along with the New Orleans and Chicago exchanges, caused considerable surprise in local cotton circles. It was felt that the reforms instituted by the New York Exchange—the adoption of Southern deliveries, limitation of interest in futures contracts and the establishment of a control committee with broad supervisory and disciplinary powers—had fully met the wishes of Congress, and that the Exchange would be given ample opportunity to demonstrate how effective these reforms were before another inquiry was instituted.

Brokerage Firm of J. Swan & Co., New York, in Bankruptcy.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed on Tuesday of this week (Nov. 19) in the United States District Court by Charles J. Swan, stock broker, doing business under the firm name of J. Swan & Co., 25 Broad St., this city, according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 20. The petition listed the liabilities of the firm at \$136,359 and its assets at \$106,187. The latter consist chiefly of unlisted securities, it was said.

Stock Brokerage House of Downer & Co., Boston, Unable to Meet Obligations.

Downer & Co., 53 State St., Boston, was suspended on Tuesday of this week (Nov. 19) by the Governors of the Boston Stock Exchange when the firm announced its inability to meet its obligations, according to the Boston "Transcript" of that date, which stated that the firm, though one of the older members of the exchange, is a small commission house, which had not underwritten any stock issues. The present partners of the firm are Foster Cousins

and Frederick E. Kramer, in whose name the Stock Exchange seat is held. The "Transcript" went on to say:

To-day Mr. Kramer declined to discuss the matter beyond stating that the firm "feels optimistic." He would not state if the estimate of from \$50,000 to \$100,000 liabilities was correct. John Cunningham, attorney for the firm, estimated that a settlement may be made with creditors on the basis of 60 cents on the dollar.

Downer & Company dates back to 1881, when Roswell C. Downer was a member of the firm. G. Frederick Gridley, who became a member of the Stock Exchange in 1880, was formerly a member of the firm, but retired in 1929 when Mr. Kramer replaced him. William G. Cousins became a partner in 1904 and died in 1924.

This failure is the first that has occurred in Boston financial circles since the recent stock market upheaval.

Mandeville, Brooks & Chaffee, Providence (R. I.) Brokerage House, Fails.

Announcement was made from the rostrum of the New York Stock Exchange on Monday of this week (Nov. 18) by Richard Whitney, Vice-President of the Exchange, that Mandeville, Brooks & Chaffee of Providence, R. I., had been suspended from the Exchange for inability to meet their engagements. The partners in the failed firm, which had branch offices in New York and Pawtucket and Woonsocket, R. I., were as follows: Charles H. W. Mandeville, Gilbert F. Brooks, Charles C. Chaffee, Jr. (floor member of the N. Y. Stock Exchange), John L. Easton, Alexander T. Hindmarsh, George A. Todd, James Sinclair, J. Milton Latham and J. Duncan Mackenzie. Suspension from the New York Stock Exchange followed the filing of a voluntary petition for receivership by the concern in the Superior Court in Providence on the same day, according to advices from that city on Nov. 18 to the New York "Times." Judge Edward W. Blodgett appointed Robert S. Emerson of Pawtucket, R. I., an attorney, temporary receiver for the firm under a bond of \$100,000. Hearing was set for Dec. 15 on the question of permanent receivership. Members of the firm were reported in the dispatch as saying that assets would be sufficient to cover most of the debts, which are estimated at from \$4,000,000 to \$5,000,000. Failure of the firm is thought to be directly due to the recent collapse of stock prices. Leading Providence banks which have lent about \$1,000,000 to the firm, it was said, announced that they would not lose anything because of the failure as they hold sufficient collateral for the sums advanced. The failed firm was organized in 1927. Continuing the dispatch said:

Although the suspension was the first involving a Stock Exchange house to be announced since the break in the stock market got under way about the middle of October, the news caused no stir in Wall Street. It was widely discussed, but, because the firm was not well known here, the suspension was not regarded as a seriously disturbing development.

Mandeville, Brooks & Chaffee, not being a member of the Stock Clearing Corporation, cleared its transactions through a number of Stock Exchange houses here. The firm's floor member, Charles C. Chaffee Jr., had desk space at the office of F. B. Keech & Co., 52 Broadway. The firm did little business in New York, except in handling accounts for customers in its offices in Providence, Pawtucket and Woonsocket. Such accounts as the firm had with New York houses were well margined, it was learned, and recent clearances here have been completed. The firm specialized largely in Rhode Island securities.

The following day (Tuesday, Nov. 19) announcement was made by the New York Curb Exchange of the suspension of the firm from that organization of which it was an associate member.

H. B. Coshnear & Co., Boston Brokerage Firm, in Bankruptcy.

A voluntary petition in bankruptcy was filed on Monday of this week (Nov. 18) in the Federal District Court of Boston by Harry B. and Samuel Coshnear, doing business at No. 1 State St., that city, and 25 Broad St., New York, under the firm name of H. B. Coshnear & Co., according to the Boston "Transcript" of Nov. 18. The company's liabilities were listed at \$300,000 and its assets at \$250,000. There were no schedules filed, the paper mentioned stated, but these would be furnished in about 10 days. The firm was not a member of any Exchange.

Max Winkelman Suspended from New York Curb Exchange.

Announcement was made on Thursday of this week of the suspension of Max Winkelman, a floor trader, by the New York Curb Exchange because of inability to meet his engagements. According to yesterday's New York "Times," Mr. Winkelman, who had been a member of the Curb since 1921, was not a partner in any firm and did no business for public account. He had an office with J. J. Bell & Co., also suspended by the Curb recently. His obligations were not large, it was said.

T. W. Lamont Sees Market as Normal—Morgan Partner Speaks for Banking Group After an Informal Meeting on Nov. 15.

With trading conditions on the Stock Exchange giving evidence of a return to normal and with sentiment throughout the financial district showing a wide improvement over recent days, leading bankers of the city met in the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. on Friday, Nov. 15, to compare notes and review the activities of the banking group. Among the bankers who visited the Morgan offices were Mortimer L. Schiff of Kuhn, Loeb & Co.; George W. Davison, President of the Central Hanover Trust Co.; Walter Frew, Chairman of the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co.; Chellis Austin, President of the Equitable Trust Co.; Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the Irving Trust Co.; Percy Johnston, President of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co.; Alfred L. Loomis of Bonbright & Co., Inc., and James P. Warburg of the Bank of the Manhattan Co. Members of the original group, formed on Oct. 24 to assist in stabilizing the market, also met at the Morgan offices to confer informally during the course of the day. The group consists of Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman of the National City Bank; Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Chase National Bank; William C. Potter, President of the Guaranty Trust Co.; Seward Prosser, Chairman of the Bankers Trust Co.; George F. Baker, Jr. of the First National Bank and Thomas W. Lamont of J. P. Morgan & Co. The New York "Times" in its issue of Nov. 16, described the meeting as follows:

Mr. Lamont, who has been spokesman for the group, saw reporters last night. In reply to an inquiry he said that the banking group had considered the market as normal during the past few days. The visits of the bankers to the Morgan offices yesterday afternoon, he explained, should not be construed as in the nature of a conference on the stock market. The bankers came to exchange in formation and were informed as to the activities of the group during the period of strain. They expressed their approval of what steps the group had taken, he said, and pledged their future cooperation.

Throughout the market disturbance, Mr. Lamont said, banking activity on behalf of stabilization has not been confined to the group of six, organized at the time of the first wide break. The other banking institutions of the city have rendered most effective cooperation throughout the emergency and have been in constant touch with the group, he said.

In response to further questions, Mr. Lamont said he understood there were several substantial bids in the market, placed at approximately the levels of Wednesday night's closing prices by interests desirous of obtaining investments at those levels. He said he understood there had been a bid placed for a large block of United States Steel at something like the closing price on Wednesday. There had been a report in Wall Street to the effect that a bid for 200,000 shares of Steel common at \$150 a share had been placed on the books of the specialist in that stock. Mr. Lamont's statement was taken in financial circles as tantamount to a confirmation of this report.

Finds No Weak Situations.

In their exchange of information, Mr. Lamont said, the bankers disclosed no reports of any serious difficulties or of any weak situations.

Among leaders of the financial district yesterday there was evident the conviction that the storm had blown over. The developments of the previous day, including the announcement of a reduction in the income tax rates, the lowering of the rediscount rate, the improved tone of the stock market and the further cut in brokers' loans, had produced a distinctly better sentiment in Wall Street, it was said.

Yesterday's continued improvement in stock prices and the news from Washington that President Hoover would call a conference of industrial leaders to consider means of avoiding a prolonged business depression served to confirm this growing optimism.

Review of G. M-P. Murphy & Co. Predicts Faster Business Recovery from Stock Market Collapse Than After Any Previous Decline.

Business should recover more rapidly from the present stock market depression than from any previous period of deflation in our history despite the greater number of people affected and the larger volume of losses, according to the "Fortnightly Review" of G. M-P. Murphy & Co. It points out that there are four major differences between the present situation and past declines, particularly in 1920, namely:

- (1) Commodity prices have been reasonable for several years;
- (2) Merchandise inventories have not been excessive;
- (3) The banking system is in a strong position, and
- (4) Corporate treasuries are well supplied with cash.

"In general," says the "Review," "previous major declines have resulted from substantial declines in business foreseen for reasons arising within business itself. The recent depression has certainly gone far beyond measuring any tapering off in business that was foreseen and is viewed with concern as a possible cause rather than as an effect of declining business." The "Review" continues:

"That business will show some ill effects from the withdrawal of whatever stimulation it has received during the past two years from paper-profit purchasing is to be expected. However, it should recover fast. There seems to be no real inventory problem, although, of course, what was a moderate inventory while business was moving at a rapid pace will seem somewhat larger with business dull. With great amounts of credit

released from the stock market, industry certainly should not lack for working capital.

"Definite easing of money should revive the bond market and again open our capital reservoirs to European and South American needs. Some stimulus may result from the mere fact that our securities markets have ceased to attract Europe's meager supplies of working capital. Easier money will also help the building industry in which high rates have caused a period of more or less idleness, particularly in residence construction.

"In other words, nothing on the horizon causes any loss of confidence in the underlying soundness of the industrial situation. While the next few months are likely to witness reduced activity in many directions and the shading of commodity prices and profit margins which usually accompanies such conditions, we expect that next fall at the latest will see business on the upgrade. As to the stock market, we expect to see an extended period of quiet trading, during which time sound securities will be available at attractive prices, giving an opportunity for the thoughtful accumulation of desirable issues."

Gov. Cox of Ohio Requests His Newspapers to Keep Stock Market News from First Page.

Former Governor James M. Cox of Ohio, owner of a group of newspapers in the North and South, issued orders on Nov. 13 to his publications to take all stock market news off the first page, according to Associated Press accounts that day from Dayton, Ohio, which added:

Asked why he did it, he said:

"The purpose is obvious. The buying of stocks in the market, or, if you want to call it, speculation, is a minor and incidental thing in the life of the country. The emphasis we have given it makes it appear that more people are interested than in our normal pursuits. The inevitable reaction came. It is nearly, if not quite, over, and yet all of our newspapers are filling the public mind with the idea of disaster. This can easily develop a psychological condition hurtful to the general interest.

"There is a distinction between journalistic enterprise and sensationally squeezing, without regard to consequences, the last news atom out of a dramatic event. The operations of the stock market should be set back in their proper department, but, of course, without suppression of fact or development. The great masses of the people who are not involved can pursue, uninterrupted, their part in commerce. Otherwise, the impression will grow that we are on the verge of a serious industrial depression. What is not in any sense justified by fundamental conditions now can be created by widespread timidity or fear. The impressions of the country in this active age are on a very sensitive center, and the newspapers are in a position to render great benefit or create serious injury.

"My thought as publisher was to help our public forget the panic, which has been in no small degree mental, with the holders of securities, and let the country go to work. For more than a year the general efficiency of business has been below par because of a speculative obsession."

Banks Called Few Collateral Loans in Stock Market Break, Is Belief—Survey Shows Practice Varied Some in Big Cities—But Generally Less Strict Than Brokers.

Under the above head the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 20 had the following to say:

Calling of individual collateral loans by banks because of impairment of the value of security collateral assumed only moderate proportions during the recent break in stock prices, according to a nation-wide survey made by the "Journal of Commerce." While practice in this respect differed over the country, the survey indicates that banks were far more willing as a rule to carry along customers with impaired collateral than were brokerage houses.

A survey among New York banks indicated that in numerous instances the institution considered the general credit standing of the borrower, and where a business man had borrowed money on stock collateral it was not usual to ask him to repay the loan unless the collateral dropped below the face value of the advance. Even in that case, many institutions did not bring pressure on the borrower during the initial sharp break in prices, but did so after a week or 10 days.

Strict on Small Loans.

In the case of small borrowers, and especially non-business borrowers in this group, the local banks generally appear to have adopted a more stringent policy, requiring that the collateral maintain a reasonable margin in value above the amount of the loan.

As a result of the liberal policy followed by the banks on such collateral loans, it is said that a number of advances of this nature are now protected by a thin equity, if any. The rally in prices of the past few days has worked some measure of improvement in this situation, but it is apparent that the improvement has not been substantial enough to correct the matter entirely, especially where large loans were made to strong customers against big blocks of securities which depreciated in value very sharply.

Dispatches summarizing the situation in outside cities follow:

Report From Philadelphia.

Estimates as to the amount of forced or voluntary liquidation of speculative or semi-speculative loans on account of the stock market break vary widely, according to executives of some of the leading banks here. The general averages ranged between 8% to 15% of the volume carried before the deflation.

The extremes of "less than 1%" by an ultra-conservative institution and a figure of 40% closings by a bank which caters almost exclusively to wage earners and small home owners indicate the great difference in individual banking policies. Several banks reported that with the exception of a few isolated instances they had succeeded in keeping all loans unimpaired.

These banks, officials said, had discouraged all transactions of this kind for a number of months before the break. Having kept the total low, they reversed their policy and are extending every effort to protect selective stocks for their accounts.

One bank stated that approximately 10% of its speculative loans had been liquidated. It also reported that 60% of the outside accounts placed on call immediately before the break had been since invested in investment bonds, Treasury certificates and Liberty bonds. Banks having large savings fund departments appeared to be in two classes: Those which felt the withdrawal of funds for a period from six to nine months before the break, and those which reported a marked drain in the fortnight of sharp

declines. In both classes, officials said it was impossible to estimate the amount placed in Wall Street.

Report from Boston.

Banks in this city have found it necessary to liquidate the securities pledged as collateral against loans on stocks in comparatively few cases in the last few weeks. In fact, the number of such cases is surprisingly small in view of the extent of the decline in stock prices.

The brokers have come through the crash in good shape and, except for one or two negligible cases, have met their obligations. The banks have shown a disposition to meet their customers needs at least half way and believe that the situation will right itself presently to restore margins fully in some cases where they have been quite wiped out.

There has been some increase in collateral loans lately because of the move of certain operators to buy stocks in the present low market, especially with the easier money situation, and where margins are ample.

Savings banks and life insurance companies have had a reaction in the matter of loans which has not been so good, their loan departments being obliged to work well into the night and Sundays to meet the requirements of operators in the stock market, who had to fall back upon these savings to protect their investments, or who wished to borrow for operation in stocks at the present reduced prices.

Report from Chicago.

Collateral loans of the local banks are down considerably, but the reduction is due entirely to shrinkage in broker borrowing. Individual loans are practically unchanged, due principally to the shifting of accounts from brokers' offices and to buying by shrewd investors who held themselves in readiness to take advantage of the bargain prices now prevailing in the market.

The Chicago banks have added the flow of securities in to them by reducing the rate on collateral loans from 8 to 6% and have given further encouragement by loaning on issues of well established companies at the market, instead of fixing arbitrary prices well under quoted values.

Brokers' loans have melted considerably during the past several weeks. Reductions generally range from 40 to 70%. One house dropped its total from \$33,000,000 to \$7,000,000.

Report from Atlanta.

Banks here apparently are in good shape, weak accounts supported by Stock Exchange collateral have been liquidated and the banks report that their loans of this type are in better shape than they have been for some time.

It is taken for granted that most banks will suffer some losses, but there are no indications as yet that these will be serious. In the district as a whole, loans against securities have for some time been smaller in proportion to total loans than in any other Federal Reserve district.

One bank in this district has suffered badly from the misuse of funds on stock speculation, but in that instance the loss has been made good. It is assumed that lines of credit based on net worth will be reduced by banks in numerous instances, but it will be some time before the readjustment is completed.

Report from Pacific Coast.

Liquidation of security loans by San Francisco banks has been rather light, few loans were called and there are no instances known where individual loans were called. While no figures for the city are available, the Twelfth District figure is dominated by San Francisco and given an indication of the local situation.

Within a few days after the first stock break loans for the district had been reduced \$11,000,000, and two weeks later cut \$8,000,000 more. They recovered \$4,000,000 in past week from low for past month.

One large bank reports loans once ran off 20% from high without any calls. Leading bankers conferred and decided to judge security values by other market standards than exchange quotation, which accounts for their assistance. Brokers were in unusually strong cash position and brokers' loans on average never ran over third of market prices situation, partly due to anticipation of break by bankers year ago and adjustment of policies in appraising loans. Rates on commercial loans have been shaded somewhat, but collateral rate is the same.

Preferences in Brokers' Assets Barred By Federal Circuit Court—Holds Rule of Philadelphia Stock Exchange Void—Decision Reduces Members From "Preferred" to "Common" Creditors' Status.

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals in a decision at Philadelphia on Nov. 8 abrogated the long-standing rule of the Philadelphia Stock Exchange giving its members priority claims on balances due an insolvent member and held that the rights of common creditors to share in these balances were the same as those of members of the Exchange. A Philadelphia dispatch to the New York "Times" reporting this said:

The decision is counted an important victory for the customers and other "general creditors" of an insolvent Stock Exchange broker. Heretofore they have been excluded from participating in the distribution of the balance moneys, which have been used largely by the Governing Committee of the Stock Exchange to pay off insolvent obligations to other Exchange houses.

Rule Contrary to Federal Law.

Under the court's ruling, which is predicated on the principle that the Exchange's priority rule is void because it is contrary to the Federal bankruptcy law prohibiting the giving of "preferences" to creditors of a bankrupt, the status of Stock Exchange members is reduced from "preferred creditors" under the Exchange rule to "common creditors" under the bankruptcy Act.

Norwithstanding that all brokers must vow to adhere to the priority rule, as well as the other regulations of the Exchange, before being admitted to membership, the Court's decision said that "a stock exchange, no more than any other trade or business association, by its rules may not classify creditors or impound assets for the sole benefit of a particular class. Classification of that character will only be recognized when made by the law of the land."

The ruling, which was made in the case of Frank McCown, a broker, who failed two years ago for upward of \$1,000,000, was the third of its kind to be obtained in Federal tribunals by J. Howard Reber, attorney for McCown's creditors and his trustee.

Suit Followed Action of Bache & Co.

The litigation arose when the brokerage firm of Bache & Co., Exchange members, with whom McCown, who operated under the name of McCown & Co., had dealings, refused to turn over to the trustee a balance of \$11,879

standing to McCown's credit. In explaining the refusal Bache & Co. referred to the Exchange rule requiring its members to turn over such balances to the governing committee of the Exchange for the benefit of its members to whom an insolvent is indebted.

In three Federal tribunals the rule has been held invalid and because of the importance of the rights involved, it is likely that the matter will be carried to the United States Supreme Court.

The opinion of the Circuit Court of Appeals was written by Judge John Reibel and was concurred in by Circuit Judges, Victor B. Woolley and J. Warren Davis.

H. N. McGill of McGill Commodity Service Says 5,000,000 People are Affected by Stock Market Crash.

Before the Purchasing Agents Association of New York at the Park Avenue Building on Nov. 19, H. N. McGill, editor of the McGill Commodity Service of Auburndale, Mass., discussing the stock market crash and its effect, said:

The luxury group, automobiles, radios, electrical appliances, are hard hit although all lines must change to policies which will meet a reduced per capita purchasing power. More people have been affected than surface conditions indicate. The estimated population is 120,000,000. One third represents the farming element which does comparatively little speculating. This leaves 80,000,000 people. As there are about 5 persons to each family, there are really 5,000,000 affected rather than 1,000,000 as commonly referred to. Commodity prices although showing no price inflation have quickly resorted to a downward trend, industrial prices last week reaching a new low of the year.

The situation has many bright spots and the industrial and economic set-up differ materially from 1920 when business suffered for a long time. Among the favorable factors inventories of raw and finished goods are not burdensome. It should not be difficult to gradually adjust new production to actual demand without building burdensome inventories.

Then again there is no general commodity inflation; in fact, prices have been going down hill since 1923. Therefore, industrial earnings will not be impaired by the writing off of huge inventory losses. Even more important, money conditions will gradually return to normal. Business is not in for a prolonged period of suffering but the inevitable effect of a stock market crash such as we are now witnessing, will be similar in many respects to the trend outstanding in the readjustment of 1904, 1907, 1914 and 1921. General business will fall down considerably compared with the peaks a few months ago and commodity prices, although now showing no inflation will sympathize.

Federal Reserve Policies Called Too Easy—Ex-Gov.

Alvan T. Fuller of Massachusetts Says Brakes Should Have Been Applied Earlier.

On his return from Europe on board the Leviathan, ex-Governor Alvan T. Fuller of Massachusetts said (according to the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 19) regarding the stock market:

"The Wall Street boys have been having their way now for quite a while, and the recent crash is the result. They insisted upon blowing the balloon up until it busted.

"You may remember how many of the stock gamblers criticized the Federal Reserve Board for raising the discount rate in an effort to stop inflation. It is the government's business to protect, control and regulate the people's interest, as opposed to special interest. When that isn't done the public is exploited, and yet there are those who claim that big business, banking, public utility and the like should have a free hand. Well, they have been having it, and now comes the deluge.

"However, I am confident that fundamental business conditions are sound. The brakes should have been applied to speculation earlier. The smart boys in New York brokerage offices and their confederates throughout the country knew a good many things a few months ago that were not so.

"There is an old French saying to the effect that the game is old; it is only the players that are new. I am sorry for those who find themselves in distress, and now we know that the Federal Reserve should have been even more drastic and severe in its efforts to check inflation."

Col. Ayres of Cleveland Trust Advances Opinion That Investment Trusts May Have Caused Stock Market Crash—Market Value of Stocks Shrank 32 Billion Dollars in Six Weeks.

According to Col. Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Company "investment trusts probably created the condition which resulted in the crash and collapse of stock prices last month, but if so they did it without being in any true sense responsible for it. It was a case of conflicting market policies as between the experienced managers of the trusts on the one hand and the mass of inexperienced individual speculators on the other." This statement is made by Col. Ayres in the Nov. 15 "Business Bulletin" of institution in which he also says that "in six weeks, from the middle of September to the end of October, the market value of the stocks listed on the New York Exchange shrunk by about 32 billion dollars, which is more than the entire cost of our participation in the World War plus all that we loaned to the allied nations. We quote the comment of Col. Ayres in full:

In the late summer and early autumn, while stock prices were reaching their highest levels, investment trusts floated new stock issues amounting to well over a billion dollars. Investors readily bought these new issues, and in very many instances sold stocks of other sorts in order to get the funds with which to do it. This finally tended to soften stock prices in general, and this selling was not offset by investment trust buying, for the managers of the trusts did not in the main use their newly secured funds to purchase securities because they realized that prevailing prices were too high.

Instead of buying stocks with the billion and more dollars that the public had turned over to them in August and September the managers of the in-

vestment trusts lent these funds to brokers and waited for lower market prices. The traces of the developments leading up to the crash can be followed fairly clearly in the figures.

(1) There was the selling to the public of a billion dollars of investment trust stock in August and September.

(2) There was a persistent softening of other stock prices in the latter weeks of that period.

(3) There was the sudden appearance of a billion dollars of increase in the loans made to brokers.

(4) There was a great crash in stock prices, and

(5) in the week when greatest declines were made a billion dollars came out of brokers loans, presumably largely reflecting the buying of securities by the investment trusts with the money the public had entrusted to them in August and September.

The decline of stock prices began when the withdrawal of strong and concentrated buying overcame even the enthusiastic purchasing by weaker and less experienced speculators. While the price decline gained momentum the investment trusts stood aside and waited for still better opportunities. Most individual holders of stocks were not at first much worried because their accounts were heavily margined. Instead of proving adequate safeguards these wide margins brought disaster, for the small speculator feeling safe refused to sell and take small losses, and in the absence of large-scale buying the declines continued until the limits of the wide margins were reached, and then came the crash and collapse of prices. The market this autumn has been a contest between a horde of small individual speculators, and a small group of experienced operators having enormous massed resources.

Shrinkage.

In general terms the fall in stock prices has wiped out the gains of the past two years. In the diagram [we omit all diagrams.—Ed.] the three lines represent the changing prices of utility, industrial, and railroad stocks during the past four years if the average quotations of 1926 are taken as being equal to 100. The stock price indexes used are those of the Standard Statistics Company, and the last prices shown are the closing ones of Nov. 13.

In the case of the utility stocks the prices of Nov. 13 were just about the same as those of early 1928. The industrials cancelled the gains as far back as the autumn of 1927. The rail stocks cancelled all the gains of the past two years. The shrinkage of values was appallingly rapid, and it was great in extent, and it has cancelled the gains that the great bull market put on in more than two years of continuous advance.

A substantial part of the floating supply of stocks has now been transferred from the hands of weak amateur speculators to those of strong professionals. This is a condition which has in the past repeatedly constituted a foundation on which a new advancing market has been based, but such advances have never followed promptly a period of real forced liquidation such as this has been. A period of hesitation, of smaller volume, of false starts and disappointing recessions, may be expected to follow the tremendous declines of recent weeks. The fall in stock prices has cancelled all the pathological portion of the advances of the great bull market, and has restored the old-time and normal relationships between prices, earnings and dividends.

One consideration which may have an important bearing on the future course of stock prices is that vast sums of corporation funds have been taken out of the loans to brokers and redeposited in banks. These funds will shortly be put to work somewhere. In part they will flow back into brokers loans once more, but it seems probable that large amounts of them will be disbursed to stockholders as extra or increased dividends, and that other sums will now be used for plant extension and the expansion of business operations. These developments should tend to increase stock yields, and to sustain business activity.

General business has slowed down somewhat, and will probably slow down still more, but the losses in the stock market, gigantic as they are, have not impaired the soundness of our banking system, or decreased the efficiency of our industry, our commerce, or our agriculture. In the main the stock losses are not business losses, and their effect will probably not be nearly so serious for business as their size would lead us to expect.

A Concentrated Bear Market.

The recent great break in stock prices was in its characteristics and its duration an exaggerated technical reaction, but in degree of decline it was a condensed bear market. In the past the great declines in stock prices have commonly lasted from a year to a year and a half, and in that time they have carried down the general levels of stock prices by 30 to 40%. This recent price collapse was shorter than any past decline that has been commonly referred to as a genuine bear market, but it exceeded all previous price recessions in severity, and nearly all of them in percentage of price shrinkage.

In the diagram the four sections represent the price declines in three great bear markets, and in the recent break. In each case the high point of the Dow Jones industrial averages just prior to the decline is taken as being equal to 100 and the succeeding drops and rallies are shown by the course of the irregular line. Each section covers a year and a half in time.

The bear market which culminated in the panic of 1907 was one of the most severe in the history of the stock exchange. From the beginning of that year to the end of November it carried prices of industrial stocks down by 45%. In the following six months half the loss had been made up. The war decline of 1916-17 was almost as severe. From November of 1916 to the end of 1917 it reduced average quotations by just over 40%. The post-war bear market started in November of 1919 and by the end of the next year it had reduced stock prices by about 44%.

This recent decline began in the month of September, but nearly half of it actually occurred in the two days, the 28th and 29th of October. The total fall of average prices has amounted to 48% so that price losses equivalent to those of a severe bear market have taken place in two months and most of them in two days, instead of being spread over the space of from one to two years as such declines have been in the past.

In six weeks from the middle of September to the end of October the market value of the stocks listed on the New York Exchange shrunk by about 32 billion dollars, which is more than the entire cost of our participation in the World War plus all that we loaned to the allied nations. During two days the contraction of values went on at the rate of about two billions of dollars per hour. Two billion dollars would have financed our Revolutionary War for a hundred years. Of course, most of this incredible shriveling of values does not represent real economic loss, for in the main the corporation assets represented by the shares remain unimpaired. Nevertheless it is equally true that no such abrupt price readjustment as this can take place without causing widespread and serious actual losses to thousands of people, the wiping out of great amounts of savings, and the creating of a vast volume of unproductive indebtedness.

Yields Now Good.

The great fall in stock prices has once more made good stocks cheap as investments, even when judged by the old standards that prevailed before the great bull market got under way. Good common stocks were truly cheap in 1924 when the so-called Coolidge bull market began, and on the basis of both yields and earnings they are now equally cheap. Moreover

the leading corporations are now far stronger than they were then, and have outstanding smaller volumes of debt in the form of bonds.

In the diagram the irregular line represents the course of prices over the past six years of 100 leading dividend paying industrial common stocks listed on the New York Exchange. The prices are not represented in dollars but as multiples of the regular and extra dividends paid. Early in 1924 the total of the prices of these 100 stocks was about 14 times as great as the total of their annual dividends, which means that these stocks yielded as a group about 7% on their market prices.

In 1925 stock prices advanced until the yields averaged less than 6%. By the end of 1927 prices had advanced until they were 20 times the dividends and then the stocks yielded only 5%. By the close of last year the prices were over 25 times the dividends and the yields less than 4%. When this decline started in September prices had advanced almost to the point where the yields would have been only 3%. By the end of October the great decline and substantial recovery had brought prices down to a point where the yield was 4.7%, and at the end of the second week in November it was 6.1%.

On the basis of stock yields and even of earnings, stock prices are now truly low. As compared with bond prices and bond yields it is probably true that stock prices in their generality are now down to levels which represented buying opportunities according to the old standards. Stock prices are no longer discounting the future: they are reflecting the present and their future in this period of credit expansion still appears to be exceptionally alluring.

Brokers Loans.

It is easy to see in retrospect that the great decline in stock prices was one of those coming events which cast their shadows before, although a month ago the shadow did not seem ominous. It is now clear that the rapid growth in brokers loans during September, while stock prices were declining, had a most serious significance. Funds that are borrowed by brokers are largely used by them to make up the difference between the total cost of stock purchases and the portion of that cost which the buyer puts up as margin. When the volume of these loans shows important advances it usually means that margin buying is increasing and when this happens while stock prices are declining it means that outright owners are selling while margin speculators are buying.

In the diagram at the foot of this page [we omit all diagrams, Ed.] the dashed line shows the changing volume of brokers loans week by week during the past four years if their average during 1926 is taken as being equal to 100. In the similar way the solid line shows the changes in the market value of the outstanding stock of 410 leading corporations as computed by the Standard Statistics Co., and again the average for 1926 is taken as being equal to 100.

In general the two lines show a close agreement in their minor fluctuations as well as in their major movements. Two features are especially noteworthy. The first is that during the past four years a decline in stock values has shortly followed each advance of the brokers loan line above the stock value line. Such an advance in the loans has reflected a rapid increase in buying by speculators on margins. It has meant that stocks were passing from stronger holders to weaker ones, and it has created a less favorable technical condition in the market which has resulted in a price decline.

This happened in the early spring, and again in the autumn of 1926. It took place on a smaller scale in the summer of 1927. It happened again in the spring, the summer and the winter of 1928 and it occurred in the summer and very notably in the autumn of 1929. However, during the latter months of last year and the early ones of this, the loan line had remained above the stock line for considerable periods and so no great apprehension was felt when it moved above once more in September.

The other noteworthy fact about these two lines is that during the past four years sustained upward movements in the stock values have taken place only after distinct downturns in the loan line. Both the stock line and the loan line in the diagram have been brought forward to cover the reports of the first week in November. Despite the great reductions that have taken place in the loans the loan line has not as yet passed below the stock value line, but it seems clear that it will shortly do so and will indicate that technical corrections have been completed.

Stock Crash Closes Woolen Mills at Charlton, Mass.

The New York "Times" reports the following Associated Press advices from Charlton, Mass., Nov. 15:

The Ashworth Woolen Mills ceased operations last night. The employees, numbering about 100, were paid off and, according to a statement made to-day by Thomas Ashworth, treasurer and superintendent, the mills will be closed indefinitely. He said the cause of the shutdown was due to the recent stock market crash.

Loans By National Banks on Real Estate Increased 700 Million Since Enactment of McFadden Bill.

National banks reported 700 million dollars more in loans on real estate in 1929 than they reported in 1926, points out Herbert U. Nelson, Executive Secretary of the National Association of Real Estate Boards. These figures are significant, says Mr. Nelson, for they not only mean that the enormous resources of the National banks are being made available for home building and other real estate developments, but they mean that the real estate mortgage has found additional favor with the members of the Federal Reserve System.

The Association just completed a check up to see if the passage of the McFadden Act in February 1926, permitting National banks to lend on real estate for five-year periods, had resulted in any new money being put into the realty field. Prior to 1925 the law permitted National banks to make only one-year loans on real estate, and because so few real estate loans are made on a one year basis or can be made advantageously on such a basis, the National banks were not conspicuous in the realty field. Mr. Nelson says:

"On June 30 1926 the total amount of loans, secured by real estate made by 7,978 National banks, was \$337,393,000. The McFadden Act had been operative but four months then. A year later, on June 30, 1927 an additional 234 million dollars had been loaned to home builders and real

estate operators by the National banks. On June 29 1929, the loans on real estate, other than farm lands, reported by 7,536 National banks totaled \$1,104,220,000 or an increase of \$766,827,000 over the 1926 figure with 442 fewer banks reporting. All figures quoted above are for loans on other than farm lands. The national banks reported \$308,785,000 in farm land loans last June in addition to the billion dollars on city property. "Although there is no definite information to show that the increase of the real estate business of our National banks is due to the enactment of the McFadden Act, this law after all only gave the banks the opportunity to place such loans if they so desired and apparently they did so desire immediately.

Gain in Percentage of All Loans.

"On June 30 1926, the total amount of loans secured by real estate (other than farm lands) made by the National banks, represented 2.51% of all the loans and discounts reported. On June 30 1929, the percentage of real estate loans to all loans jumped from 2½ to 9.5%.

"The fact that the National banks have placed more than 700 million dollars in real estate mortgages in the three years since the law permitted them to do so indicates that they will provide more funds for home building and real estate developments in the future. And the fact that these banks have examined the real estate mortgage and found it good is one more tribute to the soundness of urban real estate."

Chicago Banks Cut Loan Rates.

Under date of Nov. 18 Associated Press advices from Chicago said:

Chicago's banks to-day took concerted action in reducing rates on loans of all types, an action hailed in La Salle St. as beneficial to mid-Western business and investment interests.

Rates on brokers' loans were set at 6%, and on loans with warehouse collateral of grain or commodities the rate was fixed at 5½%, ½ of 1% lower. Rates on commercial paper generally were reduced from ¼ to ½%, bringing the rate to between 5 and 6%.

Action by the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, in reducing interest on loans, was noted in our issue of Nov. 2, page 2806.

Rediscount Rates of Boston and Chicago Federal Reserve Banks Reduced From 5% to 4½%.

The rediscount rates of the Federal Reserve banks of Boston and Chicago were this week reduced from 5% to 4½%, these banks thus falling in line with the New York Federal Reserve Bank, which, as we indicated last week (page 3108), established a 4½% rate effective Nov. 15. The announcement of the change in the rate of the Boston Federal Reserve Bank was made Nov. 20, the 4½% rate being made effective Nov. 21. The Federal Reserve Board yesterday (Nov. 22) announced the reduction in the rate of the Chicago Federal Reserve Bank as follows:

The Federal Reserve Board announces that the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago has established a rediscount rate of 4½% on all classes of paper of all maturities, effective Nov. 23 1929.

President Hoover's Proclamation Inviting Nations of World to Participate in Chicago's Centennial Exposition In 1933.

The nations of the world have been invited by President Hoover, in a proclamation dated Nov. 6, to participate in the exposition to be held in Chicago in 1933 to commemorate "a century of progress" since the incorporation of Chicago as a municipality. According to the "United States Daily" the proclamation was issued after a conference earlier in the day between President Hoover, Charles G. Dawes, American Ambassador to Great Britain; Mr. Dawes' brother, Rufus C. Dawes, of Chicago, president of the proposed exposition, and Major L. R. Lohr, of Chicago, manager of the exposition, at which the President was officially advised that the city of Chicago had raised the \$5,000,000 necessary before the proclamation could be issued. The proclamation was made public at Washington, as follows, on Nov. 7:

"BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA.
"A PROCLAMATION.

"Whereas, Feb. 5 1929 there was approved a joint resolution of Congress, reading, in part, as follows:

"Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, that whenever it shall be shown to the satisfaction of the President that a sum of not less than \$5,000,000 has been raised and is available to the Chicago World's Fair Centennial Celebration Corporation, for the purposes of a world's fair to be held in the city of Chicago, in the State of Illinois, in the year 1933, to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the incorporation of Chicago as a municipality, the President is authorized and requested by proclamation or in such other manner as he may deem proper, to invite the participation of the nations of the world in the celebration."

"Whereas, It has been shown to my satisfaction by Rufus C. Dawes, President, that a sum of not less than \$5,000,000 has been raised and made available to the corporation conducting the celebration mentioned in this resolution, and whereas the name of this corporation has been changed to a Century of Progress; and whereas its board of trustees has obtained the assistance of men eminent in science and industry to aid in presenting those historic inventions and symbols which demonstrate the progress and the modern spirit underlying industry and agriculture, and in general to present exhibits showing advancement in the industrial and fine arts;

"Whereas, I believe the people of many nations would be pleased to unite with the people of the United States in the celebration of a century of progress and of the centenary of Chicago, itself an outstanding example of the great and rapid changes this century has produced;

"Now, therefore, in compliance with the joint resolution of Congress, I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States, invite the participation of the nations in this exposition of a century of progress, to the end that there

may be shown in Chicago examples of contributions made to that progress by the peoples of many nations; and in order that the achievement and inventions of the great men of the world in science, in art, in drama and in sport, as well as in industry and agriculture, may be fittingly acknowledged and acclaimed.

"In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

"Done at the City of Washington, this sixth day of November, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and of the independence of the United States of America the one hundred and fifty-fourth.

"HERBERT HOOVER.

"By the President:

"Henry L. Stimson,
"Secretary of State."

President Hoover's Proclamation Setting Apart Nov. 28 as Day of Thanksgiving.

A proclamation, setting apart Thursday, Nov. 28, "as a day of national thanksgiving" "to render up thanks to Almighty God for His many blessings," was issued as follows by President Hoover, on Nov. 5:

THANKSGIVING—1929.

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

At this season of the year, when the harvest has been gathered in, the thoughts of our forefathers turned toward God with thanksgiving for the blessings of plenty and provision against the needs of winter. They came by custom to look to the Chief Magistrate to set apart a day of prayer and praise, whereon their thanks as a united people might be given with one voice in unison. God has greatly blessed us as a nation in the year now drawing to a close. The earth has yielded an abundant harvest in most parts of our country. The fruits of industry have been unexampled in quantity and value. Both capital and labor have enjoyed an exceptional prosperity.

Assurances of peace, at home and abroad, have been strengthened and enlarged. Progress has been made in provision against preventable disasters from flood and pestilence. Enlightenment has grown apace in new revelations of scientific truth and in diffusion of knowledge. Educational opportunities have steadily enlarged. Enduring advances have been gained in the protection of the public health. Childhood is measurably more secure. New experiences and new knowledge in many fields have been recorded, from which a deeper wisdom may grow. We should accept these blessings with resolution to devote them to service of Almighty God.

Now, therefore, I, Herbert Hoover, President of the United States of America, do appoint and set aside Thursday, the twenty-eighth day of November, as a day of national thanksgiving, and do recommend that all our people on that day rest from their daily work that they should extend to others less fortunately placed a share in their abundance, and that they gather at their accustomed places of worship, there to render up thanks to Almighty God for His many blessings upon them, for His forbearance and goodness.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the great seal of the United States.

Done at the city of Washington, this fifth day of November, in the year of Our Lord, one thousand nine hundred and twenty-nine, and of the independence of the United States the one hundred and fifty-fourth.

HERBERT HOOVER.

By the President:

Henry L. Stimson,
Secretary of State.

W. E. Hope Succeeds H. H. Bond as Assistant Secretary of Treasury.

The United States Senate on Nov. 6 confirmed the nomination of Walter E. Hope as Assistant Secretary of the Treasury. Mr. Hope was named to the post by President Hoover on Oct. 28 to succeed Henry H. Bond, whose resignation was noted in these columns Aug. 10, page 905.

Sir Ronald Lindsay Named as British Ambassador to United States—Will Succeed Sir Esme Howard When Latter Retires Early in Coming Year.

Sir Roland Lindsay, Permanent Under Secretary of State for Foreign Affairs, was appointed Ambassador to Washington on Nov. 12, according to Associated Press advices from London on that date, which said:

Sir Esme Howard, the present Ambassador, whose tenure of the post has been extended beyond the retirement age, will retire early next year.

The new Ambassador is fifty-two and was the fifth son of the twenty-sixth Earl of Crawford. He entered the diplomatic service in 1898 and first served at Washington from 1905 to 1907. In 1919 and 1920 he was counsellor of the Washington Embassy. He had been Ambassador to Turkey and at Berlin before becoming Permanent Under-Secretary of State in 1928. He had also served at St. Petersburg, Teheran, Paris, The Hague, and in Egypt.

Sir Robert Vansittart, principal private secretary to Prime Minister MacDonald, who was considered a likely candidate for the Washington post, was appointed Permanent Under-Secretary of State to succeed Sir Ronald.

William Phillips Resigns as United States Minister to Canada.

William Phillips has resigned as United States Minister to Canada. It is stated that Mr. Phillips plans to quit the diplomatic service probably late next month and settle with his family in New England. Associated Press accounts from Washington, Nov. 13, had the following to say in the matter:

President Hoover accepted the resignation with great reluctance and sought to induce Mr. Phillips to remain in the public service. However, the Minister to Canada explained that he desired to leave office after many years of service in order to rear his family in the United States.

Mr. Phillips was appointed as the first American Minister to Canada nearly three years ago, having relinquished the Ambassadorship to Belgium to take up the important post at Ottawa, which, however, entailed a reduction in his diplomatic rank.

Before going to Belgium, Mr. Phillips was Under-Secretary of State. He began his diplomatic career in 1903 as secretary to J. H. Ohoate, then Ambassador to Great Britain. After two years' service in that capacity he was transferred to Peking as second secretary of the Legation.

Successively he served as assistant to the Third Assistant Secretary of State in charge of Far Eastern affairs, chief of the division of such affairs, and Third Assistant Secretary of State. In 1912 he retired, but was recalled to the service by President Wilson in 1914, and three years later was made Assistant Secretary of State. He later was Minister to The Netherlands, and President Harding made him Under-Secretary of State, in which post he served until sent to Belgium in 1924 by President Coolidge.

Sheldon Whitehouse Named as Minister to Guatemala.

The nomination of Sheldon Whitehouse to be Minister to Guatemala was sent to the Senate by President Hoover on Nov. 6. In stating that Mr. Whitehouse is now Counselor of the American Embassy at Madrid, dispatches from Washington, Nov. 6, to the New York "Times" said:

Mr. Whitehouse's only other service in South America was from 1909 to 1911, when he was Secretary of the American Legation at Caracas, Venezuela.

Mr. Whitehouse received his first training in diplomacy as private secretary to Ambassador Whitelaw Reid at the embassy in London for a year prior to his transfer to Caracas. He was successively Second Secretary of the American Embassy at Paris, Secretary of the legation at Athens and the embassy at Petrograd, and counselor of the legation at Stockholm. In 1919 Mr. Whitehouse was attached to the American Peace Commission at Paris.

Following service at the Peace Conference, Mr. Whitehouse returned to Washington, where he was chief of the Near Eastern division of the State Department during 1920 and 1921. In the latter year he returned to Paris, where he served as Counselor of the embassy at Paris until 1928, when he was transferred to Madrid.

Death of James W. Good, Secretary of War.

James W. Good, Secretary of War, died in Washington on Nov. 18 at the Walter Reed Army Hospital. His death followed an operation on Nov. 13 for appendicitis. He was 63 years of age. In the East Room of the White House on Nov. 20, President Hoover and other officials paid a final mark of respect to the late Secretary. Those attending the ceremonies included Vice-President Curtis, members of the Diplomatic Corps, delegations from the House and Senate as well as members of the family of the late War Department head. The body was later taken to Cedar Rapids, Iowa, for burial. President Hoover paid tribute to Mr. Good in a statement on Nov. 19, in which he said:

The passing of Secretary Good removes a devoted public official. For most of his mature life he served the nation, earning the highest esteem for his abilities, his fine integrity and his courageous spirit. But the first thoughts of those who knew and loved him are not of his public service. It is for his loyal and self-effacing friendship that thousands remember him, and that affectionate association is now broken.

Roger W. Babson Urges Congress to Adjourn—Says It Fiddles Like Nero—Senators Denounce Statistician's Charges Placing Responsibility for Wall Street Crash on Congress.

Roger W. Babson, the statistician, gave an interview exclusively to the New York "Evening World" of Nov. 19 (copyright by the New York "World") in which he said:

"It is generally agreed that the need of the hour is the restoration of confidence, but it is useless to pretend that there is no just reason for the lack of confidence that exists to-day. There are many reasons for such a lack of confidence. When, however, we put all of these reasons in a statistician's test tube, the one which frankly stands out to be the most important is the action of Congress during these critical times.

"Certainly the business men of Rome had no more on Nero when he was fiddling during that great panic of 2,000 years ago than the business men of America have on our Congress, which is fiddling so hopelessly to-day. This especially applies to the Senate.

"Here, while the stock market has crashed and business is declining, these men, without any regard for the nation or their constituents, are thinking only of themselves and their own political fortunes. Moreover, this does not apply to any one part or one group. Republicans, and Democrats, Old Guard and "freshmen," conservatives and radicals, young and old, are just playing politics with the idea of putting their opponents in a hole.

Asks Congress to Adjourn.

"In behalf of the business men of America, I appeal to Congress to adjourn on the tariff and stay adjourned until business confidence is revived. President Hoover and his associates are earnestly striving to restore confidence while Congress is selfishly undermining it. The restoration of confidence depends on Congress adjourning and giving President Hoover a free hand to develop the work which he has in mind.

"In my talks with Congressmen I am astonished at their lack of vision as to constructive methods of keeping business good. President Hoover sees straight and is correctly diagnosing the situation when he makes a special appeal for export trade. In developing export trade, it does not mean necessarily the increasing of our imports. This is simply the swap ping of jack-knives.

"President Hoover visualizes the hundreds of millions of able-bodied people in Europe, China and Latin America which could consume double our production, without the necessity of any harmful imports.

"This could be accomplished by raising the standard of living of these millions of people. These countries have just as great natural resources as has the United States and their available supply of labor exceeds even our supply. The difficulty is that their standard of living has not been raised to a point to enable them to produce or consume to a scale on which they can freely purchase our goods.

Sees Big Opportunities.

"The average man of Main Street in the United States is buying about all he can afford to buy. If we can keep these purchasers during the next few years up to the present level it is perhaps all we can expect to do, but our opportunities for exporting are tremendous. Moreover, in connection with these exports, we would be giving further employment to our own people and thus increase their purchasing power correspondingly.

"President Hoover sees this. Congress is blind to it. They are now at loggerheads with one another. This conflict over the tariff, international affairs and similar programs has caused a deadlock which is doing business a tremendous amount of harm. The solution of the problem is through exports and President Hoover knows it.

"In the panic of 1907 the Clearing House of New York declared a moratorium on credits, and this moratorium was followed by similar moratoriums declared by the Clearing Houses of other large cities. This credit moratorium suspended payments until confidence was restored and business got going again as usual. In the panic of 1914 the Stock Exchange declared a moratorium and adjourned in July for practically the balance of the year. In other words, the Stock Exchange actually closed down for several months in the interests of the country.

"To-day our banking situation is sound and no money moratorium is needed. To-day the Stock Exchange is quietly settling down and it is unnecessary to close it.

"Our political situation, however, is in a very bad condition. Manufacturers are being upset by tariff legislation; foreign trade is being held up by international bickering, while other events are going on in Washington which are very detrimental to general business. The great need of the hour is to have Congress adjourn and stop its bickering.

"Business needs a political moratorium.

"Let Congress pass one bill giving certain necessary powers to President Hoover, as did the Democratic Congress of 1914 and then adjourn.

"A political moratorium with a united Congress behind President Hoover would do more good to business than anything else. Moreover, when these Congressmen and Senators got back to Main St. they would see a side of American business which they don't see in Washington.

"There are times when our Congressmen and Senators are needed at Washington, but to-day they are most needed at home."

The charges were the subject of criticism in the Senate on Nov. 21, as is indicated from the following Washington account that date taken from the New York "Herald-Tribune":

The New York Stock Exchange, speculation in general and Roger W. Babson, financial statistical writer, who came out in a recent statement blaming Congress, and especially the Senate, for the recent security market collapse, were made the targets in a fierce fire of oratory in the Senate this afternoon.

The discussion was stirred up by Mr. Babson's statement, which was published this morning. The speeches, however, took a range much wider than the Babson statement. Not only was the argument of Mr. Babson assailed, but demand was made for investigation of the New York Stock Exchange and other exchanges.

Senator J. Thomas Heflin, of Alabama, led off in the reply to Mr. Babson. He was followed by Senators Thomas J. Walsh, of Montana, Democrat; William E. Borah, of the insurgent group, and Walter F. George, of Georgia, Democrat.

Pictured as Propagandist.

Mr. Babson was pictured as a paid propagandist for special interests, and Senator Heflin declared that after the writer had preached a panic and crash for weeks he then turned about and undertook to lay the blame on Congress.

Senator Heflin gave warning of action by Congress with relation to the Stock Exchange and other exchanges in December. He declared for legislation to stop marginal speculation.

Senator George pointed out that the President had called Congress together to revise the tariff and that the Senate was not responsible either for the extra session or for the fact revision was undertaken. He took a fling at the Federal Reserve Board for "inaction" in relation to speculation. Senators Walsh and Borah were scathing in their denunciation of Mr. Babson and his expressions.

Referring to the fact that Mr. Babson had called on the coalition to abandon its attack, Senator Borah, calling the financial writer a "venal slave of the interests," served notice that "until we have done our duty we will not cease from our efforts."

Calls Statement False.

Senator Walsh read extracts from the statement of Mr. Babson and referred especially to paragraphs "in which incense is burned to the President and recognition is given to the heroic efforts he is making to save the situation."

"Mr. Babson," Senator Walsh said, "represents himself as a statistician, an assembler of facts and figures, which he furnishes to business houses in the United States, data supposed to be entirely reliable. Yet for the purpose of making a point, joining in a hue and cry against the Congress of the United States and particularly against the Senate of the United States, he is perfectly willing to put out such perfectly false statements concerning historical matter."

Senator Borah alluded to the paragraph in Mr. Babson's statement comparing Congress to Nero fiddling while Rome burned. He then said:

"In other words, having met for the purpose of readjusting the tariff, we are deemed to be in the position of the drunken Emperor who has been supposed, although improperly supposed, to have been fiddling while Rome was burning. Notice his subtle dishonesty, his manifest deception, in saying that the stock market has crashed because of our being here and conveying to the people of the United States that those who get ready to tear at one another's pockets in Wall Street were doing so because the Congress of the United States proposed to do justice to agriculture."

Why National City Bank of New York Opposes Higher Sugar Tariff—President Rentschler Explains Bank's Subscription—Cost of the Bank's Monthly Bulletin.

Gordon S. Rentschler, president of the National City Bank of New York, told the Senate lobby committee on Nov. 20 that by reason of its large holdings in Cuba the bank was opposed to an increase in the differential tariff

rate on Cuban sugar and thus had contributed \$10,000 to a fund raised, in conjunction with other American groups interested in the island, to fight the high duties on sugar proposed in the tariff bill passed by the House. Mr. Rentschler stated that in the deflation period of 1921 the bank found that it had poor and doubtful loans in Cuba running anywhere from \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000 and that to protect those accounts it felt impelled to take over four major sugar properties in the island. This was done, the witness continued, through organization of the General Sugars Company, Inc., all of whose stock is held by the National City Company holding concern of the National City Bank. The New York "Times" in its account of Mr. Rentschler's testimony went on to say in the words of its Washington correspondent as contained in a telegram dispatch dated Nov. 20:

General Sugars, Inc., organized in 1922, he testified, represented an investment of about \$30,000,000. The combined properties are now worth more, he added, but they do not even approach the estimated value of \$100,000,000 put on them by other witnesses who have appeared before the lobby committee.

Fred I. Kent, a director of the Bankers Trust Company of New York, was scheduled to appear before the committee today to be questioned concerning the assertion credited to him that the Senate tariff debate was in part responsible for the crash in the New York stock market, but he was excused until Friday.

Mr. Rentschler was asked whether he thought Mr. Kent's diagnosis of the trouble in the security markets was correct. He had given the subject no thought, he suggested, and was not prepared to pass judgment on Mr. Kent's conclusion.

Mr. Rentschler was accompanied to the committee room by Garrard B. Winston, former Under-Secretary of the Treasury, who resigned that post to become associated with the firm of Shearman & Sterling, counsel for the National City Bank. The presence of a witness representing New York finance always attracts a crowd. Today was no exception to the rule. The committee room was packed to the doors.

Some discord cropped up when Senator Robinson of Indiana called upon Mr. Rentschler to furnish a financial statement of the affairs of General Sugars, Inc. The witness expressed the opinion that such an inquiry was not pertinent to the committee's work.

Senator Walsh of Montana suggested that Mr. Rentschler might want an opportunity to confer with counsel as to the advisability of furnishing the figures, and Senator Caraway of Arkansas, chairman, appeared to agree with him. Senator Robinson asserted that the figures were pertinent and insisted that they be produced.

After the hearing Mr. Rentschler conferred briefly with Mr. Winston and then announced that a statement of the finances of General Sugars, Inc., would be submitted as requested, probably tomorrow.

Denies \$100,000,000 Investment.

Mr. Rentschler testified that, at the outset, General Sugars, Inc., was composed of four properties, but later two other properties were acquired by purchase. The company, he said, had \$25,000,000 of common stock outstanding. It owned about 330,000 acres of land in Cuba and last year produced 330,000 bags of sugar, 325 pounds to the bag.

Senator Robinson stated that at the time the bank went into the business in 1921 or 1922 the price of sugar had gone as high as 22½ cents a pound, and he asked if that was what prompted the bank to "invest \$100,000,000 in Cuban properties."

"The figure of \$100,000,000 is very much exaggerated," Mr. Rentschler asserted.

"Your position then, is that you went into the business in Cuba primarily to protect your loans?"

"That is correct," Mr. Rentschler answered. "We undertook the reorganization in an attempt to work our way out of a difficult situation."

The witness said that the bank's properties were among the best in Cuba, but that they were dependent for prosperity, of course, upon the prosperity of the sugar business as a whole.

Asked if he had taken any interest in tariff legislation, Mr. Rentschler replied that he had, from the standpoint of world trade. The bank had eighty-five branches throughout the world, he said, and anything that affected the ebb and flow of international commercial movements was of direct concern.

Interested in a Low Tariff.

"You have been interested in keeping the tariff low on sugar, have you not?" asked Senator Robinson.

"We have," was the reply.

"You have contributed to a fund collected by the United States Sugar Association to keep the rates down?"

"That is correct."

"What have you contributed for that purpose in addition to your contribution of \$10,000 to the United States Sugar Association?"

"Nothing at all."

Neither he nor any other National City Bank official had come to Washington on tariff matters, the witness said, adding that the fund was expended by a committee composed of George A. Zabriskie, Edwin P. Shattuck and Herbert C. Lakin, all connected with the United Sugar Association.

Cost of the Bank's Monthly Bulletin.

In addition the bank had published arguments against high sugar duties in a bulletin which it sends monthly to depositors, bank correspondents and others who ask for it. The bulletin is issued under the supervision of Vice-President George E. Roberts.

About 300,000 persons receive the bulletin, which entails an expense of about \$200,000 a year, Mr. Rentschler explained.

Senator Robinson asked if in circulating such "propaganda" the bank was not attempting to influence legislation.

"We are undertaking to present all the facts to the appropriate committees of Congress which, we understand, want both sides of the story," Mr. Rentschler asserted. "I feel that it is our right to discuss the aspects of any economic problem."

"Well, that is propaganda, is it not?" the Senator asked.

"You may so define it," Mr. Rentschler replied.

Views on Publicity Sought.

Chairman Caraway, recalling the testimony of Mr. Lakin, said it had been shown that the interests opposing high sugar duties had sent literature to newspapers which did not state that it came directly from associations affected by the tariff.

Mr. Rentschler said he was of the opinion that publicity so circulated was without effect. But he had not seen the matter referred to by Senator Caraway and was not prepared to comment on it.

The witness stated that he had known Mr. Lakin for a long time and was prepared to accept anything that he might do without question.

"When you pick out men to lead in business you have to follow them if you have faith in them, and we have faith in Mr. Lakin, Mr. Shattuck and Mr. Zabriskie, all of whom were engaged in this campaign," he said.

Questioned as to the purpose of the \$10,000 contributed by the bank, the witness said it was designed to cover, in part, the cost of preparing the brief on sugar prepared for the Ways and Means Committee by Mr. Shattuck, counsel of the United States Sugar Association.

Senator Robinson referred to a monograph prepared by Professors Comyns, Hibbard and Purlman of the University of Wisconsin setting forth that the House rates on sugar would add millions to the consumers' price. Saying the monograph was placed in the hands of the bank a month before it had been released to the press, the Senator asked the witness to explain that. Mr. Rentschler replied that he could not explain it, that the monograph probably came along in the mail of Vice-President Roberts.

Rawleigh Financed Monograph.

Senator Robinson read a telegram signed by Glenn Frank, president of the University of Wisconsin, who stated that the monograph had not been sponsored by the University. There had been no misrepresentation in the bank bulletin, which stated merely that the document had been prepared by members of the faculty of the University of Wisconsin, Mr. Rentschler replied. The monograph, it was disclosed, was prepared at the expense of W. D. Rawleigh of Freeport, Ill., who is opposing high rates on sugar.

Senator Robinson asked the witness what steps had been taken by the bank to liquidate its properties in Cuba.

"Under present conditions it would not be possible to liquidate on a fair basis," he said, adding that the bank would be willing to do so at a "fair worth."

Mr. Rentschler stated that a wide expansion of the domestic cane and beet sugar industry, which was contemplated by those seeking high tariffs, would be a very serious blow to Cuba. He reiterated that his bank favored low sugar tariffs, especially in the matter of Cuban sugar.

"Although a Republican, you come dangerously near advocating Democratic doctrine," Senator Caraway observed.

Senator Blaine of Wisconsin asked if the bank's branch in Panama had recently floated a loan of \$15,000,000 for the republic. The loan had been handled in the main bank in New York, the witness answered. The Senator inquired if it was true that the bank had deducted \$3,000,000 in commissions. Mr. Rentschler appeared to doubt the correctness of this statement, but stated that he could not recall the figures.

He was asked by Senator Blaine if the bank was not interested in the maintenance of a stable government in Cuba. Naturally it was, the witness replied.

"You would be interested in avoiding a repeal of the Platt amendment, would you not?" the Senator asked.

"Fundamentally," Mr. Rentschler replied, "we keep out of politics in all the countries in which we have established branches."

Other Testimony.

J. C. Holton, Commissioner of Agriculture of Mississippi, was questioned further today on his relations with the Southern Tariff Association. Mr. Holton said he had accepted money from the association covering expenses to tariff meetings, and justified the acceptance on the ground that it had been collected in his State.

"Do you think it is a dignified thing for the official of a commonwealth to be accepting money from a lobbying organization in Washington?" Senator Caraway asked.

"When the money is raised among my constituents at home, I feel perfectly justified in doing it and it does not offend my dignity in the slightest," Mr. Holton answered.

Extra Session of Congress Adjourns—Tariff Bill Goes Over to Regular Session.

With the Senate action on the tariff bill still uncompleted, the extra session of Congress, which convened in April, adjourned yesterday (Nov. 22). The Senate on Nov. 20, approved by a vote of 49 to 33, a resolution, offered by Senator Walsh (Montana) acting Democratic leader, calling for the adjournment of the Senate by 10 P. M., Nov. 22. The House on Nov. 21 adopted a resolution under which it adjourned at 12:50 P. M. yesterday. In referring to the action to terminate the special session, the New York "Herald-Tribune" in its Washington advices, Nov. 21, said:

Thus will end the session which met April 15 and which was called primarily for farm relief and tariff legislation. The farm relief measure has become law and is now being administered. The tariff bill is still pending in the Senate. The revision of rates having been only about half completed, the bill will go into the regular session. It may be January before the measure is passed by the Senate, though an effort will be made to pass it before the Christmas recess.

Involved to an extent in the adjournment is mileage for Senate and House members amounting to \$226,000. Under the law, this mileage would be due even if the extra session did not adjourn until just before the regular session. There is a widespread feeling among members, however, that it appears better for them to accept mileage for arrears of about ten days than for one of only a few hours or a minutes.

As was expected, with the extra session about to end, work on the tariff bill relaxed. The Senate made some progress on it, but apparently will make little more until it takes it up again in the regular session, after the Vare Senatorship case has been disposed

of. It discussed the wool schedule for a time and then raised the basic wool rate from 31 cents, the present law, to 34 cents a pound, the House figure.

In bringing up the adjournment resolution in the House, leader John Q. Tilson said the Senate by its action proclaimed it was incapable of passing the tariff bill this session and thus accepted responsibility for its failure in the extra session.

Editorial Assailed.

Senators, knowing the Senate was not in a mood for hard work on rates, turned its attention for some hours to oratory. Especially, it devoted time to a defense against attacks, and especially against an editorial in "The Washington Post," published by E. B. McLean, which assailed the Senate for its course as to tariff and especially attacked the coalition.

Recording the action taken on the wool tariff on Nov. 21, the New York "Times" said in part:

American wool growers won a victory when the Senate, by a vote of 44 to 26, late today rejected the Finance Committee amendment to reduce to the existing rate of 31 cents the duty levied in the House tariff bill of 34 cents a pound on high-grade raw wools. The vote has the effect of retaining the increase of 3 cents a pound over existing law, as voted by the House.

The proposal to increase the raw wool rate and of the wool schedule in general was indulged in today by Democrats, including Senators Walsh of Massachusetts and George of Georgia. But Western Senators, including Steiwer of Oregon, Thomas of Idaho and Connally of Texas, led a successful drive for increased protection for sheep raisers.

Mr. Walsh said that the increased duty on raw wool used by 60% of the textile manufacturers was 10% additional to the 60% increase given in 1922 over the Payne-Aldrich rate.

"With respect to wool rags," he continued, "the chief material used by 40% of the establishments engaged in the manufacture of wool cloth and used in turn for making warm and suitable clothing for the middle and poorer classes, the proposed increase of duty is 100%. The handling of Schedule K of the old wool schedule in the Payne-Aldrich tariff bill wrecked the Republican party in two elections.

"The excessive advance in the duty on wool in the Fordney-McCumber tariff of 1922 contributed largely to increasing the Democratic strength in the House of Representatives and giving the Democratic party only one vote less than necessary to control the Senate."

Reports of an agreement between Western wool growers and Eastern wool product manufacturers to support each other in the basic and compensatory duties agitated the Senate. In some quarters it was forecast that the Democratic-Progressive coalition might refuse to raise the compensation duties to correspond with the increase in the raw wool rate, although Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee announced a plan for the levies on wool manufactures to be stepped up correspondingly.

There are prospects of a fight tomorrow over the rate on wool rags. The present rate is 7½ cents a pound, which the House increased to 8 cents. The Finance Committee tripled this to 24 cents.

The 26 votes in favor of the amendment were cast by 21 Democrats and 5 Republicans, while those voting against it were 31 Republicans, 9 Democrats and 1 Farmer-Laborite.

An account of the Senate action on the tariff bill up to Nov. 14 was given in these columns Nov. 16, page 3109. The tariff bill situation gained interest on Nov. 15, said the New York "Herald-Tribune" because of the prominent part taken by the "Young Turks." Continuing the "Herald-Tribune" Washington dispatch, Nov. 15, stated:

They represent the newer element of regular Republicans, led by such members as Senators Arthur Vandenberg, of Michigan, and Hamilton Kane, of New Jersey, who have formed a bloc of their own. This bloc, numbering more than a score, is revolting against the old Republican leadership and taking things in their own hands.

The Senators forming the backbone of this new organization, sometimes called "the Freshmen," are from industrial states and are interested first of all in getting high industrial rates in the tariff bill. They also are charged with a purpose to seize the Republican leadership a little later. They want to see the tariff bill expedited and passed this session if possible. They are working in close touch with House Leader John Q. Tilson and with the White House. They are concerned over the activities of the insurgent-Democratic coalition and fear the effect on the Republican party in the next Congressional elections.

Encouraged by President.

It was reported at the Capital today that they had revealed word of encouragement from the White House in their efforts to prevent adjournment and force night sessions and expedite the bill.

The list of Senators in the new "Young Turks" wing is probably the same as a list of Senators given out today who have signed a round robin for night sessions.

Allen and Capper, of Kansas; Patterson, of Missouri; Herbert and Metcalf, of Rhode Island; Hastings and Townsend, of Delaware; Kean, of New Jersey; Goldsborough, of Maryland; Hatfield and Goff, of West Virginia; Vandenberg, of Michigan; Walcott, of Connecticut; Sackett, of Kentucky; Oddie, of Nevada; John Thomas, of Idaho; Robinson, of Indiana; Steiwer and McNary, of Oregon; Glenn and Deneen, of Illinois; Fess and McCulloch, of Ohio, and Waterman, of Colorado. This list numbers twenty-four. The original list of "Young Turks," as formed at a recent Senatorial dinner, totaled eighteen, but since then there have been additions.

The "Young Turks" are concerned more about the industrial rates that come out of conference than about the rates as fixed in the Senate. They especially do not want to have the Democratic and insurgent coalition cut these rates. For this season a movement is being agitated by some of the "Young Turks" to let the industrial rates pass the Senate on the 1922 basis and speed the bill into conference. This does not please some of the insurgents and many of the Democrats and it is very doubtful if it can be put through.

It appeared today, however, as if many proposed individual amendments to industrial rates would be abandoned and in this way many rates would be disposed of expeditiously, with numbers of them left at the 1922 level.

Today the Senators worked on the agricultural schedule, making marked progress. The movement to force adjournment was not renewed openly, but is likely to rise again. Whether the votes can be mustered for it is problematical.

The discussion of agricultural rates related in large part to a long list of minor items. The Finance Committee amendment fixing a rate of 2¼ cents a pound on lemons was adopted. A rate of 2 cents was fixed on limes and 1½ cents on grapefruit. The committee had reduced shelled peanuts to 6 cents a pound. The Senate made the rate 7, which is the existing law.

In the fish paragraphs, the Senate, dealing with fish not specially provided for, struck out a seasonal reduction to 1½ cents a pound from October 1 to May 1 and left the rate at 1 cent throughout the year.

The Senate recessed at 5:30 p. m. and met again at 7:30 p. m. It at once took up the agricultural schedule and considered the rate on tomatoes. Long discussion was aroused over the tomato rate.

The Senate devoted practically the entire session to the duty on tomatoes. The Finance Committee recommended 2¼ cents a pound, as against 3 cents in the House bill. This led to strong protest from Florida Senators, which was backed up by Senator Tom Connally, of Texas, in a brilliant speech. He contended for protection of Florida tomatoes as against tomatoes raised in Mexico.

On Nov. 16 the Senate completed action on the agricultural schedules; it abandoned a contemplated night session and recessed after four hours' work on the bill. We quote the following from the Washington advices Nov. 16 to the New York "Times" which added:

It required a roll-call to force the agreement to do away with the night session, which was anticipated under the plan driven through by the Democrats after they were beaten on an adjournment proposal Thursday.

Senator Walsh first asked unanimous consent, pointing out that Senators Simmons, Smoot and others were worn out. Senator Barkley, Democrat, objected because he said he felt sure that if he did not some of the "freshman class" Republicans would.

Mr. Walsh then put his proposal in the form of a motion, which was adopted by a vote of 67 to 7. Those voting negatively were Senators Barkley, Connally, Dill, Fletcher, Heflin and Trammell, Democrats, and Waterman, Republican.

Blaine Protests Tariff on Liquor.

In disposing of the farm products rates the Senate agreed to committee amendments to raise the tariff on hay from \$4 to \$5 a ton and on straw from \$1 to \$1.50. It rejected a committee plan to increase the duty which the House put on broom corn, now on the free list, from \$10 to \$25 a ton, and accepted the \$10 rate. Then, passing to the spirits and wine tariffs, it approved the whole schedule, which included only two minor committee changes.

The Associated Press accounts of the Senate action on the agricultural schedule Nov. 16 said:

Farm relief through tariff revision, so long advocated by legislators from agricultural States, advanced an appreciable step today as the Senate approved nine more increases over existing duties.

Amendments approved would raise the present rates on peppers, eggplant and cucumbers from 25% ad valorem to 3 cents a pound and on squash from 25% to 2 cents a pound. Committee proposals for a seasonal tariff on eggplant and cucumbers, under which a half-cent rate would be applicable in Winter months, were turned down.

Besides increasing the duties on hay and straw and taking broom corn off the free list, the Senate boosted that on lupulin, a powder that grows on hops and is used as a digestive tonic, by 100%, from 75 cents to \$1.50 a pound.

Senator Gillett, Republican, of Massachusetts, succeeded in having adopted an amendment to place a duty of 4 cents a pound on sweetened cocoa and chocolate when in bars or blocks of ten pounds or more. The House bill provided 40% and the present rate is 17½% ad valorem.

One of the changes approved in the spirits schedule would place a duty on concentrated fruit juices fit for beverage purposes of 70 cents a gallon, based on the quantity or equivalent of unconcentrated natural fruit juice into which such concentrated juice can be converted as shown by chemical analysis.

The other amendment provided that high-proof fruit spirits made in distilleries connected with breweries for use in fortification of wines may be withdrawn and used under the same laws applicable to the withdrawal and use of alcohol for all non-beverage purposes.

It was announced in Associated Press advices from Washington, Nov. 16, that the uprising in the ranks of the newer Republican regulars in the Senate began to assume organization form that day as a meeting of the twenty-five members counted in the group was called for Nov. 18. The dispatches further said:

Disclaiming any immediate revolt against the Old Guard leadership, the "Young Guard" leaders insisted that their attention is centred on keeping the Senate in session on a drive to complete action on the tariff bill.

Senator Allen of Kansas, one of the newest members of the Senate and also one of President Hoover's intimates, called the meeting, a dinner between the afternoon and night sittings of the Chamber.

A close relationship between President Hoover and the party regulars, who bolted the leadership of Senator Jones of Washington, the acting Republican floor chief, last week to block an adjournment of the special session, is claimed by the group. "Hoover regulars" is a term used by Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, one of the leaders of the movement.

Discussing the group, Senator Allen said: "We are a group of fellows helping the Republican party and the administration by getting the tariff bill in the best shape possible. We are simply getting together for the purpose of passing a tariff bill in a reasonable time."

The "Times" in its Washington account Nov. 18 noting the failure of the "Young Guard's" movement said:

A movement to obtain an agreement on a tariff bill declared to be in accord with President Hoover's views for "limited revision" and fostered by the "Young Guard" bloc of Republican Senators and by responsible House leaders failed today because of the refusal of insurgent Republicans to agree to adopting the industrial rates of the Fordney-McCumber act of 1922 except for the textile schedules, which were to be raised to meet the depressed situation in that industry.

The program of the new bloc appeared to have gained great impetus early in the day, following a breakfast conference between Senator Allen of Kansas and President Hoover.

The impression became strong that the move of the "Young Guard," or, as the members of it are now calling themselves, the "Hoover bloc," would win over enough insurgents and Democrats to carry it to success.

The program of the group also to force through the tariff bill in the next ten days was to be sealed at a dinner Mr. Allen had arranged for its members tonight. Mr. Allen in the afternoon announced the postponement of the dinner because of the precarious condition then of Secretary of War Good.

As to the action on the bill on Nov. 18 the "Times" stated:

Borah Gets Delay on Sugar.

The Senate went into the night session, working on the tobacco and cotton textile schedules. Senator Borah obtained a delay in considering the sugar schedule, which was due to be taken up. He said that the insurgent group was not yet ready for the debate on the sugar rates, and Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee agreed to a change in the order.

On both tobacco and cotton textile items, the Senate rejected increases voted by the House or proposed by the Finance Committee.

Senator Wheeler, announcing that he would reintroduce and press at the regular session a resolution for a sweeping investigation of the textile situation, assailed Southern mill owners and sharply criticized motions for tariff rises when "miserable wages" were paid in the industry.

Action on Tobacco Rates.

In its action on the tariff bill itself, the Senate, by vote of 49 to 26, retained existing duties on wrapper and filler tobacco, as recommended by the Finance Committee.

The House raised the rate on unstemmed wrapper tobacco to \$2.50 a pound. The Finance Committee brought this back to the present \$2.10. The House put a duty of \$3.15 a pound on stemmed wrapper tobacco, but the Finance Committee recommended holding to the present \$2.75. A viva voce vote kept the present rates of 50 cents a pound on stemmed filler tobacco and 35 cents on unstemmed.

Senators urging adoption of the House increases on wrapper tobacco asserted that these would not raise the price of a 5-cent cigar. Senator George of Georgia, backing the raises, said he would ask for a separate vote later, and Senator Copeland of New York countered by saying he would ask for a separate vote on cutting the \$2.10 rate to \$1.60.

Passing to the cotton textiles schedule, the Senate took the first item of cotton sewing thread and cotton for embroidering, knitting and darning and crocheting. On the first, the existing rate is 1/2 cent per 100 yards. The House made it 25% ad valorem and the Finance Committee raised this to 30%. On the second class, the present law and House rates are 25%, and the Finance Committee increased the rate to 35% ad valorem.

The Finance Committee was defeated in both instances, the Senate voting against its increases without roll-calls and thus substituting the House duties.

At the opening of the night session the Senate took up the item on cotton cloth. The rates proposed are highly complicated, but in substance they amount to an increase from 30 to 41 1/2% ad valorem on the finer qualities of cloth.

Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Massachusetts, held the floor for an hour, giving a comprehensive picture of the textile manufacturing situation. He said that the tariff of 1922 was unscientific in that it did not offer sufficient protection for fine goods.

Mr. Walsh referred to the so-called English broadcloth shirtings, which, he said, were imported by the millions of yards and on which the House bill did not provide any additional protection. He congratulated the Finance Committee upon revising the entire schedule upward.

Senator Wheeler, Democrat, of Montana, replied with an attack upon the manufacturers. He said he would be unwilling to vote any increases until the manufacturers had explained away their policy of reducing wages and increasing the amount of work required of each operative. He denounced the so-called "stretch-out" system in the Southern mills, by which, he asserted, men who once worked twenty-four looms are now called to handle ninety-six looms.

The developments in the Senate on Nov. 19 are indicated in the following which we take from the New York "Times" Washington dispatch:

Forty-eight members, or a majority of the present Senate, have already pledged themselves to a proposal which will be offered tomorrow to adjourn that body from 10:30 o'clock Friday night until Dec. 2, it was asserted by Democratic Senatorial leaders this afternoon.

It was further stated that the so-called Young Guard Republicans, who have wanted to keep the Senate in session, could now be convinced of the impossibility of passing the tariff bill before the end of the special session, and that, if they voted against an adjournment resolution, they would not be able to defeat it.

While the Senate in day and night sessions was working its way through the cotton textiles schedule, and usually retaining existing duties or voting for those in the House bill instead of accepting Finance Committee amendments calling for increases, Senators Allen of Kansas and Vandenberg of Michigan, leaders of the new bloc, asserted that its program still would succeed. They both said an adjournment resolution would be fought to the end.

On the cotton rates, the Senate, by vote of 50 to 26, rejected proposals to increase the House duties on organdy, cotton cloth, woven with printed or stamped yarns or threads, and cotton cloth printed by the surface or relief method.

Without a roll-call, an additional 25% ad valorem duty on tire fabric, including cord fabric, was approved as urged by the Finance Committee.

The rates on tapestry and other figured upholstery cotton were set by the Senate at 45% ad valorem, in place of a House rate of 55% and a Finance Committee plan of classification, plus a 50% duty. The Senate cut in half, House duties on cotton gloves and mittens.

It rejected a Finance Committee amendment to lay an additional duty of two cents each on half-hose and hose, not over eight inches in length, and valued at \$1.50 and more a dozen. Senator Smoot described the goods as "baby hose."

Much of the afternoon debate was taken up with a denunciation by Senator Wheeler of conditions in Southern cotton mills. He also assailed New England manufacturers for transferring operations to the South for the sake, he said, of lower wages and longer hours. He was supported in his arguments by Senator Blaine, insurgent Republican, of Wisconsin.

Senator Welch of Massachusetts said that some branches of the textile industry were prospering and needed no more tariff protection, although other branches needed the aid of higher duties.

Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee in a speech attacked figures made public by the Fair Tariff League, which, he said, Senator Norris of Nebraska had recently used as showing the cost of the protective tariff on manufactured products to the people of Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Connecticut, Rhode Island and New York.

Schedule Completed in Evening

In completing the schedule at the night session, the Senate rejected a Finance Committee plan to tax cotton shirts 50% ad valorem, but adopted committee amendments of a 75% ad valorem rate on "hit or miss" cotton rag rugs, and a 35% rate on cotton chenille. With a tie in the rising vote on the "hit or miss" rugs item, Vice-President Curtis broke it in favor of the committee amendment.

By a roll-call of 35 to 27, the Senate adopted the last committee amendment of the schedule, which was to lay a duty of 3 cents a pound on cotton rags, except those used in paper making.

When the cotton schedule was finished, Senator Dill endeavored to force consideration of the sugar rates, which have been twice passed over before. But Senators Smoot and Borah both urged that the rates on the next schedule, affecting flax, hemp and jute be taken up, and this was done. Senator Dill charged that the Finance Committee was trying to dispose of all other schedules before sugar was discussed.

The Senate adopted a number of committee amendments on hemp and flax before it recessed at 10:30 P. M. until 1 o'clock tomorrow afternoon.

The Walsh resolution adopted by the Senate Nov. 29, calling for the adjournment of the Senate by 10 P. M., Nov. 22, was passed as we indicate above, by a vote of 49 to 33; the votes for the adoption of the resolution were cast by 35 Democrats and 14 Republicans; those opposed were 32 Republicans and 1 Democrat. From the "Times" we quote the following Washington advices Nov. 20:

Hopes of the Republican "Young Guard" to hold the Senate at work with the idea of completing the tariff bill before the special session ended were dashed by the vote. Their lines held fast against adjournment, but four insurgents, Blaine, Brookhart, Norbeck and Schall, one temporary recruit of the "Young Guard," Senator Steiwer, and a group of Democrats who opposed an adjournment resolution last Thursday supported the move today. Only one Democrat, Senator Dill of Washington, voted "No."

Says Hoover Program Will Win.

The "Young Guard" was defiant to the end. Although they realized that defeat was inevitable, they lustily shouted "No!" when their names were called. After the ballot, Senator Vandenberg of Michigan, generally known as their leader, read a statement lauding the success of his group in forcing progress on the bill and reiterating his belief that President Hoover's demand for farm-rate revision and limited revision of other rates could have been and would be translated into legislation.

Another Schedule Completed.

Only three or four minutes work was done on the tariff bill during the entire day, and that at nightfall, when the Senate completed the flax-hemp and jute schedule by approving two finance committee amendments.

It is not probable that much more will be accomplished on the bill before adjournment is a reality, the indications being that the remaining two days will be largely devoted to political discussions.

Postponement of the Smoot-Hawley bill until the regular session will defer consideration of several schedules not yet touched. The sugar schedule is yet to be debated, as well as those on wool, silk, rayon, paper, sundries and the free list.

The chemical, earthenware and metals schedules have never been completed, and fights are coming on many of these items, notably on additions which will be submitted concerning aluminum.

Senator Wheeler who attacked the Republican "Young Guard" in the Senate yesterday, said of them tonight:

"It is becoming more and more obvious that the so-called Young Turks constitute a rescue squad to get the President out of the political hole he is on the tariff, and to aid the highly protected interests to retain the rates they enjoy under the Fordney law."

Associated Press dispatches from Washington yesterday (Nov. 22) in reference to the shelving of the tariff bill by the Senate said:

Contrasted with the measure passed by the House on May 23, the bill in the form presented today by the Senate could hardly be called a likeness in any particular but one. While both acceded to the cries of farm groups for higher agricultural tariffs, the two measures are far apart respecting industrial rates and much rate-cutting in still anticipated by the coalition in power.

The House bill carried hundreds of industrial rate increases, despite the fact that President Hoover recommended to the special session a limited revision, with primary attention given to farm levies and a stepping up of a few of the duties on products of lagging manufacturing industries.

Republican leaders are not so worried over the rate reductions accomplished by the coalition as they are over the incorporation in the bill by a group of the expert debenture plan granting a Federal bounty, to exporters of farm commodities and the repeal of the seven-year-old policy permitting the President to raise or lower duties in emergencies. Only in a few instances have duties been lowered below existing law.

Coming back in December, the Senate still must act on committee amendments to the sugar, silk, rayon, papers and books, and sun-

dries schedules and the free list. Then individual amendments to all schedules will have to be disposed of, as well as the scores of House increases left untouched by the Finance Committee before the measure will be in shape for final passage.

President Hoover Plans to Unite All Veteran Agencies— Will Also Recommend to Congress Consolidation of Most of Prohibition Offices.

Under date of Nov. 20 Washington Associated Press dispatches published in the New York "Times" said:

President Hoover is ready to translate into action 10 years' talk about reorganizing the Federal Government.

As a first step he has approved a plan to consolidate all of the agencies dealing with war veterans and their dependents and will ask the sanction of Congress for it at the opening of the regular session two weeks hence.

Chief among these agencies are the Veterans' Bureau, now functioning as an independent establishment; the Pension Office, administered by the Interior Department; the National Home for Disabled Volunteers, another separate establishment, and the hospitalization division of the Public Health Service.

The consolidation is expected to bring about a saving of several millions of dollars in administration and hospitalization costs alone and to simplify the work of dealing with the veterans and their dependents.

There would be created a new single agency under a director reporting directly to the President through his administrative assistant. It would handle more than three-quarters of a billion dollars annually, embracing the \$500,000,000 spent by the Veterans' Bureau, some \$250,000,000 by the Pension Office and around \$20,000,000 by the other divisions.

Under the direction of the President a comprehensive survey now is being made for consolidating within the Justice Department most of the agencies dealing with prohibition enforcement, and a recommendation along that line also will be made to Congress in the President's message

Earnings of 634 Companies Up 20.45%—271 Industrials Report 27.04% Increase for Nine Months.

Total net earnings of 271 industrial corporations, 180 railroads and 95 utilities for nine months, and 88 telephone and telegraph companies for eight months, amounted to \$3,204,524,686 compared with \$2,660,426,929 for the same companies in the corresponding periods of 1928, an aggregate increase of 20.45%, according to a compilation from published financial statements by Ernst & Ernst, accountants. This survey follows a preliminary study issued by Ernst & Ernst at the end of October. For 271 industrials the compilation shows aggregate net earnings of \$1,332,464,611, which is 27.04% greater than in nine months of last year. For 180 railroads net operating income was in the aggregate 17% greater. For 95 utilities earnings were 17.48% greater. For 88 telephone and telegraph companies, comparing eight months, earnings were 7.21% greater. The accountants go on to say:

A comparison of the third quarter with the second quarter can be made for a group of 224 industrials, for which comparative figures are available. These companies had total net earnings 15.77% higher than for the third quarter of 1928, but 5.72% lower than for the second quarter of 1929. Since 1928, and particularly the latter part, was a period of record activity in business, the third quarter gain this year over last year represents a rather remarkable showing.

The fact that third-quarter earnings fell below second-quarter earnings this year by 5.72% is not entirely attributable to a lessening of regular activity because a number of industrial groups, such as automobiles and trucks, auto parts and accessories, business equipment, restaurant chains and wearing apparel, normally show some seasonal recessions during part or all of the third quarter. Nevertheless, there was probably a definite although moderate tendency downward in business results as a whole during the third quarter this year.

No definite figures are available on current fourth-quarter earnings. It seems probable, however, that this quarter will show in some degree a further recession in many lines. Normally satisfactory earnings for the year as a whole seem to be assured, since the nine months' figures show such a tremendous gain over the corresponding period of 1928, which in itself was a high point of business activity in post-war years.

The table, as prepared by Ernst & Ernst, follows:

	No. of Co.'s	1929.	1928.	P. C. Incr.
Profits for Nine Months—				
Amusements.....	4	20,515,671	12,398,378	65.47
Automobiles and trucks.....	14	323,735,847	330,065,435	41.93
Auto parts and accessories.....	22	50,534,893	37,294,495	35.50
Baking.....	6	30,648,654	23,253,468	31.80
Beverages and confections.....	9	29,756,298	25,224,916	17.96
Business equipment.....	9	19,293,439	14,308,801	34.84
Chemicals.....	13	82,678,041	64,096,605	28.99
Cigars.....	4	8,281,190	7,286,302	13.65
Coal and Coke.....	7	4,891,094	3,492,386	40.05
Construction material and equipment.....	13	23,712,354	20,659,664	14.78
Copper.....	6	29,318,676	17,882,130	63.96
Drugs and cosmetics.....	3	9,305,061	7,703,494	20.79
Food products.....	13	52,214,527	45,874,211	13.82
Household equipment and supplies.....	15	22,899,335	19,009,993	20.46
Iron and steel.....	15	254,762,624	131,406,784	93.87
Leather.....	1	41,820,829	3,727,047	a
Machinery.....	21	95,569,092	71,472,845	33.71
Mining and smelting—Miscellaneous.....	8	32,072,977	19,911,683	61.08
Metal products—Miscellaneous.....	19	32,099,391	24,152,158	32.90
Petroleum products.....	27	121,080,892	90,852,537	33.27
Publishers.....	4	21,166,118	20,106,894	5.27
Railroad equipment.....	6	16,798,939	11,452,756	46.56
Restaurant chains.....	3	3,436,234	3,039,368	13.06
Textile products.....	4	4,048,659	3,394,213	19.28
Wearing apparel.....	4	1,800,609	1,315,209	36.91
Miscellaneous.....	21	43,664,825	39,462,299	10.65
Total Industrials.....	271	1,332,464,611	1,048,844,071	27.04
Railroads (net operating income).....	180	960,075,690	820,572,952	17.00
Telephone and telegraph (for 8 months).....	88	180,481,376	168,341,696	7.21
Other public utilities.....	95	731,500,000	622,668,210	17.48
Grand total.....	634	3,204,524,686	2,660,426,929	20.45

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Further Comparison of Industrial Earnings.

6 months, 1929 over 1928, 465 Industrials had earnings 36.96% greater
 9 months, 1929 over 1928, 271 Industrials had earnings 27.04% greater
 9 months, 1928 over 1927, 232 Industrials had earnings 19.17% greater

President Hoover's Announcement Regarding Conference of Business Leaders Called This Week.

As we indicated last week (page 3108), President Hoover made known on Nov. 15 the calling of a preliminary conference of representatives of industry, agriculture and labor the present week. Further accounts of these conferences are given elsewhere in our issue to-day. In his statement of Nov. 15 the President said that "any lack of confidence in the economic future or the basic strength of business in the United States is foolish." He indicated that the conferences scheduled for this week had been called "to develop certain definite steps" looking toward "continued business progress." The President's announcement follows:

I have, during the past week, engaged in numerous conferences with important business leaders and public officials with a view to the co-ordination of business and governmental agencies in concerted action for continued business progress.

I am calling, for the middle of next week, a small preliminary conference of representatives of industry, agriculture and labor to meet with the Secretaries of the Treasury, Agriculture, Commerce and Labor, together with the Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, to develop certain definite steps.

For instance, one of the results of the speculative period throughout which we have passed in recent months has been the diversion of capital into the security market, with consequent lagging of the construction work in the country. The postponement of construction during the past months, including not only buildings, railways, merchant marine and public utilities, but also Federal, State and municipal public works, provides a substantial reserve for prompt expanded action. The situation is further assured by the exceptionally strong cash position of the large manufacturing industries of the country.

The magnificent working of the Federal Reserve System and the inherently sound condition of the banks have already brought about a decrease in interest rates and an assurance of abundant capital—the first time such a result has been so speedily achieved under similar circumstances.

In market booms we develop over-optimism with a corresponding reverse into over-pessimism. They are equally unjustified, but the sad thing is that many unfortunate people are drawn into the vortex of these movements with tragic loss of savings and reserves. Any lack of confidence in the economic future or the basic strength of business in the United States is foolish. Our national capacity for hard work and intelligent co-operation is ample guaranty of the future.

My own experience has been, however, that words are not of any great importance in times of economic disturbance. It is action that counts. The establishment of credit stability and ample capital through the Federal Reserve System and the demonstration of the confidence of the Administration by undertaking tax reduction with the co-operation of both political parties, speak more than words.

The next practical step is the organizing and co-ordinating of a forward movement of business through the revival of construction activities, the stimulation of exports and of other legitimate business expansion, especially to take such action in concert with the use of our new powers to assist agriculture. Fortunately, the sound sense, the capacity and readiness for co-operation of our business leaders and governmental agencies give assurance of action.

The White House, Nov. 15 1929.

In indicating the President's program for the week, the Washington correspondent of the New York "Times" on Nov. 17 said:

Separate meetings of groups representing various branches of commerce, finance, industry and agriculture will be held during three days of this week, and there will be a later conference with labor leaders and probably other consultations in the near future.

The expectation of the Administration is that out of these conferences should come steps that can be taken by each individual industry or other business activity within its own particular field and arrangements by the government to co-ordinate the activities of various Federal agencies with the activities of private business to dispel what was described to-day as foolish pessimism and assure the orderly march of business and employment over the winter.

The Week's Program.

There is also contemplated the establishment of an agency to act as a clearing house for the co-ordination of all the activities concerned, but it was indicated to-day that existing conditions do not require a super-organization.

The program so far arranged is as follows:

Tuesday.—President Hoover will confer with railroad executives who may be in the East. This is to be the first conference because the American Railway Association is to meet in Chicago on Friday and it is desired that the executives who confer with President Hoover shall attend the Chicago meeting and discuss with other executives a plan of action designed to expedite construction already determined on and carry out projects for the purchase of equipment which will provide employment and otherwise stimulate activities in the railway field.

Wednesday.—The President and Secretary Lamont will confer with officials of the United States Chamber of Commerce, bankers, members of the Federal Reserve System and representatives of manufacturers, public utility companies and various trades and distribution agencies.

Thursday.—The President, with Secretary Hyde and Alexander Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, will confer with representatives of farm organizations.

A later conference, the dates for which are undecided, will include the President, Secretary Davis and leading men of organized labor. Later there probably will be conferences with other specialized groups. The intention is to confine the meetings, so far as possible, to representatives of national organizations which combine other organized units in the same line of business as well as individual corporations and firms.

Wednesday's conference was postponed until Thursday, while that scheduled for Thursday was deferred until

Friday, owing to the funeral services in the White House on Wednesday for Secretary of War James W. Good, who died on Nov. 18.

President Hoover's Conference With Railroad Executives to Further Program of Construction and Betterments.

The first of the conferences planned by President Hoover with leaders of industry, labor and agriculture (mentioned in these columns Nov. 16, page 3108), took place at the White House on Nov. 19, when the President, Secretary of the Treasury Mellon and Secretary of Commerce Lamont met with various railroad executives to consider plans for furthering construction and betterment projects with a view to the maintenance of employment and business progress. The other conferences arranged by the President are referred to elsewhere in this issue of our paper. Regarding the conference with the railroad heads, a statement issued at the White House on Nov. 19 said:

A preliminary conference was held at the White House to-day with the railway presidents, mostly of the Eastern territory, at which were present:

The President.
The Secretary of the Treasury.
The Secretary of Commerce.
Mr. Richard H. Aiston, President American Railway Association.
Mr. W. W. Atterbury, President Pennsylvania RR. Co.
Mr. J. J. Bernet, President Chesapeake & Ohio RR. Co.
Mr. P. E. Crowley, President New York Central Lines.
Mr. Agnew T. Dice, President Philadelphia & Reading RR. Co.
Mr. Fairfax Harrison, President Southern Ry. Co.
Mr. L. F. Loree, President Delaware & Hudson Co.
Mr. Jeremiah Milbank, Southern Ry. Co.
Mr. J. J. Pelley, President New York, New Haven & Hartford RR. Co.
Mr. Frederick W. Sargent, railway representative upon United States Chamber of Commerce, and President Chicago & North Western Ry. Co.
Mr. Daniel Willard, President Baltimore & Ohio RR. Co. [Mr. Willard was unable to be present because of an attack of bronchitis.]
Mr. Julius Barnes, Chairman of the Board, United States Chamber of Commerce.

Mr. Hale Holden, Chairman of the Executive Committee, Southern Pacific RR. Co.

Mr. William Butterworth, President United States Chamber of Commerce.

The railway presidents were unanimous in their determination to cooperate in the maintenance of employment and business progress. It was stated the railways which they represented would proceed with full programs of construction and betterments without any reference to recent stock exchange fluctuations; that they would canvass the situation as to further possibilities of expansion, and that among these particular railways it appeared that the total volume of such construction work already indicated an increase during the next six months over the similar period of last year.

It was agreed that the whole question should be taken up at the meeting of the railway executives convening in Chicago next Friday, with a view to securing co-operation of all railways in the United States in such a program.

At that time steps will be taken to canvass the railways to determine the exact amount of constructions and betterments which can be undertaken over the forthcoming year and during the next six months.

The railway executives felt that it was desirable that similar conferences should be called in other industrial groups and that some method of co-operation of their different activities should be developed.

The White House, Nov. 19 1929.

The "Herald Tribune" in its Washington account (Nov. 19) of the conference said, in part:

The railroad executives, in their conference with the President, outlined their industry's expansion plans only generally, but it was learned, unofficially, that the nation's railroads have projects in mind that would require an aggregate budget of more than \$1,000,000,000 in the next year. They told the President that compared with a year ago they carried over into this year a larger portion of last year's authorization, added a greater amount of authorizations to that total, did a considerable increased amount of work and would undoubtedly carry over into next year a larger unexpended portion of their authorized expenditures.

Mr. Hoover was gratified with the prospects in the railroad industry and with the confidence of its leaders despite some of the handicaps, such as the doubt about railway consolidation plans which confront them.

Lines Employ 1,750,000.

Among other things, the railways furnish work and a means of livelihood to 1,750,000 employees; pay out nearly \$3,000,000,000 in wages annually which find their way almost at once into the channels of trade and commerce; give indirect employment to many hundred thousand additional men who manufacture and distribute the products bought and used by railroads in construction, maintenance and operation; expended more than \$1,250,000,000 a year for the material and supplies used in their operation, and spend an average of more than \$750,000,000 for capital improvements.

In line with the announced determination of the railroads to go ahead with programs of construction, it was learned that the Philadelphia & Reading RR. Co. plans to spend about \$20,000,000 on electrification of its line leading out of Philadelphia, and also to spend a considerable sum on the elimination of grade crossings.

The rail executives were with the President a little more than an hour. Without exact precedent in history, the conference was held in the room of the White House where many situations in the national life have been met.

Within a few hours, the railroad men were on their way westward for the industry's meeting in Chicago, which is expected to get behind the Administration plan wholeheartedly.

Patrick E. Crowley, President of the New York Central Lines, said, as he was about to leave, that the New York Central would go right ahead with its extensive improvement program, including the West Side grade crossing elimination project in New York City and the track elevation project in Syracuse. He said he saw nothing "alarming" in the situation

and no reason to expect any reduction in employees on the lines he headed.

Fred W. Sargent, President of the Chicago & North Western Ry. Co., said: "The earnings of our road are running about normal, substantially the same as last year. The uncertainty about consolidation plans now under consideration by the Inter-State Commerce Commission might interfere with extensive improvement plans in some sections but not in our territory. I don't believe the present is a time for long-term bond issues for capital expenditures, because lower money rates should come first."

President Hoover's Conference With Federal Reserve Board and Advisory Council.

President Hoover's conference with railroad executives, on Nov. 19, was followed by a conference the same day with members of the Federal Reserve Board and the Federal Advisory Council, announcement of which was made in the following brief statement by Roy A. Young, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board:

"At a meeting of the Federal Advisory Council, the members of which represent the 12 Federal Reserve banking districts in the United States, with the President, the general business situation was reviewed, and each member of the Council reported that business and banking throughout his district are in a sound condition, and the prospects were that money will be available at lower rates."

From Washington, Nov. 19, the New York "Times" had the following to say regarding the Federal Reserve conference:

Secretary Mellon, who is Chairman of the Federal Reserve Board, and Secretary Lamont also attended the President's conference with members of that Board and members of its Advisory Council, who represented all the 12 Reserve Bank districts. The others present were:

Federal Reserve Board—

Governor Roy A. Young.
Vice-Governor Edmund Platt.
J. W. Pole, Comptroller of the Currency.
Adolph C. Miller.
Charles S. Hamlin.
George R. James.
Edward H. Cunningham.

Advisory Council—

Arthur M. Heard of Boston.
William C. Potter of New York.
L. L. Rue of Philadelphia.
Harris Creech of Cleveland.
John Pole of Richmond.
J. P. Butler, Jr., of Atlanta.
Frank O. Wetmore of Chicago, President.
W. W. Smith of St. Louis.
Theodore Wold of Minneapolis.
P. W. Goebel of Kansas City.
B. A. McKinney of Dallas, Vice-President.
F. L. Lipman of San Francisco.

While Governor Young made no specific prediction that rediscount rates would be cut in districts outside of New York, his statement was interpreted generally as forecasting such a move on the part of the Reserve System.

The belief here is that a reduction to 4½% in several or all of the districts outside of New York will be the next move toward easier money, and that this will come before another cut is made in the rate of the Reserve Bank of New York. The advisability of such a step, it is understood, was discussed at a meeting between the Reserve Board and the Reserve Council, which preceded the White House conference. None of the members, however, was willing to expand upon the statement of Governor Young.

Action on rediscount rates, as a rule, has followed recommendations made by the directors of the various Reserve Banks, none of whom was present at to-day's conference. The actual course to be followed, therefore, probably will not be revealed until after directors of some of these banks hold meetings later in the week.

It is evident, however, that a general reduction in Reserve Bank rediscount rates is felt to be desirable as soon as local conditions in the various districts make such a course appear wise.

President Hoover's Conference With Industrial and Business Leaders—No Movement for Wage Reduction—Move for Business Expansion.

Two announcements by President Hoover developed on Nov. 21 following his conference that day with business and industrial leaders as well as labor leaders. In one of these the President said that he was authorized by employers present at the conference to state that "they will not initiate any movement for wage reduction." As we indicate in another item in this issue, Henry Ford, who participated in the conference, made known after the parley, that an increase in wages was to be made at his plants. The President also stated that "it was the unanimous opinion of the conference that there was no reason why business should not be carried on as usual, that construction work should be expanded in every prudent direction, both public and private, so as to cover any slack of employment." In this statement also the President announced that Julius Barnes, Chairman of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, had been asked to create an Executive Committee to assist in expansion of construction and maintenance of employment. A statement issued by Mr. Barnes in the matter is given elsewhere in this issue of our paper. President Hoover's statement regarding wages, follows:

The President was authorized by the employers who were present at this morning's conference to state on their individual behalf that they will not initiate any movement for wage reduction, and it was their strong recommendation that this attitude should be pursued by the country as a whole. They considered that, aside from the human considerations involved, the consuming power of the country will thereby be maintained.

The President was also authorized by the representatives of labor to state that in their individual views and as their strong recommendation to the country as a whole, that no movements beyond those already in negotiation should be initiated for increase of wages, and that every co-operation should be given by labor to industry in the handling of its problems.

The purpose of these declarations is to give assurance that conflicts should not occur during the present situation which will affect the continuity of work, and thus maintain stability of employment.

The statement on business issued at the White House on Nov. 21 is annexed:

The conference this morning of 22 industrial and business leaders warmly endorsed the President's statement of last Saturday as to steps to be taken in the progress of business and the maintenance of employment.

The general situation was thoroughly canvassed, and it was the unanimous opinion of the conference that there was no reason why business should not be carried on as usual; that construction work should be expanded in every prudent direction, both public and private, so as to cover any slack of unemployment.

It was found that a preliminary examination of a number of industries indicated that construction activities can, in 1930, be expanded even over 1929.

It was stated, for instance, that the telephone company was proposing to assist by a considerable expansion in their construction and betterment program over the year 1929, during which year this company expended something in the neighborhood of \$600,000,000 for this purpose.

It appeared that the power, gas and other public utilities could undertake a program in excess of 1929, the details of which would be developed at a special meeting of the leaders in the industry to be called, after which the program would be announced.

The leaders in the automobile industry expressed the opinion that whereas, in 1929, production was unusually large due to the carryover of a great deal of unfinished business from the previous year, they confidently expected that except for this excessive margin, the industry should quickly return to its normal production.

In the steel industry it was stated that large construction programs would be undertaken for replacement of antiquated and obsolete plants.

It was considered that the absorption of capital in loans on the stock market had postponed much construction, and that the flow of this capital back to industry and commerce would now assist renewed construction.

It was the opinion that an indirect but very substantial contribution could be made to the extension of credit for local building purposes and for conduct of smaller business if the banks would freely avail themselves of the rediscount privilege offered by the Federal Reserve banks.

The meeting considered it was desirable that some definite organization should be established under a committee representing the different industries and sections of the business community, which would undertake to follow up the President's program in the different industries.

It was considered that the development of co-operative spirit and responsibility in the American business world was such that the business of the country itself could and should assume the responsibility for the mobilization of the industrial and commercial agencies to these ends, and to cooperate with the governmental agencies.

The members of the group agreed to act as a temporary advisory committee with the Secretary of Commerce, who was authorized to add to the committee. Mr. Julius Barnes, Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce, was asked to create an Executive Committee from members of this group and the various trade organizations, who could assist in expansion of construction and maintenance of employment. A definite canvass will be made of the different industrial fields to develop the amount of such construction.

According to the New York "Herald-Tribune" those present at the industrialist conference were:

The President.
 Andrew W. Mellon, Secretary of the Treasury.
 Robert P. Lamont, Secretary of Commerce.
 Henry Ford, Dearborn, Mich.
 Julius Rosenwald, head of Sears, Roebuck & Co., Chicago.
 Clarence W. Woolley, American Radiator Company.
 Walter Teagle, President of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey.
 Owen D. Young, Chairman General Electric Company.
 Matthew S. Sloan, President New York Edison Company.
 E. G. Grace, President Bethlehem Steel Company.
 Myron C. Taylor, Chairman Finance Committee United States Steel Corporation.
 Alfred P. Sloan, Jr., President General Motors.
 Pierre du Pont, Chairman of Du Pont Company.
 Walter Gifford, President American Telephone and Telegraph Company.
 Samuel W. Reyburn, President Lord & Taylor Company.
 Jesse I. Straus, President R. H. Macy Company of New York.
 William Butterworth, President United States Chamber of Commerce.
 E. J. Kulas, President Otis Steel Company.
 George Laughlin, Pittsburgh.
 A. V. Robertson, Westinghouse Electric.
 Redfield Proctor, President New England Council.
 Philip H. Gadsden, President Chamber of Commerce.
 Ernest Trigg, Chairman Industrial Relations Committee.
 Henry M. Robinson, California Development Board.
 Julius Barnes, Chairman of the Board, United States Chamber of Commerce.
 Homer L. Ferguson, President of the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company.
 A. W. Shaw, of Chicago, Chairman of the Business Cycle Committee.
 Dr. Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce.
 Alexander P. Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board.
 Roy A. Young, Governor of the Federal Reserve Board.

From the Washington dispatch, Nov. 22, to the New York "Times" we take the following:

Mr. Gadsden presented to the conference the following statements by business leaders:

George F. Houston, President Baldwin Locomotive Works—We are extremely optimistic about the railway equipment situation for next year, provided, however, interest rates on equipment trust notes can be stabilized quickly. So far as our own business is concerned, we did a big business last month, and have enough work to keep us going at high speed for several months, while there is much business in prospect.

A. C. Dorrance, Vice President Campbell Soup Company—Our employment is uninterrupted. The present situation has had no material effect on us. Orders have been only slightly less in recent weeks, but that is merely due to wholesalers keeping down stocks slightly. We are going ahead with large expansion and construction projects without delay, confident that prosperity will continue uninterrupted.

James W. Rawle, Vice President J. G. Brill Company—Mr. Hoover is to be highly commended for his action. It is well-timed and designed to restore a feeling of security to the business mind. We are optimistic about the situation, and do not believe the financial flurry will affect general business. We are continuing with our expansion programs, and we have had no bad reaction from any one with whom we have business contacts. Our employment is normal for this time of year, with good business on the books.

Predicts More Names on Payroll.

Edward G. Budd, President Edward G. Budd Manufacturing Company, makers of auto bodies—Our company is in exactly the position we planned for it last July. We have started production of Ford and Dodge bodies, to begin going to them in December for the new cars. Our employment will steadily increase, and we have the same number as this time last year.

George V. MacKinnon, President John B. Stetson Company, hat manufacturers—Do not believe the present situation will have any effect upon our business. The second half of our year, just completed, was the best we have had. We have seen no signs of any falling of orders, or any cancellations. We are expanding our business and diversifying our products and are increasing our plant facilities and personnel. We expect a good business next year.

H. T. Herr, Vice President Westinghouse Electric and Manufacturing Company—There has been no material effect upon our business. We are quite busy and will be next year. We have plenty of business on the books and no cancellations. Everything looks to be in good shape.

Mr. Legge, President of the Farm Board; Homer L. Ferguson, President of the Newport News Shipbuilding Company; A. W. Shaw of Chicago and Julius Klein, Assistant Secretary of Commerce, participated in the conference in addition to those previously announced.

Join the President at Luncheon.

Owen D. Young, chairman of the General Electric Company, and Clarence M. Woolley of the American Radiator Company joined the President at luncheon.

When Mr. Young was told of Mr. Ford's early statement containing the suggestion of decreased commodity prices and higher wages, he declined to comment. Neither would he discuss the action of the conference.

"This is a matter for the President to talk about in a formal statement," he said.

George Laughlin, steel manufacturer, of Pittsburgh, said that he could only speak for his own activities.

"Our business, while slightly decreased, now promises to be as good next year as at present," he said. "We will continue in about the same percentage of employment with no reduction in wages."

Julius Rosenwald of Chicago, who arrived at the conference late, was the last to leave. He lingered behind and talked for more than five minutes with the President after the others had departed.

"I can only speak for my own business, and will say nothing about the conference," he said. "Our business is as good now as at any time this year. There are a few bad spots, but no real slowing up. Where there is a loss in one section, it is made up in increased purchases from other sections of the country."

"The West is in very good condition. We have no large surplus on our shelves or in our warehouses. I am no prophet and will make no prediction as to the future. But I have nothing but optimism for next year."

Greater Buying Among Farmers.

Mr. Legge said that there was greater buying among the farmers and improved conditions in the West, with increased sales of farming implements in sections where buying of late years has not been so brisk.

"The farmer's condition has been showing a slight improvement," he said. "He has a more hopeful feeling."

"If the stock market deflation does not extend to commodity prices, the farmer should not be hurt. The decline in live stock prices has caused losses to the farmer, but has not affected the country at large. Wheat has been going up and down, but the fluctuation in prices has not been large."

"All of us are hoping the stock market crisis will not have a lasting effect on either the farmers or industry. Commodity prices were not inflated as were those of stocks; and as the former did not go up, there is no reason for them to fall."

"I do not believe the farmers will get panicky, as they are only indirectly affected. They believe the prices of agricultural products are too low, but they are not as bad as they have been at times."

Conferences will be held tomorrow afternoon with the representatives of building and construction organizations, and the last conference will be on Monday with the farm group.

The conference of utility men with the President, scheduled for next Monday afternoon, has been abandoned. Utility organizations will hold regional meetings and adopt measures to carry out the President's program for improvements and betterments.

President Hoover's Conference with Leaders in Building Construction Industries.

Every branch of the building construction, the road building and the construction financing industries was represented yesterday (Nov. 22) in the sixth major conference held this week by President Hoover to bring about co-ordinated effort

to stabilize building and speed up the wheels of industry. The foregoing is from the Washington dispatch to the New York "Sun" of last night. The following is also taken from the "Sun" dispatch:

The conference turned to questions of wages and prices and it is expected that late to-day the President will make an announcement of the pledges given him by the constructors and by the material men.

Assurance is expected of a steady flow of cheap money for projects which can be advanced at once, particularly at points where any substantial unemployment may exist.

In all, the heads of 16 national organizations met with the President and Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon to consider how this work which employs vast numbers, can be sustained throughout the winter in every locality where the weather will permit.

Following this conference, it is likely that the President will announce a definite organization under a committee representing the different industries and sections of the business community for a permanent followup of the President's program. Industrial leaders consulted yesterday agreed to act as a temporary advisory committee with the Secretary of Commerce.

Roster of Conferees.

The building supply as well as the construction industries were represented to-day. Those who sat about the Cabinet table with President Hoover were:

T. T. Flagler, President of the Associated General Contractors, Atlanta, Ga.

Sam Hotchkiss, President of the National Association of Builders Exchanges, St. Joseph, Mo.

Frank H. Smith, President of the Portland Cement Association, Chicago

H. H. Culver, President of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, Ohio.

Wilford Kurth, former President of the National Board of Fire Underwriters.

Frederick J. Reimer, President of the American Road Builders Association, Orange, N. J.

Samuel Eckels, President of the Association of State Highway Officials, Harrisburg, Pa.

E. L. Carpenter, President of the National Lumber Association.

F. W. Reimers, President of the Southern Pine Association, Hammond, La.

Arthur W. Berresford, President of the American Engineering Council, Washington, D. C.

W. M. Wood, President of the American Institute of Steel Construction, Decatur, Ill.

A. Trieschmann, President of the Home Modernizing Bureau of the National Building Industry, Chicago.

D. T. Riffe, President of the National Building Trades Employers' Association, Pittsburgh.

A. M. Lewin, President of the Retail Lumber Dealers' Association, Cincinnati.

Darwin P. Kingsley, President of the New York Life Insurance Co.

Julius Barnes, Chairman of the board of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

Provision for Labor Shifts.

One suggestion coming from the conferences which will probably receive attention from the President as soon as Congress convenes in regular session provides for the enlargement and expansion of the United States employment service of the Department of Labor to make it a practical agency to facilitate the mobility of labor—the movement of workers from centres of unemployment to districts where work is more abundant.

The financiers, industrial chieftains and others who have conferred with the President realize that there may be considerable shift in industrial activity, but they are convinced that the general level can be maintained or increased. Larger programs of additions, betterments and maintenance by the railroads, for instance, will stimulate the iron and steel industry and take up any slack which might come from the automobile business as a result of personal losses in the stock market. This is given as an example.

If productivity lessens in one industry and increases in other lines, a shift in machinists, mechanics and others workers will be necessary.

At present the Federal employment service reports of employment on conditions of employment in various lines in geographic areas. Under the suggestions now being made it would register workers who might be considered as in "the mobile force" and direct them personally as to where the new job was to be found. Men would not have to take the present chance in moving from a city where conditions were slack to another city where conditions were reported as good. They would receive assurance an available job before they made the shift.

Julius Barnes of U. S. Chamber of Commerce Asked by President Hoover to Create Committee to Further Expansion of Industry—Says There Is No Fundamental Weakness and No Commodity Price Inflation.

In a statement issued by President Hoover on Nov. 21, relative to the conference that day with leaders in the industrial world, he announced that Julius Barnes, Chairman of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, had been asked to create an Executive Committee to "assist in expansion of construction and maintenance of employment." Mr. Barnes announced later in the day that he expected to call together "possibly within two weeks" a "fairly large group of trade association representatives, perhaps 100 to 200 men." At that meeting, he said, "we hope to get a wide interchange of information as to the exact situation in business." "What we hope to do first," he stated, "is, through mutual confidence and by exchange of information of purposes, to disprove inaccurate and disturbing rumors." "The President's statement," said Mr. Barnes, "gives a very encouraging picture of industry and it is true. The whole problem is not to start the machine, but to preserve the momentum that is here." Mr. Barnes's statement follows:

"The organization of such a body is in line with a favorite policy of Mr. Hoover, both as Secretary of Commerce and President, to get business and industrial leaders together from time to time for the dissemination of in-

formation and co-ordination of effort. His genius as an organizer has resulted in many agencies for the partial elimination of the downward swing in the business cycle and the maintenance of trade activity at a steadier pace.

"At the meeting this morning Mr. Hoover was able to get a complete picture of the nations concerned from the words of the men assembled at his call. From Mr. Taylor, Mr. Laughlin and Mrs. Kulas he learned of the situation in steel production, the basic industry. Mr. Gifford, of the A. T. and T., and Matthew Sloan, head of the New York Edison Company and President of the National Electric Light Association, the Public Utility Trade Group, could discuss power production, and index of industrial activity and construction, which lead further in to the copper situation, inasmuch as the utilities use 65 % of all the copper produced in the United States.

"We expect to call together as soon as practicable, possibly within two weeks, a fairly large group of trade association representatives, perhaps from 100 to 200 men. They will be drawn from associations both within and without the membership of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, so that they will be broadly representative of the major phases of American business activity. At that meeting we hope to get a wide interchange of information as to the exact situation in business as to its important present elements of strength and weakness. From this information it is hoped that suggestions may be made looking toward stabilization of business conditions.

"This meeting of trade association representatives will be asked to make recommendations respecting the personnel of the executive committee which the chamber has been asked to create.

"At the meeting it is hoped that suggestions may be made with regard to courses of action which both business and government may take to sustain business through the immediate future and over a longer period.

"It is hoped that we may devise some continuing process of developing and disseminating information as to important factors in the business situation as they develop from time to time.

"The Chamber of Commerce of the United States will make its facilities available to the organization and will co-operate in every way possible.

"The original anxiety of American business never has been overproduction, but over the maintenance of buying power, which provides markets for the products of industry. That is the problem of to-day. Production is adequate. We want no interruption as these products go into consumption.

"We have had a curious situation, a state of mind growing out of the dislocation of security values. Even as late as October some of our industries were having the largest month in their history. There is now no fundamental weakness and no commodity price inflation, and we have a strong banking situation, with adequate credit in sight.

"It seems to be true that every recession in the building construction industry is followed by a recession in general business. A decline in the building industry started a year ago in October. A building decline is usually caused by high money rates, such as we have experienced. These high rates have been due to a diversion of money into call loans. We have the right to think that building construction now can pick up soundly again. Funds are ready for it.

"What we hope to do first is, through mutual confidence and by exchange of information of purposes, to disprove inaccurate and disturbing rumors. Almost uniformly they have proved inaccurate.

"A day or two ago when I took the train for Washington I heard that Macy & Co. had laid off 1,600 employees. Mr. Straus, at to-day's conference, told me that last week they laid off twenty-eight and added 200 employees, which illustrates the inaccuracy of most of the rumors you get to-day.

"We need to find the key log in a jam. If you can focus your attention on it and get it, you can go ahead. If the utility industry, which has plans for a thousand million dollars for improvements feels that money is to be obtainable at reasonable rates, it will enlarge its plants and place orders for electrical equipment; and if the electrical equipment companies feel this business coming in they will order more copper and this stimulate the copper business. And so it goes.

"The President's statement gives a very encouraging picture of industry, and it is true. The whole problem is not to start the machine, but to preserve the momentum that is here. In furtherance of that, and at the suggestion of the President and as approved at the conference this morning and by the railroad executives on Monday, the Chamber of Commerce of the United States will call a conference in Washington in the near future of the representative trade associations of the country, a conference not unwieldy in size.

"This conference will furnish certain information, from which we will endeavor to determine where the key logs are located and take them out by co-operation with all the industries and with agencies of the Government. If we can loosen the key logs, the flow of ordinary business will float down the river.

"This may grow into a continuing study. The usual conference resolves and goes home, but this may grow into an established machinery to preserve the balance of American business.

"Some of the weak spots in American industry are improving. One of these is the shipbuilding industry which is putting old yards in shape and preparing to care for increased production. The oil industry, through voluntary agreements, is in much better shape. The textiles, which were badly hit, are in a somewhat better position. The coal industry has improved.

"When the McNary-Haugen bill was first proposed to help bring the index price of agricultural products up to an equivalent of the industrial price index, the agricultural price index was 120 as against 160 for industry; whereas now the agricultural index is 146, against 139 for industry."

Henry Ford Following President Hoover's Conference With Industrial Heads Announces Plans to Increase Wages At His Plants.

Henry Ford, who was one of the group of leaders in conference with President Hoover on Nov. 21 to discuss plans for stabilizing business and employment, announced after the conference, that wages at the Ford plants are to be increased. Two statements were issued by Mr. Ford on Nov. 21, (both at Washington) the second indicating his plans to advance wages; in this he said:

"We will announce a general wage increase in our plants very shortly. It will be a percentage increase based on the class of employment. I am unable to give figures as to the exact amount of the increases as the details are now being worked out."

Mr. Ford is said to have announced that the increase, which will probably go into effect Dec. 1, will apply to

his plants in the United States and Canada. In the first statement issued by him Mr. Ford, referring to the stock market conditions, said that "Collapse of speculation may have been the occasion of a business hesitation, but it certainly was not the cause." "Let the public understand that the stock market cannot permanently affect us either for good or bad," said Mr. Ford, "and the way is cleared for constructive views." "Over-production," he stated, "can never occur until every need is supplied, but the first need is the need of money." "Wages must not come down," he contended, "they must not even stay on their present level; they must go up." Mr. Ford's statement in full follows:

The first thing to do is to correct the impression that the present condition of affairs is due to the stock market. Collapse of speculation may have been the occasion of a business hesitation, but it certainly was not the cause. The stock market does not make prosperity, but prosperity is absolutely essential to such an inflation of values as we have seen during the past year. When an inflated stock market breaks, it does not necessarily carry general business down with it, but when general business declines it invariably deflates the artificial values of the stock market. That is what happened. It was only the temporary diversion of business men's attention that prevented them from seeing what was happening.

It is now clear to all that the real explanation of the present situation is not to be found in recent stock market history, but in recent business history. Let the public understand that the stock market cannot permanently affect us either for good or bad, and the way is cleared for constructive views.

Business showed some decline even while speculative values were at their height, and the reasons are plain. First, there was a serious withdrawal of brains from business. Men who would otherwise have been working out better designs for commodities and better methods of manufacture and planning to put more value into their products, were drawn off from the work they were best fitted to do by the promise of quick profits in speculation. This was more serious for business than most people are likely to realize. I have often said that we need the experience and judgment of men in middle age or older, and when this is withdrawn for a time, business feels it.

Another reason is that American production had come to equal and to surpass not our people's power to consume but their power to purchase. This is not the same thing as over-production of goods; it is under-supply of purchasing power. Over-production can never occur until every need is supplied, but the first need is the need of money. Money in the people's hands represents purchasing power. In this country the purchasing power of the people has been practically used up and still they have not been able to buy all that they must have. I therefore suggest the need of increasing the purchasing power of our principal customers—the American people.

This may be done in two ways. First, by putting additional value into goods or reducing prices to the level of actual values and, second, starting a movement to increase the general wage level. Nearly everything in this country is too high priced. The only thing that should be high priced in this country is the man who works. Wages must not come down, they must not even stay on their present level; they must go up.

And even that is not sufficient of itself—we must see to it that the increased wages are not taken away from our people by increased prices that do not represent increased values. The country gains no benefit by letting the workman earn an extra hundred dollars and then taking it away from him again in increased rents and a rise in prices generally. To make wages better and keep prices down requires that business men come back into business—as many are doing since the stocks came down.

There is no startling, miraculous plan of recovery and advance; it is all as plain and familiar as a copybook maxim. The situation promises much better than it did a year ago. We were on the threshold of a necessary change anyhow and if some men stumbled when they crossed it, it was only because their eyes were elsewhere. A year ago the country was expecting something to happen; now that it is over and past, the road ahead is clear.

President Hoover's call for a conference has had the beneficial effect of focusing our eyes on the main question. The President will be able to show the country that there is nothing to fear and that if every one will attend to his own work, the future is secure.

Associated Press advices from Detroit on Nov. 21, regarding the plans to advance wages, said:

Ford Wired Decision to Detroit.

The increase in wages for Ford employes which Henry Ford announced at Washington today soon would be made effective, has been under consideration for several weeks, it was said at the motor company's offices here today. It was indicated, however, that the announcement had not been expected at this time.

Almost at the same moment the announcement was made public at the capital Mr. Ford wired his offices here that he decided to give out his statement.

The details of the increase, its amount and its extent, will be worked out by Henry Ford and his son Edsel, who is president of the Ford Motor Company.

"They will get together shortly," said one official at the executive office, "and a specific announcement will be forthcoming soon."

As to how widespread the wage increase might be, it was pointed out that "such increases always have applied to all Ford employes throughout the country and there is no reason to believe this one will be restricted to any group."

A minimum wage in the Ford organization of \$5 a day was established by Henry Ford in 1914. His philosophy that lower price levels and higher wages are the greatest stimuli to good business is well known in industrial circles. This philosophy had one of its best-remembered expressions in 1921, sometimes called the leanest year in the automobile industry. In the face of a slackening demand for the product of the industry, the Ford company made a sharp reduction in prices and effected production economies which Mr. Ford believed to be essential to a continuance of the wage level established a short time previously.

President Hoover's Conference With Labor Leaders.

President Hoover's conference with industrial leaders on Nov. 21 was followed by a conference with labor leaders, headed by William Green, President of the American Federation of Labor. As we report in our item relative to the conference with industrial heads, the President issued a statement on Nov. 21 to indicate that no movement would be initiated either for reduced or increased wages. Those representing labor who conferred with the President were the following according to the "Herald Tribune":

William Green, President American Federation of Labor.
Frank Morrison, Secretary American Federation of Labor.
T. A. Rickert, President United Garment Workers of America, Chicago.
Matthew Wolf, Vice-President American Federation of Labor, New York.
John L. Lewis, President United Mine Workers of America, Indianapolis.
William L. Hutcheson, President United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Indianapolis.
William J. McSortey, President Building Trades Department, American Federation of Labor.
John P. Frey, Secretary Metal Trades Department, American Federation of Labor.

B. M. Jewell, President Railway Employees Department, American Federation of Labor, Chicago.

A. Johnston, President Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, Cleveland.
Timothy Shea, Assistant President Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, Cleveland.

A. F. Whitney, President Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, Cleveland.
E. P. Curtis, President Order of Railway Conductors of America, Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

The account in the "Herald Tribune" said:

It was more than an hour after the time the President usually leaves his desk that the labor conference ended. He looked tired as he passed through the passage to the White House for dinner. It was perhaps the hardest day he has had in the nearly nine months that he has held the Presidency. But the results met his expectations and he is said to have observed that a long step in the direction of maintaining normal business conditions had been taken by the representatives of labor and capital.

\$423,000,000 Public Building Plan Pressed by Secretary of Treasury Mellon on Eve of Hoover's Trade Parleys—Program Up to Congress—Treasury Proposals Calls for \$175,000,000 Above Funds Voted So Far.

According to the Washington correspondent of the New York "Times" further information furnished at the White House on Nov. 18 as to President Hoover's plans for this week's conferences with leaders of industry, railroads and other groups to devise means for a continuance of business progress was coincident with an announcement by the Treasury Department that it would contribute to the administration's stabilization program with a suggestion to Congress that existing appropriations for construction of public buildings be increased by \$175,000,000 to a total of \$423,000,000 to be expended over a 10-year period. The "Times" went on to say:

The revised program will call for the expenditure annually of \$35,000,000 outside the District of Columbia and \$15,000,000 within the District. Under the present arrangement, annual expenditures are restricted to \$25,000,000 and \$10,000,000, respectively. Thus the expansion would mean an outlay of \$15,000,000 during the remaining months of the fiscal year, or until June 30 1930, and in each succeeding fiscal year, \$15,000,000, in addition to the amount now set aside for such work.

Mellon Sees Aid to Business.

The program has the sanction of Secretary Mellon, who indicated to-day that it would aid in absorbing any unemployment which might arise, stimulate business by helping to maintain a consuming market and generally would increase confidence in the stability of the business of the country.

The point also was made that such expenditures did not represent extravagance, but in reality effected an economy, inasmuch as the Government is now spending large sums for rentals which would be eliminated when suitable buildings to house governmental activities had been erected.

Effect of Wall St. Slump on Realty—Stock Market's Tumble Should Be Weighed in Valuing Property, Declares F.K. Stevens.

The following is from the New York "Evening Post" of Nov. 16:

The careful appraiser must give due consideration to the possible effect of the Wall Street slump on real estate values, Francis K. Stevens, Vice-President of Brown, Wheelock, Harris, Vought & Co., told 250 salesmen members of the Real Estate Board of New York at a luncheon meeting in the board's headquarters on Wednesday.

Mr. Stevens, who is one of the best known appraisers of real estate in New York City, mentioned the Wall St. situation by way of illustrating his point that innumerable factors must be weighed in the determination of the value of a piece of property.

"We are going through or have just entered into what may be called a panic period," said Mr. Stevens. "Many of you have never seen a panic; many of you could never believe that values could be wiped out and fortunes lost in a day as they have been in the past few weeks. Those of us who are older have gone through many of them. We all know that after a hilarious night there is a headache in the morning, but the day after that you see things in a little brighter light."

"Real estate is probably going to be affected by the pricking of the bubble in Wall Street. How much or how little nobody can tell at the present time; but I can state with certainty that it will not be as great as stock prices indicate. The appraiser should bear this in mind when he makes appraisals a few months from now. I certainly expect to be called a 'bull' in real estate as I have been called a 'bear' in the past."

Conceding that well-built skyscrapers increase the value of land, Mr. Stevens nevertheless intimated that the prolific construction of such structural giants in a district is apt to have an adverse effect by causing traffic congestion.

"Appraisers should consider the effect of enormously tall buildings in centralized locations. I think there is a danger that if the developers continue they will kill the goose that lays the golden egg. In other words, we will crowd so many people into a district that the section will not be able properly to conduct its business. This will drive people out into other localities where they can more comfortably and more properly conduct their business."

Call Vacant Offices a Danger Signal—Building Managers Assert Their Construction Should Be for Actual Needs Only

A dispatch as to the (Associated Press) from Chicago Nov. 15 appeared in the "Times" of Nov. 16:

American office buildings are 11.5% vacant, officers of the National Association of Building Owners and Managers said to-day. A nation-wide survey figured normal vacancy at 10%.

The Association considers these figures a reflection of the growth of American business, in view of the many new office buildings put up in the last few years. Sixty-eight new buildings, with a total floor space of 13,680,262 square feet are being constructed in the 38 larger cities covered by the survey, it was reported.

"This should serve as a danger signal," the report concludes, "to capitalists, investment bankers and others who put their money in new office building construction. It should serve to warn them that every new project must be studied with meticulous care. No building should now be built unless there is another actual need for office space in the city where the building is proposed."

H. K. Ferguson of Cleveland Company at St. Louis Real Estate Convention Says Right Time to Build is in "Hard Times."

The following St. Louis despatch Nov. 20 is from the New York "Times":

"Thank God that we still have in this country people with sense enough to know that the right time to build is in hard times, when the best bargains can be obtained," Harold K. Ferguson, President of the Cleveland Company, told a convention of industrial real estate men here today.

He continued: "Costs for labor are down; railroads are reaching out to serve suburban communities with industrial sidings as never before; many splendid industrial sites can be made by proper engineering from waste and almost unconsidered properties; industrial buildings, and especially the standard type of good average practice, are better than they have been in the past, since they can be planned and built in about one-fourth the time it took formerly."

Mr. Ferguson spoke this morning before the industrial property division of the National Association of Real Estate Boards, which adjourned its annual fall meeting to-night. George C. Smith, Director of the Industrial Bureau and Chairman of the Division, was re-elected for a second term.

T. Q. Ashburn, Chairman of the Board of the Inland Waterways Corporation spoke to the delegates yesterday morning of the development of the inland waterways system. He said that the industrial prosperity of many cities located on inland waterways hinges almost directly on the completion and utilization of the water transportation routes.

"The proposed rehabilitation of waterways is not a struggle against the railways," he said. "In fact those railroads, which are natural competitors of the government barge line of the Mississippi, are lines which, as a group, show greater freight gains than any other group of railroads in the country."

Joseph P. Day Foresees Flow of Money to Realty—With Capital Looking to Sound Investments, More Homes Will Be Built, He Says.

Joseph P. Day, the real estate auctioneer, predicted in a statement issued on Nov. 19 that the Wall Street crash would result in a marked improvement in national real estate conditions. This is learned from the New York "Times," which added:

He said that the great recession in speculative prices and the reduction in call loans would release money for such investments as real estate mortgages.

"During the last year or two general building has been practically at a standstill," he said. "The only building operations not entirely halted by the recent hectic and unhealthy speculation have been those represented by \$10,000,000 office buildings and the Park Avenue type of co-operatives. Yet real estate has stood up under the strain. There has been no real estate crash. With capital looking to permanent and sound investments, the small home owner and apartment house builder will have their innings. Small and modest apartment houses have known no real development for four years.

"Do not mistake my meaning. I am not anticipating any violent boom development in real estate, but something infinitely better in the long run—a sound, conservative and healthy growth, affecting favorably every branch of the nation's life."

E. D. Belknap, Executive Vice-President of the Wall Paper Association, agreed with Mr. Day, pointing out that the years following panics or business depressions have always been banner ones for the building and allied industries.

Predicts \$2,000,000,000 of New Buildings—President of S. W. Straus & Co. Looks for Country-Wide Boom in Next Six Months.

A building program approximating \$2,000,000,000 during the next six months in the United States was predicted on Nov. 20 by Nicholas Roberts, President of S. W. Straus & Co., according to the New York "Times," which reports him as saying:

This program is exclusive of major engineering projects. It does not include street and highway construction, bridges, highways and similar projects. It pertains only to private and public buildings for which building permits must be secured.

Official reports made to S. W. Straus & Co. of building permits issued from the 600 principal cities and towns of the country where the bulk of building exists show that operations for the six months' period from Dec. 1 to May 31 has not greatly varied during the past four years.

During the latter months of this year there has been a rather pronounced slowing down in activities and it is quite possible that for a few months more this downward movement will continue. There are, however, three major factors which before a great while should materially change conditions for the better. These are:

The period of easy money into which we have now definitely entered. The vigorous efforts undertaken by President Hoover and the united business interests of the country to stimulate activities along every possible line.

The increased demand which has been created in most types of buildings through the slackened activities of recent months.

We believe, therefore, that the ensuing six months' period beginning Dec. 1 should, on a conservative estimate, offer nearly as much potential public and private building as we have had during the similar period of the year just ending when the volume was only slightly less than \$2,000,000,000.

Mayor Walker of New York Acts to Speed Public Works Entailing Expenditure of Billion Dollars—Four Year Program Providing Work For Thousands.

On Nov. 19 Mayor Walker of New York ordered his department heads, whom he called into conference, to press not only with efficiency, but also with expedition, the great public works on which New York City contemplates an expenditure within the next four years of more than \$1,000,000,000. We quote from the New York "Times" of Nov. 20, which said:

The Mayor disavowed any intention to pose as an economic or financial expert, but he reminded his cabinet chiefs that by the diligent prosecution of these vast enterprises toward completion they would be affording, in the event of need, profitable employment to hundreds of thousands of men.

Mayor Walker urged upon his associates the importance of immediate action in that connection.

"I don't propose to have this work done by blueprints," he declared with emphasis. "Blueprints are not enough. I will look at a blueprint once, and then I want to see action."

The Mayor announced that hereafter he would expect from his department commissioners monthly reports on the progress of all these undertakings, and, he added, glancing about the room significantly and speaking in serious tones:

"There must be no alibis, no putting off from day to day; there must be no procrastination. If any man cannot keep the pace he must fall out of line; he cannot stay."

100 Department Heads Hears Him.

Mr. Walker's "conference" with his official family was held behind closed doors in the reception room of the Mayor's suite in the City Hall. There were present more than 100 department heads, deputy commissioners and bureau chiefs. The Police Department was represented by Commissioner Whalen and all his deputy commissioners. The Board of Transportation, upon which rests the major burden of the subway and traffic tunnel building, was represented by Chairman John H. Delaney and both of his associated commissioners.

At the outset of his address the Mayor emphasized the heavy obligation imposed upon his administration by the recent unprecedented pluralities by which the people of the city had indicated their approval of the record of the last four years and their confidence in the future. He declared that he intended to give the next four years of his life toward bringing to the City of New York a supremacy greater even than the leadership it now enjoys. And he demanded that those who expect to go along with him should do no less.

After the Mayor had dismissed his aides, who greeted his words with applause that might have been heard on the City Hall plaza, he told reporters the substance of what he had said to them.

Envision's City's Supremacy.

"I talked with them," said the Mayor, "reiterating again the heavy obligation imposed upon this administration by the unprecedented pluralities of the recent election, indicating the great confidence the people have in us. I told them I did not care what was said about the reputation I personally have had fastened upon me as a 'playboy.' Regardless of that, I told them, I am prepared to devote the next four years of my life to the task of building up this city to a greater supremacy even than that which it now enjoys.

"I reiterated that I should demand courtesy at the hands of every city employee toward every man, woman and child with whom they come in contact. I have put myself on more than one sickbed in my effort to do that, and if I could do it, I have every right to demand that all others do it. The day is past when a person who speaks broken English or who talks with a dialect can be humiliated or insulted with impunity by any public official of this city, high or low.

"I spoke also of the fear, now in the minds of some persons of this city, that the present shrinkage of values in the securities markets may portend a period of business depression and increased unemployment. With that directly, of course, we have nothing to do. But I reminded them that we now have a program of great public improvements that will entail during the next four years an expenditure of more than \$1,000,000,000.

Demands All Possible Speed.

"That, of course, is work that must be done as well as human ingenuity and experience can do it and according to the highest standards, but I stressed the point also that it must be done with the greatest possible speed. If New York does that, I told them, with the great projects upon which we have now embarked, such as our new subways, our tri-borough bridge and mid-town traffic tunnels across Manhattan and into Brooklyn and Queens, the city will be furnishing profitable work for hundreds of thousands of men."

Referring pointedly then to some of the campaign criticism concerning "blueprint improvements," Mr. Walker continued:

"I warned them that I do not intend to have this work done by mere blueprints. Blueprints are not enough. I will look at a blueprint once, and then I want to see action. I told my commissioners that I shall expect from them monthly reports of the progress of these undertakings, so that I can keep in touch with them. I told them there must be no alibis, no putting off from day to day; there must be no procrastination.

"I reminded my associates that, while the political campaign is now over, there still rankles in the minds of some persons those reckless, unfounded charges of alleged graft or dishonesty. No man, I told them, has sufficient influence of any kind—political or otherwise—to hold a place in the city service under me unless he so conducts himself as to be above suspicion. It is not enough to say that these charges were not proved. Any doubt that may linger in the minds even of a few must be removed by the practice of scrupulous honesty in every position of the city service.

"I am going to work for this city, and I told them that I expect every man and woman, down to the poorest paid employee, to do the same. The man who cannot keep the pace has got to fall out of line; he can't stay.

"I am going to have frequent conferences with the heads of departments during the next four years. I shall ask them freely and frankly to criticize the Mayor or to make suggestions which they think might make him a better and more efficient public servant. And I shall exercise the same privilege toward them, not humiliating them publicly, but privately calling them to account if occasion warrants. I want no 'yes men' in my cabinet. I want men with convictions and with strength of character enough to state their convictions.

"And all this, I said, I am asking in the hope and determination to justify the confidence of the people of New York that at the expiration of four years from to-day they will find this a far greater and better city than it is to-day."

Mr. Walker was asked whether the session was in reality "a conference" in the sense that others than himself took part in it.

"No," he replied crisply. "I did all the talking."

The Mayor also made it clear that nothing he had said had been prompted by a spirit of dissatisfaction or fault finding with any of the present members of his official family.

Bridge, Tunnels and Subway to be Speeded by New York City.

The city's \$1,000,000,000 public works program, which Mayor Walker demanded should be pressed, includes, says the "Times," the following:

- Tri-borough bridge, to cost \$35,000,000; work recently begun.
- Midtown vehicular tunnel, to cost \$103,000,000; city is pledged to the project and plans are being drawn.
- Narrows vehicular tunnel, to cost about \$75,000,000; city pledges to the project and plans are being drawn.
- Completion of work on the first half of city's independent subway system; about \$200,000,000 of the work still to be done.
- Pushing of second half of the new subway system, at an estimated cost of \$500,000,000; tentative routes are now awaiting hearings before the Board of Transportation.
- School construction work for which within the next four years \$200,000,000 is scheduled to be expended.

New England Approves President Hoover's Program for Stabilization of Business.

At the first day's sessions on Nov. 21 of the fifth New England Conference a statement was read from the New England Council approving the action of President Hoover in calling conferences to promote progress and assure prosperity. A dispatch from Boston Nov. 21 to the New York "Times," from which we quote, contained the following further advices:

Governor Allen announced that Massachusetts was not only solidly behind the President, but had actually started large construction projects to overcome any tendency toward retrenchment, and will next year undertake the greatest building program ever sponsored by the Commonwealth.

The question of railroad unification was treated by two speakers during the day, with Percy R. Todd, President of the Bangor & Aroostook R.R., declaring "I am at liberty to say that something of the kind probably will occur in the future."

The various plans for consolidation were explained by George L. Crooker, temporary Chairman of the New England Governors' railroad committee.

In his address, Professor Edwin F. Gay, of Harvard University, said: "Speaking as an economist, I look with deep interest and profound sympathy upon the very great undertaking which President Hoover, a great social engineer, is engaged in. Never, so far as I know, in the history of the world, has a national effort been undertaken to stabilize these swings of business that we call the business cycle.

"This great social experiment cannot be done without the help of every business man, of every citizen."

Business Sound, Ohio Financiers, Merchants Find—Pledge of Reduced Income Tax Cited as Government Assurance of Stability.

Ohio business men, bankers, manufacturers and merchants gave notice on Nov. 20 to the world that they have not been dismayed by the collapse of the prices in stock markets in New York, said a dispatch that date to the New York "Herald-Tribune" from Columbus. From the same source we quote the following further advices:

The entire tone of the first Ohio Management Conference here was one of optimism.

It was conceded that perhaps the markets on luxuries may suffer for a few months during the period of readjustment, but that all fundamentals are sound.

Cities Tax Cut Promise.

John G. Lonsdale, of St. Louis, President of the American Bankers' Association, said that the soundness of fundamental conditions no longer can be doubted. He said:

In addition to all the other assurances that have been given, the Administration added further stability to the situation by its pledge of a reduction in income taxes.

Perhaps the ultimate effect of the flurry will be a more cautious attitude on the part of business men and individuals, but it would seem, judging from basic economic factors, that business will continue to give a good account of itself.

The banking situation is good, with credit ample for all needs and money more plentiful than for some time. Further ease has been added to credit

by the recent lowering of the New York rediscount rate. Cheaper money will be available for business advancement. Students of the recent trends of events are now inclined to give considerably more credit to the Federal Reserve Board for its splendid handling of situation than they gave at first. The Federal Reserve System and the Board have gone a long way toward keeping things on an even keel.

Norvell Optimistic.

Saunders Norvell, President of the Remington Arms Co. and the Remington Typewriter Co., said the larger centers felt the brunt of the stock collapse shock. He added:

Our sales are ahead of last year in all departments. Reports from our salesmen all over the United States and from customers, except in a few districts, indicate business will be good for the rest of this year, and they see no serious reaction on account of the Wall Street situation.

Inventories are low, collections are good, and with the exception of high prices and luxuries, bought mainly in large cities, no serious reaction in business is expected. Money is plentiful, the corporations of the country are in good cash position and it is our belief the bad effects on general trade will be short-lived.

Merchants, however, should make it a point to buy goods they need and keep up their stocks. The first duty of a merchant is to have the goods when they are called for by his customers.

James D. Tew, Akron, of the B. F. Goodrich Co. said: The deflating of prices in the securities market undoubtedly will have some effect upon the country's prosperity for a few months to come, but business conditions are sound.

William T. Grant Jr., Chairman of the W. T. Grant Co., New York, said: The securities panic is ridiculous. Fools rushed in with their money and now they are rushing out. It looks to me as if business has taken a very good dose of physic.

There isn't any doubt that there will be a temporary setback along luxury lines, because people are just plain scared. Within a year or less conditions will be better than ever. It looks to me as if there is a good chance of a business boom.

Governor Myers Y. Cooper welcomed the conference. He pledged the Ohio State Government to make needed public improvements. Ohio has a \$5,000,000 office building program.

Camden (N. J.) Chamber of Commerce Backs Hoover Program—President of Chamber Outlines \$15,000,000 Projects.

Associated Press advices from Camden, N. J., Nov. 20, are taken as follows from the New York "Times":

Camden's \$15,000,000 city, county and United States Government program will furnish employment to upward of 60,000 men from six months to three years, Francis X. B. Wallen, President of the Camden Chamber of Commerce, has told President Hoover in a telegram.

Mr. Wallen mentions a proposal to tunnel the Delaware River, construction of a new passenger railway station and other improvements and a \$6,000,000 combination City Hall, Court House and bus terminal and park and port developments.

"The Chamber of Commerce of Camden heartily endorses and congratulates your construction program," Mr. Wallen wired the President.

Railroads Place Millions in Orders—C. B. & Q. Lets Contracts for \$11,106,000 in Program Calling for \$32,600,000—\$5,000,000 by the C. & N.—Santa Fe Puts \$18,000,000 in New Equipment—New York Central Projects Total \$75,000,000.

It was stated in a Chicago dispatch Nov. 20 to the New York "Times" that definite information of how the railroads will expend the expected \$1,000,000,000 for expansion and equipment in 1930 is expected to be learned at a meeting of railway officials in Chicago Friday, (Nov. 22) when twenty-five or more presidents of Class 1 roads will attend the annual dinner of the Railway Business Association. Included are most of those who conferred on Tuesday with President Hoover. The dispatch went on to say:

Inquiry to-day disclosed that the Chicago, Burlington & Quincy has let contracts for \$8,500,000 of freight and passenger cars and locomotives, and for \$2,000,000 of new rails. Altogether the Burlington plans call for an expenditure of \$32,600,000.

President Fred W. Sargent of the Chicago & North Western announced to-day that a contract for 68,000 tons of steel rails to cost \$5,000,000 had just been let for delivery early in 1930. The North Western is spending from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 for equipment, including cars and locomotives.

The Santa Fe, according to President W. B. Storey, has placed orders for \$18,000,000 of new equipment and is awaiting official permission to start construction on 380 miles of new lines in Colorado, Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

Of the Pennsylvania's program, to cost \$100,000,000, \$20,000,000 to \$25,000,000 will go for electrifying its road between Washington and New York.

The New York Central plans to spend \$75,000,000 on roadbed improvement, new signal system, the elimination of grade crossings and other activities. A few days ago it placed an order for \$9,000,000 of steel rails. It placed an order in September for locomotives that will cost \$5,000,000. For its four-track system between Beacon and Garrison, N. Y. this road will spend \$8,000,000. Another project involves \$11,000,000 to \$20,000,000 in Syracuse, N. Y., and may be under construction in 1930.

Canada Pushes Rail Plans—1930 Budget For Equipment and Branch Lines is \$30,000,000.

Confidence in the essential soundness of business conditions in Canada is expressed in the policy, adopted by the Canadian National Railways, of going forward for next year with the purchase of equipment for Canadian lines to an extent only very slightly under the purchases and construction carried out during the year 1929. We quote from a Montreal dispatch Nov. 20 to the New York "Times" which said,

The 1930 program will, in addition, include a continuation on a substantial scale of branch-line construction in Western Canada.

Sir Henry Thornton and the board of directors of the Canadian National this week approved the budget of the railways for 1930.

For the past few years, the work of re-equipment of the Canadian National Railways has been proceeding steadily, and this will continue throughout

1930. It was indicated in official circles that \$20,000,000 will be expended during the next twelve months on new equipment for Canadian lines, this taking care of passenger and freight-car equipment and locomotives. The branch line program authorized by Parliament in 1929 will require about \$10,000,000.

Work will be commenced on the Montreal terminal plan, and this will be continued not only through 1930, but for a period of probably five years, until completion. Other work at Montreal will include new construction at the Point St. Charles shops, and at the Montreal stock yards. At Hamilton, Ont. the building of a new station, and other terminal facilities will be rushed forward, tenders for this work now being complete.

Building construction of a major character will go on in connection with the Canadian National hotels system.

F. I. Kent Before American Acceptance Council Says Study of Brokers' Loans Should be Undertaken to Develop A Guiding Intelligence and Not "Disruptive Uncertainty"—Senate Coalition on Tariff Held as one of Causes of Stock Market Crash.

The huge increase in brokers' loans, from \$1,350,000,000 in 1924 to \$6,801,000,000 on Oct. 2 1929 was referred to by Fred I. Kent, director of the Bankers' Trust Co. of New York, in addressing the annual dinner, at the Hotel Roosevelt, on Nov. 11, of the American Acceptance Council. Mr. Kent noted "that there are three great forces which deal with credit that are directly concerned with this problem"—the Federal Reserve System, the loaning banks, and the Stock Exchange authorities. The recommendations of the American Bankers' Association "that these three groups co-operate in making a research and study of all the conditions surrounding the brokers' loan development" was alluded to by Mr. Kent, who held that "the interests of all three branches of the investigating group demand that the brokers' loan figure should carry within it a guiding intelligence and not a spectacular disruptive uncertainty."

Mr. Kent voiced his objection to the tax on capital gains, declaring that "there is not the slightest doubt but that the Federal tax on capital gain has had a great influence in preventing the stock market from adjusting itself in a more orderly manner." "This tax, which is of doubtful propriety in time of war, is," he said, "unethical and unsound in time of peace." "With normal investment readjustments," said Mr. Kent, "which are only possible with freedom from capital gain taxes and the development of some means to better control new capital issues . . . great market safety would seem possible." "It is conceivable," he went on to say, "that a committee made up of representatives of the Clearing House, and the Stock Exchange, might be given some character of authority to maintain the issuance of new securities within reasonable bounds based on current conditions." Mr. Kent cited figures, which he said "would seem to show positively that new security issues were put out in 1929 faster than the National income could possibly absorb them, and that they played a very real part in creating the calamity on the Stock Exchange." Mr. Kent recommended the following suggestions for consideration in developing a better protection for the public in connection with Stock Exchange operations:

Legislation removing the Federal tax on capital gain and that in New York State and any other States where such a tax may be in force.

Take the tariff out of politics in so far as is humanly possible. Practically this would not be difficult of accomplishment. Politically it undoubtedly will be.

Create a joint committee of the New York Clearing House and Stock Exchange whose duty it shall be to develop a basis of value upon which margins for stocks should be figured from time to time on the principle of net earning percentage to price which would represent interest return and having due regard to current and near future money values and in the case of new issues on clearly defined prospects.

Require changes in methods of bookkeeping of all houses which buy securities for distribution in such manner as to enable them to report to the Stock Exchange and enable the banks to report to the Federal Reserve System total loans that represent funds obtained for the purpose of carrying securities for distribution.

Create a joint committee of the New York Clearing House and Stock Exchange, the lenders and the borrowers, to pass upon the listing of contemplated new security issues on the basis of the figures showing the progress of total loans obtained for the purpose of carrying securities for distribution, together with the general conditions which prevail in the money market.

An exhaustive research carried on under the auspices of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York with the co-operation of the New York Clearing House and the Stock Exchange of our money market having in mind all the questions involved that have a bearing upon the sources of supply, both domestic and foreign, the methods of use, the market for bankers' acceptances, and the requirements of agriculture and industry, to be followed by recommendations for such changes in procedure, if any, as may be found to be necessary for the public good.

The American Bankers' Association, after careful study, saw clearly the menace that lay within a tax upon capital gain and recommended its abolishment in 1928.

In presenting the above recommendations he said:

The suggested changes in procedure are not presented with the recommendations that they be accepted now but are offered for the purpose of showing that there may be ways and means which can be made effective to better protect financial operations having to do with the purchase and sale of securities in our great market.

It is fully realized that the research that is recommended, if carried out, may clearly show that entirely different methods of procedure might accomplish better results. There would seem to be no question whatsoever but that without research the best means to move forward constructively in the maintenance of great broad markets for securities cannot be determined.

Those who know nothing about money or credit or the real purposes of the Stock Exchange with the best of intent are developing all sorts of plans for the so-called control of speculation, but intent does not make a plan workable and neither does blissful ignorance. There may be those who would break prosperity with the hope that a discontented people would add to their political power, and they would, of course, bind to destroy. But this nation would not seem to furnish a proper background for such efforts.

The United States of America is a great country with a wonderful record of human efficiency. It contains within it forces for evil but greater forces for good. A great underlying purpose has seemed to follow its development from revolutionary days to the present, aimed to broaden the lives of all the people through increasing their conveniences of living and their power to obtain them. At the same time, it has shown a marvelous unselfishness when catastrophe or affliction has reduced groups of people at home or abroad to hardship and suffering. The envious and the would-be destroyer of our progress see, or pretend to see, our economic efforts and success as a worship of Mammon. We still have great wrongs to right in politics, business, and in our national life as a whole. But there has been tremendous progress in the great business world toward better understanding of the necessity and the desirability for the protection of all people. This progress has been based upon knowledge that was only obtainable as a better stabilization of business pursuits has developed.

At the meeting of the International Chamber of Commerce in Rome in 1923 governments were advised to utilize the experience and knowledge of business men for the reconstruction of war-torn Europe. This advice has been followed, and as a result, through developments in which American business men have played a tremendous part, there has been successful accomplishment far beyond the hope of the world.

Those who would sell America short do not know their country, and they would sell to lose. But those who recognize it as it is with its human faults but with its great underlying purpose in striving for the betterment of all men without regard to their citizenship, in material ways to enable greater comfort and convenience in living, and in those ways which lead toward a greater understanding of high principle will win success as they give their confidence.

This is your country and my country. Our love of country is not based upon that abstract fact but upon the realization that it is the result of our combined efforts to meet our responsibilities as we see them. Our duties are first to our country, because without the recognition of such duties we could accomplish nothing for humanity or for any other country. The influence of man can only spread as it goes out from his family, his community, his States, and his country. There is no effective jumping across these duties to an internationalism that would serve a mystic outside world at the expense of our own people. It is not conceivable that America can fail while its purpose is that which has been so clearly marked in the growth among men in business of the knowledge that their business effort must have as its background the public good.

When a situation has developed that seemingly carries a menace or great uncertainties because of lack of understanding it suddenly becomes a football of politics. Then instead of there being intelligent procedure toward understanding, guiding, and correcting, there is an effort to tear down the good names of men of high intent because their success has had an important bearing upon the development. Consideration as to whether such success may not have been of tremendous value to the people is entirely overlooked.

Such a situation has occurred time and again during our history, and often enough so that if we are endowed with the intelligence which we would like to believe we should now be able to move forward with less friction. The exercise of reason instead of passion would result in the recognition of the good in each new phase of our national life and successfully control such elements as might be of public harm.

One such development that is somewhat similar in character to a present situation which now takes such an important place in the public eye was that having to do with the insurance business. The growth of life insurance in the United States was so rapid, and the accumulation of funds in the hands of a comparatively few men was so great, that the mere investing of the money could not help but carry to those making the investments a constantly widening power of control of many important national enterprises. It is doubtful if any men connected with the insurance business foresaw or even realized in its later stages what was going to happen. Criticism of certain kinds which developed therefore was unfortunate and would have been unnecessary to the correction of the situation if the problem had been seen as it was growing and could have been corrected on a basis of intelligent consideration without calumny.

Brokers' Loans.

During the last few years another huge accumulation of funds has occurred which has been so rapid and incomprehensible in certain ways that it has caused great concern. Further, as is always the case, legislators with the best interests of their country in mind, and demagogues who endeavor to utilize such developments to increase their own power, have been watching the matter, together with the business interests of the country. This great new development is the increase in so-called brokers' loans from \$1,350,000,000 in 1924 to \$6,801,000,000 Oct. 2 1929, together with a constantly increasing proportion of lenders being outside of the banks. The important question is whether this total, which no one can deny, is a huge sum, carries within it anything that is against the public interest. The figures covering the total of brokers' loans are flaunted in the face of the public every week and yet no one knows what they mean.

The total is large, but it may not be at all out of line when measured by the totals of other activities in the United States, which have grown during the same period tremendously. We may think it is harmful, but we do not know.

Again, the use of these funds may be such that they further the proper expansion of the business of the United States, but we do not know.

Methods under which brokers' loans are obtained and carried on may be the best that can be devised, but we do not know.

It is entirely possible that the utilization of such a tremendous amount of credit in brokers' loans may not be taking from industry funds which it requires for its expansion. We may think so, but we do not know.

There is one fact, however, that is patent to all, namely, that the weekly announcement of this total, together with the wide and rapid fluctuations in the money rate for such loans have caused great uneasiness on the part of business men and has carried into our financial structure an element of great uncertainty. Many who know nothing whatsoever of the movements of credit or of the principles under which sound financial transactions can be carried on are trying to jump into the limelight with corrective schemes. This is natural evolution.

The complexities of the subject are such that those who are engaged in the business of dealing in credit have hesitated to move during the development for fear that more harm than good might be done. It is very simple for one who is entirely ignorant of a subject to devise idealistic remedies, as the facts of the situation do not trouble him.

When it comes to the question, however, of weighing the good effects against the bad effects of any new method of business procedure it is at times very difficult to determine with certainty beforehand where the preponderance lies, at least until after a most careful research has been conducted which discloses every important element that lies within the situation. Credit being the most volatile element in the construction and distribution of the world's goods upon which the people depend first for their livelihood and then for their conveniences and enjoyment, experimenting with it is certain to result in hardship to the public. Credit when frightened runs to cover and industry cannot proceed without it. Credit is subject to him who has it, and in the United States to-day a large proportion of the public is dealing in credit. Unfortunate legislation would drive it from our markets. Unwise investigations might easily do so. Legislative investigations are almost certain to work against the public interest, for they mean immunity without economic responsibility, but with political bias as the investigator and responsibility without immunity for the investigated.

This clearly means that the problem entailed in brokers' loans is one that should be worked out by those who understand the meaning of the use of credit and who are familiar with its every action through large experience with it.

There are three great forces in this country which deal with credit that are directly concerned with this particular problem. These forces are the Federal Reserve System, the loaning banks, and the Stock Exchange authorities. Altogether they are affected by every phase of the brokers' loan development.

The Federal Reserve System represents the public, bankers, the lenders, and the Stock Exchange the borrowers. Acting together they would carry a competitive force that should prevent prejudicial results.

The American Bankers' Association, therefore, at the meeting of its Executive Council, April 17 1929, and again at the Convention held in San Francisco on Oct. 3 1929, recommended that these three groups cooperate in making a research and study of all the conditions surrounding the brokers' loan development. This naturally can only be done effectively in connection with a general study of the money market, including the question of bankers' acceptances. Such an investigation can be carried on without disturbing business in any particular and with certainty that undistorted facts can be ascertained. It should then be possible to weigh the whole matter with intelligence and make such changes in procedure, if any, as are found desirable for the protection of the public.

The interests of all three branches of the investigating group demand that the brokers' loan figure should carry within it a guiding intelligence and not a spectacular disruptive uncertainty.

Viewing conditions impartially in view of our laws as they exist to-day, it is seemingly entirely within the power of the three members of this research group to change any methods of procedure that may be found to be necessary or desirable without resort to further legislation of any kind. Men must pass upon matters of this character. It is difficult when the facts are known, but it is normally impossible to successfully meet emergencies which have never arisen, and the growth of our nation is at times overwhelming.

The Federal Reserve System, the banks, and the Stock Exchange should therefore be left free to meet their problems as they arise. Without elasticity the Federal Reserve System would of necessity lose the value of the knowledge of current developments without which no body of men, however wise, can successfully determine such procedure as should be for the best interests of the people. With an investigation being carried on in the manner suggested by the American bankers there would seem no doubt whatever but that those in our national legislative bodies, who are only interested in the subject from the standpoint of the good of the people, will be satisfied to allow the study to proceed without interference and await its results.

Federal Tax on Capital Gain.

Aside from any question of values, there is not the slightest doubt but that the Federal tax on capital gain has had a great influence in preventing the stock market from adjusting itself in a more orderly manner. This tax, which is of doubtful propriety in time of war, is unethical and unsound in time of peace, and insofar as it can reach has a distinct tendency to prevent individuals from adjusting and readjusting their investment holdings from time to time on a sound basis as they otherwise would do.

The mere transfer of property does not create wealth, and while a nominal transfer tax might be justified, yet a tax on the capital gain involved is wrong in principle and harmful in execution. In its effect upon the stock market it has resulted in individuals holding securities when the market price reached a point where they preferred to sell and readjust their holdings, which has had a tendency to decrease the number of shares on the market of those stocks which were rising rapidly so that every attempt to buy affected the price more than it should. Again, it has undoubtedly acted to weaken the general safety position that every holder of securities should maintain.

On large incomes the total Federal and State tax for anyone living in New York would be 28%. In a rising stock market any man would hesitate to sell a security knowing that he would have to pay 28% of his profit out in cash the following year, and even those whose incomes require a smaller percentage of tax have shown greater and greater reluctance to sell as their paper profits have increased and sales would mean greater taxes. A situation, therefore, developed that deprived the market of sales that otherwise would have been made and that would have had a tendency to prevent too rapid a rise.

To be sure, the Federal government has received large sums in taxes based on capital gain, as is also true with the State of New York, but this is another very real reason why there should be no such tax. It is absurd for the Government of the United States to be subject to the rise

and fall in the stock market for its income, and this is equally true for the State of New York. Even in England, where taxation is so high, there is no capital gain tax, as it is fully recognized that such a tax is unsound. Again, because of the maintenance of the income tax with such high super taxes many business men who have sufficient income to take care of their needs of the moment are inclined to buy securities which carry little or no return if they believe that over a period of time they can reasonably expect an important appreciation. This, again, has a tendency to carry the prices of many securities far ahead of present earning value. The holding of stock to avoid exorbitant income taxes, together with the purchase of stock for long-time appreciation without immediate income all has a tendency to reduce the number of shares in the market which in connection with sound current business and a good business outlook forces buyers to pay higher prices. There seems to be no angle at which this matter can be considered that is not unsound and really against the interest of the people.

The rapid growth of investment trusts has temporarily had a somewhat similar effect insofar as reducing the number of shares in the market is concerned. This growth has been another new development that has moved with exceeding rapidity and that is not yet stabilized, so to speak.

Rapid Issuance of Investment Trust Securities.

There would seem no doubt but that investment trust securities have been issued more rapidly in 1929 than the saving power of the general public could absorb, but investment bankers have had no means of scientifically measuring the situation because the brokers' loan total is as much of an unknown quantity to them in its composition as it is to everyone else.

Great corporations like the Allied Chemical & Dye Co., the United States Steel Corp., the General Electric Co., &c., carry expensive research departments which are constantly seeking for better ways of accomplishing the same thing or ways to do better things. Business organizations have no such laboratory service attached to their operations. To be sure, they have statistical departments, but each such department is a specialist in some few things of particular importance to the individual company whereas the general operations of business affect them all.

It would seem as though there should be established in downtown New York a research laboratory where the study of financial operations could be given the same kind of intensive scrutiny and analytical thought by those trained in such matters who were themselves apart from the operations but who had access to them as is done by great industries in their business. If this were accomplished, operations such as those which surround brokers' loans would have consideration from the standpoint of the public good without political bias and the public good is always of benefit to sound business.

The stock market itself is a wonderful organization. It is almost impossible to conceive of a machine geared to handle from three million to four million shares a day suddenly confronted with the necessity of taking care of over sixteen million shares and being able to do it without upset, and yet that is exactly what was accomplished in the Stock Exchange Tuesday, Oct. 29.

Again, it is difficult to conceive of a financial establishment with listed securities far in excess of one hundred billion dollars in value, all of which might be presented for sale at any moment, functioning with the certainty that is true of the New York Stock Exchange. It evidences the tremendous supporting force that must constantly be back of the market if the great security-owning public is to be protected, and, further, what is equally important, the great elasticity that is essential from the standpoint of credits that are available to the market based on fluctuating prices. The great general public is protected by this situation to a greater extent than it dreams of. But when millions of individuals all over the world change their psychology and determine to sell their securities at the same time, no group of men can command sufficient wealth to meet such a strain at prices that are not sufficiently low to attract to their aid great outside investment buying.

On this account the banking interests which desired to protect the market from a possible collapse realized that it would be futile for them to attempt to do more than try and maintain an orderly market until prices reached a level that carried sufficiently great investment opportunities on the basis of current business rather than probable future business to attract to their aid outside investors.

It must be borne in mind that no one can sell stocks unless someone else buys them. Further, that men will not buy except at their own volition either with the hope of profit or, as has just happened, for the general good. Equilibrium must be maintained, and in order to do so there must be the greatest possible freedom from unwise legislation. Men who have not dealt constantly for years in credit are positively incompetent to understand its volatility and the speed of the diverse directions in which it will flow. Men whose duties to the public are covered in providing legislation to meet changing needs must therefore of necessity depend upon those engaged in dealing in credit for information as to what is for the public interest.

Credit operations have two sides, the borrower and the lender. Consequently intelligent business considerations of the problems involved must be based upon unprejudiced consideration of the greatest good for all.

Markets for securities are primarily based on current business plus business prospects. When the earning power of industry is growing and all conditions point to a continued growth for a considerable period of time, prices of securities normally rise above current earnings in anticipation of greater future earnings. On the other hand, when business seems to be falling off and future conditions appear unfavorable, security prices are apt to go below values that would seem to be normal based on current earnings. This being true, corporations naturally endeavor to obtain funds through the issuance of stock when the prospects for business are good, and this coincides with the periods when industry needs the funds, for business expansion would be absurd in the face of conditions which portended a declining buying power. The issuance of corporate securities therefore on a rising stock market represents sound and ordinary procedure from the standpoint of industry. The distribution of securities at such times is much simpler, and the people who buy securities so issued of sound, well managed institutions place themselves in position to obtain a portion of the profits of rising industry and at the same time by taking part in such operations they enable the greater expansion of industry which, when soundly carried out, works to their direct or indirect advantage and for the public good. When this process is carried too far, however, it can develop a menace represented in prices of securities that are too high, together with total stock issues outstanding but undistributed, that in cases of concerted selling make marketing difficult. Investment bankers, therefore, should be in possession of better information as to the manner in which the market as a whole is absorbing new security issues.

Committee of Clearing House and Stock Exchange to Study Issuance of New Securities.

With normal investment readjustments, which are only possible with freedom from capital gain taxes and the development of some means to better control new capital issues for the good of all concerned, great market safety would seem possible. It is conceivable that a committee made up of representatives of the Clearing House and the Stock Exchange might be given some character of authority to maintain the issuance of new securities within reasonable bounds based on current conditions. With the power of the Stock Exchange to pass upon applications for listing securities this would seem feasible, and bankers should certainly have a position in the matter as those who purchase securities for distribution look to them for their funds either directly or indirectly.

Before we attempt to further measure this situation, it might be well to take a brief glance at business conditions in the United States, say since 1924.

Banking figures compiled by the Commerce and Marine Commission of the American Bankers' Association and production and income figures compiled by the National Industrial Conference Board, Inc., have been used.

The value of the production of minerals in 1924 was \$5,306,000,000. This value has been exceeded every year since, but has remained fairly steady, as it was \$5,400,000,000 in 1925. The animal products of agriculture in 1924 were \$5,084,000,000. They were close to \$6,000,000,000 in 1925, 1926 and 1927, and were \$6,155,000,000 in 1928.

Crop values in 1924 were \$10,513,000,000. They were just under \$10,000,000,000 in 1925, were \$9,262,000,000 in 1926, \$10,071,000,000 in 1927, and \$9,727,000,000 in 1928.

The value of manufactures in 1924 was \$57,397,000,000, and it increased in 1925 to \$62,668,000,000. In 1926 it was \$63,962,000,000, \$62,610,000,000 in 1927, and in 1928 was \$62,395,000,000.

The total value of this gross production in 1924 was \$78,300,000,000, and in 1928 was \$83,677,000,000.

Railway operating revenues, Class I, for 1924 were \$5,921,000,000, and in 1928 were \$6,112,000,000.

Net national income has been estimated by some statisticians as being about \$90,000,000,000 for the last few years, but a careful study of this subject, made by the National Industrial Conference Board, resulted in figures showing that the national income in 1924 was \$70,768,000,000, in 1925 \$77,313,000,000, in 1926 \$78,649,000,000, and in 1927 \$76,386,000,000. The figure for 1928 could only be estimated, based upon matter in hand at the moment, but it is expected that it will be about \$76,000,000,000. This figure has been fairly steady, but its buying power has increased as commodity prices have decreased.

The utilization of this tremendous sum by the American people is of interest. We will eliminate the ins and outs of foreign funds in our analysis.

New capital flotations in 1924, including domestic and foreign, were \$5,593,179,000. They increased every year to 1928, when the total was \$8,050,315,000. But in the first nine months of 1929 the total was \$8,419,224,000. Of this tremendous increase in 1929, \$2,000,000,000 represented investment trust securities. The total of new issues for the five years previous to 1929 was \$33,984,014,000.

Total savings deposits, June 30 1924, were \$21,188,734,000. June 30 1928 they were \$28,412,961,000, an increase of \$7,224,227,000.

Individual bank deposits, June 30 1924, were \$19,875,035,000. June 30 1928 they were \$22,786,303,000. Savings deposits therefore increased \$7,224,227,000, and individual deposits \$2,911,268,000, or a total of \$10,135,495,000, or, roughly, 2½% of the \$379,116,000,000 net national income for the five years went into increased bank deposits. Eliminating individual deposits, as loans may have accounted for their increase, we find the increase in savings deposits was 1.9% of income for the period. Brokers' loans increased during this period by \$2,452,000,000, and member bank loans against securities in the leading cities \$2,893,512,000, a total of \$5,345,512,000. Therefore, of the \$33,984,014,000 in new securities issued during the five years only \$28,638,502,000 were figuratively purchased outright from earnings, or 7.6% of National income. Savings deposits plus new securities absorbed therefore represented 9½% of National income.

The increase in brokers' loans meant, in effect, that only 7% of new security issues had not been distributed, allowing for normal replacement in brokers' loans of new securities by outstanding securities, and including bank loans against securities 15%, but not allowing for increased prices of stocks.

The picture in 1929 is quite different. Accepting the first nine months' National income of 1929 on a basis of \$78,000,000,000 a year, we have \$58,500,000,000 for the nine months. We find that individual bank deposits decreased \$410,722,000 to June 30 1929, that savings bank deposits decreased \$195,305,000 to June 30 1929, thus leading to the belief that the purchase of securities required utilization of bank balances already accumulated in 1929.

Then, added to this situation, we find that for the first nine months of 1929 new securities issued amounted to \$8,419,224,000, whereas brokers' loans increased during this same period \$1,700,000,000, or about 20% of the value of new issues.

In other words, whereas the increase in brokers' loans for the five years of 1924 to 1928, inclusive, was about 7%, of new security issues for the first nine months of 1929 it was 20%.

Accepting the proportion of 9½% of National income that was seemingly available for investment in new securities and increased savings deposits for the five-year period as fundamental, and applying it to the estimated National income of \$58,500,000,000 for the first nine months of 1929, we find that \$5,557,500 was all that could be utilized for investment purposes. The new security issues of \$8,419,224,000 were therefore \$2,811,724,000 in excess of the \$5,557,500,000 available from National income for the nine months of 1929. But during this time rights were taken up amounting to the huge sum of \$2,884,628,908, which represented in effect new stock issues. Therefore, the total of new securities issued the first nine months of 1929 was \$11,303,852,908, or 20% of National income for the period. As brokers' loans only increased \$1,700,000,000, the balance must have come from abroad and from increased bankers' loans against securities.

But this is not the whole of it. National income for October 1929, on the basis accepted, would have been \$6,500,000,000. During October new securities were issued, also omitting rights, amounting to \$739,912,000, and rights were issued to the amount of \$90,395,000, or 12.7% of National income, and savings deposits went off also. While there are many cross currents not accounted for in the development of these figures, they would seem to show positively that new security issues were put out in 1929 faster than the National income could readily absorb them, and that they played a very real part in creating the calamity on the Stock Exchange.

The great drop in the prices of securities in September, October and November and the payment of \$1,752,000,000 of outstanding brokers' loans the last two weeks has undoubtedly fully corrected this situation.

But what a marvelous exhibition of the intrinsic soundness of American securities is shown in the repayment of \$1,752,000,000 in two weeks without a default. It is an accomplishment almost beyond conception, and adds to the prestige of all concerned—bankers, brokers and our great Federal Reserve System.

It also speaks for the soundness of American industry whose securities furnished the collateral back of the loans and of the confidence of the great New York bankers in that soundness and their great faith in our country. When "others" were cashing in their loans to the amount of \$1,380,000,000 in the week of Oct. 30, and out-of-town banks were calling their loans to the amount of \$707,000,000, New York bankers increased their own commitments by \$922,000,000. Further, they stepped into the market and saved a general collapse by purchasing outright the securities of industry, thereby saving millions of our people from the Atlantic to the Pacific from needless loss that would otherwise have ensued. They have met their trust as no monetary emergency in history has ever been met before.

Margins that were demanded for advances against securities were clearly sufficient to protect the lenders, but were they great enough to protect the borrowers? If the base value of securities upon which margins are figured had been at a point slightly below attractive investment prices, measured by the interest value of current earnings against price, is it not probable that the tragedy of those who were sold out would have been avoided. To be sure, buyers of stocks themselves demand the highest base they can obtain, but is it not possible that the greater protection should be forced upon them?

The popular idea that people of small means were the principal losers in the recent markets should be dispelled. Great numbers of such buyers of securities realized their paper profits. Others still own securities purchased outright, and if they are stocks of sound corporations, they will be profitable as time goes on. Many had to be sold out, but the great losses were taken by those who had from \$100,000 to many millions in the market, and who saved nothing—or little.

There is very positive evidence that during the last few weeks the issuance of new securities has been the dominating feature of progress in brokers' loans. Take, for instance, the increase in brokers' loans which occurred on Sept. 25, of \$192,000,000. There had been real evidence of stock liquidation during this week which could have been expected to result in a decrease in brokers' loans, but this was offset through the carrying, in part, of new capital issues which came out that week that amounted to \$241,591,000.

Further liquidation developed between Sept. 25 and Oct. 9 that in itself should have resulted in a tremendous decrease in brokers' loans, and yet they only fell off in the two weeks \$48,000,000, clearly because during this same period new security issues were floated amounting to \$299,923,000, and rights were taken up which required many, many millions more.

It is inconceivable that investment bankers would have been willing to attempt to float new securities under the conditions which existed if they had been aware of them, but brokers' loans have been an enigma, and their composition has not been understood.

The weekly issuance of the total has been spectacular, as was stated by the American Bankers' Association, but it has carried with it no intrinsic knowledge of the nature of the developments that resulted in the total.

The fact that when the great liquidation of brokers' loans came about, and that in two weeks in round figures \$1,700,000,000 of such loans were paid, did not mean that this amount of loans was entirely the result of speculation, as securities which were purchased for distribution that were being carried in brokers' loans were sacrificed as to price and sold, together with other securities which were being carried.

That there was justification for a great rise in the stock market over the period is clearly seen in the study of index numbers bearing upon production.

For instance, factory production on a base that 1923-1925 equaled 100 was 94 in 1924, 117 in January 1929, and 122 in September 1929. Mineral production was 96 in 1924, 117 in January 1929, and 118 in September 1929. Freight car loadings were 98 in 1924, 92.4 in January 1929, and 123 in September 1929. Wholesale trade was 98 in 1924, 101 in January 1929, and 99 in September 1929. Farm prices were 96.6 in 1924, 95.9 in January 1929, and 101.7 in September 1929. Weekly earnings of labor were 98.9 in 1924, 105.6 in January 1929, and 105.1 in August 1929. Department store sales were 99 in 1924, 105 in January 1929, and 123 in September 1929. Electric power production was 98.1 in 1924, 164.3 in January 1929, and 159.5 in September 1929. Electric power gross revenue was 99.4 in 1924, and 162 in January 1929.

No one can deny that this showing, particularly in connection with the electric power industry, clearly warranted higher prices for securities. The electric power industry expanded enormously on a sound basis because of the new uses for power that have come from inventions such as electric refrigerators, and many similar devices that have resulted in the utilization of power in an increasing number of homes and in constantly growing amounts. Consolidations also resulted in greater economy in operations.

During this period our foreign trade has also developed soundly. Our exports in 1924 were \$4,834,000,000, in 1928 \$5,334,000,000. Our imports in 1924 were \$3,952,000,000, and in 1928 \$4,497,000,000.

By and large, therefore, there is not the slightest doubt but that increasing security prices in important percentages were sound, and that they were justified based on business conditions, although in 1929 commodity buying against paper profits has undoubtedly been superficial.

Direct Forces which Caused Stock Market Crash.

The direct and particular forces which caused the tremendous crash in prices were first capital gain taxes which prevented readjustment of investments as prices reached a point where men would otherwise have sold certain of their stocks and naturally would have invested the proceeds in bonds. This resulted in the security market going forward too fast and caused stagnation in the bond market. Second, fear engendered in the mind of the business public by the action of the coalition bloc in Congress in connection with the tariff bill. The activities of this bloc and their methods aroused a feeling of uncertainty on the part of industry, and uncertainty is the most difficult thing for business to face. There was the fear that if this bloc succeeded in rewriting the tariff bill in its own way that it might come to believe that it had the power to reduce existing tariffs. The real fear was not due so much to the questions involved in possible forward changes over the present tariff as in such changes as might reduce the present tariff in such manner as to injure industry and result in unemployment. As soon as dealers in securities who are constantly on the watch for indications as to

business changes realized that this feeling of uneasiness was spreading throughout industry they began selling stocks.

As the days went on and the power of the coalition bloc seemed to be growing, more and more selling entered into the market. While this was going on, new security issues were being offered which could not be satisfactorily distributed. The result was that the market became so top-heavy that the first adjustment selling carried values down in such proportion that a vast public which had been purchasing securities both outright and on margin began to sell all at once. Such action, together with the uneasiness caused by the coalition bloc in connection with the tariff changed the psychology of millions of potential investors who instead of being willing to buy on the prospects of growing business determined to hold off until prices had reached what might be called current business values. With a tremendous public trying to sell and the potential buying public not caring to act, it became necessary for financial and business men to step in and buy stocks which they did not want in order first to try and create an orderly market while prices were going down to the point where investment buyers would come to the support of the market on a strictly present investment basis and then to supplement such investment buying to the extent that proved to be necessary.

It is interesting, important and valuable to note what happened in connection with the great market break of Tuesday, Oct. 29. On one hand we had the business interests of the country, who in their desire to protect the people from loss and catastrophe and to enable the continuation of production on a basis necessary and valuable to every citizen be he rich or poor, went into the market and bought stocks before they had reached what might be called a current business market investing level with the certain feeling that for the moment they must meet with loss. On the other hand, what of the politicians? An announcement appeared in the paper Tuesday morning, Oct. 29, that the Governor of the State of New York had said that the next investigation would be a public utility investigation. Was there anything helpful about that in an unfortunate emergency situation? A Senator from Iowa was quoted as calling attention to the fact that the situation that was developing might result in bankruptcy of the banks. Was there anything helpful about that to the American people? Another Senator, a leader of one of the great parties, followed the break by trying to capitalize it for his party, and all kinds of investigations have been threatened.

It would seem well for the people to ponder these things. There is no doubt whatsoever but that in every great human activity there are those who may use bad judgment and, what is more unfortunate, those who may carry on in ways which are not ethical. But a situation such as that which developed in the recent panis sale of securities in the United States is one where the good of the people requires the application of sound judgment in weighing the experience and knowledge, through research, of what has happened by those competent to carry it out without prejudice, political bias, or unfortunate publicity, and not the breaking of men for the purpose of adding to political power.

Summarizing, we find that sound business growth was at the bottom of the normal rise in the price of securities, that politics as exercised in the capital gain tax prevented sales of securities which would have acted to hold the prices within bounds, that uncertainties caused by political blocs in Congress changed a forward looking national psychology into one of uncertainty, that new securities were created and issued more rapidly than the public could absorb, and that their inclusion in brokers' loans and other security loans was not intelligently understood, that certain of these forces worked to create high prices for securities and others to undermine such prices after they had been attained.

The great question of the moment is what can be done to add further safety to our security dealings while maintaining a great open market that will enable industry to expand as it should and continue the employment of labor and allow those who desire to buy and sell stock to do so on the soundest possible basis.

F. I. Kent of Bankers' Trust Co. of New York Before Senate Lobby Committee Holds Senate Coalition on Tariff Partly Responsible for Stock Market Crash.

Fred I. Kent, a director of the Bankers Trust Co. of New York, reiterated before the Senate Lobby Committee yesterday (Nov. 22) that the action of the Senate coalition on the tariff bill was partially responsible for the recent stock market disturbance. The Associate Press accounts from Washington yesterday (as given in the New York "Sun"), gave the further following report as to Mr. Kent's testimony:

He said he had been correctly quoted in a recent speech holding the Senate coalition partially responsible for the stock market decline, but he added that that was only one of the causes named.

Other Factors in Crash.

Other reasons for the fall in stock prices, the witness said, were the increased issuance of new securities during 1929, the increase in brokers' loans and an increase in the capital tax.

Senator Glass, Democrat, of Virginia, a former Secretary of the Treasury, who is not a member of the Lobby Committee, asked Mr. Kent if he omitted to say that 90% of the transactions on the Stock Exchange were as much gambling as if they were bets on the point of an arrow on a roulette wheel.

"I think speculation had quite a little to do with it," the banker replied. Mr. Kent said the "psychological effect on the people" because "the Senate did not function on the tariff bill" was a contributing factor in stock disturbances.

He testified that the deposits of his bank were between \$450,000,000 and \$550,000,000, and that its loans to brokers "were only about \$40,000,000."

Asked by Senator Walsh, Democrat, of Montana, what effect the Federal Reserve Board warning that brokers' loans should be restricted had, the witness answered:

"It had no effect on banks who were not borrowing from the Federal Reserve Banks."

"Did it have any effect on Charles E. Mitchell of the National City Banks?" Senator Walsh inquired.

"I can't speak for Mr. Mitchell."

"Did you make a speech denouncing Mr. Mitchell?" Walsh asked.

"I did not."

Defends Mitchell's Action.

"If you were a sworn officer of a Federal Reserve Bank would you regard your duty to the stock market above the Federal Reserve Bank?" queried Senator Glass.

"I would not."

The banker defended the action of Mr. Mitchell in making funds available to the stock market during a financial stringency several months ago which Mr. Mitchell has been assailed by Senator Glass.

The Virginian asked how the tariff had anything to do with "the unprecedented volume of brokers' loans."

"That was only one feature of this development," Mr. Kent replied, adding "the brokers' loans were good and were paid without a single default and no one lost a dollar."

He asserted brokers' loans are a good investment for banks.

Senator Glass said his interest in the matter was that of "preserving the integrity of the Federal Reserve System," adding that the law had been violated in New York.

"Don't you know that stock after stock was advanced away beyond the earning power of industries?" Senator Glass demanded.

"Yes," Mr. Kent replied, explaining that his bank would not accept the stock as collateral at those high values.

"Obedience to the law might have averted the present condition instead of aggravating it," Senator Glass asserted, and then inquired how a "Senate not yet assembled" could have run brokers' loans up a year ago.

"You assigned as a cause a so-called coalition in the Senate which had not met a year ago," he asserted.

The witness said the "interests of industry" were affected adversely by failure of the Senate to pass a tariff bill.

"Industry became restless when it became apparent the Senate would not pass a tariff bill," he added.

Arnold on Stand Again.

Mr. Kent was preceded on the stand by J. A. Arnold, manager of the Southern Tariff Association, who said he had been active in organizing a Western Tariff Association.

Arnold was recalled for his ninth day of questioning after Stephen H. Love of Salt Lake City, President of the United States Beet Sugar Association, had testified as to the Southern Association head's activities in the West.

The purpose of the Western group, Mr. Arnold said, was to promote a protective tariff, and he added that about \$10,000 was in the treasury when he last heard of it.

Chairman Caraway pressed Mr. Kent to name "one man" with whom he had talked in reaching his opinion that the Senate was in a measure responsible to stock breaks.

"It would be unfair to name one man because I talked with hundreds," Mr. Kent replied.

"I know the reason," Senator Caraway interrupted. "You're afraid I'll call him down here and he will leave you up in the air."

Senator Glass asked how, if stock market values were not fictitious, two billion and a half dollars in paper profits could have been wiped out recently.

"They are paper profits until they are taken," Mr. Kent replied.

"Or until you find a sucker," Senator Caraway interjected.

"The vice of this whole transaction," Senator Glass asserted, "is outside Federal Reserve Banks dumping money into Wall Street for betting purposes. Banks from all over the country were sending money into the gambling maelstrom."

"You're not simple enough to say that was not done, are you," Senator Glass asked.

"I can't say it was done," the witness said, "because I have no official information."

Senator Borah, Republican of Idaho, a committee member, then took up the questioning.

"As a matter of fact, the intention of the Senate coalition was not to touch the industrial schedules at all," he reminded the witness. "Do you know any industrial rate the coalition has attempted to reduce?"

"I have made no study of the tariff," Mr. Kent answered, "because I am not a tariff student. I have been studying the psychology of the people."

Senator Borah Gets In.

"When the Senate is working on the tariff bill," he continued, "and reaches a point where it cannot function the persons interested in the tariff become disturbed."

He had not read the tariff bill, he added, but had read of the proceedings in the newspapers.

He did not know how many schedules the Senate had passed on.

"Do you think it is fair for a man in your position to denounce the Senate when you haven't undertaken to advise yourself as to what it has done?" Senator Borah demanded.

"The details may not have anything to do with the situation as a whole," Mr. Kent replied. "Unless I am mistaken there was a time when the majority of the Senate had a bill which could have been passed if a majority of the Senate had a bill which could have been passed if a majority had had stood for it."

Senator Borah wanted to know if Mr. Kent was any relation to Joseph R. Grundy, President of the Pennsylvania Manufacturers Association.

"No," he said.

"You ought to be," Senator Caraway asserted. "You're a kindred spirit."

The witness said the people of the United States elected a President "whose views are well known."

"What are they?" Senator Glass shot back.

Mr. Kent then said he did not know President Hoover's position on the "whole bill."

Senator Caraway inquired what kind of a tariff revision the President wanted and Mr. Kent said he understood he wanted agricultural rates revised.

Rising and leaning across the table Senator Borah, a leader of the Republican independents, shot question after question at the banker.

"Are you in a position to pass judgment on the rates as acted upon by the coalition in the Senate?" asked Senator Borah.

"No, I wouldn't attempt to pass on that."

Mr. Kent reasserted the time required by the Senate and other developments led to the conclusion that the Senate couldn't function."

"Well when you consider there are 21,000 rates how did you come to the conclusion that the Senate couldn't function?"

"It can't, can it?" asked Mr. Kent. "It has adjourned, hasn't it?"

Senator Borah Wants Particulars.

Senator Borah continued that the Senate had been working on the bill only two months and asked if Mr. Kent knew of "any rates that would hurt business."

The witness answered that "business people did not know what to expect," saying he understood that "the coalition did not intend to change industrial rates."

He said the public did not believe the bill would be acted on

"They did more buying in the market than ever before in the history of the country," reminded Senator Glass. "Don't you think you should have made some research before you indicted the Senate?"

"I did."

"What you are complaining of is that the sucker list gave out before the stock market unloaded," Senator Caraway put in.

During the examination, Senator Glass of Virginia and Chairman Caraway frequently interposed observations.

"Big business ought to have a guardian," remarked Senator Caraway once.

"You are an eminent statistician," said Senator Glass. "What proportion of transactions on the Stock Exchange are gambling or speculative and what proportion are investments?"

"I think speculation is a better word than gambling," replied Mr. Kent. "Gambling is throwing dice and the like."

"Oh, yes," retorted Senator Glass, "we have had a very interesting distinction drawn like that from a bishop of my church."

The committee room laughed at the reference to Bishop Cannon of the Methodist Episcopal Church South, who campaigned against Alfred E. Smith, Democratic nominee.

Senator Borah asked for "facts and figures" showing industry was suffering from the Senate's activities.

"It is suffering from uncertainty," Mr. Kent replied. "The forward looking vision of industry was stopped and halted."

Insisting that the "uncertainty" of tariff legislation affected the public mind, Mr. Kent was asked if the "uncertainty" exists only when rates are going down and not when they are going up.

"No."

When Mr. Kent said the tariff should be taken out of politics Senator Walsh quickly asked "How?"

Mr. Kent proposed appointment of a non-partisan commission by the President to recommend tariff rates.

Asks What Has Functioned.

"Why, Mr. Kent, do you realize that is exactly what we have now?" asked Senator Walsh.

"Well, the Tariff Commission doesn't function."

"You say the Senate hasn't functioned and the Tariff Commission hasn't functioned, what has functioned?" asked Senator Caraway.

"I guess the Stock Exchange has," said Mr. Kent, with a chuckle.

"What Government department has functioned? The Department of Justice hasn't functioned. There are too many criminals out of jail," continued Senator Caraway.

"The Prohibition Bureau," suggested Senator Borah, as spectators roared.

"The Prohibition Bureau hasn't functioned. You get your liquor, don't you?" asked Senator Caraway.

Pounding the table, Mr. Kent informed Senator Caraway. "I never had liquor in my home before prohibition and never since."

Mr. Kent reiterated his opinion that the Senate "doesn't function because of the coalition," and added: "I am not along in that."

Senator Walsh said that of the eleven Republican members of the Finance Committee, five men were from the industrial Eastern States and four from the middle West "and each had something in this bill in which he was interested."

Kent Points to the Trouble.

"There were no members on that committee from the great agricultural West," continued Senator Walsh, "and how do you suppose agriculture could be convinced by that committee?"

"That's the trouble," said Mr. Kent. "I don't think there should be any East or West, or North and South, but one country."

"You heard the statement in the last campaign that we were enjoying an unexampled prosperity?" continued Senator Walsh.

"Yes."

"Did you know that this tariff bill proposed to advance the profits of the Pennsylvania manufacturers by one billion dollars and those of the Connecticut manufacturers by \$76,000,000?" he added. "Would that have a tendency to elevate the prices of stock?"

"If the people knew about it I guess it would," said Mr. Kent. "But no one expects anything in a tariff bill until it is passed."

"Well, then, why does business get upset about it?" interrupted Senator Caraway.

"Business was upset by the uncertainty."

"You aren't consistent."

Senator Walsh referred to a statement in the Monthly "Bulletin" of the National City Bank stating business throughout the country was "orderly in contrast to conditions on the stock market."

"The building industry was falling off some, the textile industry was off," said Mr. Kent. "In the great average that statement is right."

Senator Walsh is Insistent.

"Do you know of any industry that has suffered by the action of the Senate?" asked Senator Walsh.

"That isn't the point."

"That is the point, answer it."

"I have said that the damaging thing is the attitude of uncertainty created in the business mind," continued Mr. Kent.

"Do you know of any business that has suffered directly?"

"Well, no."

Senator Walsh wanted to know if Mr. Kent proposed that the Senate should pass a tariff bill "just as proposed by the majority party."

"I would like to see it tried out."

"Then you would have the Senate surrender its views to a majority of the members of the Finance Committee?" countered Senator Walsh.

The Montanan demanded to know what Mr. Kent meant by saying the Senate has "ceased to function."

Mr. Kent explained the Senate has been called for a certain purpose "and didn't accomplish it," adding that "if you can't put a bill through you cease to function."

The witness added that when a bloc is formed between two parties "you very often make it impossible to function."

Senator Walsh asked if his idea of the way legislation should be passed was to let the Finance Committee report a bill and then have the Senate adopt it.

"In the long run," he replied, "it undoubtedly would be a greater benefit to the public. On the whole, it would probably be better and I should like to see it tried out."

"Do you think, like Mr. Grundy, that our system of government ought to be revised?" asked Senator Walsh.

"No," Mr. Kent replied. "I think our system of government is all right."

Mr. Kent said he was a Republican, "but I have the same high regard for Patriotic Democrats."

"But you don't think there are any," asked Senator Glass.

When Mr. Kent hesitated before replying, Senator Glass observed, "I guess you will have to make some research on that."

Explains His Complaint.

Mr. Kent said he had no complaint against the Democrats and that his criticism was against the Republican independents.

"In leaving their party they prevented the Senate from functioning," explained Mr. Kent.

"If they had stayed with their party they would have gotten this bill through."

"Regardless of their views."

"They should have convinced the majority of their party that they were right."

"But they couldn't do that," said Senator Walsh.

"Then maybe they weren't right."

Mr. Kent asserted the Republicans should have gotten together and agreed on a plan for the tariff bill. Senator Blaine of Wisconsin, a Republican-Independent, wanted to know if he proposed secret party meetings to frame a bill.

"I can see no possible harm in a group of Senators getting together and discussing their plans," Senator Blaine added.

"But you do object to the progressive Republicans trying to do the same thing on the Senate floor, in the open," Senator Blaine asserted.

"Ordinarily it would not have to be done," Mr. Kent said, "if the Senators had a mind to get together."

"The people are interested in their Government," Senator Blaine said, adding that meeting behind "closed doors and drawn blinds" as the psychology of Secretary Fall and others who did not want their business to come out in the open.

Senator Walsh cited the cases of Senators Schall of Minnesota and Blaine of Wisconsin, Republican independents, and wanted to know if he thought they weren't acting correctly in opposing the Republican tariff bill in accordance with their view.

"If I were so correct I think I could convince the others," said Mr. Kent.

"If you couldn't do that, then what would you do?"

"That would depend on the conversation."

"What do you think your constituents would do?" persisted Senator Walsh.

They probably would turn me down, but I think I would be right if I voted for what I thought was best for the nation as a whole."

Senator Walsh asked "in view of the increases in a great number of industrial rates proposed by the Finance Committee, does it now occur to you that in your speech in New York, you were but reflecting the disappointment of those who were expecting these great big increases in profits?"

"No," replied Mr. Kent. "I think business was uncertain and unsettled until this bill was passed."

Mr. Kent was then excused. Committee sessions for next week also were called off and an adjournment taken subject to the call of the chairman.

Former Governor Alfred E. Smith Resigns as Director of Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.—As President of Company Erecting Building on Waldorf Site He Will Seek Loan from Insurance Company.

Indicating his intention to apply to the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for a loan to finance the erection of a new building on the site of the Waldorf-Astoria in behalf of a company of which he is President, former Governor Alfred E. Smith made known on Nov. 14 his resignation as a director of the insurance company. Mr. Smith's announcement follows:

I resigned from the board of directors of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company because I did not think it ethical to be a director of the Metropolitan and at the same time be at the head of a real estate company which was applying for a large loan from the Metropolitan Life with which to erect a building. The application for the loan must be made as President of the Empire State, Inc., and would therefore have been passed upon by me at the same time as a member of the board of directors of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, which under the law must pass upon the loan. It was purely a question of business ethics. I deeply regret severing my connection with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company.

The "Times" of Nov. 15 in referring to the former Governor's action, said:

Resigned in September.

Officials of the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. said the resignation had been tendered and accepted at the September meeting of the Board, held late in the month.

When he tendered his resignation, according to the insurance company, Mr. Smith said he wished to devote all of his time to the building operations with which he had become actively affiliated and that he was withdrawing from all other outside fields of business.

The insurance company officials said that the Board had been very reluctant to accept the former Governor's resignation and urged him to retain his directorship before finally accepting it.

The New York State insurance law forbids a director or an officer of an insurance company to be peculiarly interested in sales or loans made by the company.

At the insurance company offices it was said that application for a large loan for the 80-story building had been received from Mr. Smith's company but that no action had yet been taken on the application. The insurance company's representative declined to indicate the size of the loan sought. In real estate circles it was predicted, however, that the loan would probably exceed the \$24,000,000 loan to the Bethlehem Engineering Corporation because the building projected by the Empire State, Inc., is a far more pretentious undertaking than the 40-story structure that had been contemplated by the Bethlehem company.

F. de L. Brown an Associate.

Simultaneous with Mr. Smith's announcement of his resignation as an insurance director, it was learned that one of his associates in the building undertaking was Floyd de L. Brown, president of the Bethlehem Engineering Corporation. Mr. Brown obtained the Waldorf site for the Bethlehem corporation before it passed to the Empire State, Inc.

Inquiries concerning the financing of the projected Empire State Building were referred by the Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company, which is interested in the property, to Mr. Brown at the offices of the Empire State, Inc. From Mr. Brown it was learned that he was Vice-President. When the officers and directors of Empire State, Inc., were announced on Aug. 29, Robert C. Brown, Vice-President of the Chatham Phenix, was named as the Vice-President.

The Waldorf property was sold last December to the Bethlehem Engineering Corporation. The \$24,000,000 loan arranged was described at the

time as the largest loan ever made on a single piece of real estate. Later the Waldorf property was taken over by a syndicate organized by the Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Company.

When it was announced that former Governor Smith would head the corporation constructing an 80-story office building on the Waldorf site, the cost was put at \$60,000,000. Meanwhile the \$24,000,000 loan by the Metropolitan Life Insurance Company to the Bethlehem Corporation has been rescinded.

The Large Current Capital Expenditures of the Railroads.

More money is being spent this year by the railroads of this country, in the way of capital expenditures for new equipment and additions and betterments to property used in connection with the transportation service, than in either 1928 or 1927. This was shown by a study prepared by the Bureau of Railway Economics and made public in connection with the annual meeting of the Association of Railway Executives at the Blackstone Hotel in Chicago on Friday, Nov. 22nd. Capital expenditures, according to the study actually to be made this year will aggregate \$800,000,000. This will be an increase of approximately \$123,000,000 above such expenditures in 1928 and about \$28,450,000 above those in 1927. Capital expenditures to be made this year are close to the annual average of the past 6 years. The statement goes on to say:

The estimate as to total expenditures in 1929 for capital purposes is based on reports just received by the Bureau of Railway Economics which showed actual capital expenditures of \$573,820,000 in the first 9 months of 1929, compared with \$500,167,000 in the same period in 1928, an increase of \$73,653,000 or nearly 15%.

"The program," said the study, "carried over into the last quarter of this year, was considerably greater in 1929 than in 1928, leading to the definite expectation that the expenditures for the entire year will also be greater. It is estimated that the aggregate capital expenditures for the year 1929 will be in the neighborhood of \$800,000,000.

"Unexpended authorizations brought over into 1929 were greater by \$51,540,000 than those brought over into 1928. Additional programs laid out during the first 9 months of the year were \$293,945,000 greater in amount in 1929 than in 1928. Thus the total capital program as authorized up to Oct. 1 was \$1,247,792,000 in 1929, an increase of \$345,485,000 over 1928. This program may increase still further by additional authorizations between October and the end of the year.

"Somewhat larger proportions of the capital program for 1929 were authorized for equipment than for roadway and structures. Statistics of equipment orders and installations during the first 9 months of 1929 indicate marked improvement in railway buying, compared with the prior two years.

"Total orders for freight train cars to Oct. 1, including those on order at the beginning of the year, were 91,581, nearly twice as many as in 1928, and considerably greater than in 1927. Installations during the 9 months were 62,264 cars, and were greater than in either 1927 or 1928. Cars on order on Oct. 1 numbered 29,317, this total being 4 times as great as the corresponding figure for 1928 and more than twice as great as for 1927.

"Locomotive orders to Oct. 1 were 1,565, and were 364 greater than in 1928, but slightly less than in 1927. Installations totaled 1,211, while the number on order on Oct. 1 was 354. This figure was larger than in both 1927 and 1928.

"Passenger train car orders to Oct. 1 were 2,701, this particular total being lower than in 1928, but larger than in 1927. Installations numbered 2,020 and 681 cars remained on order on Oct. 1. This was considerably below 1928, and slightly below 1927.

"The amount of capital expenditures during the first 9 months of 1929 devoted to purchase of new equipment was \$210,689,000 compared with \$165,967,000 for the corresponding period of 1928, an increase this year of \$44,722,000 or 26.9% above the preceding year.

"Roadway and structures expenditures aggregated \$363,131,000 compared with \$334,200,000 for 1928, an increase of \$28,931,000 or 8.7%.

"Capital expenditures made in the first 9 months this year for locomotives amounted to \$44,687,000 compared with \$37,121,000 made during the corresponding period last year. For freight cars, expenditures amounted to \$126,086,000 compared with \$89,920,000 in the first 9 months in 1928. For passenger cars, capital expenditures so far this year amounted to \$27,512,000 compared with \$27,187,000 in the same period last year. For other equipment, capital expenditures this year amounted to \$12,404,000 compared with \$11,739,000 in the first 9 months in 1928.

"Capital expenditures for additional track in the first 9 months in 1929 amounted to \$90,561,000 compared with \$91,241,000 during the corresponding period last year. For heavier rail, expenditures totaled \$33,995,000 compared with \$34,891,000 in the first 9 months of 1928. For shops and engine houses, including machinery and tools, expenditures totaled \$23,838,000 compared with \$22,375,000 in 1928. Expenditures for additional ballast showed a decrease from \$12,621,000 in 1928 to \$11,533,000 in 1929. For all other improvements, \$203,204,000 were expended in the 9 months period this year compared with \$173,072,000 for the same period in 1928.

"These capital improvements," continued the study, "comprise one form of distribution by the railroads which benefits many industries and their employees, and leads to activity in many lines of manufacturing and trade. It has been estimated that the railroads, through their capital expenditures and their utilization of fuel and other materials on a large scale, support as many employees of other industries as they directly employ in their own business.

"Railway expenditures have quickened the pulse of industry, have assisted producers and merchants to carry on at high levels, and have made an appreciable contribution to the economic progress of the nation.

"This contribution has been well sustained in 1929. Freight traffic has reached a record level, and has been handled with such speed and effectiveness as never before realized. The capital program is considerably greater than during the past two years, and gives promise of carrying over into 1930 on a higher level than was true of the beginning of 1929."

Record Distribution This Year by Christmas Club. 600 Million Dollars Among 9 Million Members.

Six hundred million dollars will be distributed the current month to 9,000,000 members of the Christmas Club by more than 8,000 banks and financial institutions, according to an announcement made Nov. 14 by Herbert F. Rawll, Presi-

dent of Christmas Club, a division of National Bancservice Corporation. This record distribution is 10% in excess of last year, it is stated, and more than five times the amount accumulated in 1920. Eliminating the few special funds of individuals and corporations, running in some cases as high as \$25,000, the average amount received by each member is \$59.50, a slight increase over 1928. Checks to members run from \$12.50 to \$1,000. The announcement made by Mr. Rawll says:

This total sum represents the accumulated savings for the past 50 weeks in Christmas Club accounts in banks, trust companies, savings and loan associations, and other institutions, by members paying weekly amounts varying from 25c. to \$20.

New York State leads the other States with \$141,000,000; Massachusetts shows the largest per capita State total with over \$70,000,000, while Pennsylvania reports about \$65,000,000. Chicago and Cook County contribute \$29,000,000 of the Illinois total of \$56,000,000. New York City's metropolitan area, including an approximate radius of 40 miles, will receive approximately \$100,000,000.

The Bank of America, National Association in New York, and its affiliated institutions, the Bank of America of California and the Bank of Italy, will distribute about \$8,000,000 to over 130,000 members. The largest club in New York City is operated by the Bank of the Manhattan Co., which, through its 65 branches in Manhattan, the Bronx, Brooklyn and Queens, have accumulated \$3,500,000 for its 71,800 members. The Union National Bank of Schenectady, N. Y., has the biggest club of any city of its size in a single institution in the East with a distribution of about \$500,000. The First National Bank & Trust Co. of Racine, Wis., has \$600,000. The Banks in Washington, D. C., will distribute \$8,000,000. The Mount Vernon Trust Co. in Westchester County, the first bank in New York State to undertake the plan, has \$400,000 ready for distribution to 7,500 members. Lockport, N. Y., has the largest per capita distribution by one bank of any city of its size; the Niagara County National Bank there will pay out \$350,000—about \$18 per capita. The People's Bank & Trust Co. of Westfield, New Jersey's first bank to join the Christmas Club movement, will return approximately \$150,000 to its members.

Other institutions reporting a distribution of approximately \$1,000,000 or more include National Shawmut Bank, Federal National Bank & Exchange Trust Co. of Boston, Manufacturers' Trust Co., New York City; Trust Company of New Jersey and Hudson County National Bank, both of Jersey City; Bank of Philadelphia & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Liberty Bank of Buffalo, Union Trust Co., Cleveland Trust Co., and Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co., in Cleveland; Commercial Savings Bank & Trust Co., and Ohio Savings Bank & Trust Co., Toledo; Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati; Canal Bank & Trust Co., New Orleans; Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago; First Wisconsin National Bank of Milwaukee, Commonwealth, Commercial State Bank, Detroit Savings Bank, and National Bank of Commerce, in Detroit.

Starting about the 1st of December, and before the middle of January, these accounts are opened at various financial institutions and the members select the class of payments best suited to their individual requirements, and based upon the total accumulation desired the following Christmas season. Payments continue for the ensuing fifty weeks. There are no fines, no dues, and all the money is returned by the bank in one lump sum just before Christmas.

The inception of the Christmas Club idea, nineteen years ago, anticipated the need of providing an easy, simple and practical method of systematically accumulating funds for the specific purpose of Christmas needs. Its sponsors, however, in the creation of the plan, were mindful of the opportunity it would bring to wage-earners of systematic permanent savings by encouraging small weekly deposits, and the history of the Christmas Club plan would indicate that it has been a real contribution to economic progress in this accomplishment and in thrift development.

On a basis of a direct-by-mail inquiry to individual Christmas Club members, it is estimated that more than 10,000,000 permanent savings accounts, directly traceable to club membership, have been brought to banking institutions during the past nineteen years, and that 62% of the present annual accumulation of \$600,000,000 is put to constructive uses. Using this inquiry as a basis, the funds of the 1929 Christmas Club will be used as follows:

Christmas purchases (38%)	-----	\$228,000,000
Permanent Savings and investment (30%)	-----	180,000,000
Year and commitments (13%)	-----	78,000,000
Insurance premiums (6%)	-----	36,000,000
Mortgages and mortgage interest (5 1/4%)	-----	33,000,000
Taxes (4 1/4%)	-----	27,000,000
Education and travel (2%)	-----	12,000,000
Charity (1%)	-----	6,000,000

Tabulation by Districts and by States follows:

New England—		State Total	South Atlantic Cont.—	State Total
Maine	-----	\$4,462,800	South Carolina	3,180,000
New Hampshire	-----	1,410,000	Georgia	3,460,000
Vermont	-----	638,000	Florida	1,910,000
Massachusetts	-----	71,264,000	Total	\$42,684,000
Rhode Island	-----	4,167,600	East South Central—	
Connecticut	-----	13,208,000	Kentucky	4,380,000
Total	-----	\$95,150,400	Tennessee	5,260,000
Middle Atlantic—			Alabama	4,250,000
New York	-----	141,300,000	Mississippi	1,960,000
New Jersey	-----	40,650,000	Total	\$15,850,000
Pennsylvania	-----	63,870,000	West South Central—	
Total	-----	\$245,820,000	Arkansas	1,650,000
East North Central—			Louisiana	9,355,000
Ohio	-----	42,395,000	Oklahoma	1,236,000
Indiana	-----	25,378,000	Texas	3,860,000
Illinois	-----	56,480,000	Total	\$16,101,000
Michigan	-----	16,110,000	Mountain—	
Wisconsin	-----	11,620,000	Montana	725,000
Total	-----	\$151,983,000	Idaho	346,000
West North Central—			Wyoming	256,000
Minnesota	-----	2,823,500	Colorado	3,780,000
Iowa	-----	4,915,600	New Mexico	341,000
Missouri	-----	7,840,000	Arizona	754,000
North Dakota	-----	364,000	Utah	1,112,000
South Dakota	-----	412,000	Nevada	476,000
Nebraska	-----	2,710,000	Total	\$7,790,000
Kansas	-----	2,860,000	Pacific—	
Total	-----	\$21,927,100	Washington	815,000
Total	-----	\$21,927,100	Oregon	646,000
South Atlantic—			California	19,926,000
Delaware	-----	1,910,000	Total	\$21,387,000
Maryland	-----	9,350,000	Grand total	\$618,962,500
District of Columbia	-----	8,000,000		
Virginia	-----	7,222,000		
West Virginia	-----	4,154,000		
North Carolina	-----	3,458,000		

Increase of \$200,000,000 in Public Utility Bond Holdings Reported by 25 Leading Insurance Companies According to Bonbright & Co.—Investments in Railroad, Government and Municipal Bonds Declined.

Investments in public utility bonds by 25 of the larger life insurance companies in the United States and Canada continue to increase, while their holdings of railroad, Government and municipal bonds show a decline, according to a revised analysis of their bond investments prepared by Bonbright & Co. Figures based on the 1928 reports of these companies, just made available, show that \$200,000,000 of public utility bonds were added to their portfolios out of a \$500,000,000 increase in total bond holdings, and that utility bonds now comprise 24.6% of their total bond investments of \$5,717,703,115. It is pointed out that the steady growth in popularity of public utility bonds as investments for the life insurance companies is indicated by the fact that the percentage of holdings has increased from 7.7% in 1921 to 23% in 1927, and 24.6% at the end of 1928. Seventeen of the 25 companies included in the compilation, among them the four largest, have now allocated more than one-fifth of their bond investments to the public utility field. According to the Bonbright analysis, public utility bond holdings stand second to the railroad bond investments of the insurance companies. The latter dropped from 49 to 47.3% of the total in 1928. In the same period holdings of Government and municipal bonds fell from 22.6 to 21%, while holdings in industrial and miscellaneous bonds increased from 5.4 to 7.1%.

A table prepared by Bonbright & Co., showing the distribution of bond investments of the 25 leading companies at the end of 1928 follows:

Company. [In Order of Total Assets.]	Public. Utility.	Govt. & Municipal.	Railroad.	Indust. & Miscell.
	%	%	%	%
Metropolitan Life	21.8	16.8	56.4	5.0
Prudential	27.8	22.3	42.0	7.9
New York Life	22.5	17.6	57.8	2.1
Equitable Life Assurance	33.0	6.2	59.2	1.6
Mutual Life	8.3	19.4	70.3	2.0
Northwestern Mutual	8.4	32.3	59.3	—
Travelers	19.1	37.5	21.0	2.4
Mutual Benefit Life	25.3	9.2	63.1	2.4
John Hancock Mutual	36.5	23.9	39.2	0.4
Sun Life Assurance of Canada	*36.5	11.1	2.0	50.4
Penn. Mutual Life	17.9	24.3	50.8	7.0
Aetna Life	29.6	26.7	39.6	4.1
Massachusetts Mutual	49.3	1.9	49.5	0.3
Union Central	—	100.0	—	—
Provident Mutual Life	13.2	5.7	80.0	1.1
New England Mutual	39.0	19.6	40.2	1.2
Connecticut Mutual	41.7	20.8	34.7	2.8
Canada Life Assurance	23.3	60.1	4.6	12.0
Pacific Mutual	48.5	12.2	0.5	38.8
State Mutual	31.1	32.1	36.1	0.7
Phoenix Mutual	47.4	15.5	33.0	4.1
National Life	27.2	72.8	—	—
Bankers Life	—	100.0	—	—
Connecticut General	71.4	5.2	22.4	1.0
Great West Life	6.1	75.3	0.4	18.2
Aggregate	24.6	21.0	47.3	7.1

* Includes stocks.

Freight Traffic on Railroads Thus Far in 1929 Greater Than for Any Corresponding Period—Loadings Jan. 1 to Nov. 9, This Year 46,678,086 Cars.

Freight traffic on the railroads of the United States so far in 1929 has been greater than for any corresponding period in any previous year, and conservative estimates indicate that the number of cars loaded with revenue freight for the entire year will be approximately the same as that for 1926, when freight loadings were the largest for any year on record. This was shown by a report submitted at the annual fall meeting in Chicago on Nov. 21 of the American Railway Association by M. J. Gormley, Chairman of the Car Service Division of the Association. Regarding the information contained in the report, it is stated:

Actual loading according to the report, of revenue freight for the first 45 weeks this year—from Jan. 1 to Nov. 9—totaled 46,678,086 cars, which is the greatest number ever loaded in any similar period, exceeding by 79,209 cars the previous high record made in 1926. The total so far this year also exceeded by 1,591,147 cars, the corresponding period in 1928 and by 1,026,251 cars the corresponding period in 1927.

Except for grain and grain products, live stock and forest products, loading of all commodities for the first 45 weeks this year has been greater than for the same period in 1928.

Freight traffic began to develop in heavier volume earlier in 1929 than in any previous year and this heavy volume continued through the summer and fall months. In the first 45 weeks this year, loadings exceeded one million cars in 28 separate weeks, which equalled the high record for million car weeks made in 1927. Up to the week of Nov. 9, last year, there were only 22 weeks in which freight loadings exceeded one million cars, and in 1926, there were only 25 weeks.

While the usual seasonal decline in freight traffic prevails, now, the report said, and will continue for some time, some stimulation in the movement of certain commodities would not be surprising. The fact that grain storage facilities at all markets and ports are filled to from 85 to 95% of capacity makes the situation, so far as that commodity is concerned,

somewhat abnormal. Information received through Canadian railroads indicate a similar grain storage situation at all markets and ports in Canada. Those qualified to judge believe there will be a substantial export movement in November and December which will relieve this situation. With the arrival of cold weather, the demand for coal should be stimulated, and will in all probability continue heavy over the winter period as coal stocks are lower than in preceding years. No difficulty in meeting any transportation demands which might arise this winter is anticipated however.

Despite the heavy volume of freight which has been handled this year, the railroads have moved it without difficulty except in a few isolated instances, and with the greatest promptness on record. This has resulted not only from improved operating methods placed into effect by the railroads, but also from the better utilization of existing equipment. Despite the fact the number of freight cars and locomotives owned by the railroads of this country were less on Oct. 1 this year than at any time in the past seven years, the average capacity of freight cars and the average tractive power of locomotives have steadily increased so that they are both greater now than at any previous time. The number of freight cars and locomotives in need of repair are also less than in previous years.

The railroads on Oct. 1 had 29,481 freight cars on order, an increase of 21,959 cars above the number on order on Oct. 1, last year, and an increase of 14,648 cars above the same day two years ago. It also was 12,635 cars above Oct. 1 1926.

Locomotives on order on Oct. 1 this year, numbered 354, compared with 113 on the same day in 1928 and 134 on Oct. 1 1927. On Oct. 1 1926, the railroads had 443 on order.

New freight cars placed in service in the first nine months of 1929 totaled 59,929, of which box cars totaled 28,285; coal cars, 21,925; flat cars, 3,259; refrigerator cars, 3,413, and stock cars, 2,472. Other classes installed in service during that period totaled 575.

New locomotives placed in service in the first nine months of 1929, totaled 540.

Freight cars or locomotives leased or otherwise acquired are not included in the above figures.

Developments in Bankers' Capital Corporation Failure.

Further referring to the Bankers' Capital Corporation of this city, which, as noted in our issue of last week (page 3116) was petitioned into bankruptcy on Nov. 11, an involuntary petition in bankruptcy was filed in the Federal Court on Monday, Nov. 18, against the Bankers' Capital Co. of Connecticut (said to be a subsidiary of the Bankers' Capital Corporation), according to the New York "Times" of Nov. 19, which had the following to say:

The Bankers' Capital Company is alleged to be a subsidiary of the Bankers' Capital Corp., with offices at 44 Wall Street. The parent organization is said to have controlled about seventeen subsidiaries and, according to the authorities, the companies sold their own stock to each other and used "increasing fictitious figures."

The petition against the Bankers' Capital Co. was filed by Francis Atwater of New Haven, Conn., who has a claim of \$992; I. H. Parker of New Haven, Conn., who has a claim of \$105, and William H. Stickney of New York, who has a claim of \$91. The assets were placed at \$25,000 and the liabilities were not given.

The petition states that the alleged bankrupt dealt in securities and that since becoming insolvent it has transferred more than \$25,000 to a creditor or creditors, "with the result that such creditors were given a preference over other creditors." Mr. Atwater set forth in his claim that he paid the \$992 for securities which were not delivered to him and the other two base their claims for services or commissions.

That two ex-State prosecutors were duped into investing in the failed Bankers' Capital Corporation was reported in the same paper, from which we quote the following:

After the petition was filed it was learned that Keyes Winter and Oliver B. James, former Deputy Attorneys General under Albert Ottinger, had unwittingly served as dupes for the bankrupt corporation. Both admitted last night (Nov. 18) that they had, through misrepresentation, been induced to invest in the corporation and to act as counsel for the Superior Credit Corp. of Worcester, Mass., which petitioned the Bankers' Capital Corp. into receivership. They also had advised some of their friends to invest in the corporation.

"We headed off our friends, including Mr. Ottinger, as soon as we learned the truth," Mr. Winter said, and he concurred with Mr. James in the statement that, "It was a shock to us when we realized the true status of our clients. We immediately severed all connection with them and communicated a warning to those whom we had written advising investment."

Assistant United States Attorney Emanuel G. Kleid and Assistant State Attorney General W. J. Millholland yesterday questioned officials of the Bankers' Capital Corp.

The "Times" of Nov. 19 also printed an Associated Press dispatch from Hartford, Conn., under date of Nov. 18, with reference to the American Fiduciary Corporation of Bridgeport, Conn., another subsidiary concern of the Bankers' Capital Corporation, which according to subsequent Associated Press advices from Hartford (Nov. 20) was placed in receivership Nov. 19. The dispatch of Nov. 18 said:

Arthur F. Connor, president of the American Fiduciary Corp. of Bridgeport, in a statement to the Hartford Times, said to-day (Nov. 18) that his company had been almost entirely wiped out by its affiliation with the Howard H. Gunder group of thirteen investment companies under investigation by Federal and State authorities in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

Mr. Connor said all that is left in liquid assets from the \$2,300,000 in stock sold to the public is \$25,000 in cash, which he has placed in a Bridgeport bank as protection to stockholders. Mr. Connor held the defunct Bankers' Capital Corp. of New York responsible for this situation. He said his company turned over to that corporation a total of \$1,950,000, beginning eighteen months ago, on call. The Bankers' Capital, he said, assured him this sum was protected by bank and trust company stocks, but it has been disclosed the only collateral the Bankers' Capital had for this amount consisted of stock of affiliated corporations.

This call money was used by the Bankers' Capital for distribution among other members of the group, according to Mr. Connor. Reviewing information given by Assistant United States Attorney Minter of New York, Mr. Connor said that he was told that the American Fiduciary Corp. had only \$25,000 in cash and a large amount of the worthless securities of affiliated companies as the result of its call loan transactions with the Bankers'

Capital. Part of this \$1,950,000, according to Mr. Mintzer, was used by the Bankers' Capital to buy stocks of the affiliated companies, and the rest went to the Indiana Investment Estate and the Financial Stocks Estate.

To The Hartford Times also H. H. Montis of Sound Beach, Conn., who had been sales manager for the Bankers' Capital, said that associates of Mr. Gunder were informed by the latter that the Indiana Investment, the Financial Stocks Estate and the Gunder Common Law Trust were formed for the sole purpose of reducing the tax bills of the affiliated companies.

"It now appears that money of these affiliated companies went into these new concerns," Mr. Montis said.

We also give below a second dispatch (Nov. 20) with reference to the American Fiduciary Corporation of Bridgeport, which appeared in the "Times" of Thursday, Nov. 21:

Theodore E. Steiber, Counsel for the American Fiduciary Corporation of Bridgeport, which went into receivership yesterday, said to-day that the corporation would file a claim for \$1,950,000 against the defunct Bankers' Capital Corporation of New York. The claim will be based on a transaction by which the New York corporation acquired title to 90% of the \$2,300,000 outstanding stock of the Bridgeport concern.

Mr. Steiber said he could not discuss this transaction, which has become a central point of inquiry by State and Federal authorities in Connecticut, New York and New Jersey. Arthur F. Connor, president of the American Fiduciary Corporation, has said that this \$1,950,000 had been lent on call to the Bankers' Capital on assurance that bank and trust company securities would be available as collateral. It now develops that the Bankers' Capital has only about \$100,000 in liquid assets and the American Fiduciary only \$25,000.

We furthermore give below the following excerpt from Thursday "Times" with reference to the investigation, now in process by the Federal Grand Jury of the affairs of the parent corporation:

While the witness was being interrogated before the grand jury, Assistant United States Attorney Emanuel G. Kleid was questioning other former employees of the company. Mr. Kleid announced that he wanted to question Alice Forrester of 21 Brevoort Place, Brooklyn, and Dorothy Winston, supposed to be in Florida, who were employed in a confidential capacity by H. H. Gunder, Chairman of the Board of the Bankers' Capital Corp. and its 17 allied concerns. Mr. Kleid said he believed that the two young women could throw considerable light on the financial methods of Mr. Gunder.

G. C. Maxwell, Vice-President of the Bankers' Capital Corporation, questioned by Mr. Kleid, was quoted as saying the corporation had never purchased more than \$150,000 worth of bank stocks and that 8% of its transactions were in securities of allied concerns.

According to the Federal authorities, Maxwell was for two years a trader for the corporation, and although about \$3,000,000 had been received for investment in bank stocks, only a very small amount was used for this purpose. In commenting on this phase, United States Attorney Charles H. Tuttle said:

"That investment was a pretence or cover under which millions were obtained from investors. In other words, it was just window dressings. The bulk of the money received was then 'loaned' to three companies in the group which were the property of Gunder.

"We have reached a point where it is plain to me that Gunder is the man who should account for the disposition of the money. Bankers' Capital Corporation in which Gunder had a controlling interest, acquired control of more than 50% of the other corporations."

Assistant United States Attorney Mintzer said he had been informed that a Federal District Court judge not in this district had received circulars asking him to invest in the Bankers' Capital Corporation.

It was said that Keyes Winter and Oliver B. James, former assistants to State Attorney General Ottinger, who lost money through investments in the Bankers' Capital Corporation and who offered to testify before the Federal Grand Jury, will receive this opportunity shortly. The two were in no way responsible, it was said, for losses to investors, although for a time they were attorneys for the corporation.

Mr. Gunder, through his attorney, issued a statement last night reading in part as follows:

"We feel confident that the pending investigations will ultimately disclose our absolute good faith and will show that the losses that have resulted in this matter were to a large extent due to facts beyond our control and that the failure of the Bankers' Capital Corporation, while unfortunate, was a wholly legitimate one."

According to yesterday's "Times" (Nov. 22) it was disclosed Thursday by Assistant United States Attorney Emanuel G. Kleid, after he had examined W. C. Hopkins, Comptroller of the bankrupt corporation and its affiliated concerns, before the Federal Grand Jury, that 40,000 shares of stock, valued at \$1,280,000, have "disappeared." We quote from the "Times" as follows:

Mr. Kleid said he was convinced that, as Comptroller, Mr. Hopkins was only a figurehead and that his "only boss" was H. H. Gunder, Chairman of the boards of directors of all the concerns. He added that through Hopkins he had traced a sum of money as far as its conversion into 40,000 shares of the stock of the Bankers' Financial Trust. The shares were valued at \$32 each.

But at this point "all trace of the money is lost," he said, because it "went into one of three companies owned outright by Mr. Gunder." He said that efforts to obtain the books of these companies had been unsuccessful, but that "appropriate action will be taken if necessary."

Mr. Gunder, his brother, Phillip Gunder; E. J. Sturges, former Banking Commissioner of Connecticut, as well as former head of the Bankers' Capital Co. of Connecticut, and Roland J. Randall, President of Bankers' Capital, called yesterday (Nov. 21) at the Federal Building and listened to Mr. Kleid's argument that the books be produced. They declined then to make any promises, but later in the day Assistant United States Attorney George J. Mintzer announced that the books of the three corporations were in New York and would be in the United States Attorney's office to-morrow (Nov. 22) when they are to be examined by accountants.

Mr. Hopkins was the only witness yesterday (Nov. 21) before the Grand Jury, but Mr. Kleid said that he had learned from Rollo S. Bassett, who was made Assistant Vice-President of the Bankers' Capital Corp. after he had invested a considerable sum of money, that Gunder had boasted of a personal fortune of more than \$15,000,000.

At Mr. Bassett's request, according to Mr. Kleid, Mr. Gunder caused the publication of a pamphlet outlining his career. According to this account he is a member of the Indiana bar, and has held four governmental positions in New York, Chicago, and Boston, the last one being listed as New England Superintendent for the United States Shipping Board

He was said to have resigned in order to give more time to his private affairs. He was said to be a member of the law firm of Pile & Gunder in South Bend, Ind. The pamphlet listed his fortune at more than \$1,000,000, the claim of \$15,000,000 having been made orally to Mr. Bassett, according to Mr. Kleid. Mr. Gunder, he said, maintained residences at 1272 Woodward Ave., South Bend; 164 East 72d St., here, and at Moosehead Lakes, Me.

James Speyer Chairman of "Bankers' and Brokers' Committee" of United Hospital Fund—Efforts Being Made to Collect \$1,000,000 for Fund This Year.

Nearly all of the bankers and brokers (about 80) who are trustees or directors of the 59 hospitals belonging to the United Hospital Fund have agreed to serve on the "Bankers' and Brokers' Committee" of the fund for this year's collection, which is the fiftieth anniversary of the fund. The following well-known "Wall Street" men are serving on this committee:

Cornelius R. Agnew	Marshall Field	Alonzo Potter
Nelson I. Asiel	Charles Froeb	Bernon S. Prentice
George F. Baker	Charles R. Gay	Percy R. Pyne
Stephen Baker	Thornton Gerrish	C. Tiffany Richardson
William M. Bernard	Phillip J. Goodhart	H. E. Robinson
Linzee Blagden	Crowell Hadden	George Emlen Roosevelt
James G. Blaine	Theodore Hetzler	Kermit Roosevelt
George Blumenthal	G. Beekman Hoppin	W. Emlen Roosevelt
Hugo Blumenthal	William S. Irish	Ernst Rosenfeld
Charles Boucher	William M. Kingsley	Arthur W. Rosstter
George S. Brewster	G. Herman Kinnicutt	Louis F. Rothschild
Robert S. Brewster	W. Thorn Kissel	Samuel Sachs
Thatcher M. Brown	David H. Lanman	Walter E. Sachs
Mortimer N. Buckner	Harold M. Lehman	Edward W. Sheldon
James I. Bush	Leon Levy	Pasquale I. Simonell
Wm. Mullan Campbell	Adolph Lewisohn	Frank L. Smith
George S. Carr	Charles W. McAlpin	C. I. Stralem
S. W. Childs	D. Irving Mead	Paul Sturtevant
Stephen C. Clark	Edwin G. Merrill	Elisha Walker
George F. Crane	DeWitt Millhauser	Frederick M. Warburg
George W. Davison	Richard L. Morris	Arthur E. Whitney
Edward O. Delafield	Vernon Munroe	Harrison Williams
Moreau Delano	Walter W. Naumburg	Henderson M. Wolfe
Max Englander	Simon Newman	William Woodward
William Fahnestock	Herman O. Place	
E. Hayward Ferry	George B. Post	

James Speyer is Chairman and Charles H. Sabin, Vice-Chairman of the Guaranty Trust Co., is Associate Chairman of the Bankers' and Brokers' Committee of the United Hospital Fund, and Albert H. Wiggin is Treasurer of the fund.

This is the fiftieth anniversary of the fund, and every auxiliary will make special efforts to bring the total collection up to \$1,000,000. Last year it was \$665,000. The Bankers' and Brokers' Committee collected last year \$119,435.05 (the largest amount collected by any auxiliary), and plans to raise a larger quota than ever this year, in the hope of keeping Wall Street in the lead in this charitable work for the city's sick and suffering, in spite of the late unpleasantness. As usual, the amount collected will be distributed, without regard to creed, color or nationality, by a committee composed of the Mayor, the President of the Chamber of Commerce and of the Merchants' Association, Messrs. Henry J. Fisher, Arthur Curtiss James, Edward P. Maynard and James Speyer.

Transamerica Corporation Extends Time for Rights.

The Transamerica Corporation, holding company for the banking interests of A. P. Giannini, has announced an extension of the time limit on rights issued to shareholders for the purchase of additional stock from Jan. 4 to March 5 1930, according to yesterday's New York "Times," Nov. 22. The rights offered gave the stockholders the privilege of subscribing to one new share for every twenty-five shares held at the price of \$55 a share. Continuing the paper mentioned said:

The recent decline in security prices carried the quotation on Transamerica stock, which is traded on the New York Curb Exchange, as low as 20 3/4. The recovery has carried the price back to around \$45 a share. The move taken by the Transamerica Corporation is similar to that of several other companies which found that the sudden decline in security prices had made rights which they issued to stockholders temporarily valueless.

Cleveland Selected For Annual Convention of American Bankers Association To Be Held Next Year, Sept. 29—Oct. 2—Spring Meeting in May.

Cleveland, Ohio, was designated for the 1930 annual convention of the American Bankers Association by the Administrative Committee of the organization, it was announced in New York, Nov. 21, by President John G. Lonsdale, President Mercantile-Commerce Bank and Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo. Mr. Lonsdale said the dates of the meeting would be Sept. 29 to Oct. 2. Mr. Lonsdale also announces that the annual spring meeting for 1930 of the Executive Council of the Association will be held at the Chamberlin-Vanderbilt Hotel at Old Point Comfort, Va. The dates of this meeting were fixed as May 5 to 8. The Council is the ad interim governing body of the Association between meetings of the annual convention, and brings together about 300 bankers and members of their families.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

A New York Stock Exchange membership was reported posted for transfer this week, the consideration being stated as \$350,000, ex-rights. The last preceding sale was for \$494,000, ex-rights, on Oct. 24, just before the drastic selling movement on the stock market started. The high price for a membership was \$625,000, this being, however, with rights on. The Stock Exchange increased its membership early in 1929 and gave each member a 25% interest in each new membership. In other words, each member was given the right to purchase one-fourth of a seat.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the sale of a New York Curb Exchange membership for \$150,000. The last preceding sale was for \$250,000.

A New York Coffee and Sugar Exchange membership was sold this week for \$15,000, a decline of \$2,000 from the last preceding sale.

The Irving Trust Co. of New York announced on Nov. 19 the following appointments: To Assistant Secretary: Frederick Baker, George W. Boyd, Thomas E. Clements, Charles G. Gambrell, George A. Jacoby, James P. Keely, H. Miller Lawder, Nelson M. McKernan, Edmund S. Massel, Herman Schnapp and Walter E. Seibert; to Asst. Resident Counsel: Henry T. Hall and William A. Onderdonk; to Assistant Auditor: Walter G. Vogel.

Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. of New York announces the appointment to its new business department of Will Emerson, formerly with the Cambridge Associates of Boston and Thomas F. DeLaney Jr., for the last several years with John Wanamaker, New York. Mr. Emerson was engaged for many years in advertising, real estate promotion and finance in Boston previous to his connection with the Cambridge Associates. Mr. DeLaney has for the last three and a half years been a buyer in the house furnishing section of John Wanamaker. For the twelve years previous he had been associated as a sales executive with the phonograph and radio industry.

George Arthur Hurd, President of the Mortgage Bond Co. of New York and Chairman of the board of directors of the Mortgage Bond & Title Corp., died on Nov. 15. He was also a director of the Lawyers Mortgage Co.

Parker Douglas Handy of the firm of Handy & Harmon, bankers and dealers in bullion and specie, died on Nov. 13. He was in his 72nd year. Mr. Handy was also a director of the Farmers' Loan & Trust Co.

The Straus National Bank & Trust Co. on Nov. 21 celebrated the first anniversary of its establishment. At the close of business Nov. 21 the bank reported deposits of \$17,952,297 and undivided profits of \$573,778.

The New York agency of the Banque Belge pour l'Etranger has received a cablegram from its head office in Brussels advising that at the annual general meeting a 10% dividend exempt of taxes was declared for the year ended June 30 1929. Net profit was 29,180,410 francs, the reserve fund has been increased by 10,000,000 francs, and now stands at 120,000,000 francs.

The entire Administrative Council of the American Bankers' Association, comprising bankers from various cities throughout the United States, attended the Bankers' Forum dinner at the Hotel Pennsylvania, New York, on Nov. 21, in honor of John G. Lonsdale, President of the Association. The dinner was given under the auspices of a committee comprising the heads of all the important New York banks and trust companies. Speakers were Wm. K. Payne, President of the New York State Bankers' Association, and Oswald Garrison Villard.

The board of directors of the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co. of New York has elected Perry M. Rushmore, Vice-President, and William L. Cronin and Clarence W. Bird, Assistant Vice-Presidents.

Frank W. Breibach, formerly Trust Officer of the Murray Hill Trust Co. of New York, has been appointed Treasurer of the Underwriters' Trust Co. The latter institution plans to open for business Nov. 26 at 111 John Street.

Announcement was made this week by the directors of the City Bank Farmers' Trust Co. of New York of the election of Lawrence Slade as Vice-President, in charge of European trust business. Mr. Slade, until January 1928, was assistant manager of the National City Bank of New York (France), S. A., and later was transferred to the London City Branch of the National City Bank of New York. His first business position was with the North American Trust Co. in New York in July 1902, following his graduation from Williams College. When that company was merged with the Trust Company of America Mr. Slade became head of the stock transfer department and later Assistant Secretary, and when the new company was in turn merged with the Equitable Trust Co. of New York he went to the latter institution as Assistant Secretary. In January 1913 he was sent to France to take charge of the Equitable's Paris office, and later was appointed general manager of all foreign branches of that company. During the war Mr. Slade was active in Franco-American War Relief organizations. In 1928 the French Government bestowed on him the decoration of Chevalier of the Legion of Honor. He returned to the United States after the war and later again located in Paris, where he became a member of the National City organization in Paris. For many years Mr. Slade was a director of the American Chamber of Commerce in France, and during the war took part in the financial arrangements for the American Army.

Chelsea Bank & Trust Co. of New York, one of the banks in the midtown financial district, opened its new head office at 20 East 45th Street on Nov. 18 in quarters formerly occupied by the Seaboard Bank in the center of the Grand Central Zone. The new quarters have been completely renovated to suit the needs of the Chelsea Bank, which is now handling trust and fiduciary business under its trust company charter. The new location at 20 East 45th Street will be the head office of the institution and the headquarters of chief officers. In view of this change, Harry S. Groh has been appointed manager of the Broadway branch at 1600 Broadway, with John M. Connelly as Assistant Manager. The head office of Chelsea Exchange Corporation, the securities affiliate of the bank, also has been moved to the 45th Street address.

It is announced that all of the 20,000 shares of additional capital stock issue of Chelsea Bank & Trust Co., which was offered to shareholders at \$80 a share, involving a total of \$1,600,000, has been fully subscribed for and the total, it is stated, has been paid into the bank, giving the organization total capital, surplus and undivided profits of approximately \$5,250,000, or a ratio of approximately four to one of deposits.

President R. S. Hecht, of the Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., the investment affiliate of the Hibernia Bank & Trust Co. of New Orleans, announces the election of Frederick D. Bolles as Vice-President of the company and in charge of its New York office. Mr. Bolles is a native of Wilmington, N. C., and has had 26 years' experience in the investment banking business covering the origination, underwriting and retail and wholesale distribution of investment securities. For some years he was associated with Wm. A. Read & Co., the predecessors of Dillon, Read & Co., and later was Vice-President of Hoagland, Allum & Co., Inc., in charge of their New York office, and Eastern and Southern business. During recent years he has been in business for himself. The Hibernia Securities Co. also has offices in Chicago, Los Angeles, St. Louis, Atlanta, Dallas and Houston.

We are advised that the New York State Banking Department refused to approve a charter for the organization of the Bank of Rosedale, to be located at Rosedale, Queens. It was planned to form the bank with a capital of \$100,000. The movement had been announced as under way in July.

An application for a charter for the Plaza National Bank of White Plains, N. Y., was approved Nov. 4. The bank is to be organized with a capital of \$100,000 and surplus of \$25,000. The stock will be in shares of \$100, and it will be placed at \$135 per share.

Announcement was made on Nov. 21 by the National Shawmut Bank of Boston of the election of Henry J. Nichols

as Vice-President of that organization. Mr. Nichols will take over his new duties prior to Jan. 1 1930 for eight years he was Secretary and Assistant to the President of the First National Bank of Council Bluffs, Iowa, under the late Charles R. Hannan, who was well known in the New England business world. Later Mr. Nichols went to Boston with Mr. Hannan as his assistant and Secretary. At that time Mr. Hannan was financial manager of the various companies in New England in which members of the Swift family were the principal owners. After Mr. Hannan's death in 1907, Mr. Nichols became financial director of these same companies, and served as Treasurer and Director of almost all the New England Companies largely owned by the Swifts. He has continued in that capacity until the present time. For nearly 20 years Mr. Nichols has been a resident of Newton, Mass., during which time he has been a prominent figure in civic affairs.

Liquidation of the defunct Cosmopolitan Trust Co. of Boston, Mass., which in September 1920 was taken over by Joseph C. Allen, then Massachusetts Bank Commissioner, with \$12,775,813 in book accounts, was terminated on Nov. 14 by Judge Sanderson, of the Supreme Court, according to Associated Press advices from Boston on that date, printed in the New York "Times" of the following day. The dispatch went on to say:

The final report showed that Henry O. Cushman, liquidating agent, had brought 640 suits against directors, stockholders and others indebted to the company. The directors collectively were forced to contribute \$540,000 and stockholders \$180,000.

Savings depositors have received dividends of 92.04%, commercial depositors 38.7%, and those in the foreign department, 37.7%.

The present Banking Commissioner has turned over to the State Treasurer \$56,611 in unclaimed dividends. The State Treasurer is obliged by law to retain the amount for six years to meet possible claims that may be allowed by the courts, and at the end of that time it goes into the general fund of the Treasury Department.

Our last reference to the affairs of the defunct trust company appeared in the "Chronicle" of Sept. 8 1928, page 1344.

Samuel R. Worthington, former Assistant Real Estate Officer of the Broadway Merchants' Trust Co. of Camden, N. J., on Nov. 12 was sentenced by Judge Samuel M. Shay to five years (instead of the maximum sentence of ten years) in the State penitentiary when the former pleaded "guilty" to embezzling \$75,000 of the trust company's funds which he lost playing the stock market on margin, according to a dispatch from Camden on that date to the New York "Times." Frank Voigt, Worthington's attorney, in his plea for leniency, called his client "the victim of the Stock Exchange, a system which society, as well as the law, tolerates," and asked the Court to consider all the circumstances of the case. In passing sentence Judge Shay, after remarking that he would not impose the maximum sentence because "I want it to be known I have taken into consideration the tremendous lure that brought this man before me now," but the sentence must be sufficiently severe to deter others from taking a "gambler's chance," went on to say:

"Stocks offer a great temptation to people to gamble. This temptation is so strong that otherwise law-abiding men are conquered by it as this man apparently has been. I was talking to a friend several days ago when a mutual friend came along and said he was about to buy some stock.

"The first man said: 'Don't; I will give you a few good bookings in a horse race instead.'

"I have since learned the bookings were good tips, and he made good money. I would have been more surprised if he had made that money dabbling in stocks. In the present case, however, the amount is so large that, while I realize the temptation is great, we must safeguard our banking institutions, for if their officers fall victims to these temptations we will have chaos and ruin."

The Philadelphia "Ledger" of Nov. 9, in reporting the voluntary confession and surrender of the bank official to Clifford A. Baldwin, Prosecutor for Camden, printed the following statement issued by former Judge John B. Kates, President of the trust company:

"We are sorry to say Mr. Samuel R. Worthington, our real estate officer in charge of our mortgage loan department, has confessed to an embezzlement of certain funds in his department. Our bank is fully protected by insurance and there will be no loss to our stockholders. The money was not taken from our regular bank funds, so none of our depositors are concerned.

"We place mortgages for a New York insurance company on Camden properties and Mr. Worthington has been in charge of this department. These moneys are drawn by draft on New York. Mr. Worthington's plan was to keep certain accounts open when in fact they should have closed. As a matter of fact, none of our mortgage loan clients will suffer any loss, as the defalcation is one entirely between the insurance company in New York and ourselves, and as I have said, any loss is fully covered by insurance."

According to the Newark "News" of Nov. 16, announcement was made the previous day that Alfred T. Gibbs,

heretofore Vice-President and Cashier of the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Montclair, N. J., had been appointed Senior Vice-President of the institution to fill the vacancy caused by the recent death of Louis V. Hubbard, and that four other officers of the bank had also been advanced, namely: Albert W. Ballentine, formerly an Assistant Cashier and Trust Officer, promoted to Vice-President, while continuing as Trust Officer; Terence J. McHugh, formerly Assistant Cashier and Assistant Trust Officer, advanced to an Assistant Vice-President, while continuing as Assistant Trust Officer; Harry C. Husk, heretofore an Assistant Cashier, promoted to Cashier, and Sydney J. Milton, formerly in charge of new business, appointed an Assistant Cashier. Mr. Gibbs, the new Senior Vice-President, has been connected with the First National Bank & Trust Co. of Montclair since its opening in 1909. Starting as Auditor, he was promoted to Assistant Cashier in June of the same year, was advanced to Cashier in 1910, and in 1922 was given the additional title of Vice-President. He has been a director of the institution since 1916. In addition to his duties at the bank, Mr. Gibbs is Vice-President of the Watchung Title & Mortgage Guarantee Co. of Montclair, a member of the Sinking Fund Commission of that town, a governor of the Montclair Chamber of Commerce, and President of the Upper Montclair Building & Loan Association.

The proposed consolidation of the Citizens' National Bank of Lansdale, Pa., with the First National Bank of that place (noted in our issues of Sept. 7 and Oct. 12, pages 1544 and 2337, respectively) was consummated on Nov. 16. The enlarged First National Bank is capitalized at \$400,000.

The Newport Trust Co., Newport, Del., failed to open its doors on Nov. 18, according to Associated Press advices from Newport on that date, printed in the Philadelphia "Record" of Nov. 19. A notice posted on the bank's doors stated that the directors on Saturday, Nov. 16, decided to close the institution for the best interests of the depositors and stockholders "because of unusual withdrawals of deposits during the last month." The bank's last statement, Oct. 4, according to the dispatch, showed capital of \$75,000, surplus of \$30,000, individual deposits of \$225,000, and resources of \$374,754. The advices furthermore said:

Banking Commissioner Harold W. Horsey took charge and promised a statement of the condition of the bank soon. Newport is a manufacturing and agricultural district of 1,500 inhabitants, four miles south of Wilmington.

The failure on Nov. 9 of the Central Bank Co. of Youngstown, Ohio, an institution capitalized at \$150,000, was reported in the following dispatch from Youngstown on that date to the New York "Times":

"Frozen assets" were assigned as the reason for the closing of the Central Bank to-day (Nov. 9) by the Ohio Banking Department. The bank was closely allied with the Central Savings & Loan Co., with resources of \$5,000,000.

The latter is completing a seventeen-story building at an estimated cost of \$1,000,000. According to present plans the building will be occupied about Jan. 1.

Withdrawals of funds by heavy depositors to meet stock market losses is given as one of the causes of the Central Bank's failure.

Formal consolidation of the Marshfield Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago and the Citizens' State Bank of that city, took place on Nov. 12 when the business and assets of the former were moved to the Citizens' State Bank, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 13. The acquisition of the Marshfield Trust & Savings Bank, together with the Addison National Bank, acquired recently, gives the enlarged institution total resources of approximately \$12,500,000. The bank's capital is now \$700,000, with combined surplus and undivided profits of more than \$1,400,000. The paper mentioned furthermore stated that the only change in the personnel of the bank is the addition of Henry F. Hawkins as a Vice-President and of Edward Umbricht as an Assistant Vice-President. William Schlake has been added to the Board of Directors. The proposed merger of these banks was noted in our issue of Oct. 12, page 2338.

The Central Oak Park State Bank, Oak Park (Cook County), Ill., an institution capitalized at \$100,000, was closed for examination by State Auditor Nelson on Nov. 15, according to advices from Chicago on that date to the New York "Times." "Frozen assets" in the shape of mortgages

on real estate were assigned as the cause of the bank's embarrassment. Continuing, the dispatch said:

Assets would, almost without doubt, cover the claims of depositors amounting to about \$400,000, it was stated at the auditor's office. The bank has a capital of \$100,000 and a surplus of \$15,000.

In addition to "doubtful paper" in the bank's accounts in the form of realty mortgages, it was admitted that a number of heavy depositors had recently withdrawn their accounts, though it was denied that anything like a run had taken place. In some quarters it was insisted that the recent slumps in the stock markets were not in any way connected with the closing of the institution.

According to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 21, stockholders of the National Bank of the Republic the previous day approved the proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$10,000,000 to \$10,500,000, indicated in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 19, page 2490. Stockholders of record Dec. 2 1929 will be given the right to subscribe to one share of the new stock for each 20 shares held at the price of \$20 a share, the rights expiring Dec. 16. At the present price of the stock, around 176, the rights are worth about \$7.43 each, it was stated.

From the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 14 it is learned that depositors of the City State Bank of Chicago (the closing of which on Nov. 2 was reported in our issue of Nov. 9, page 2962) may eventually realize 80c. or more on the dollar, according to figures in a petition for dissolution of the bank filed on Nov. 13 by State Attorney-General Carlstrom in the Chicago Circuit Court. The Attorney-General, it was stated, represented State Auditor Nelson, who closed the institution. Subsequently a receivership was instituted. The paper mentioned, continuing, said:

The petition indicated a net loss of \$432,227. Paper listed as "doubtful or wholly worthless" has a total face valuation of \$1,036,227. Offsetting this, the bank's paid in capital was \$400,000, and, in addition, there is a surplus of \$200,000 and \$4,000 in undivided profits.

The deposits totaled \$3,655,255. Christmas savings deposits amounted to \$83,544.

Representatives of the bank believe that a fair share of the outstanding indebtedness to the bank will be collected, thus reducing the net loss. Attorney Seymour Stedman, Vice-President and Trust Officer of the bank, still is hopeful of effecting a reorganization of the institution.

General Abel Davis, Vice-President of the Chicago Title & Trust Co., receiver for the bank, said it would be several weeks before the exact condition of the bank could be ascertained.

According to advices from Abingdon, Ill., on Nov. 12 to the Chicago "Tribune," the First State & Savings Bank of Abingdon was closed on that day by order of State Auditor Oscar Nelson, "for further examination and investigation." The institution, of which G. K. Slough is President, according to the dispatch, is capitalized at \$120,000, and in its last statement showed a surplus of \$80,000, deposits of \$1,298,000, and resources of \$1,625,000. The advices furthermore said:

The closing leaves this Knox County city of 5,000 population, the largest in the county outside of Galesburg, without a bank. Two years ago the First State took over the First National and since then it has been the only bank in the city.

Reorganization is to be attempted and if this fails, the bank is to be placed in the hands of a receiver. Examiner J. A. Stoepel is in charge.

The National Bank of Commerce of Detroit recently opened a branch in the Detroit Union Produce Terminal, into which come each month thousands of carloads of fruits and vegetables which are sold to wholesale commission men who, in turn, resell them to the retailers. The produce terminal is said to be the only building of its kind in the country. It is built on a site of 40 acres and its sales building is approximately 1,000 feet long. Ten miles of spur track are so divided that the freight cars themselves can be unloaded directly on the platforms. The branch office of the National Bank of Commerce offers the terminal the first banking facilities that it has had, although the building has been in use since last July. W. L. Gardner, who has had more than 20 years' experience in branch bank management, is in charge of the branch, which was opened Nov. 18.

Incident to the \$3,592,000 shortage in the Union Industrial Bank of Flint, Mich. (the entire amount of which, it is said, has been made up by Charles S. Mott, President of the institution and Vice-President of the General Motors Corporation), a statement was issued on Nov. 15 by H. R. Wilkin, Executive Vice-President of the bank, describing in detail the alleged stock market operations of the group of former officials and employees who looted the institution over a period of three years. Mr. Wilkin's story, as contained in Flint advices on the same day to the New York "Times," was, in part, as follows:

"Encouraged to get into the market, and seeing the profits that were being made, the use of the bank's funds for speculative purposes was carried on in a small way as early as 1926. These were individual manipulations, the largest single transaction running between \$7,000 and \$8,000.

"Stocks were bought but not paid for until they appreciated in value. They were held as cash items in the collection department. There apparently was no thought of theft, the bank and its funds being used in what was believed to be a sure proposition.

"It was not long before the men gradually began to learn about the operations of one another and it was adversity that brought them together. Losses had accumulated when, according to Ivan P. Christensen, Assistant Cashier at the time, they pooled some of their interests early in 1928, although many individual transactions were made after that time.

"Christensen became the operator to buy and sell securities, he having a private wire from the offices of one of the brokers to his desk. They sometimes met at one of the homes, but usually got together after banking hours and after work evenings, occasionally in the directors' room.

"But, while their doom came in the recent crash, they also lost heavily in the bull market, so they suffered on ups as well as downs. They were caught badly in selling Radio short.

"Drafts would be sent to the bank by one of its Detroit, Chicago or New York correspondents, who were acting as collection agents for brokers in the regular course of business. Where the person on whom the draft was drawn worked in a branch, the drafts would be charged directly to that branch on receipt at the main office and would be held in that branch as a cash item.

"If the person was a main office man it would be charged to another department in which one of the associates was employed and would be held as a cash item. Later, if the stocks were sold at a profit, the proceeds sometimes were split, although usually reinvested.

"If there was a decline in the price a fictitious note would be drawn up and put into the files of the bank. This would be signed by one of the participants, either in his own name but more often fictitiously.

"In one instance there was taken the name George F. Baker, which happens to be that of the President of the First National Bank of New York City.

"These notes would be held until the stock appreciated in value to be taken up by the proceeds of the subsequent sale. This procedure was followed throughout 1928 and this year, and was quite successful. Christensen said that by the spring of 1929 he had accumulated profits of about \$100,000 without actually having stolen any of the bank's funds.

"The group operation was recouping losses at this time and a regret expressed by one of them is that they did not get out from under their load in the middle of the summer when, at one time, they say, they were within about \$10,000 of being even with the board.

"There was a big volume of buying and selling, as they were 'scalping the market,' more of their time and thought, perhaps being devoted to these transactions than to the bank's business.

"Due to the high interest rates, many large investors throughout the country placed money for this purpose. The bank, ordinarily, sets up a call loan account total and with it is set forth the participation. In this case these did not appear in the bank's books. Thus, with no bank record when this money was either loaned or called, manipulation was an easy matter. Graham admitted and was found to have used \$330,000 in an individual transaction.

"Manipulations of such magnitude and involving so many became known to others, and the temptation to do likewise proved too great for some of them. One of these, operating independently, had been playing the market for some time and lost about \$30,000.

"With the slump in Wall Street it was impossible to scalp the market on account of the prices that had been paid for the stock, so the group held on. They did not want this to show in the cash items because the amount involved was so large, so they charged it to 'items in transit,' which was represented by fake drafts drawn on brokers in different cities."

The same dispatch to the "Times," with reference to the six former officials for whom warrants were issued on Nov. 15—namely, John S. DeCamp, former Senior Vice-President; Elton D. Graham, former Vice-President and Cashier; Milton Pollock, former Vice-President; Ivan P. Christensen, former Assistant Cashier; Mark H. Kelley, former Assistant Cashier, and Russell A. Runyon, former Discount Manager—stated that they were arraigned late the same day and released on bail ranging in amount from \$10,000 to \$100,000. The complaints were made by Lewis D. Rose, of the State Banking Department, it was said. A later dispatch from Flint (Nov. 17) to the same paper, contained an account of how the bank's loss was shouldered by President Mott. We quote, as follows, from this dispatch:

Mr. Mott, who is a Vice-President of the General Motors Co., said that he made the advances, totaling more than \$3,500,000, because he could not see "Flint's baby bank" get into difficulties and permit losses to come to his friends.

"I had a personal pride in the bank and in the men who had been with it 10, 15 and 20 years," he said. "We all placed our trust in them and I gave them credit—they were as much responsible for the success of the bank as was the directorate.

"That's why I hate to see their lives wrecked and their families disgraced through their acts. I know that when these men first started taking bank funds they had no thought of stealing or of defrauding the bank. They were merely borrowing funds to play the market, and if this crash hadn't come this fall they would be honored and respected men to-day.

"I have a friend who has a large business. I can't tell you his name, but a few days ago he told me of an experience of his when he had discovered some of his employees had been playing the stock market with his money—quite large sums of money.

"Here we have a similar case. But instead of losing, these employees had won. My friend called them all on the carpet. He bawled them out and fired them on the spot, and, can you imagine, the men were indignant and insulted because he had fired them."

Mr. Mott said when he heard of the supposed shortage he went into the money markets of New York, Chicago and Detroit and by loans on collateral and through his credit borrowed \$3,581,000 in cash.

"I was in New York two weeks ago last Wednesday when an officer of the bank came to me and told me five men had confessed to him and to John S. DeCamp, former Senior Vice-President, who is out on bond charged with embezzling \$91,000 of bank funds. There was supposed to be \$800,000 gone at that time.

"We came to Flint at once and held a directors' meeting, at which five of the men told their story. On our way, we had stopped off in Detroit. I told Frank Blair, head of the Union Commerce Corp. (with which the Union Industrial Bank of Flint recently became affiliated), not to worry over the shortage. I said I believed it was a loss for Flint people to take care of and not the Union Commerce Corp. He (Blair) suggested that each director be forced to contribute his stock and his share of each to save the bank. I replied they weren't in a position to do that.

"After the directors' meeting I put up \$1,000,000 in securities. That held until the loss was found to be \$2,038,000, when I agreed to put up that in cash and took back my securities. A few days later the shortage was definitely set and I added \$1,500,000 more in cash to the money I had deposited in the bank. This money was borrowed on loans on collateral and by credit from New York, Chicago and Detroit bankers.

"At subsequent meetings the directors agreed to sign a certain amount of their Union Commerce Corp. stock over to a fund now with the Guardian Detroit Co. Bank, handling the liquidation of the stocks turned over to the Union Industrial by the confessed stock gamblers.

"However, that was not a time to quibble over who was to pay. I placed \$1,000,000 in securities before the directors had pledged anything themselves. And nothing will be done until the stolen stock is liquidated.

"I am of the opinion the stockholders of Union Industrial stock should pay a percentage of the loss.

"I am willing to stand the loss, however. If a sum of only \$2,000,000 would save the bank, I was ready to supply it, and I stand by the decision."

Subsequent advices from Flint (Nov. 21), this time to the Detroit "Free Press," reported that four more former officers and employees of the bank were arrested on that day, bringing the total number arrested as a result of the disclosures to ten. Those taken into custody on Thursday were Frank D. Montague, former Assistant Vice-President and Manager of the Union Street Branch of the institution, and J. W. Barron, A. J. Schlosser and C. A. Plumb, former Tellers. All were arraigned and later released on bond, that of Montague being fixed at \$50,000. Their examination will take place along with the other six defendants on Dec. 6. According to Prosecutor C. D. Beagle, these four arrests are to be followed shortly by several others. The advices furthermore stated that a meeting of the stockholders in the bank before its merger recently with the Union Commerce Corp. of Detroit will be held on Nov. 29 to work out an equitable plan for distribution of the losses due to the embezzlements. In a statement concerning this forthcoming meeting of the stockholders, President Mott was reported as saying:

"Now that the bank has been thoroughly safeguarded, a new and capable organization functioning with a system as safe as humanly possible, and public officials completing the necessary steps so that justice may be served, the directors feel that the situation now may be taken up with the original stockholders of the Union Industrial.

"With the action of the directors in making assignments and the cash that has been deposited in the bank which makes it sounder than before this happened, we have preserved for the stockholders the utmost value of their interest in the institution. In the emergency we protected the stability of the bank and their holdings and now all is normal.

"The recent merger with the Union Commerce Corp. makes the situation different than ordinarily would be the case. Union Industrial stockholders have received Union Commerce stock in exchange for Union Industrial, the market value of their holdings having been increased considerably by that deal. With the further merger, effective Dec. 15, of the Union Commerce Corp. with the Guardian Detroit group, the value of the original stock of the Union Industrial bank should be further enhanced.

"The Guardian Detroit Union group hardly can be expected to bear the consequences of the defalcations of the Union Industrial employees. We have felt from the beginning that the obligation is ours and this is the problem that is to be presented before the stockholders of whom the other directors and I are a substantial part. We must decide how we will meet what we feel is a moral obligation.

"Many of the stockholders have expressed a willingness to bear the net loss in proportion to their stock, pointing out that even with the deduction their stock would retain a value well above what it was before the merger with the Detroit groups.

"In the meantime, however, and regardless of what action is taken by the Union Industrial stockholders, the cash I have deposited will remain with the Union Industrial to the full amount required.

"We are exceeding grateful to the public for its fine co-operation and splendid display of good faith. As was announced at the start, we have taken the public into our confidence at all times and public interest has been set above all other considerations."

Reference to the affairs of the Union Industrial Bank of Flint, Mich., appeared in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 9 and Nov. 16, pages 2962 and 3119, respectively.

Merger of the Merchants' National Bank and the First National Bank of Sauk Center, Minn., and affiliation of the resulting institution with the First Bank Stock Corporation of Minneapolis was announced Nov. 14 by P. J. Leeman, Vice-President and General Manager of the corporation. A statement in the matter says in part:

The consolidation was accomplished through the purchase of the assets and assumption of the deposit liabilities of the First National by the Merchants' National. The Merchants' National, which continues as the operating corporation, is capitalized at \$25,000, with surplus of \$30,000 and undivided profits of \$16,000, a total capital structure of \$71,000. The merged bank has deposits of \$1,100,000 and total resources of \$1,318,000.

The Sauk Center affiliation brings to 73 the units in the First Bank Stock Corporation group, of which 35 are in Minnesota. Total resources of the group are now approximately \$440,000,000.

D. B. Caughren, President of the Merchants' National, will continue as the executive head of the combined banks.

According to advices from Omaha, Neb., on Nov. 11 to the "Wall Street Journal" the Omaha National Bank has definitely announced that it will not join the Northwest Bancorporation (Minneapolis) chain of banks, and that all negotiations are off.

Announcement was made on Nov. 9 that arrangements had been completed for the affiliation of the Liberty Bank & Trust Co. of Savannah, Ga., with the Fourth National Bank of Atlanta, Ga., and hence, shortly, with the \$150,000,000 First National Bank of Atlanta, now in process of formation through the consolidation of the Atlanta & Lowry National Bank of Atlanta and the Fourth National Bank, reference to which was made in our issues of Oct. 26 and Nov. 2, pages 2633 and 2810, respectively. There will be no change in the management or policies of the Liberty Bank & Trust Co., which will continue to have the same directors and officers as heretofore. According to the Savannah "Morning News" of Nov. 10, announcement was made at the same time that the capital of the Liberty Bank & Trust Co. had been increased from \$300,000 to \$600,000. This paper also stated that "the Georgia State Savings Association, now owned by the Liberty Bank & Trust Co., will, it is expected, be separated from it as a result of these new connections, and application will be made by the Liberty Bank & Trust for a national charter at the proper time. Shareholders of the Liberty Bank & Trust will be given the opportunity to acquire the shares of the Georgia State and it will then be organized as an independent institution." Officers of the Liberty Bank & Trust Co. are as follows: Henry Blun, Chairman of the Board of Directors; J. P. Houlihan, President; Hal H. Bacon, Vice-President; C. A. McCarthy, Vice-President and Cashier; E. L. Dasher and J. F. Sullivan, Assistant Cashiers; W. H. Sexton, Manager of the Bond Department, and E. E. Wright, Assistant Manager of the Bond Department.

The Merchants' National Bank of Point Pleasant, W. Va., capitalized at \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Nov. 5. It was succeeded by the Citizens' National Bank of the same place.

Closing for liquidation of the Peoples' Bank of Philippi, W. Va., on Nov. 21 by the State Banking Department was reported in Associated Press advices from that place on Nov. 21, printed in the New York "Times" of Nov. 22. "Frozen" assets and unusual withdrawals were given as the reasons for closing the institution.

A. J. Oubre, former cashier of the Bank of Kemper at Scooba, Miss., was sentenced on Nov. 13 by Judge J. I. Sturdivant in the Circuit Court at DeKalb, Miss., to 10 years in the Mississippi penitentiary, following his plea of "guilty" to embezzling the bank's funds, according to a press dispatch from DeKalb on Nov. 13, printed in the Jackson (Miss.) "News" of the same date. The bank (as reported in Associated Press advices from Jackson on Nov. 2, appearing in the New Orleans "Times-Picayune" of the next day) was closed when a shortage of \$35,000 (subsequently found to amount to \$105,000) was discovered in its funds. The closed bank had a combined capital and surplus of \$42,500, deposits of approximately \$250,000, and total resources of \$300,000. The Jackson "News" of Nov. 13, in printing the above-mentioned dispatch from DeKalb, went on to say, in part:

L. C. Cadenhead, ousted fiscal agent of the Mississippi Life & Casualty Insurance Co., was arrested here to-day on charges of embezzling funds of the Bank of Kemper at Scooba.

Cadenhead's arrest followed receipt of indictments returned yesterday at DeKalb by the Kemper County Grand Jury.

Four true bills were returned against Cadenhead at DeKalb yesterday in connection with the failure of the bank in which State Banking Department officials have uncovered a shortage of more than \$100,000.

A. J. Oubre, cashier of the defunct bank and treasurer of the insurance company, was also indicted with Cadenhead, but will be allowed immunity from prosecution because of his testimony before the Grand Jury which resulted in the return of the indictments.

That controlling interest in the Central Savings Bank & Trust Co. of Covington, Ky., is being acquired by the Banco Kentucky Co. of Louisville, Ky., is reported in the following dispatch from Cincinnati, Ohio, on Wednesday, Nov. 20, to the New York "Times":

Controlling interest in the Central Savings Bank and Trust Company of Covington, Ky., is being taken over by the Banco Kentucky on a basis of \$600 for each \$100 share of stock, it was revealed in letters received by stockholders to-day. The Covington bank's statement for June 29 shows a capital of \$60,000 surplus of \$100,000, undivided profits of \$40,188 and deposits of \$1,987,184.

Stockholders of the Barnet National Bank of Jacksonville, Fla., on Dec. 16 will vote on a proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$1,000,000 to \$1,500,000, according to advices from that city on Nov. 21 to the "Wall Street Journal." The increase is to be accomplished through the sale of \$500,000 of new stock at the price of \$200 a share. This will give the institution combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of approximately \$3,250,000, the dispatch said.

Stockholders of the Republic National Bank & Trust Co. of Dallas, Tex., on Nov. 14 unanimously ratified the scheme for consolidation with the North Texas National Bank of Dallas (referred to in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 19, p. 2491) and approved an increase in the bank's capital from \$3,500,000 to \$4,000,000, according to the Dallas "News" of Nov. 15. The new stock was ordered entirely allotted to the former shareholders of the North Texas National Bank. The increase gives the enlarged Republic National Bank & Trust Co. a combined capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$6,500,000. "With the shareholders sharing equitably in the Republic National Co. (the bank's holding company) with a capital stock of \$500,000, it was reported that the aggregate stockholders investment approximates \$7,000,000." The stockholders also at the same meeting approved the action of the directors retaining in their respective positions all former officers of the North Texas National Bank with the exception of the former President, Everett S. Owens, who has been made chairman of the executive committee. In conclusion the paper mentioned said:

Affiliations of the institution with the First National Bank of Waco, the Liberty State Bank of Dallas and the Oak Cliff Bank and Trust Co. give it resources of about \$85,000,000, it was reported.

Preparations for the construction of an eighteen-story annex to the building, recently announced, were reported as progressing rapidly.

Supplementing our item of Nov. 9 (page 2963), with reference to the proposed consolidation of the American Exchange National Bank of Dallas, Tex., and the City National Bank of that city, we learn from the Dallas "News" of Nov. 15 that announcement was made the previous day, following a meeting of the committee composed of directors of both the institutions, that the name of the resulting institution will be the First National Bank in Dallas and the title of its affiliated institution the First National Trust Co. The consolidated bank will be capitalized at \$8,000,000, with surplus and undivided profits of more than \$6,500,000, and will have resources in excess of \$100,000,000. Henry C. Coke, Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Exchange National Bank, will be Chairman of the Board of Directors of the new institution; R. H. Stewart, Chairman of the Board of the City National Bank, will be Vice-Chairman of the Board, while Nathan Adams, President of the American Exchange National Bank, will be President. J. A. Pondrom, President of the City National Bank, will become Chairman of the Executive Committee of the enlarged bank and President of the First National Trust Co. B. A. McKinney, a Vice-President of the American Exchange National Bank, will be First Vice-President of the new bank, and G. H. Pittman and Lang Wharton, Vice-Presidents, respectively, of the American Exchange National Bank and the City National Bank, will be Vice-Presidents of the consolidated bank. All other officers of the two institutions will retain their present titles in the enlarged bank. The consolidated bank will occupy the present quarters of the American Exchange National Bank, on Main and Elm Street, at Exchange Place. A new Elm Street addition and enlarged banking quarters were formally opened by the American Exchange National Bank on Nov. 14.

Frank G. Mortimer, Vice-President, Citizens' National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, has been elected a Director and Treasurer of the Civic Bureau of Music and Art of Los Angeles County.

Application to organize a new bank in Astoria, Ore., to be known as the United National Bank, and with capital of \$160,000, was received by the Comptroller of the Currency on Nov. 12.

The directors of the Dominion Bank (head office Toronto, Canada) at a meeting on Nov. 21, declared the usual dividend of 3% for the quarter ending Dec. 31 1929 together with a bonus of 1% payable to shareholders of record of Dec. 20 1929, making a total distribution to the shareholders for the current year of 13%.

Barclays Bank (Canada), subsidiary of Barclays Bank, Ltd., which opened for business in Montreal on Sept. 3 last, appeared for the first time in the return of chartered banks made to the Canadian Minister of Finance for September. Figures of assets and liabilities, as at Sept. 30 1929 were given in the Toronto "Globe" of Nov. 14, as follows:

Assets—	
Current coin	\$10,330
Dominion notes	43,727
Notes of other banks	6,600
U. S. and other countries	2,974
Cheques on other banks	136,432
Deposits made with and balances due from other banks in Canada	1,066,092
Due from banks and correspondents in United Kingdom	572,234
Due from banks and banking correspondents elsewhere than Canada or U. K.	1,166,092
Dominion Government and Provincial Government securities	151,601
Canadian municipal securities, and British, foreign and colonial public securities, other than Canadian	100,385
Current loans in Canada	53,179
Dep. with Minister of Finance	5,000
Total assets	\$3,614,901
Liabilities—	
Notes in circulation	\$43,800
Deposits by public in Canada	106,757
Deposits by public elsewhere	79,301
Deposits made by and bal. due to other banks in Canada	351,265
Due to banks and banking correspondents in U. K.	553,558
Due to banks and banking correspondents elsewhere	1,162,172
Other liabilities than above	4,752
Reserve fund	500,000
Capital paid up	500,000
Total liabilities	\$3,301,637
Capital authorized	500,000
Capital subscribed	500,000
Aggregate amount loans to directors and their partners, etc.	50,000
Average amount current coin	2,909
Average amount Dominion notes	10,214
Greatest amt. notes in circulation at any one time in month	43,800

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The New York stock market has shown further improvement the present week, the buying in many sections of the list indicating renewed confidence all along the line. There have been, to be sure, a few brief periods of irregularity and indecision, but the trend has, on the whole, been generally upward with every indication that the market is gradually working back to a normal basis. Both the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston and the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago have followed in the footsteps of the New York Reserve Bank and reduced their rediscount rates from 5% to 4½%. Another item of more than passing interest has been the lowering of the Bank of England rate from 6% to 5½%. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank, made public after the close of business on Thursday shows a further reduction of \$585,000,000 in broker's loans. Call money renewed at 5½% on Monday, dropped to 5% in the afternoon and fluctuated between 5% and 4½% during the rest of the week. Prices were generally higher as the market opened on Monday but as the day advanced the volume of trading dropped off and the trend was downward, though the declines in most cases were very moderate. General Electric was in good demand in the early trading but ended the day at 191½ with a net loss of 6½ points. United States Steel, common dropped to 160 with a loss of 4¼ points, American Can was down 3½ points at its final price of 102, and American Tel. & Tel. had lost 3¾ points as it closed at 216. Other stocks that ended the day with losses of 5 or more points included such standard shares as Union Pacific, J. I. Case, American Water Works & Electric, Pere Marquette, Johns-Manville, Inspiration Copper, Auburn Auto, Brooklyn Union Gas, Columbian Carbon, Federal Light & Traction, Greene Cananea Copper, and Western Union Telegraph Co. Among those that closed higher were Allied Chemical & Dye 14 points at 244, Detroit Edison 6 points at 201, Wright Aero 9¼ points at 40½, and Vulcan Detinning 9 points at 59.

Normal conditions again prevailed on Tuesday and while the day's transactions were still comparatively low, the market moved ahead most of the day and advances ranging from 2 to 15 or more points, were listed in a number of the more active favorites. United States Steel common again moved to the front and closed at 166½ with a gain of 6½ points. Amer. Can had gained nearly 8 points as it closed at 109¾; General Electric moved ahead 9½ points to 201, and Amer. Tel. & Tel. advanced more than 5 points to 220¾.

Railroad shares were also strong and moved forward under the guidance of Atchison which surged upward 6 points to 219. New York Central followed with a gain of 5 points at 172 $\frac{7}{8}$, and such issues as Union Pacific, Can. Pacific, Balt. & Ohio, and Chesapeake & Ohio were in strong demand and registered substantial advances at the close. The outstanding stocks among the lower priced issues were New Haven up to 5 points to 108 $\frac{5}{8}$, Erie which closed at 52 $\frac{3}{8}$ with a gain of 3 $\frac{3}{8}$ points and Missouri Pacific which also closed at a higher level. The public utility group displayed many strong stocks and sharp advances were registered by Public Service of New Jersey which closed at 71 $\frac{5}{8}$ with a gain of 5 $\frac{5}{8}$ points; Amer. & Foreign Power which improved 6 points to 67, and Amer. Water Works which closed at 70 with an advance of 6 points.

Stocks continued their upward climb on Wednesday. The advances were not as large as on the preceding day, but there were numerous gains ranging from 2 to 6 or more points, particularly among the higher priced stocks. National Biscuit for instance had a sensational advance of more than 21 points to 190 following the announcement that the directors had voted to recommend a split-up of the stock on a 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ for 1 basis. United States Steel, common showed a net gain of 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ points as it closed at 168, Amer. Tel. & Tel. gained over 2 points to 223, General Electric shot ahead 12 or more points to 213 $\frac{1}{2}$ and Westinghouse closed at 132 with a net advance of 7 points. Other noteworthy gains were American Tobacco 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ points, Youngstown Sheet & Tube 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ points, Eastman Kodak 9 points, Santa Fe 8 points and Chesapeake & Ohio 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ points. Leading issues were again in demand on Thursday, and many of the more active speculative favorites moved briskly forward to higher levels. The early trading was somewhat weak and the market was forced to absorb considerable selling. As the day advanced prices strengthened and with selling pressure removed the trend was upward. The outstanding strong stocks of the day were the public utility issues which moved upward under the leadership of Standard Gas which closed with a gain of 10 $\frac{1}{2}$ points. Other utilities worthy of note were Amer. & Foreign Power which gained 6 $\frac{1}{8}$ points, North American which improved 5 points, Public Service Corporation of New Jersey which forged ahead 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ points, and General Public Service which moved upward about 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ points. Railway stocks continued in great demand at higher prices, especially Southern Railway, which moved upward 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ points, Atchison which gained 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ points, New York Central which improved 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ points and Union Pacific which ran ahead 12 points and closed at 231 $\frac{3}{4}$. United States Steel, common closed with a net advance of nearly 2 points. Westinghouse scored an advance of 7 $\frac{7}{8}$ points and General Electric 13 points.

Price movements were somewhat irregular on Friday though some of the stronger stocks maintained their strength despite considerable week end profit taking. There were no sharp breaks, but some of the pivotal stocks slipped back from 2 to 3 points at the close. Initial prices were generally higher and Amer. Can, General Electric, Amer. & Foreign Power and a number of other speculative favorites attained new top levels on the rally, but dropped most of their gains in the recessions later in the day. Copper shares and radio issues were under pressure and moved downward and so did the motor shares. Railroad shares, on the other hand, held their gains and closed at higher levels. Prominent among the latter were New York Central which improved 4 points to 181, Atlantic Coast Line which advanced 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ points to 175 $\frac{1}{2}$, Chesapeake & Ohio which ran up 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ points to 203 $\frac{1}{4}$ and Rock Island which moved ahead nearly 2 points to 119 $\frac{3}{4}$. Public Utilities were also in demand at higher prices. Specialties were represented on the up side by J. I. Case Co., which closed at 184 $\frac{3}{4}$ with a gain of 12 $\frac{3}{4}$ points, United States Industrial Alcohol which improved 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ points to 146 $\frac{1}{4}$ and Otis Elevator which closed at 244 with a gain of 14 points.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Nov. 22.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	HOLI DAY			
Monday	*2,746,770	\$9,650,000	\$4,281,000	\$559,000
Tuesday	*2,718,010	10,762,000	3,188,000	509,000
Wednesday	*2,829,040	11,643,000	3,518,000	316,000
Thursday	*3,138,680	13,265,000	3,873,000	634,000
Friday	*2,929,230	11,363,000	2,859,000	383,000
Total	14,361,730	\$56,623,000	\$16,719,000	\$2,401,000

* Abbreviated sessions on these days. Stock Exchange closed at 1 p. m.

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Nov. 22.		Jan. 1 to Nov. 22.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Stocks—No. of shares.	14,361,730	33,455,671	1,033,044,710	780,573,099
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$2,401,000	\$1,898,500	\$123,728,000	\$168,112,750
State and foreign bonds	16,719,000	14,353,500	580,888,650	685,497,635
Railroad & misc. bonds	56,623,000	36,413,500	1,951,723,800	2,056,861,676
Total	\$75,743,000	\$52,665,500	\$2,656,340,450	\$2,910,472,061

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Nov. 22 1929.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	HOLI DAY					
Monday	*80,340	\$28,000	119,629	\$13,800	2,755	\$95,500
Tuesday	*56,965	23,000	101,725	10,000	2,545	20,000
Wednesday	*59,809	92,000	109,729	14,000	2,648	33,500
Thursday	81,601	36,000	91,666	23,100	2,889	41,900
Friday	76,115	51,000	60,100	-----	3,850	28,000
Total	354,830	\$230,000	482,846	\$60,900	14,687	\$218,900
Prev. week revised	500,055	\$286,000	879,853	\$96,700	38,434	\$273,300

* In addition, sales of rights were: Monday, 100; Tuesday, 300; Wednesday, 88.
 a In addition sales of rights were: Monday, 7,800; Tuesday, 5,300; Wednesday, 4,800; Thursday, 7,500; Friday, 7,900.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

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

	Sat., Nov. 16.	Mon., Nov. 18.	Tues., Nov. 19.	Wed., Nov. 20.	Thurs., Nov. 21.	Fri., Nov. 22.
Silver, p. oz. d.	22 9-16	22 11-16	22 11-16	22 11-16	22 11-16	22 13-16
Gold, p. fine oz.	84s.11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	84s.11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	84s.10 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.	84s.10d.	84s.10 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.	84s.11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.
Consols, 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	---	---	---	---	---	53 $\frac{3}{4}$
British, 5%	---	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	99 $\frac{1}{2}$	99 $\frac{1}{2}$
British, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ %	---	---	---	---	---	93 $\frac{3}{4}$
French Rentes (in Paris) fr.	---	80.35	80.65	80.65	80.70	80.70
French War L'n (in Paris) fr.	---	105.60	105.50	105.40	105	105

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:
 Silver in N. Y., per oz. (cts.)
 Foreign..... 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 49 $\frac{1}{2}$ 49 $\frac{1}{2}$

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings this week will show only a trifling increase as compared with a year ago. Preliminary figures compiled by us, based upon telegraphic advices from the chief cities of the country, indicate that for the week ended to-day (Saturday, Nov. 23) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will be only 0.1% larger than for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$14,240,356,974, against \$14,235,942,539 for the same week in 1928. At this centre there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 2.6%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ending Nov. 23.	1929.	1928.	Per Cent.
New York	\$7,363,000,000	\$7,558,000,000	-2.6
Chicago	636,791,096	659,734,312	-3.5
Philadelphia	736,000,000	575,000,000	+28.0
Boston	669,000,000	499,000,000	+34.1
Boston	134,920,428	128,210,172	+5.2
Kansas City	132,800,000	158,600,000	-16.3
St. Louis	188,297,453	210,238,000	-10.4
San Francisco	184,208,000	216,396,000	-14.9
Los Angeles	176,752,245	181,250,239	-2.5
Pittsburgh	194,485,646	214,682,456	-9.4
Detroit	129,636,699	118,831,187	+9.1
Cleveland	91,167,317	85,838,433	+6.2
Baltimore	64,930,125	69,966,904	-7.2
New Orleans	---	---	---
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$10,701,989,009	\$10,675,747,703	+0.2
Other cities, 5 days	1,164,983,470	1,163,645,520	-1.0
Total all cities, 5 days	\$11,866,972,479	\$11,839,393,223	+0.1
All cities, 1 day	2,373,394,495	2,396,549,316	+0.2
Total all cities for week	\$14,240,356,974	\$14,235,942,539	+0.1

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statements, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended Nov. 16. For that week there is an increase of 17.1%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$15,795,766,261, against \$13,488,783,634 in the same week of 1928. Outside of this city the increase is only 5.3%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a gain of 23.7%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which

they are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve district, including this city, there is an improvement of 23.7%, in the Boston Reserve District of 37.3% and in the Philadelphia Reserve District of 19.9%. The Cleveland Reserve District shows an increase of 5.3%, but the Richmond Reserve District suffers a loss of 0.3%, and the Atlanta Reserve District of 0.9%. In the Chicago Reserve District the clearings total is 5.0% smaller, in the St. Louis Reserve District 4.1% smaller, and in the Minneapolis Reserve District 14.1% smaller. The Kansas City Reserve District records an increase of 3.0%, but the Dallas Reserve District falls 7.4% behind, and the San Francisco Reserve District 5.3%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Week Ended Nov. 22 1929.	1929.	1928.	Inc. or Dec.	1927.	1926.
Federal Reserve Districts					
1st Boston—12 cities	785,831,039	557,712,498	+37.3	711,334,777	582,620,070
2nd New York—11	10,877,384,226	8,041,170,972	+23.7	7,219,489,951	5,575,545,277
3rd Philadelphia—10	780,602,844	651,289,648	+19.9	709,090,789	645,021,352
4th Cleveland—8	496,851,082	471,661,242	+5.3	478,415,638	439,504,911
5th Richmond—8	196,814,548	197,393,082	-0.3	231,217,646	211,721,191
6th Atlanta—13	198,410,526	230,215,997	-9.9	234,930,607	222,463,438
7th Chicago—20	1,110,887,948	1,168,014,815	-5.0	1,125,644,210	995,964,620
8th St. Louis—8	240,546,829	250,803,307	-4.1	256,562,731	251,155,331
9th Minneapolis—7	136,253,326	157,546,536	-14.1	178,126,961	156,235,809
10th Kansas City—12	249,579,425	242,417,135	+3.0	276,521,387	289,101,031
11th Dallas—5	87,543,543	94,533,642	-7.4	101,990,134	106,347,059
12th San Fran.—17	656,951,128	693,016,430	-5.3	714,832,902	613,503,866
Total—129 cities	15,795,766,261	13,488,783,634	+17.1	12,233,156,753	10,089,283,955
Outside N. Y. City	5,094,712,901	4,839,350,676	+5.3	5,153,896,100	4,644,527,397
Canada—31 cities	495,291,225	454,680,076	+8.9	510,673,304	401,822,403

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

Clearings at—	Week Ended Nov. 16.				
	1929.	1928.	Inc. or Dec.	1927.	1926.
First Federal Reserve District—Boston	\$ 658,646	\$ 571,021	+15.3	\$ 950,227	\$ 787,249
Maine—Bangor	3,787,076	4,000,576	-5.3	4,170,133	3,572,030
Portland	693,000,000	490,000,000	+41.4	645,000,000	522,000,000
Mass.—Boston	1,593,679	2,082,918	-23.5	2,524,524	2,396,204
Fall River	1,326,719	1,418,529	-6.5	1,838,745	1,322,800
Lowell	1,421,923	1,366,916	+4.0	1,534,405	1,431,347
New Bedford	6,182,816	7,558,277	-18.2	5,691,375	6,075,205
Springfield	4,232,665	3,950,020	+7.2	3,496,953	3,348,515
Worcester	21,574,742	17,775,637	+21.4	18,247,786	14,632,754
Conn.—Hartford	9,203,800	10,180,393	-6.6	9,094,577	7,241,205
New Haven	21,690,200	18,070,200	+20.0	18,548,500	15,749,400
R. I.—Providence	858,775	738,011	+16.7	787,552	666,060
Total (12 cities)	765,831,039	557,712,498	+37.3	711,334,777	582,620,070
Second Federal Reserve District—New York	\$ 7,005,672	\$ 7,549,398	-7.2	\$ 5,259,583	\$ 6,536,846
N. Y.—Albany	1,486,661	1,763,405	-15.7	1,184,323	1,020,600
Binghamton	75,098,734	69,045,689	+8.8	59,827,846	56,575,812
Buffalo	949,770	1,322,798	-28.2	1,085,929	1,008,252
Elmira	1,594,315	1,679,220	+1.0	1,779,606	1,646,528
Jamestown	10701,533,360	8,649,432,958	+23.7	7,079,260,653	5,444,756,558
New York	18,000,961	19,151,404	-6.0	14,436,935	12,173,306
Rochester	7,529,270	7,362,325	+2.3	6,770,908	5,957,608
Syracuse	4,746,121	3,935,548	+20.5	3,988,074	3,736,408
Conn.—Stamford	1,014,996	900,060	+39.8	1,028,822	760,028
N. J.—Montclair	58,904,434	42,125,167	+39.8	44,867,272	41,373,331
Total (11 cities)	10877,384,226	8,804,170,972	+23.7	7,219,489,951	5,575,545,277
Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia	\$ 1,409,518	\$ 1,611,229	-12.5	\$ 2,118,562	\$ 1,830,147
Pa.—Allentown	5,683,686	5,334,416	+5.4	5,336,605	4,690,280
Bethlehem	1,169,735	1,438,378	-18.7	1,713,764	1,360,824
Chester	2,507,265	1,931,645	+28.5	2,311,426	2,085,518
Lancaster	745,000,000	618,000,000	+20.6	670,000,000	610,000,000
Philadelphia	4,862,622	4,863,645	-0.1	4,981,723	4,766,972
Reading	7,529,860	5,969,041	+46.7	7,074,683	6,400,069
Scranton	4,417,662	4,160,127	+6.2	3,988,969	4,939,827
Wilkes-Barre	2,137,849	2,293,589	-6.8	2,460,149	1,934,831
York	5,884,657	5,607,578	+4.9	9,104,908	7,003,944
Total (10 cities)	780,602,844	651,289,648	+19.9	709,090,789	645,021,352
Fourth Federal Reserve District—Cleveland	\$ 5,745,000	\$ 8,091,000	-28.9	\$ 7,053,000	\$ 6,016,000
Ohio—Akron	6,341,202	5,102,819	+24.3	4,918,841	3,865,358
Canton	84,095,050	77,490,019	+8.5	92,892,617	81,819,972
Cincinnati	174,378,154	161,882,766	+13.9	151,717,689	130,063,442
Cleveland	19,817,700	19,523,400	+0.0	21,231,600	15,490,000
Columbus	2,045,438	2,125,285	-3.8	2,010,874	2,444,653
Mansfield	6,149,698	6,732,275	+1.5	5,246,046	5,054,418
Youngstown	198,288,840	190,713,678	+4.0	193,344,971	194,351,068
Total (8 cities)	496,861,082	471,661,242	+5.3	478,415,638	439,504,911
Fifth Federal Reserve District—Richmond	\$ 1,248,200	\$ 1,401,791	+4.0	\$ 1,672,920	\$ 1,570,621
W. Va.—Hunt's Gap	4,871,341	5,217,161	-6.4	6,054,160	10,561,003
Richmond	54,413,000	52,102,000	+4.4	64,250,910	56,589,000
S. C.—Charleston	2,187,250	2,572,992	-15.0	3,317,984	2,935,200
MD.—Baltimore	103,008,512	105,971,163	-2.8	128,872,133	112,573,965
D. C.—Washington	31,086,242	30,128,035	+3.2	27,049,539	27,491,402
Total (6 cities)	196,814,548	197,393,082	-0.3	231,217,646	211,721,191
Sixth Federal Reserve District—Atlanta	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,300,000	+6.1	\$ 3,500,000	\$ 3,605,000
Tenn.—Knoxville	23,726,357	28,216,223	-15.9	30,198,007	25,687,294
Nashville	61,140,038	59,089,618	+3.5	*64,813,003	64,635,608
Georgia—Atlanta	2,843,216	2,805,990	+23.3	2,428,295	2,208,624
Augusta	1,817,195	2,878,311	-36.9	2,418,300	1,973,752
Fla.—Jacksonville	13,027,921	15,165,464	-14.1	19,108,525	26,056,847
Miami	2,576,000	2,283,000	+12.8	4,470,000	9,652,393
Ala.—Birmingham	25,913,500	25,816,636	+0.4	31,857,501	27,913,701
Mobile	2,184,591	2,438,295	-10.4	2,098,166	2,340,472
Miss.—Jackson	2,415,000	3,923,000	-38.4	2,425,000	1,799,639
Vicksburg	280,278	565,937	-50.4	454,973	437,286
La.—New Orleans	58,986,230	54,236,923	+8.8	71,158,837	56,172,822
Total (12 cities)	198,410,326	200,218,997	-0.9	234,930,607	222,463,438

Clearings at—	Week Ended Nov. 16.				
	1929.	1928.	Inc. or Dec.	1927.	1926.
	\$	\$	%	\$	\$
Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago	\$ 303,246	\$ 351,384	-3.7	\$ 299,239	\$ 234,337
Mich.—Adrian	1,022,311	1,063,745	-3.9	878,861	1,116,504
Ann Arbor	209,112,343	244,230,600	-14.4	187,808,143	180,714,406
Detroit	6,671,289	10,165,108	-34.4	8,045,619	8,107,857
Grand Rapids	3,917,984	3,599,196	+8.9	2,621,017	2,880,345
Lansing	5,029,818	3,588,363	+40.0	3,268,294	3,671,264
Ind.—Ft. Wayne	31,163,000	28,754,000	+8.4	26,075,000	25,003,000
Indianapolis	3,571,237	3,635,900	-1.8	4,183,300	3,009,400
South Bend	6,361,749	5,091,605	+24.9	6,299,342	5,853,959
Terre Haute	40,865,960	47,250,528	-14.6	45,118,223	46,124,681
Wis.—Milwaukee	3,033,220	3,023,468	+0.1	2,999,008	2,665,109
Ia.—Ced. Rapids	6,773,243	10,028,140	-5.2	11,208,273	11,514,564
Des Moines	6,637,180	6,284,348	+5.6	6,020,587	5,948,825
Sioux City	1,927,442	1,604,693	+20.1	1,472,306	1,487,312
Waterloo	2,082,986	1,907,974	+9.1	2,199,508	1,611,154
Ill.—Bloomington	766,003,318	785,621,982	-2.5	805,471,909	683,781,754
Chicago	1,476,506	1,677,713	-12.0	1,569,659	1,315,688
Decatur	5,810,014	6,024,165	-3.6	5,596,706	4,582,273
Peoria	4,061,497	4,112,003	-1.2	3,629,314	3,542,867
Rockford	2,663,605	3,058,333	-12.9	2,658,477	2,799,321
Springfield					
Total (20 cities)	1,110,987,948	1,168,014,915	-5.0	1,125,644,210	995,964,620
Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis	\$ 4,995,447	\$ 5,629,969	-11.3	\$ 6,078,234	\$ 6,126,084
Mo.—Evansville	146,200,000	151,700,000	-3.6	147,800,000	157,100,000
Mo.—St. Louis	37,458,586	38,916,427	-3.7	44,701,959	36,993,014
Ky.—Louisville	434,904	404,882	+7.4	391,600	288,918
Owensboro	32,509,065	33,543,495	-3.1	35,128,035	29,880,579
Tenn.—Memphis	17,221,105	18,824,567	-8.5	20,468,529	18,987,733
Kan.—Little Rock	336,996	345,170	-2.4	374,124	346,783
Ill.—Jacksonville	1,390,456	1,443,807	-3.7	1,620,250	1,432,220
Total (8 cities)	240,546,829	250,803,307	-4.1	256,562,731	251,155,331
Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis	\$ 7,648,889	\$ 11,454,801	-33.2	\$ 10,948,822	\$ 10,943,877
Minn.—Duluth	90,763,467	101,045,233	-10.2	111,093,372	98,084,300
St. Paul	27,075,475	35,974,695	-24.7	41,774,489	38,137,782
N. Dak.—Fargo	2,614,883	2,580,549	+3.3	2,423,137	2,341,163
S. D.—Aberdeen	1,412,204	1,525,714	-7.4	1,763,185	1,674,963
Mont.—Billings	872,597	1,010,594	-13.2	949,976	949,571
Helena	4,875,811	4,005,000	+21.7	4,273,000	4,104,153
Total (7 cities)	135,253,326	157,546,586	-14.1	173,125,981	156,235,809
Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City	\$ 270,534	\$ 350,028	-22.6	\$ 371,154	\$ 407,568
Neb.—Fremont	487,467	505,327	-3.5	499,642	430,207
Hastings	3,553,179	4,026,253	-11.7	5,360,620	4,786,240
Lincoln	44,731,755	43,348,194	+3.2	47,250,581	45,208,901
Omaha	2,969,924	3,444,951	-13.8	2,711,556	3,944,952
Kan.—Topeka	7,755,025	8,167,865	-5.1	7,845,557	9,121,565
Mo.—Kansas City	147,328,628	137,929,109	+6.8	165,680,236	181,554,454
Mo.—St. Joseph	6,201,143	7,212,220	-14.0	6,231,582	8,294,898
Okla.—Okla. City	33,092,116</				

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

The volume of business in Curb Exchange securities fell off considerably this week and trading was on a more normal basis. Some liquidation started the week but soon gave way to an upward movement which extended throughout the list and continued to the close. Utilities registered good advances. Amer. & Foreign Power warrants after an early loss from 46 3/4 to 39 1/2 sold up to 55 7/8, the close to-day being at 54. Amer. Gas & Elec., com. from 108 1/2 receded to 99 then advanced to 122 1/2 with the final figure to-day 117 3/8. Commonwealth Edison eased off at first from 235 to 229 1/2 then sold up to 255. Electric Bond & Share, com. made a substantial recovery. From 69 1/4 it eased off early in the week to 63 then ran up to 82 5/8, the close to-day being at 79 5/8. Middle West Utilities, com. rose from 233 3/4 to 270 on few transactions. Northern States Pow., com. gained 34 points to 166 and rested finally at 160 1/4. Investment Trusts were generally stronger. Goldman Sachs Trading Co. after early loss from 41 1/8 to 35 1/2 sold up to 44 1/8 and at 43 finally. Insull Utility Investments weakened from 48 1/4 to 46 1/2, then advanced to 61, the close to-day being at 59 1/4. Lehman Corp. declined from 74 7/8 to 68 3/4, then advanced to 76, with the final transaction to-day at 75 3/8. Among miscellaneous issues Aluminum Co. rose from 220 to 270 and sold finally at 260. In the oils Humble Oil & Ref. weakened from 88 1/8 to 81, then moved up to 90 7/8, the close to-day being at 90 5/8. Cosden Oil, com. gained about 20 points to 80.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3312.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Table with columns: Week Ended Nov. 22, Stocks (No. Shares), Rights, Bonds (Par Value) Domestic, Foreign Government. Rows include Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, Total.

* Abbreviated sessions on these days. Curb Exchange closed at 1 p. m.

THE ENGLISH GOLD AND SILVER MARKETS.

We reprint the following from the weekly circular of Samuel Montagu & Co. of London, written under date of Nov. 6 1929:

GOLD.

The Bank of England gold reserve against notes amounted to £131,017,041 on the 30th ultimo (as compared with £131,825,440 on the previous Wednesday), and represented a decrease of £22,889,274 since April 29 1925 when an effective gold standard was resumed.

On the 31st ultimo the Bank of England lowered its official rate of discount from 6 1/2% to 6%.

South African gold to the value of about £739,000 was offered in the open market yesterday and was sold at 84s. 11 1/2d. per fine ounce. The Bank of England secured £349,000 and of the balance £251,000 was taken for France, £20,000 for India and £113,000 for the Home and Continent, trade.

Withdrawals from the Bank of England for France have continued and the following movements announced by the Bank show a net influx of £242,430 during the week under review:

Table with columns: Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Nov. 2, Nov. 4, Nov. 5, Nov. 6. Rows include Received, Withdrawn.

The receipts include £375,000 in sovereigns from New Zealand on the 31st ultimo and £650,000 in sovereigns from Argentina on the 1st instant. Of the withdrawals about £1,050,000 in bar gold was for France.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of gold registered from mid-day on the 28th ultimo to mid-day on the 4th instant:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports. Rows include New Zealand, Argentina, British South Africa, British West Africa, Other countries, Total.

On the 31st ultimo the Imperial Bank of India raised its official rate of discount from 6 to 7%.

SILVER.

Silver has been rather a dull market and holidays in Bombay and the U. S. A. have tended to restrict business. Prices have shown only small movements but have been inclined to ease, although buying orders at rates slightly below those current have served to retard the fall. America and China have sold but the Continent has been less active. The Indian Bazaars and bears have continued to give a small measure of support.

The following were the United Kingdom imports and exports of silver registered from mid-day on the 28th ultimo to mid-day on the 4th instant:

Table with columns: Imports, Exports. Rows include France, Canada, Other countries, Total.

INDIAN CURRENCY RETURNS.

Table with columns: In Lacs of Rupees, Oct. 31, Oct. 22, Oct. 15. Rows include Notes in circulation, Silver coin and bullion in India, Silver coin and bullion out of India, Gold coin and bullion in India, Gold coin and bullion out of India, Securities (Indian Government), Securities (British Government).

The stocks in Shanghai on the 2nd instant consisted of about 83,400,000 ounces in sycee, 138,000,000 dollars and 6,780 silver bars, as compared with about 83,100,000 ounces in sycee, 136,000,000 dollars and 4,780 silver bars on the 26th ultimo. Statistics for the month of October last are appended.

Table with columns: Bar Silver per Oz. Std., Cash, 2 Mos., Highest price, Lowest price, Average price. Rows include 23 5-16d, 23 1/2d, 23 1-16d, 23.042d, 23.173d.

Table with columns: Quotations During the Week, Oct. 31, Nov. 1, Nov. 2, Nov. 3, Nov. 4, Nov. 5, Nov. 6, Average. Rows include 23d, 23 1-16d, 23 1/2d, 23 3/4d, 23 1-16d, 23d, 23.093d.

The silver quotations to-day for cash and two months' delivery are 1-16d each below those fixed a week ago.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Banks, Trust Cos., Bid, Ask. Rows include New York, Amer Union, Bryant Park, Central, Chase, Chatham Phenix, Nat Bk & Tr, Chelsea Exch, Chemical, Commercial, Continental, Corn Exch, Fifth Avenue, First, Grace, Harriman, Lefcourt, Liberty, Manhattan, National City, Penn Exch, Port Morris, Trust Cos. New York, Banca Com'le, Italiana Tr, Bank of N Y, & Trust Co, Bankers Trust, Bronx Co Tr, Cent Hanover, County, Empire, New, Equitable Tr.

* State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-stock div. ¶ Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table with columns: Bid, Ask. Rows include Alliance R'lty, Am Surety, Bond & Mtg G, Home Title Ins, Lawyers Mtge, Lawyers Title & Guarantee, Lawyers West-chest M & T, Mtge Bond, N Y Title & Mortgage, U S Casualty, N. Y. Inv't's, Westchester Title & Tr.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include Dec. 15 1929, Mar. 15 1930, June 15 1930, Sept. 15 1930-32, Dec. 15 1930-32, Dec. 15 1929.

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 Oct. 31 1929, Sept. 30 1929, Aug. 31 1929, July 31 1929, June 30 1929, May 31 1929, Apr. 30 1929, Mar. 31 1929, Feb. 28 1929, Dec. 31 1928, Nov. 30 1928, Oct. 31 1928, Sept. 29 1928, Aug. 31 1928, July 31 1928, June 30 1928, May 31 1928, Apr. 30 1928, Mar. 31 1928, Feb. 29 1928, Jan. 31 1928, Dec. 31 1927, Nov. 30 1927, Oct. 31 1927, Sept. 30 1927, Aug. 31 1927, July 31 1927, June 30 1927.

\$3,557,901 Federal Reserve bank notes outstanding Nov. 1 1929, secured by lawful money, against \$4,049,608 on Nov. 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 Oct. 31 1929:

Bonds on Deposit Nov. 1 1929.	U. S. Bonds Held Oct. 31 1929 to Secure—		
	On Deposit to Secure Federal Reserve Bank Notes.	On Deposit to Secure National Bank Notes.	Total Held.
	\$	\$	\$
2s, U. S. Consols of 1930.....		592,721.100	592,721.100
2s, U. S. Panama of 1935.....		48,444.240	48,444.240
2s, U. S. Panama of 1938.....		25,570.760	25,570.760
Totals.....		666,736.100	666,736.100

The following shows the amount of National bank notes afloat and the amount of legal tender deposits Oct. 1 1929 and Nov. 1 1929 and their increase or decrease during the month of October:

National Bank Notes—Total Afloat—	
Amount afloat Oct. 1 1929.....	\$691,388,665
Net increase during October.....	8,940,150
Amount of bank notes afloat Nov. 1.....	\$700,328,815
Legal-Tender Notes—	
Amount on deposit to redeem National bank notes Oct. 1.....	\$33,564,685
Net amount of bank notes redeemed in October.....	57,917
Amount on deposit to redeem National bank notes Nov. 1 1929.....	\$38,506,768

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

APPLICATIONS TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED WITH TITLES REQUESTED.

Nov. 12—United National Bank of Astoria, Ore.....	Capital. \$160,000
Correspondent, A. W. Norblad, Astoria, Ore.	
Nov. 15—First National Bank in Alamogordo, N. M.....	25,000
Correspondent, W. A. Hawkins, La Luz, N. M.	
Nov. 16—The Security National Bank of Fostoria, Ohio.....	125,000
Correspondent, Walter M. Witherspoon, Fostoria, Ohio.	

CHARTER ISSUED.

Nov. 16—The Lincoln Natl. Bank & Trust Co. of Syracuse, N.Y.....	\$1,200,000
President, Wm. T. McCaffrey.	

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Nov. 11—The Merchants Natl. Bank of Point Pleasant, W. Va.....	\$100,000
Effective Nov. 5 1929.	
Liq. Agent, C. C. Lewis, Point Pleasant, W. Va. No. 13231. Succeeded by Citizens National Bank of Point Pleasant, W. Va.	
Nov. 11—The First National Bank of Farmersville, Texas.....	50,000
Effective Oct. 25 1929. Liq. Committee: Sam Aston, Sam Coleman and W. F. Pendleton, care of the liquidating bank. Succeeded by the First National Bank in Farmersville, No. 13277.	
Nov. 11—The California National Bank of Beverly Hills, Calif.....	100,000
Effective close of business Nov. 2 1929. Liq. Agent, Yale O. Forch, care of the liquidating bank. Absorbed by the California Bank, Los Angeles, Calif.	
Nov. 12—The Farmers National Bank of Fairview, Kan.....	25,000
Effective Oct. 30 1929. Liq. Agents, A. J. Burns, S. H. Bruce and John Lortscher, Fairview, Kan. Succeeded by the Farmers State Bank, Fairview, Kan.	
Nov. 15—First National Bank in Hollis, Okla.....	30,000
Effective Oct. 26 1929. Liq. Agent, J. N. Coursey, Hollis, Okla. Succeeded by First State Bank & Trust Co. of Hollis, Okla.	

CONSOLIDATIONS.

Nov. 16—The First National Bank of Lansdale, Pa.....	\$150,000
The Citizens National Bank of Lansdale, Pa.....	50,000
Consolidated to-day under Act of Nov. 7 1918, under the charter and corporate title of "The First National Bank of Lansdale," No. 430, with capital stock of \$400,000.	
Nov. 16—Central National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio.....	2,500,000
The United Banking & Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio.....	2,000,000
Consolidated to-day under the Act of Nov. 7 1918 as amended Feb. 25 1927, under the charter of the Central National Bank of Cleveland, No. 4318, and under the corporate title of "Central United National Bank of Cleveland," with capital stock of \$5,000,000. The consolidated bank has one branch located in the City of Cleveland, which was a branch of the Central National Bank and which was in operation on Feb. 25 1927.	

BRANCHES AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

Nov. 13—Old Colony National Bank of Boston, Mass. Locations of Branches—52 Temple Pl., 222 Boylston St., 167 Summer St., Southwest corner of Massachusetts and Commonwealth Aves., North Station. (All located in the City of Boston.)	
Nov. 14—City National Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia, Pa. Location of Branch—On Elmwood Ave., between 69th and 71st Sts., Philadelphia.	
Nov. 15—The Fourth National Bank of Atlanta, Ga. Location of Branch—109 South Main St., Borough of East Point, Atlanta.	
Nov. 16—Central United National Bank of Cleveland, Ohio. Location of Branches—2000 West 25th St., 1612 Euclid Ave., 7019 Superior Ave., 10034 Lorain Ave. (All located in the City of Cleveland.)	

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh.
50 Medford Trust Co., Medford, par \$20.....	100
11 Federal Nat. Bank (new), par \$20.....	125
5 Federal Nat. Bank (new), par \$20.....	125
2 Amoskeag Co. preferred.....	69 1/2
1 Amoskeag Co. pref.....	69 1/2
1 Nashua Mfg. Co. pref.....	75
27 Arlington Mills.....	19
240 Arlington Mills.....	19
50 U. S. Worsted Corp. 1st pref.....	19
250 U. S. Worsted Corp. com.....	19
5 Fort Dodge Des Moines & Sou. RR. common.....	\$34 lot
605 U. S. Stores Corp. com. cl. B.....	\$325 lot
695 U. S. Stores Corp. subs. warrants for class B stock.....	\$51 lot
8 South End Amusement Co.....	\$3 lot
105 units Thompson's Spa, Inc.....	80 1/2
30 First Federal Foreign Banking Corp.....	30
12 units First Peoples Trust.....	18 1/2
10 Industrial Research Co. com.....	\$5 lot
200 J. R. Whipple Corp. com.....	2
9 units Thompson's Spa, Inc.....	95
25 Boston Ins. Co.....	750-751-752 1/2
230 Island Invest. Co. preferred allotment trust ctf.....	1c.
9 Chain & General Equities, Inc., common.....	22
200 Memphis Corp. par \$10.....	50c.
2,000 Whitlock Mines Corp., par \$10.....	50c.
4 Reed-Prentice Corp. pref., par \$50 (carrying 4 shs. com. as bonus).....	20
15 Kilder Participations, Inc., common No. 3.....	15
\$5,000 The Denver-Greeley Valley (Irrigation Dist.) ctf. of dep.....	\$3 lot
115-\$1,000 notes dated July 1 1926, signed by the Rand-Shepard Co.....	\$100 lot
Bonds—	Per Cent.
\$1,000 City of Springfield coupon tax-exempt 4s, due July 1930.99 & int.	\$4,000 Miss. Co. Drain. Dist. No. 17, Ark., 5s, due Aug. 1942.
	\$25 per bond

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

Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh.
50 Atlantic Nat. Bank, par \$25.....	105
125 Federal Nat. Bank, par \$20.....	125
5 Merchants National Bank.....	505
7 Boston National Bank.....	185 1/4
25 U. S. Trust Co., par \$25.....	115
2 First National Bank, N. Y.....	4910
17 West Boylston Mfg. Co., com.....	10 1/2
16 Brookside Mills.....	5 3/4
7 Farr Alpaca Co.....	93 1/2
1 Ludlow Mfg. Associates.....	156 1/2 ex-div.
1 Continental Mills.....	140
12 Great Falls Mfg. Co.....	1
50 Beacon Participations, Inc., Pf A 14	5
5 Gt. Northern Paper Co., par \$25.....	52
85 Merrimac Hat Corp., com.....	60
27 New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co., undep., par \$25.....	95
35,000 Yocquiva Development Co., par \$5.....	\$125 lot
15 Beverly Gas & Elec. Co., undep.....	70
10 Springfield Gas Light Co., v.t.c., par \$25.....	54
30 Salem Hotel Corp., pref., 15 Salem Hotel Corp., com.....	\$10 lot
10 Globe & Rutgers Fire Insur. Co. 1110	63 National Union Fire Ins. Co. of Pittsburgh, par \$10.....
	235
125 Franklin Fire Ins. Co. of Phila., par \$25.....	171
180 Stuyvesant Ins. Co. of N. Y., par \$25.....	60
19 units First Peoples Trust.....	18
10 Boston Insurance Co.....	780
2,600 Silver Dyke Mining Co., par \$1.....	\$30 lot
625 Radio Motion Picture & Photo. Corp., 100 Never Oil Bearing Co.; 10 No. Florida Realty Co.; 1,500 Vesuvius Mines Co., par \$1; 10 Perry Investment Co.; 100 Penn Seaboard Steel Corp., v.t.c.; 15 Inter Urban Land & Sec. Corp.; 5 Florida Inter Urban Rap. Tran. Ry. Co., com.; 15 Florida Inter Urban Rap. Tran. 8% pref.; 5 Wickwire Spencer Steel Co., v.t.c.....	\$210 lot
10 Mass. Bond & Ins. Co., par 25.160	11 Chalm & Gen'l Equities, com. 22 1/2
12 Boston Ins. Co., no par.....	760-762-776 Per Cent.
\$10,000 U. S. of Mexico 4s, 1954, series A with June 1 1928 and subsequent coupons on.....	10 1/2 flat

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh.
11 American Union Bank.....	160
5 Brooklyn Trust Co.....	865
50 Central National Bank.....	140
3 Clinton Trust Co., N. Y., par \$50.....	100
141 Federal Ins. Co., par \$10.....	80
1 Fifth Avenue Bank.....	3200
10 Fulton Trust Co.....	610
12 Leicourt Natl. Bk. & Tr. Co.....	160
5 Liberty Nat. Bank.....	106
50 Life Ins. Co. of Va., par \$20.....	121
10 U. S. Merchants & Shippers Insurance Co.....	301
10 U. S. Mer. & Ship. Ins. Co.....	300
25 Washington Square Nat. Bank.....	120
600 Za-Rex Food Products, Inc., common, no par.....	3c.
5 Chase National Bank.....	171
5 Irving Trust Co.....	62
25 Mo. Kan. & Tex. Ry. 4s pref.; 45 Internat. Educa. Pub. Co. pref.; 30 Interboro. Consol. Corp. pref.; 25 Interboro. Consol. Corp. common.....	\$196 lot
300 La Fon Chem. Co. class B common, no par.....	\$1 lot
100 Elaterite Paint Co., par \$10.....	\$16 lot
30 Petite Radio Corp. of N. Y., no par.....	\$1 lot
40 Vacuum Casting Co. common, no par.....	\$1 lot
100 Amer. Telegraphophone Co., par \$10.....	\$5 lot
500 Amer. Gas & Turbine Corp., no par.....	\$26 lot
100 Mexican Northern Ry.....	\$80 lot
10 California Cyanide Co., Inc., pref., 10 common, no par.....	\$31 lot
\$4,000 Cumberland Portland Cement Co. gen. mtg. 7s, Dec. 1 1941. Dec. 1929 & subs. coup. attached; \$10,000.99 note, Construction Supply Co., Inc., dated Mar. 28 1928, due Sept. 13 1931, payable to order of bearer.....	\$100 lot
25 North Amer. Security Corp. common v. t. c., no par; 25 pref., par \$50.....	\$50 lot
8 1/2 Horn Signal AA, no par.....	\$52 lot
220 Nash Trading Corp. (Del.), no par.....	\$15 lot
50 Central Mtge. Co. (Fla.).....	\$10
100 Trent Anthracite Corp. 1st pf.; 2,500 common, no par.....	\$260 lot
100 Trent Anthracite Corp. 1st pf.; 2,500 common, no par.....	\$250 lot
50 Woodlynne (N. J.) Nat. Bank.....	34
5 Pocomo Manor Assn. common.....	26
10 Phila. Nat. Bank, par \$20.....	140
22 Central Nat. Bank, par \$10.....	70
10 Penn Nat. Bank, par \$10.....	71
4 Citizens Nat. Bank, Jenkintown, Pa.....	71
10 Trademans Nat. Bk. & Trust Co.....	500
60 Union Bank & Trust Co.....	10
10 Union Bank & Trust Co.....	9
150 Union Bank & Trust Co.....	6 1/2
2 Mitten Men & Management Bk. & Trust Co.....	80
Commercial Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co., par \$10 as follows: 100 at 34; 50 at 34; 25 at 32; 25 at 32; 100 at 32 at 34.....	\$2 lot
14 Germantown Trust Co., par \$10.....	70
35 Broad St. Trust Co., par \$50.....	62
25 William Penn Title & Trust Co., par \$50.....	28
430 Franklin Trust Co., par \$10.....	59 1/2
175 Bankers Trust Co., par \$50.....	90
8 Pa. Co. for Ins. on Lives, &c., par \$10.....	105 1/2
10 Bryn Mawr (Pa.) Trust Co.....	64 1/2
100 Phila. Nat. Ins. Co.....	23
50 Units Associated Rayon Co. (50 shares pref. and 25 shs. common) v. t. c.....	70
50 Bond & Securities Corp.....	40
30 Bankers Bond & Mtge. Guaranty Co. of Amer., no par.....	15
20 Citizens Pass. Ry. Co.....	150
200 North Broad National Bank.....	20
51 Spencer Heater Co. of Seranton, Pa., pref.; 15 1/2 common.....	\$7 lot
82 Northern Central Trust.....	33 1/2
11 Colonial Trust Co.....	215
70 Lakeside Railway Co.; \$18,500 Schuylkill R.R. 5s, Apr. 1 1935, int. in default since April 1 1925. Certificate of deposit.....	\$200 lot
Bonds—	Per Cent.
\$3,500 Bond & Mortgage on 701 N. June St., Philadelphia.....	\$1,700 lot
\$1,000 Lehigh Valley R.R. general mtge. 4s, 2003.....	84
\$500 Schuylkill Ry. 1st cons. 5s, April 1 1935. Int. in default since April 1 1925 (ctf. of deposit \$50 lot since July 1 1926, deposit agreement.....	\$500 lot
\$5,000 Schuylkill Ry. 1st cons. 5s, April 1 1935, unpaid coupons pertaining to same maturing prior to Apr. 1 1918, of a total of \$1,933.09 ctf. of interest.....	\$50 lot
\$5,000 Schuylkill Ry. 1st cons. 5s, April 1 1935, int. in default since April 1 1925, ctf. of deposit.....	\$50 lot
\$5,000 Schuylkill Ry. 1st cons. 5s, April 1 1935, unpaid coupons pertaining to same maturing prior to Apr. 1 1918, of a total of \$1,933.09 certificate of interest.....	\$50 lot
\$5,000 Illinois Coal Corp., 1st series 7s, 1943.....	\$21 lot

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh.
5 Woodlynne (N. J.) Nat. Bank.....	34
5 Pocomo Manor Assn. common.....	26
10 Phila. Nat. Bank, par \$20.....	140
22 Central Nat. Bank, par \$10.....	70
10 Penn Nat. Bank, par \$10.....	71
4 Citizens Nat. Bank, Jenkintown, Pa.....	71
10 Trademans Nat. Bk. & Trust Co.....	500
60 Union Bank & Trust Co.....	10
10 Union Bank & Trust Co.....	9
150 Union Bank & Trust Co.....	6 1/2
2 Mitten Men & Management Bk. & Trust Co.....	80
Commercial Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co., par \$10 as follows: 100 at 34; 50 at 34; 25 at 32; 25 at 32; 100 at 32 at 34.....	\$2 lot
14 Germantown Trust Co., par \$10.....	70
35 Broad St. Trust Co., par \$50.....	62
25 William Penn Title & Trust Co., par \$50.....	28
430 Franklin Trust Co., par \$10.....	59 1/2
175 Bankers Trust Co., par \$50.....	90
8 Pa. Co. for Ins. on Lives, &c., par \$10.....	105 1/2
10 Bryn Mawr (Pa.) Trust Co.....	64 1/2
100 Phila. Nat. Ins. Co.....	23
50 Units Associated Rayon Co. (50 shares pref. and 25 shs. common) v. t. c.....	70
50 Bond & Securities Corp.....	40
30 Bankers Bond & Mtge. Guaranty Co. of Amer., no par.....	15
20 Citizens Pass. Ry. Co.....	150
200 North Broad National Bank.....	20
10 Jackson Health Resort, Inc., preferred.....	\$15 lot
4 Jackson Health Resort, Inc. no par.....	\$7.50 lot
56 55-100 Allied Oil Co. of Ohio.....	\$80 lot
Bonds—	Per Cent.
\$1,250 Underwriters Syndicate ctf. for Vaughan Oil Co.....	\$20 lot
\$7,000 St. Lawrence Pulp & Lumber Corp. 1st mtge. serial s. l. 6s, Feb. 1 1933, Aug. 1924 coupon attached.....	65

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh.	Shares. Stocks. \$ per Sh.
100 Assets Realization Co.....	\$2 lot
3 Ekatine Co., Inc., pref., with 3/4 share of common.....	\$5 lot
200 Tonawah Mining Consol. Mining Co., par \$1.....	\$1 lot
210 Wrigley Pharmaceutical Co. with 100 shares of cl. A.....	\$10 lot
30 O'Mara McCarthy & Co., Inc., preferred.....	\$30 lot
30 O'Mara McCarthy & Co., Inc., no par.....	\$30 lot
1,000 Corona Mines, par \$1.....	1/2

DIVIDENDS.

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

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Categories include Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, and Miscellaneous.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Categories include Miscellaneous (Continued), various industrial and utility companies, and other financial entities.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Miscellaneous (Concluded).				Railroads (Steam) (Concluded).			
Mineapolis-Honeywell Reg., com.	*\$1.25	Feb. 15	*Holders of rec. Feb. 4	Delaware & Hudson Co. (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 26a
Monach Royalty, pref. (mthly.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Eric RR., first & second pref.	2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Preferred A (monthly)	*12 1/2	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Georgia Sou. & Fla. 1st & 2nd pref.	*2 1/2	Nov. 27	*Holders of rec. Nov. 13
Monaghan Mfg., com. A (quar.)	*45c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Hudson & Manhattan, com.	1 1/2	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 16a
Morrell (John) & Co., com. (quar.)	*90c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 26	Illinois Central, com. (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 8a
Montreal Cottons, Ltd., com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Maine Central, common (quar.)	1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 16
Preferred (quar.)	1 3/4	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Montreal Loan & Mortgage (quar.)	3	Dec. 16	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Midland Valley, preferred.	*1.25	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Murphy (G. C.) Co., com. (quar.)	*30c.	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Missouri-Kan.-Texas pref. A (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Muskegon Company	\$4	Dec. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 4	New Orleans, Tex. & Mexico (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Muskegon Piston Ring (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 15	N. Y. Chicago & St. Louis, com. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Nantasket Beach Steamboat	*\$4	Nov. 25	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Preferred series A (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Nat. Dairy Products, pref. A (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 3	Norfolk & Western, com. (quar.)	2	Dec. 19	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
National Fireproofing, pref.	7	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 25	Common (extra)	4	Dec. 19	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
National Lead, com. (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 13	North Pennsylvania (quar.)	*\$1	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 18a
Preferred class B (quar.)	*1 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 13	North Pennsylvania (quar.)	*\$1	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 18a
National Surety (quar.)	*\$1.25	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Jan. 17	Phila. Germantown & Norristown (qu.)	*\$1.50	Dec. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
National Transit (quar.)	*\$1.25	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Phila. Bessemer & Lake Erie, pref.	*\$1.50	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Extra	*25c.	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Pittsb. Youngstown & Ash., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 12	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
N. Y. & London Management, pf. (qu.)	*75c.	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Reading Co., 1st preferred (quar.)	50c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Nipissing Mines, Ltd. (quar.)	*7 1/2	Jan. 20	*Holders of rec. Dec. 31	St. Louis-San Francisco, com. (quar.)	\$2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Ogilvie Flour Mills, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 2a
Otis Elevator, com. (extra)	\$2	Dec. 12	Holders of rec. Nov. 27	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 12a
Outboard Motors, class A (quar.)	*45c.	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 18	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Aug. 1	Holders of rec. July 1a
Paraffin Cos. (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 27	*Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 1a
Stock dividend	*2	Dec. 27	*Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Southern Pacific Co. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a
Penick & Ford, Ltd., common	*25c.	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Dec. 2	Union Pacific, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 13	Wabash Ry., pref. A (quar.)	*1.25	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Oct. 25c
Penn Federal Corp., com.	*6 1/2	Nov. 30	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20				
Phelps Dodge Corp. (quar.)	*50c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 6				
Pittsburgh Plate Glass, com. (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10				
Common (extra)	*65c.	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Dec. 2				
Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc. (quar.)	*\$1.25	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 13				
Real Silk Hosiery Mills, com. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 13				
Preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20				
Reliance Internat. Corp., pf. (qu.) (No. 1)	*\$1	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10				
Reliance Mfg. (Cleveland), (quar.)	*20c.	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Jan. 1				
Reo Motor Car common (quar.)	*75c.	Apr. 15	*Holders of rec. Apr. 1				
Republic Supply (quar.)	*75c.	July 15	*Holders of rec. July 1				
Quarterly	*75c.	Oct. 15	*Holders of rec. Oct. 1				
Quarterly	*75c.	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 10a				
Revere Copper & Brass class A (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a				
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 14				
Rite-Rite Corp. class B—Dividend omitted	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14				
Royalty Corp. of Am. pref. pf. (mthly.)	1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1				
Participating preferred (extra)	1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 1				
St. Mary's Mineral Land	*\$1	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 29				
Segal Lock & Hardware, com. (quar.)	*12 1/2	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30				
Shepard-Niles Crane & Hoist Corp.—							
Common (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 21				
Common (extra)	*\$1	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 21				
Sherwin-Williams Co. Canada com. (qu.)	40c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 14				
Common (extra)	5c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 14				
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 14				
Shubert Theatre Corp.—common—Dividend passed.							
Signal Oil & Gas class A & B (quar.)	*43 1/4	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30				
Class A & B (stock dividend)	*62	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30				
Signal Royalties (quar.)	*50c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30				
Solar Refining	*\$1.25	Dec. 20	Dec. 1 to Dec. 11				
South Porto Rico Sugar com. (quar.)	50c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10				
Preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10				
Southern Acid & Sulphur	75c.	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 10				
Sparta Foundry Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15				
Common (extra)	50c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 15				
Common (payable in common stock)	75c.	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31				
Specialized Shares Corp. com. (quar.)	*25c.	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20				
Preferred A & B (quar.)	*75c.	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20				
Standard Oil (Ohio) com. (quar.)	62 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 6				
Stanley Works common (in com. stock)	*72 1/2	Dec. 14	*Holders of rec. Nov. 18				
Superior Portland Cement cl. A (qu.)	*27 1/2	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 23				
Texas Gulf Sulphur (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Dec. 2				
Thatcher Mfg. com. (quar.) (No. 1)	40c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20				
Tobacco Securities Trust Ltd. ord.	11	Dec. 9	See note (z)				
Deferred	(z)	Dec. 9	See note (z)				
Trio Products Corp. com. (quar.)	*62 1/2	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 2				
Tudor City Eighth Unit, new pref.	3	Dec. 16	Dec. 1 to Dec. 16				
Union Carbide & Carbon (quar.)	85c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 29				
Union Mills, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 18				
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 18				
Union Twist Drill, com. (quar.)	*25c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 23				
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 23				
United Electric Coal, com.—dividend passed.							
United Founders Corp.							
Com. (1-17th share com. stock)		Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 30				
U. S. Shares Corp.							
Key Industry Trust shares series H	385	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Oct. 31				
Walker (H.)-Gooder & Worts (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 16	Holders of rec. Nov. 30				
Walworth Co., com. (quar.)	*50c.	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Dec. 5				
Preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20				
Wayagamac Pulp & Paper, Ltd.	23c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15				
For month of December	3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20				
Wheeler Metal Products, com. (quar.)	*50c.	Dec. 14	*Holders of rec. Dec. 4				
White Rock Mineral Springs, com. (qu.)	75c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20				
Common (extra)	\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20				
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20				
Second preferred (quar.)	3 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20				
Second preferred (extra)	5	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20				
Wilson-Jones Co., com. (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 25				
Winters & Crampton Mfg., cl. B (spec.)	*25c.	Dec. 20	*Holders of rec. Dec. 5				
Withrow Steel, 1st pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 30	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20				
Second preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Nov. 30	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20				
Second pref. (acc. accumulated divs.)	*85 1/2	Nov. 30	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20				
Yellow Tax of N. Y. (quar.)	*75c.	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Dec. 2				

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Railroads (Steam)			
Alabama Great Southern ord.	\$2	Dec. 27	Holders of rec. Nov. 27
Ordinary (extra)	\$1.50	Dec. 27	Holders of rec. Nov. 27
Preferred	\$2	Feb. 13	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Preferred (extra)	\$1.50	Feb. 13	Holders of rec. Jan. 10
Ach. Top. & Santa Fe, common (quar.)	2 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a
Atlantic Coast Line Co. (quar.)	*\$2.50	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Baltimore & Ohio common (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a
Preferred (quar.)	1	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 11a
Bangor & Aroos, com. (old & new) (quar.)	87c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
Canadian Pacific, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a
Central of Ga. Ry.	3 1/2	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Chesapeake & Ohio, pref. (quar.)	3 1/4	Jan 1'30	Holders of rec. Dec. 6
Chestnut Hill RR. (quar.)	75c.	Dec. 4	Nov. 21 to Dec. 3
Chicago & North Western, com.	*2 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 2
Preferred	*3 1/2	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 2
Chle. R. I. & Pacific, com. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Nov. 29
6% preferred	*3 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Nov. 29
6% preferred	*3 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Nov. 29
Cleveland & Pittsburgh, (quar.)	\$7 1/2	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 9a
Special quar. (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 9a
Cuba RR., pref. (quar.)	3	Feb 1'30	Holders of rec. Jan. 15a

Delaware Gas Light, com. (quar.)	2 1/2	Dec. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 2
Preferred	2 1/2	Dec. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 2
Louisville Gas & Elec., com. A & B (qu.)	43 1/4	Dec. 24	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
Massachusetts Gas & Elec., com.	*2	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
National Power & Light, com. (quar.)	25c.	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 12a
Nebraska Power, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
North American Co., com. (in com. stk.)	62 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 6a
Preferred (quar.)	75c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 5a
North Amer. Edison pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
North Amer. Utility Sec., 1st pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Dec. 16	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Northern States Power (Wis.) pref. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Ohio Edison Co. 6% pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
6.6% preferred (quar.)	1.65	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
5% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
6% preferred (monthly)	50c.	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
6.8% preferred (monthly)	55c.	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Ohio Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 16	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Penn-Ohio Edison 7% prior pf. (qu.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Pennsylvania Gas & El. Co. cl. A (qu.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
\$7 preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
7% preferred (quar.)	*\$1.75	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Pennsylvania Pow Co., \$6.60 pf. (mthly)	\$1.50	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
\$6 preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Phila. Suburban Water Co., pf. (qu.)	*\$1	Jan. 10	Holders of rec. Dec. 31
Piedmont & Northern Ry. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Power Corp. of Canada, com. (interim)	50c.	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 1
Pub. Ser. Corp. of N.J., 6% pf. (mthly.)	87 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a
Radio Corp. of Amer., pref. A (qu.)	\$1.25	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a
Preferred B (quar.)	35c.	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a
Original pref.			

Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.	Name of Company.	Per Cent.	When Payable.	Books Closed, Days Inclusive.
Public Utilities (Concluded).				Miscellaneous (Continued).			
Rochester Gas & Elec. pref. B (qu.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 14	Balding-Corticeilli, Ltd., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 14	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30
Preferred series C & D (qu.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 14	Berkshire Fine Spinning Ass. com. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Seaboard Public Service, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Convertible preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Southern Calif. Edison, pref. A (quar.)	43 3/4%	Dec. 15	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20	Best & Co. new com. (quar.) (No. 1)	50c	Dec. 16	Hold. of rec. Nov. 25a
Preferred B (quar.)	37 1/2%	Dec. 15	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20	Bethlehem Steel common (quar.)	\$1.50	Feb. 15	Hold. of rec. Jan. 18a
Southern Cities Utilities, \$6 pf. (qu.)	\$1.50	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 6a
Southern Colorado Power, com. (qu.)	50c	Nov. 25	Hold. of rec. Oct. 31	Blaw-Knox Co., com. (quar.)	*25c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 22a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 16	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30	Blum Ridge Corp., pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	*75c	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 11a
Southwestern Power & Light, pf. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Bium's, Inc., conv. pref. (quar.)	*87 1/2%	Nov. 30	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15a
Standard Gas & Elec., pref. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 16	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30a	Borden Company (quar.)	\$2	Dec. 16	Hold. of rec. Dec. 2
Standard Public Service, class A (quar.)	\$1.50	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20	Boston Woven Hose & Rub., com. (extra)	*50c	Dec. 20	Hold. of rec. Nov. 16
Superior Water, Light & Pow., pf. (qu.)	*1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 14	Brach (E. J.) & Sons (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15a
Tennessee Elec. Power, 5% 1st pf. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 14	Brill Co., pref. (quar.)	*30c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 15
6% 1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 14	Brillio Mfg. com. (quar.) (No. 1)	*50c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 15
7% 1st preferred (quar.)	\$1.80	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 14	Class A (quar.)			
7.2% 1st preferred (quar.)	50c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	British Match Ltd.—			
7.2% 1st preferred (monthly)	50c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 14	Amer. dep. rets. for ordinary shares—	*w2	Nov. 26	Hold. of rec. Nov. 6
7.2% 1st preferred (monthly)	60c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	British Type Investors (bl-monthly)	8c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 1
7.2% 1st preferred (monthly)	60c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Brown Durrell Co., 6 1/4% pref. (quar.)	61%	1/1/30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 15
7.2% 1st preferred (monthly)	60c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Brown Fence & Wire, cl. A & B (quar.)	*10c	Nov. 30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 15
7.2% 1st preferred (monthly)	60c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 14	Brown Shoe, common (quar.)	75c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20a
Union Natural Gas (Canada) (quar.)	*35c	Dec. 27	Hold. of rec. Nov. 19	Buckeye Pipe Line (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 10	Hold. of rec. Nov. 2
Extra	*5c	Dec. 27	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30	Buckeye Steel Castings, com. (extra)	*\$1	Dec. 10	Hold. of rec. Dec. 3
Union Natural Gas of Canada (In stock)	*65	Dec. 27	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30	Bucyrus-Erie Co., common (quar.)	*25c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 27a
United Gas Co., \$7 pref., ser. A (quar.)	\$1.75	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Convertible preferred (quar.)	62 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 27a
United Gas & Improvement—				Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 27a
New common (quar.) (No. 1)	25c	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30a	Bulova Watch Co., com. (quar.)	87 1/2%	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15a
\$5 preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30a	Preferred (quar.)	20c	Dec. 10	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Western Continental Util., com. A (qu.)	*32 1/2%	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 10	Burroughs Adding Mach., (quar.)	50c	Dec. 24	Hold. of rec. Nov. 25a
West Ohio Gas Co., pref. A (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Butte Copper & Zinc Co.—			
Wisconsin Public Serv., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 20	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30	Byron Jackson Pump, com. (In stock)	*72	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
6 1/4% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 20	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30	California Packing Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 16	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30a
Trust Companies.				Canada Permanent Mgtg. Corp. (quar.)			
Interstate (quar.)	*30c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Canada Wire & Cable, class A (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 15	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30
Manufacturers (quar.)	*\$1.50	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 16	Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Dec. 15	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30
Continental Bank & Trust (quar.)	30c	Dec. 16	Hold. of rec. Dec. 7a	Canadian Car & Foundry, ord. (quar.)	44c	Nov. 30	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20
Fire Insurance				Canfield Oil, com. & pref. (quar.)			
Brooklyn Fire (quar.)	6	Jan 1 '30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 20	Carman & Co., class A (quar.)	\$1.75	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Special	45c	Dec. 20	Hold. of rec. Dec. 10	Carnation Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 20
North River (quar.)	50c	Dec. 16	Hold. of rec. Dec. 6	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Apr. 1	Hold. of rec. Mar. 20
Miscellaneous.				Carnation Milk Products—			
Abbot Laboratories, com. (extra)	50c	Nov. 25	Hold. of rec. Nov. 10	Common (payable in common stock)—	*1	Jan 2 '30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 21
Addressograph Internat., com. (quar.)	*37 1/2%	Jan. 10	Hold. of rec. Dec. 21	Caterpillar Tractor (quar.)	*75c	Nov. 25	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Alinsworth Mfg. stock div. (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20	Celluloid Corp., 1st pf. partic. stk. (qu.)	\$1.75	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 10
Stock dividend (quar.)	*\$1	Mar 1 '30	Hold. of rec. Feb. 20	\$7 preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 10
Stock dividend (quar.)	*\$1	Jun 2 '30	Hold. of rec. May 20	Century Ribbon Mills, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20a
Airways Elec. Appliance, com. (quar.)	*62 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 20	Chartered Investors, Inc., pref. (quar.)	*\$1.25	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 1
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 20	Chelsea Exchange Corp., cl. A & B (qu.)	25c	Feb. 15	Hold. of rec. Jan. 31
Alabama Cash Credit Corp., com. (qu.)	15c	Nov. 25	Hold. of rec. Nov. 12	Class A & B (quar.)	25c	May 15	Hold. of rec. May 1
Preferred (quar.)	15c	Nov. 25	Hold. of rec. Nov. 12	Chelsea Exchange Corp. (quar.)	*25c	Feb. 15	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15a
Preferred (extra)	15c	Nov. 25	Hold. of rec. Nov. 12	Chicago Corp., conv. pref. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Dec. 20
Aldred Investment Trust, common	50c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30	Chicago Flexible Shaft, com. (quar.)	*30c	Jan. 1	Hold. of rec. Mar. 20
Allegheny Steel pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15a	Common (quar.)	*30c	Jul. 1	Hold. of rec. June 20
Alliance Realty preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Nov. 23	Common (quar.)	*30c	Oct. 1	Hold. of rec. Sept. 20
Aluminum Mfrs. com. (quar.)	*1 1/2%	June 30	Hold. of rec. June 15	Chic. Invest. Corp. pref. (quar.) (No. 1)	75c	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Sept. 30	Hold. of rec. Sept. 15	Chickasha Cotton Oil (quar.)	25c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Dec. 15	Chickasha Cotton Oil (quar.)	75c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 10
American Bank Note, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 10a	Childs Co., com. (quar.)	60c	Dec. 10	Hold. of rec. Nov. 22a
Common (extra)	\$1	Dec. 30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 10a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 10	Hold. of rec. Nov. 22a
Common (payable in common stock)	70	Dec. 30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 10a	Chile Copper Co. (quar.)	87 1/2%	Dec. 30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 4a
Preferred (quar.)	75c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 10a	Extra	\$1.50	Dec. 30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 4a
Amer. British & Continental Corp.—				Chrysler Corp. (quar.)	75c	1/2/30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 2a
First preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Cincinnati Advertising Products (qu.)	*50c	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Dec. 20
American Can, com. (quar.)	\$1	Feb. 15	Hold. of rec. Jan. 31a	Extra	*\$1	Dec. 15	Hold. of rec. Dec. 1
Common (extra)	\$1	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15a	City Ice & Fuel, common (quar.)	*\$10	Jan. 15	Hold. of rec. Jan. 1
American Candy pref.	1 1/2%	Nov. 30	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Common (payable in common stock)	2 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
American Capital Corp. class A	*50c	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Preference & preference BB (mthly.)	50c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*\$1.375	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Preference B (monthly)	5c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Amer. Cash Credit Corp. com. A (qu.)	15c	Nov. 25	Hold. of rec. Nov. 12	City Ice & Fuel, common (quar.)	90c	Nov. 30	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15a
Common class A (extra)	9c	Nov. 25	Hold. of rec. Nov. 12	City Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15a
Common A (1-20 shares com. A stock)	(f)	Nov. 25	Hold. of rec. Nov. 12	City Radio Stores, common (quar.)	*37 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 18
Common class B (quar.)	10 1/2%	Nov. 25	Hold. of rec. Nov. 12	Clark Equipment, com. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 16	Hold. of rec. Nov. 29a
Common B (1-200 shares com. A stock)	(f)	Nov. 25	Hold. of rec. Nov. 12	Claude Neon Elec. Prod. (qu.)	*25c	Jan 1 '30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 19
American Chain preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Dec. 22a	Stock dividend	*3	Jan 1 '30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 19
American Dook (quar.)	*2	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 21	Stock dividend	*3	July 1 '30	Hold. of rec. Jan. 20
Amer. & Gen. Securities, 1st pref. (qu.)	75c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Cleveland Quarries (quar.)	75c	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Amer. Hardware Corp. (quar.)	\$1	Jan 2 '30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 17	Extra	25c	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Amer. Hawaiian S. S. common	\$2	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 14a	Cleveland Stone, com. (quar.)	*75c	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Amer. Home Products (monthly)	30c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 14a	Common (extra)	*25c	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Amer. Laundry Machinery, com. (qu.)	\$1	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 21	Coca Cola Bottling Sec. (stock div.)	*\$20	Jan. 15	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20
Common (payable in com. stock)	\$3	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 21	Quarterly	*25c	Jan. 15	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20
Amer. Mach. & Fdy., com. (extra)	*72	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 21a	Quarterly	*25c	Apr. 15	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20
American Manufacturing—				Quarterly	*25c	July 15	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20
Common (quar.)	75c	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Dec. 15	Quarterly	*25c	Oct. 15	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Dec. 15	Quarterly	*25c	Jan. 15	Hold. of rec. Dec. 12a
Amer. Metal Co., Ltd. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20a	Coca-Cola Co., common (quar.)	\$1	Jan. 1	Hold. of rec. Dec. 12a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20a	Class A	\$1.50	Jan. 1	Hold. of rec. Dec. 12a
Amer. Multigraph, com. (quar.)	62 1/2%	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Coca-Cola Internat. Corp., com. (qu.)	\$2	Jan. 1	Hold. of rec. Dec. 12a
Common (extra)	12 1/2%	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Class A	\$3	Jan. 1	Hold. of rec. Dec. 12
Amer. Radiator & Std. Sanitary Corp.—				Colgate-Palmolive-Peet Co., pref. (qu.)	1 1/2%	Jan 1 '30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 7
Common (quar.)	37 1/2%	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Dec. 11a	Collins & Alkman Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 18a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Nov. 30	Hold. of rec. Dec. 15a	Colorado Fuel & Iron, pref. (quar.)	2	Nov. 26	Hold. of rec. Nov. 11a
Amer. Rolling Mills, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 15	Hold. of rec. Dec. 31a	Columbia Invest., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	*30c	Feb. 1	Hold. of rec. Jan. 25
Amer. Smelt. & Refg., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 1a	Columbia Plet., conv. pref. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 22a
American Stores (quar.)	50c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 14a	Columbia River Packers Assn. (quar.)	*37 1/2%	Dec. 20	Hold. of rec. Dec. 5
Extra	15c	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 14a	Columbus Auto Parts, conv. pref. (qu.)	50c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 16
Amer. Sugar Refg. common (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 5a	Commonwealth & Southern Corp.—			
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 9a	Common (1-80th share common stock)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 10
Amer. Tobacco, com. & com. B (quar.)	\$2	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 9a	Community State Corp., A & B (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Common and common B (extra)	\$1.50	Jan. 1	Hold. of rec. Dec. 12a	Congoleum-Nairn Co., pref. (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Amer. Zinc, Lead & Smelt. pref. (qu.)	*25c	Jan. 1	Hold. of rec. Dec. 20	Conservative Credit System	*\$1	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Amrad Corp. (quar.)	*64	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Dec. 20	Consol. Chgar Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Stock dividend	*\$20	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20a	Consol. Gold Fields of South Africa—			
Andian Nat. Corp. res. (stock div.)	*\$20	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20a	Amer. dep. rets. for ord. bearer shs.	(f)	Dec. 18	Hold. of rec. Nov. 21
Bearer shares (stock div.)	*\$20	Dec. 2	Hold. of coup. No. 1	Consolidated Ice (Pittsburgh), pref.	*1 1/2%	Dec. 15	Hold. of rec. Dec. 20
Armour & Co. of Del., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 10	Consolidated Service, pref. (quar.)	*62 1/2%	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20
Armour & Co. (Ill.), pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Dec. 10	Consumers Co., prior preferred (quar.)	*1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Hold. of rec. Dec. 14
Artform Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15a	Continental Amer. Bank Shares A (qu.)	*25c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20
Associated Dry Goods, first pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 9a	Continental Can, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2%	Jan. 1	Hold. of rec. Dec. 16a
Second preferred (quar.)	1 1/2%	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 9a	Continental Chicago Corp., pref. (quar.)	55c	Dec. 1	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15
Atlantic Gulf & West Indies S.S. Lines.	\$1	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Dec. 11a	Coty, Inc. stock dividend	1 1/2%	Nov. 27	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	25c	Dec. 16	Hold. of rec. Dec. 21a	Crosley Radio (stock dividend)	*40c	Dec. 31	Hold. of rec. Dec. 10
Extra	75c	Dec. 2	Hold. of rec. Nov. 15	Crowley Milner & Co., com. (quar.)	*68c	Dec. 16	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30
Atlantic Securities Corp. pref. (qu.)	*50c	Nov. 30	Hold. of rec. Nov. 20	Crown Cork & Seal, pref. (quar.)	*68c	Dec. 16	Hold. of rec. Nov. 30
Atlas Imperial Diesel Engine cl. A (qu.)	*50c						

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Dresser (S. R.) Mfg., cl. A (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Hydro-Elec. Securities, com. (quar.)	*50c	Dec. 14	*Holders of rec. Nov. 14
Class B (quar.)	*50c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Illinois Cash Credit Corp., com. (quar.)	10c	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 12
Drug, Incorporated (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Preferred (quar.)	20c	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 12
Dunhill Internat. common (quar.)	\$1	Jan 15/30	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Preferred (extra)	10c	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 12
Common (payable in com. stock)	\$1	Jan 15/30	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a	Illinois Pipe Line	\$10	Dec. 16	Nov. 19 to Dec. 4
Common (quar.)	\$1	Apr 15/30	Holders of rec. Apr. 1a	Imperial Chemical Industries—			
Common (payable in com. stock)	\$1	Apr 15/30	Holders of rec. Apr. 1a	American deposit receipts	*2 1/2	Dec. 7	*Holders of rec. Oct. 16
East Butte Copper Mining Co.	25c	Dec. 21	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Full paid sub. rets. 3.38d. per share		Dec. 7	*Holders of rec. Oct. 16
Eastern Bankers Corp., pref. (quar.)	*1.75	Feb 1/30	Holders of rec. Dec. 31	Imperial Oil, Ltd., reg. (quar.)	12 1/2c	Dec. 2	Nov. 16 to Nov. 30
East. Theatres, Ltd. (Canada) com. (qu.)	50c	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Coupon shares (quar.)	12 1/2c	Dec. 2	Holders of coup. No. 23
Eastern Utilities Investing Corp.—				Imperial Royalties Co., pref. (monthly)	1 1/2c	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
\$6 preferred (quar.)	\$1.50	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Preferred class A (monthly)	18c	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 25
\$7 preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Indiana Limestone, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Prior preferred (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan 2/30	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Ingersoll Rand Co. common (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 6a
Eastman Kodak, com. (quar.)	\$1.25	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a	Common (extra)	\$1	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 6a
Common (extra)	75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a	Inland Steel (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 6a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a	Insull Utility Investment, pref. (quar.)	87 1/2c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Eltington Schild Co., com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	*Internat. Agric. Corp., prior pref. (qu.)	*\$1.50	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
First preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 16	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a	International Arbitrage (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 22
Elec. Shareholdings, com. (in com. stk.)	*.72	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 5	Stock dividend	.612	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 22
\$6 preferred (50-100 share of com.)	(f)	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 5	Internat. Cigar Mach'y (extra)	\$1.50	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 22
Elec. Stor. Bat., com. & pf. (in com. stk.)	100	Subj. to	stkholders meeting Apr. 16	International Harvester, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a
1140 Fifth Ave., Inc., preferred	3	Dec. 2	Nov. 16 to Dec. 2	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Ely & Walker Dry Gds., com. (quar.)	50c	dDec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 19	Internat. Milling, 6% pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Emerson Bromo-Seltzer, A (No. 1) (qu.)	50c	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 14	7% preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Emporium Capwell Corp. (quar.)	50c	Dec. 24	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a	Internat. Nickel of Canada, com. (qu.)	25c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a
Essex Company	\$3	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 12	Internat. Safety Razor class A (quar.)	60c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 14a
Extra	\$3	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a	Class B (quar.)	50c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 14a
Fairbanks Morse & Co., com. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Nov. 12a	Class B (extra)	25c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 14a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 12a	Int. Commun. Corp. of Am., com. A (qu.)	75c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Famous Players Canadian Corp.—				Common B (quar.)	12 1/2c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Common (quar.) (No. 1)	50c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Faultless Rubber (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 1	Dec. 17	6 1/2% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Federal Mining & Smelt., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Nov. 25	6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Fifteen Park Ave., Inc., preferred	3	Dec. 2	Nov. 16 to Dec. 2	International Shoe, pref. (mthly)	50c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Fifth Ave. Bus Securities (quar.)	*16c	Dec. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 13	Preferred (monthly)	*50c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Finance Service (Balt.) com A & B (qu.)	40c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Internat. Silver, com. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Preferred (quar.)	17 1/2c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Investors Equity, com. (quar.)	50c	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
First Bank Stock Corp. (Minneapolis)	*25c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21	\$6 preferred Ser. A	\$3	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
First National Stores, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Jan. 22	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a	\$5.50 preferred Ser. B	\$2.75	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
First Trust Bank-Stock Corp. (qu.)	12 1/2c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Iron Fireman Mfg., com. (quar.)	*25c	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Extra	17 1/2c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 31	Jaeck Machine, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Fitz Simons & Connell Dredge & Dock—				Jefferson Electric, com. (quar.)	*75c	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Dec. 14
Common (quar.)	*50c	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Jewel Tea, common (quar.)	75c	Jan. 15	Holders of rec. Dec. 31a
Common (payable in com. stock)	*.72	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Johnson (extra)	\$1	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 14a
Common (stock div., 1-40th share)	(f)	Dec. 2		Joint Investors, common A (quar.)	62 1/2c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Florsheim Shoe, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a	Common A (extra)	*25c	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Follansbee Bros., common (quar.)	75c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30a	Common A (stock dividend)	*400	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 30	Preferred	*\$3	Jan. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Formica Insulation (quar.)	*35c	Jan 1/30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Common A	*1 1/4	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 13
Frank (A. B.) Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jan 1/30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Preferred	*1	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 13
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Apr 1/30	*Holders of rec. Mar. 15	Jones & Laughlin common (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 13
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Jul 1/30	*Holders of rec. June 15	Common (extra)	*1	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 13
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Oct 1/30	*Holders of rec. Sept. 15	Preferred (quar.)	*1	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 13
French (Fred F. Investing Co., pref.)	3 1/2	Dec. 16	Dec. 1 to Dec. 16	Kalamazoo Vegetable Parchment (qu.)	*15c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
French (Fred F.) Surety Co., pref.	3 1/2	Dec. 16	Dec. 1 to Dec. 16	Kaufmann Dept. Stores, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10
Fuller (George F.) common (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Lawner Company (quar.)	*62 1/2c	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 81
Cum. partic. d. reference (quar.)	\$1.50	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 10	Kendall Co., partic. pref. (quar.)	\$1.50	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 23a
Galland Mercantile Laundry (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Kinney (G. R.) Co., Inc., com. (qu.)	25c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 17a
General Amer. Tank Car,				Preferred (quar.)	2	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Common (payable in com. stock)	*.71	Jan 1/30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 13	Kellogg (I. B.) Rubber Co. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
General Asphalt, com. (quar.) (No. 1)	\$1	Dec. 16	Holders of rec. Nov. 25a	Kellogg Lumber (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 10	*Holders of rec. Nov. 30
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 21a	Knox Hat, com. (quar.)	*\$1.50	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
General Box, pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	New com. no-voting (quar.)	*\$1.50	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15
General Bronze, common (quar.)	50c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 14a	Knickerbocker, participating pref. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
General Cable Corp., class A	\$1	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 13a	Knickerbocker Stores, Inc., com. (No. 1)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
General Cigar, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 22	Preferred (quar.)	\$1.75	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
General Motors Corp., com. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 12	Holders of rec. Nov. 23a	Koplar Co., pref. (quar.)	\$1.10	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 11
Common (extra)	30c	Jan. 3	Holders of rec. Nov. 23a	Kroger Grocery & Baking, com. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 11
6% debenture stock (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Kuppenheimer (B.) & Co., com.	*\$1	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 24a
6% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 23a
7% preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 6a	Laboratory Products (quar.)	*75c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20
General Paint Corp., class A (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Stock dividend	*3	Jan. 15	*Holders of rec. Dec. 20
Class B (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 17	Lake of the Woods Millings, com. (qu.)	80c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 16
General Refractories (quar.)	\$1	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 11a	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 16
Extra	25c	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 11a	Lamson & Sessions, com. (quar.)	62 1/2c	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Georgia Cash Credit, com. (quar.)	10c	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 11a	Common (extra)	\$1	Dec. 15	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Preferred (quar.)	20c	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 12	Landers, Frary & Clark (quar.)	*75c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Preferred (extra)	10c	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 12	Landorff United Bakeries—			
Gerrard (S. A.) Co., com. (quar.)	*37 1/2c	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Class A and B (quar.)	*50c	Jan. 30	*Holders of rec. Dec. 30
Gillette Safety Razor (quar.)	\$1.25	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Langston Monotype Mach (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Stock dividend	.65	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 1a	Leath & Co., pref. (quar.)	*87 1/2c	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Oct. 31a
Gleaner Combine Harvester (qu.) (No. 1)	*25c	Jan. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 15	Leish Coal & Navigation (quar.)	75c	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 11a
Globe-Democrat Pub., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Lehigh Portland Cement, pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
Goldberg (S. N.) Stock, \$7 pref. (quar.)	*\$1.75	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Dec. 2	Lehn & Fink Products (quar.)	75c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Golden State Milk Products (quar.)	*40c	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Leonard Custom Tailors (qu.) (No. 1)	43 1/2c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Golden State Milk Products (stk. div.)	*\$1	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Lessings, Inc. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Goodrich (B. F.) Co., com. (quar.)	*\$1	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 18a	Extra	5c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 11
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a	Libbey Owens Glass Co., com. (quar.)	25c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Goodyear Tire & Rubber, 1st pref. (qu.)	\$1.75	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 30a	Liberty Shares Corp. stock dividend	*61	Dec. 31	
Gorham Mfg., com. (quar.)	50c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 12	Stock dividend	*61	Mar 31	30
Grand (F. & W.) 5-10-25c. Sts. com	.75	Nov. 25	Holders of rec. Nov. 12a	Liggett & Myers Tobacco—			
Grand Rapids Varnish (quar.)	*25c	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Nov. 15	Common and common B (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Grand Union Co. pref. (quar.)	75c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a	Lily Tullip Cup Corp., com. (qu.) (No. 1)	*37 1/2c	Dec. 16	*Holders of rec. Dec. 2
Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea, com. (qu.)	*\$1.25	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 8	Lindsay (C. W.) & Co., Ltd., com. (qu.)	25c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Preferred (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 8	Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Great Northern Iron Ore Properties—				Lindsay News Publishing, pref. (qu.)	*50c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Oct. 30
Certificates of beneficial interest	\$2	Dec. 28	Holders of rec. Dec. 6a	Link Belt Co. (quar.)	65c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Great Northern Paper (quar.)	*75c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Loblaw Groceries, cl. A (quar.)	12 1/2c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 9a
Greenfield Tap & Die, 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Class B (quar.)	12 1/2c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 9a
8% preferred (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14	Loew's Boston Theatres (extra)	*50c	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Dec. 29
Green Watch, common (quar.)	*50c	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Loew's, Inc., common (quar.)	75c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 13a
Common (quar.)	*50c	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20	Common (extra)	75c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 13a
Preferred (quar.)	*50c	Mar 1/30	*Holds. of rec. Feb. 18/30	London Canadian Invest. Corp., pf. (qu)	1 1/4	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Gulf States Steel, pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan 2/30	*Holds. of rec. Jan. 21/30	Lord & Taylor, com. (Christmas div.)	5	Dec. 10	Holders of rec. Nov. 16a
Hale Brothers Store Inc., com. (qu.)	50c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 20	1st preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 16a
Hamilton Watch pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 9a	Ludlow Mfg. Associates (quar.)	\$2.50	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 9
Hancock Oil	43 1/2c	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 12	Gunkelheimer Co., pref. (quar.)	*1 1/4	Dec. 31	*Holders of rec. Dec. 21
Hanes (P. H.) Knit., com. & com. B (qu.)	15c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20	Mallinson (H. R.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 1	Holders of rec. dDec. 20	Mandel (Henry) Devel. Corp., pf. (No. 1)	\$3	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Hanna (M. A.) Co., 1st pref. (quar.)	1 1/4	Dec. 20	Holders of rec. Dec. 5a	Manuel Stores Corp., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Harbison-Walker Refrac. common (qu.)	50c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 22a	Manhattan Shirt, common (quar.)	50c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 16a
Common (extra)	25c	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 22a	Manschewitz (B.) Co., com. (in stk.)	*.71	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 13
Preferred (quar.)	1 1/4	Jan. 20	Holders of rec. Jan. 10a				

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Miscellaneous (Concluded).			
Wesson Oil & Snowdrift, pref. (qu.)	\$1	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Western Auto Supply, com. A & B (qu.)	75c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 18
Western Dairy Products, cl. A (quar.)	\$1	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 9a
Western Pipe & Steel (quar.) (No. 1)	*50c.	Dec. 5	*Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Extra	*10c.	Dec. 5	*Holders of rec. Nov. 25
Western Reserve Invest. part. pf. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
Western Res. Inv. Corp. 6% pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 14a
Westvaco Chlorine Prod. com. (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15a
Wheatworth Inc. pref. (quar.)	2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Wheeling Steel Corp., com	*\$1	Dec. 6	*Holders of rec. Nov. 12
White (J. G.) & Co., pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
White (J. G.) Engineering, pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
White Motor (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 12a
White Motor Securities pref. (quar.)	\$1.75	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 12
Wilcox Rich Corp., class A (quar.)	62 1/2c	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Class B (quar.)	50c.	Dec. 31	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Will & Baumer Candle, pref. (quar.)	2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 16
Willis-Overland Co. preferred (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan 2'30	Holders of rec. Dec. 16a
Windsor Hotel (Montreal) pref. (qu.)	1 1/2	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Winton Engine, com. (quar.) (No. 1)	*\$1	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Preferred (quar.)	*75c.	Dec. 15	*Holders of rec. Nov. 20
Wolverine Tube pref. (quar.)	1 1/2	Dec. 1	*Holders of rec. Nov. 16
Woolworth (F. W.) Co. (quar.)	60c.	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 9a
Worthington Pump & Mach., pf. A (qu.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Prof. A (acct. cum. dividends)	h 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Preferred B (quar.)	1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Preferred B (acct. cum. divs.)	h 1 1/2	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 10a
Wrigley (Wm.) Jr., Co. (monthly)	50c.	Dec. 2	Holders of rec. Nov. 20a
Monthly	25c.	Jan. 2	Holders of rec. Dec. 20a
Monthly	25c.	Feb. 1	Holders of rec. Jan. 20a
Monthly	50c.	Mar. 1	Holders of rec. Feb. 20a
Monthly	25c.	Apr. 1	Holders of rec. Mar. 20a
Monthly	25c.	May 1	Holders of rec. Apr. 19a
Wright Aeronautical Corp. (quar.)	50c.	Nov. 30	Holders of rec. Nov. 15
Yale & Towne Mfg. (Special)	\$1	Dec. 14	Holders of rec. Dec. 2a
Yellow Checker Cab, com. A (monthly)	*33-1-3c	Dec. 2	*Holders of rec. Nov. 26

* From unofficial sources. † The New York Stock Exchange has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice. ‡ The New York Curb Market Association has ruled that stock will not be quoted ex-dividend on this date and not until further notice.

- a Transfer books not closed for this dividend. d Correction. e Payable in stock.
- b Fifty cents of the Federal Water Service, class A dividend may be applied to the purchase of additional shares of class A stock at \$27 per share.
- f Payable in common stock. g Payable in scrip. h On account of accumulated dividends. j Payable in preferred stock.
- i North American Co. stock dividend is at rate of 1-40th share for each share held.
- k Payable either in cash or one-fortieth share class A stock for each share held.
- l Authorized at stockholders' meeting Oct. 11.
- n Payable in common A stock at rate of \$25 per share unless written notice of election to take cash is given prior to Dec. 23.
- o Or 2 1/2% in class A stock.
- p Blue Ridge Co. pref. stock dividend will be paid in com. stock at rate of 1-32 share com. stock for each share pref. unless holder notifies company on or before Nov. 21 of his desire to take cash.
- r Rio Grande Oil stock to be placed on a \$2 per ann. basis. The company declared \$1 payable July 25 1929 and intends to declare another \$1 payable on or before Jan. 25 1930. The stock dividends are 1 1/2 shares on each 100 shares, the first 1 1/2% having been declared payable April 25 with the intention to declare a second 1 1/2% payable on or before Oct. 25.
- s Central States Electric conv. pref. dividend payable in com. stock at rate of 3-32 share of com. on each share of 1928 series pref. and 3-64 share common on each share of 1929 series pref., or \$1.50 cash.
- t Consolidated Gold Fields of South Africa dividend is 15 pence per share, less tax and deduction for expenses of depositary.
- u Payable in common stock at rate of 1-52 share common for each share conv. pref. opt. series of 1929 unless holder notifies company of his desire to take cash as rate of \$1.50 per share.
- v If not advised on or before Nov. 30 of holder's desire to take cash at rate of 75c. per share, company will pay dividend in common stock at rate of 1-16 share common for each share held.
- w Less deduction for expenses of depositary.
- z Tobacco Securities deferred dividend is 2.742 pence on each five shillings. Transfers received in London up to Nov. 21 will be in time for payment of dividend to transferee.
- y Payable in cash or 2% in common stock.

Weekly Return of New York City Clearing House.—Beginning with Mar. 31 1928, the New York City Clearing House Association discontinued giving out all statements previously issued and now makes only the barest kind of a report. The new returns show nothing but the deposits, along with the capital and surplus. We give it below in full:

STATEMENT OF MEMBERS OF THE NEW YORK CLEARING HOUSE ASSOCIATION FOR THE WEEK ENDED SATURDAY, NOV. 16 1929.

Clearing House Members.	*Capital.	*Surplus and Undivided Profits.	Net Demand Deposits Average.	Time Deposits Average.
Bank of N. Y. & Tr. Co.	\$ 6,000,000	\$ 14,240,000	\$ 72,588,000	\$ 11,630,000
Bk. of the Manhattan Co.	22,250,000	43,228,400	203,261,000	44,875,000
Bank of America N. Y.	35,775,300	39,281,300	181,864,000	69,304,000
National City Bank	110,000,000	119,932,400	414,768,000	212,085,000
Chemical Bank & Tr. Co.	15,000,000	21,317,400	229,266,000	16,956,000
Guaranty Trust Co.	90,000,000	198,809,000	610,932,000	90,220,000
Chat. Ph. Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co.	13,500,000	16,680,500	160,798,000	36,669,000
Cent. Han. Bk. & Tr. Co.	21,000,000	79,033,800	412,700,000	43,047,000
Corn Exch. Bk. Trust Co.	12,100,000	22,804,200	189,092,000	30,526,000
First National Bank	10,000,000	102,357,300	329,862,000	13,203,000
Irving Trust Co.	50,000,000	82,750,000	376,069,000	64,398,000
Continental Bk. & Tr. Co.	6,000,000	11,275,400	12,517,000	607,000
Chase National Bank	105,000,000	136,206,100	690,809,000	76,828,000
Fifth Avenue Bank	500,000	3,814,100	25,850,000	931,000
Equitable Trust Co.	46,500,000	45,238,500	456,816,000	52,283,000
Bankers Trust Co.	25,000,000	82,753,300	481,387,000	50,960,000
Title Guar. & Trust Co.	10,000,000	24,498,700	38,532,000	1,400,000
Fidelity Trust Co.	16,000,000	15,617,400	43,504,000	5,224,000
Lawyers Trust Co.	3,000,000	4,508,200	19,000,000	1,825,000
New York Trust Co.	12,500,000	34,047,700	195,327,000	21,921,000
Com'l Nat. Bk. & Tr. Co.	7,000,000	8,416,700	65,535,000	7,806,000
Harriman N. B. & Tr. Co.	1,500,000	2,822,200	36,012,000	5,724,000
Clearing Non-Members:				
City Bk. Farmers Tr. Co.	10,000,000	11,093,900	10,026,000	1,383,000
Mech's Tr. Co., Bayonne	500,000	860,500	3,019,000	5,490,000
Totals	619,125,300	1,118,607,000	6,749,847,000	855,295,000

* As per official reports: National, Oct. 4 1929; State, Sept. 27 1929; trust companies, Sept. 27 1929. † As of Oct. 2 1929. Includes deposits in foreign branches as follows: (a) \$315,293,000; (b) \$167,737,000; (c) \$13,814,000; (d) \$165,061,000; (e) \$75,506,000.

The New York "Times" publishes regularly each week returns of a number of banks and trust companies which are not members of the New York Clearing House. The following are the figures for the week ending Nov. 15:

INSTITUTIONS NOT IN CLEARING HOUSE WITH CLOSING OF BUSINESS FOR THE WEEK ENDED FRIDAY, NOV. 15 1929.
NATIONAL AND STATE BANKS—Average Figures.

	Loans.	Gold.	Other Cash Including N. Y. and Bk. Notes.	Res. Dep. Elsewhere.	Depos. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—						
Bank of U. S.	239,897,000	93,000	7,325,000	37,607,000	2,320,000	237,341,000
Bryant Park Bk.	2,569,000	100,000	84,000	414,000	-----	2,334,000
Chelsea Exch. Bk.	20,867,000	-----	1,423,000	927,000	-----	18,294,000
Grace National	23,009,083	2,000	84,309	2,185,071	57,318	20,842,668
Port Morris	3,533,000	36,300	90,000	199,800	-----	3,111,200
Public National	148,123,000	27,000	2,206,000	9,646,000	33,615,000	165,324,000
Brooklyn—						
Brooklyn Nat.	8,119,000	11,000	71,200	509,500	531,400	5,147,300
Peoples Nat.	7,700,000	5,000	126,003	562,000	88,000	7,500,000

TRUST COMPANIES—Average Figures.

	Loans.	Cash.	Res'te Dep. N. Y. and Elsewhere.	Depos. Other Banks and Trust Cos.	Gross Deposits.
Manhattan—					
American	47,435,800	11,147,600	1,023,300	20,500	48,224,000
Bk. of Europe & Tr.	16,279,300	828,400	91,100	-----	15,589,100
Bronx County	26,406,155	797,057	1,916,236	-----	26,259,913
Empire	86,007,900	*5,458,800	14,007,100	3,692,700	93,072,100
Federation	12,444,782	129,714	1,186,037	140,293	17,142,795
Fulton	19,045,200	*2,297,000	567,100	-----	17,083,200
Manufacturers	373,460,000	3,956,000	63,698,000	2,870,000	363,779,000
United States	86,642,888	5,433,334	17,435,102	-----	82,921,455
Brooklyn—					
Brooklyn	117,370,100	3,147,000	23,908,000	-----	119,273,800
Kings County	24,710,840	1,617,132	3,544,995	-----	23,272,190
Bayonne, N. J.—					
Mechanics	9,034,821	283,086	584,642	337,947	8,925,068

* Includes amount with Federal Reserve Bank as follows: Empire, \$3,616,300; Fulton, \$2,169,500.

Boston Clearing House Weekly Returns.—In the following we furnish a summary of all the items in the Boston Clearing House weekly statement for a series of weeks:

BOSTON CLEARING HOUSE MEMBERS.

	Nov. 20 1929.	Changes from Previous Week	Nov. 13 1929.	Nov. 6 1929.
Capital	\$ 82,975,000	—18,000,000	100,975,000	100,975,000
Surplus and profits	121,279,000	Unchanged	121,279,000	121,279,000
Loans, disc'ts & invest's	1,192,199,000	—617,000	1,192,816,000	1,187,548,000
Individual deposits	752,243,000	—4,975,000	757,218,000	776,019,000
Due to banks	182,006,000	+13,319,000	168,687,000	180,491,000
Time deposits	274,165,000	—3,018,000	277,183,000	276,418,000
United States deposits	4,880,000	—680,000	5,560,000	7,273,000
Exchanges for Cl'g House	48,963,000	—9,028,000	57,991,000	69,826,000
Due from other banks	125,755,000	+11,295,000	114,460,000	144,523,000
Res've in legal deposit's	92,351,000	+883,000	91,468,000	94,638,000
Cash in bank	8,188,000	+114,000	8,074,000	8,198,000
Res've excess in F. R. Bk.	4,250,000	+1,678,000	2,572,000	4,554,000

Philadelphia Banks.—The Philadelphia Clearing House return for the week ending Nov. 14, with comparative figures for the two weeks preceding, is given below. Reserve requirements for members of the Federal Reserve System are 10% on demand deposits and 3% on time deposits, all to be kept with the Federal Reserve Bank. "Cash in vaults" is not a part of legal reserve. For trust companies not members of the Federal Reserve System the reserve required is 10% on demand deposits and includes "Reserve with legal depositaries" and "Cash in vaults."

Beginning with the return for the week ending May 14 1928, the Philadelphia Clearing House Association discontinued showing the reserves and whether reserves held are above or below requirements. This will account for the queries at the end of the table.

Two Cities (OO) omitted.	Week Ended Nov. 14 1929.			Nov. 7, 1929.	Oct. 31 1929.
	Members of F. R. System	Trust Companies.	Total.		
Capital	\$ 61,685.0	\$ 7,500.0	\$ 69,185.0	69,185.0	69,185.0
Surplus and profits	213,828.0	16,671.0	230,499.0	230,499.0	230,499.0
Loans, disc'ts. & invest.	1,134,885.0	71,303.0	1,206,188.0	1,202,370.0	1,191,752.0
Exch. for Clear. House	55,031.0	413.0	55,444.0	55,272.0	56,066.0
Due from banks	115,138.0	13.0	115,151.0	104,693.0	111,263.0
Bank deposits	146,565.0	957.0	147,522.0	135,544.0	134,599.0
Individual deposits	647,866.0	34,468.0	682,334.0	686,109.0	693,248.0
Time deposits	207,922.0	16,303.0	224,225.0	228,225.0	227,544.0
Total deposits	1,002,353.0	51,728.0	1,054,081.0	1,049,908.0	1,055,392.0
Res. with legal depositions	70,004.0	---	70,004.0	70,906.0	71,691.0
Res. with F. R. Bank	---	5,988.0	5,988.0	5,931.0	6,273.0
Cash in vaults	11,877.0	1,301.0	13,178.0	13,007.0	13,016.0
Total res. & cash held.	81,881.0	7,289.0	89,170.0	89,844.0	90,980.0
Reserve required	?	?	?	?	?
Excess reserve and cash in vault	?	?	?	?	?

*Cash in vault not counted as reserve for Federal Reserve member

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Nov. 21, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year.

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 20 1929.

Table with columns for dates (Nov. 20 1929, Nov. 13 1929, Nov. 6 1929, Oct. 30 1929, Oct. 23 1929, Oct. 16 1929, Oct. 9 1929, Oct. 2 1929, Nov. 21 1928.) and rows for RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve agents, Gold redemption fund, Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes in actual circulation, Deposits, Total deposits, etc.).

* 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."

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 20 1929

Table with columns for banks (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.) and rows for RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, Gold red'n fund, Gold held excl. agst. F. R. notes, etc.) and LIABILITIES (F. R. notes received from Comptroller, F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent, etc.).

RESOURCES (Concluded) — Two ciphers (00) omitted.		Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.	
Other securities		\$ 20,348.0	\$ 1,000.0	\$ 10,450.0	\$ 1,125.0	\$ 1,500.0	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,000.0	\$ —	\$ 4,273.0	\$ —	\$ —	\$ —	
Foreign loans on gold															
Total bills and securities		1,530,265.0	62,127.0	369,313.0	134,786.0	174,270.0	75,035.0	88,707.0	216,877.0	68,075.0	43,051.0	81,340.0	56,726.0	159,958.0	
Due from foreign banks		728.0	53.0	225.0	69.0	74.0	33.0	28.0	99.0	29.0	18.0	24.0	24.0	52.0	
Uncollected items		789,400.0	79,992.0	215,145.0	66,400.0	72,746.0	60,982.0	26,134.0	96,504.0	35,540.0	18,672.0	42,978.0	30,279.0	44,028.0	
Bank premises		59,120.0	3,702.0	16,087.0	1,762.0	6,535.0	3,395.0	2,744.0	8,529.0	3,997.0	2,110.0	4,140.0	1,992.0	4,197.0	
All other		11,493.0	108.0	3,046.0	224.0	1,173.0	637.0	3,686.0	625.0	413.0	517.0	166.0	365.0	533.0	
Total resources		5,677,676.0	469,993.0	1,847,314.0	381,560.0	467,097.0	234,494.0	258,680.0	814,739.0	225,651.0	144,931.0	228,053.0	162,364.0	442,800.0	
LIABILITIES.															
F. R. notes in actual circulation		1,924,990.0	204,674.0	375,974.0	139,539.0	175,474.0	92,532.0	152,767.0	305,902.0	92,268.0	66,913.0	85,414.0	50,665.0	182,868.0	
Deposits:															
Member bank—reserve acct.		2,518,202.0	151,655.0	1,119,508.0	136,172.0	175,477.0	63,721.0	60,128.0	353,065.0	76,777.0	50,720.0	89,483.0	65,786.0	175,710.0	
Government		18,936.0	1,651.0	2,936.0	1,303.0	1,024.0	1,735.0	1,734.0	2,843.0	1,382.0	871.0	246.0	890.0	2,331.0	
Foreign bank		5,480.0	432.0	1,413.0	560.0	595.0	268.0	799.0	233.0	233.0	146.0	193.0	320.0	421.0	
Other deposits		19,995.0	39.0	8,918.0	130.0	1,035.0	112.0	94.0	721.0	236.0	314.0	123.0	41.0	8,232.0	
Total deposits		2,562,613.0	153,677.0	1,132,775.0	138,255.0	178,131.0	65,836.0	62,184.0	357,428.0	78,628.0	52,051.0	90,045.0	66,910.0	186,693.0	
Deferred availability items		723,722.0	78,092.0	189,805.0	59,981.0	67,265.0	55,334.0	24,708.0	88,208.0	36,474.0	14,297.0	37,589.0	30,386.0	41,383.0	
Capital paid in		167,854.0	11,271.0	64,558.0	16,532.0	15,615.0	6,017.0	5,383.0	20,029.0	5,238.0	3,072.0	4,285.0	4,472.0	11,382.0	
Surplus		254,398.0	19,619.0	71,282.0	24,101.0	26,345.0	12,399.0	10,554.0	36,442.0	10,820.0	7,082.0	9,086.0	8,690.0	17,978.0	
All other liabilities		44,099.0	2,660.0	12,920.0	3,152.0	4,267.0	2,176.0	3,084.0	6,730.0	2,223.0	1,516.0	1,634.0	1,241.0	2,496.0	
Total liabilities		5,677,676.0	469,993.0	1,847,314.0	381,560.0	467,097.0	234,494.0	258,680.0	814,739.0	225,651.0	144,931.0	228,053.0	162,364.0	442,800.0	
Memoranda.															
Reserve ratio (per cent)		71.2	86.3	80.3	63.4	58.8	56.6	61.2	72.9	66.2	66.5	55.3	59.8	61.5	
Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondents		510,172.0	37,578.0	156,231.0	48,749.0	51,796.0	23,359.0	19,805.0	69,569.0	20,312.0	12,695.0	16,758.0	16,758.0	36,562.0	
F. R. notes on hand (notes rec'd from F. R. Agent less notes in circulation)		502,059.0	47,015.0	191,573.0	24,245.0	24,277.0	17,116.0	27,057.0	67,422.0	13,948.0	5,852.0	10,823.0	9,968.0	62,763.0	

FEDERAL RESERVE NOTE ACCOUNTS OF FEDERAL RESERVE AGENTS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOV. 20 1929.

Federal Reserve Agent at—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
<i>Two ciphers (00) omitted.</i>	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
F. R. notes rec'd from Comptroller	3,597,498.0	311,339.0	971,082.0	225,734.0	293,871.0	168,082.0	284,024.0	528,924.0	130,806.0	123,892.0	122,947.0	77,476.0	359,531.0
F. R. notes held by F. R. Agent	1,170,449.0	59,650.0	403,535.0	61,940.0	94,120.0	58,434.0	104,200.0	155,600.0	24,390.0	51,127.0	26,710.0	16,843.0	113,900.0
F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bank	2,427,049.0	251,689.0	567,547.0	163,784.0	199,751.0	109,648.0	179,824.0	373,324.0	106,216.0	72,765.0	96,237.0	60,633.0	245,631.0
Collateral held as security for F. R. notes issued to F. R. Bk.													
Gold and gold certificates	357,715.0	35,300.0	177,045.0	28,600.0	16,900.0	16,190.0	9,500.0	—	7,800.0	14,157.0	—	17,223.0	35,000.0
Gold redemption fund	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gold fund—F. R. Board	1,190,770.0	169,617.0	253,626.0	46,400.0	75,000.0	40,000.0	91,300.0	259,564.0	55,000.0	35,000.0	50,000.0	13,500.0	101,763.0
Eligible paper	1,136,223.0	47,731.0	185,001.0	91,551.0	154,991.0	66,408.0	79,039.0	170,069.0	50,883.0	27,681.0	77,360.0	39,102.0	146,407.0
Total collateral	2,684,708.0	252,648.0	615,672.0	166,551.0	246,891.0	122,598.0	179,839.0	429,633.0	113,683.0	76,838.0	127,360.0	69,825.0	283,170.0

Weekly Return for the Member Banks of the Federal Reserve System.

Following is the weekly statement issued by the Federal Reserve Board, giving the principal items of the resources and liabilities of the member banks in 101 cities from which weekly returns are obtained. These figures are always a week behind those for the Reserve banks themselves. Definitions of the different items in the statement were given in the statement of Dec. 12 1917, published in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 29 1917, page 3475. The comment of the Reserve Board upon the figures for the latest week appears in our department of "Current Events and Discussions," on page 3245, immediately preceding which we also give the figures of New York and Chicago reporting member banks for a week later.

Beginning with the statement of Jan. 9 1929, the loan figures exclude "Acceptances of other banks and bills of exchange or drafts sold with endorsement," and include all real estate mortgages and mortgage loans held by the bank. Previously acceptances of other banks and bills sold with no longer shown separately, only the total of loans on securities being given. Furthermore, borrowing at the Federal Reserve are not any more sub-banks is now omitted; in its place the number of cities included has been substituted. The figures have also been revised to exclude a bank in the San Francisco district with loans and investments of \$135,000,000 on Jan. 2 which recently merged with a non-member bank. The figures are now given in round millions instead of in thousands.

PRINCIPAL RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF ALL REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN EACH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT AS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS NOVEMBER 13 1929. (In millions of dollars.)

Federal Reserve District—	Total.	Boston.	New York.	Phla.	Cleveland.	Richmond.	Atlanta.	Chicago.	St. Louis.	Mtneap.	Kan. City.	Dallas.	San Fran.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 23,716	\$ 1,576	\$ 9,606	\$ 1,279	\$ 2,214	\$ 674	\$ 639	\$ 3,446	\$ 702	\$ 410	\$ 703	\$ 498	\$ 1,970
Loans—total	18,115	1,234	7,373	978	1,601	517	517	2,791	544	288	474	382	1,416
On securities	8,369	526	3,876	518	758	189	146	1,356	249	89	125	103	434
All other	9,746	707	3,497	460	842	328	371	1,435	295	200	349	280	981
Investments—total	5,601	342	2,234	301	613	157	121	655	158	121	229	116	554
U. S. Government securities	2,748	164	1,176	91	290	73	56	296	47	67	103	72	312
Other securities	2,854	178	1,057	210	324	83	66	359	110	55	125	43	242
Reserve with F. R. Bank	1,952	105	1,028	78	117	41	41	264	46	29	58	34	111
Cash in vault	277	18	94	17	32	13	10	40	7	6	12	8	21
Net demand deposits	14,570	985	6,968	714	1,035	352	326	1,944	382	240	503	303	816
Time deposits	6,756	466	1,807	260	930	241	226	1,220	227	130	182	138	929
Government deposits	77	4	23	8	9	3	5	8	1	—	1	6	8
Due from banks	1,287	57	193	61	101	56	89	239	69	61	137	65	160
Due to banks	3,071	130	1,189	179	198	107	117	434	130	79	206	106	195
Borrowings from F. R. Bank	688	25	71	73	98	26	40	124	35	27	42	22	106

Condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The following shows the condition of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York at the close of business Nov. 20 1929, in comparison with the previous week and the corresponding date last year:

Resources—	Nov. 20 1929.	Nov. 13 1929.	Nov. 21 1928.	Resources (Concluded)—	Nov. 20 1929.	Nov. 13 1929.	Nov. 21 1928.
	\$	\$	\$		\$	\$	\$
Gold with Federal Reserve Agent	430,671,000	405,671,000	174,462,000	Gold held abroad	—	—	—
Gold redemp. fund with U. S. Treasury	16,814,000	16,934,000	22,514,000	Due from foreign banks (See Note)	—	225,000	—
				Uncollected items	215,145,000	247,638,000	371,000
Gold held exclusively agst. F. R. notes	447,485,000	422,605,000	196,976,000	Bank premises	16,087,000	16,087,000	16,675,000
Gold settlement fund with F. R. Board	273,850,000	324,940,000	307,115,000	All other resources	3,046,000	3,015,000	1,359,000
Gold and gold certificates held by bank	440,901,000	437,197,000	418,455,000	Total resources	1,847,314,000	1,910,488,000	1,569,275,000
Total gold reserves	1,162,236,000	1,184,742,000	922,546,000	Liabilities—			
Reserves other than gold	48,771,000	52,337,000	23,227,000	Fed'l Reserve notes in actual circulation	375,974,000	379,458,000	333,497,000
Total reserves	1,211,007,000	1,237,079,000	945,773,000	Deposits—Member bank, reserve acct.	1,119,508,000	1,181,405,000	898,694,000
Non-reserve cash	32,491,000	30,105,000	19,660,000	Government	2,936,000	339,000	1,096,000
Bills discounted—				Foreign bank (See Note)	1,413,000	1,934,000	2,109,000
Secured by U. S. Gov't. obligations	64,353,000	60,086,000	129,024,000	Other deposits	8,918,000	8,765,000	8,500,000
Other bills discounted	61,587,000	66,092,000	40,728,000	Total deposits	1,132,775,000	1,192,443,000	910,399,000
Total bills discounted	125,940,000	126,178,000	169,752,000	Deferred availability items	189,805,000	190,171,000	200,580,000
Bills bought in open market	73,754,000	77,392,000	142,964,000	Capital paid in	64,558,000	64,445,000	49,784,000
U. S. Government securities—				Surplus	71,282,000	71,282,000	63,007,000
Bonds	38,705,000	41,655,000	1,384,000	All other liabilities	12,920,000	12,689,000	12,008,000
Treasury notes	65,295,000	55,022,000	20,400,000	Total liabilities	1,847,314,000	1,910,488,000	1,569,275,000
Certificates of indebtedness	55,169,000	63,094,000	19,628,000	Ratio of total reserves to deposit and Fed'l Reserve note liabilities combined	80.3%	78.7%	76.0%
Total U. S. Government securities	159,169,000	159,771,000	41,412,000	Contingent liability on bills purchased for foreign correspondence	156,231,000	154,349,000	75,274,000
Other securities (see note)	10,450,000	13,000,000	200,000				
Foreign loans on gold	—	—	—				
Total bills and securities (See Note)	369,313,000	376,341,000	354,328,000				

NOTE.—Beginning with the statement of Oct. 7 1925, two new items were added in order to show separately the amount of balances held abroad and amounts due to foreign correspondents. In addition, the caption "All other earning assets," previously made up of Federal Intermediate Credit bank debentures, was changed to "Other securities," and the caption "Total earning assets" to "Total bills and securities." The latter term was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts,

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 3280.

The following are sales made at the Stock Exchange this week of shares not represented in our detailed list on the pages which follow:

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Nov. 22., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and various stock categories.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Nov. 22., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Indus. & Misc. (Cont.), Pittsb Screw & Bolt, and various stock categories.

Quotations for U.S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness.—p.3283. New York City Realty and Surety Companies.—p. 3283. New York City Banks and Trust Companies.—p.3283.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table titled 'Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices' with columns for dates (Nov. 16, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22) and various bond types (First Liberty Loan, Second converted, Fourth Liberty Loan, Treasury).

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 10 1st 3 1/2s, 39 4th 4 1/2s, 15 Treas. 4 1/2s.

Table titled 'Foreign Exchange' with columns for 'Checks' and 'Cables'. Rows include Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 3283. A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3312.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.						Sales for the Week.	STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE			PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots		PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928	
Saturday, Nov. 16.	Monday, Nov. 18.	Tuesday, Nov. 19.	Wednesday, Nov. 20.	Thursday, Nov. 21.	Friday, Nov. 22.		Shares	Railroads	Par	Lowest	Highest	Lowest	Highest
\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	\$ per share	19,600	Atch Topeka & Santa Fe...	100	\$ 28 3/8	\$ 28 1/2	\$ 28 3/8	\$ 28 3/8	
212 1/2 216	223 227	223 231	227 232	227 231	227 231	1,600	Preferred...	100	99	May 16	104	Oct 22	
100 101	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	101 101 1/2	3,000	Atlantic Coast Line RR...	100	161	Nov 13	200 1/2	July 16	
165 170	165 167	171 171	172 172	173 175 1/2	173 175 1/2	38,600	Baltimore & Ohio...	100	105	Nov 13	145 1/2	Sept 14	
114 116 1/2	115 118	117 118 1/2	117 118 1/2	117 118 1/2	118 119 1/2	1,500	Preferred...	100	75	June 13	80 1/2	Nov 4	
78 78 1/2	78 78 1/2	77 78 1/2	77 78 1/2	78 78 1/2	79 79 1/2	3,300	Bangor & Aroostook...	50	55	Oct 29	90 1/2	Sept 19	
59 1/2 59 5/8	58 60 1/2	61 1/4 63	63 64 1/2	63 64 1/2	64 64	110	Preferred...	100	103 1/4	Oct 17	115	Sept 23	
106 1/2 105 1/4	105 107	106 106	106 106 1/2	106 106 1/2	106 106 1/2	1,500	Boston & Maine...	100	85	Apr 4	145	July 25	
*90 110	*93 110	*90 110	*90 110	*90 110	*90 110	18,900	Bklyn-Manh Tran v t c...	No par	4 1/2	Oct 29	81 1/2	Feb 25	
50 1/2 57	50 1/2 57 1/2	58 1/2 58 1/2	58 1/2 60	58 1/2 60 1/2	58 1/2 60 1/2	2,200	Preferred v t c...	100	78 1/2	Nov 14	92 1/2	Feb 1	
*50 84	*50 84	*50 84	*50 84	*50 84	*50 84	1,600	Brunswick Farm & Ry Sec...	100	44 1/2	Jan 18	44 1/2	Jan 18	
*64 70	*64 70	*64 70	*64 70	*64 70	*64 70	14,200	Buffalo & Susquehanna...	100	54 1/2	Jan 26	85	Mar 2	
199 201	197 1/2 203	199 1/2 203	200 1/2 202 1/2	200 1/2 202 1/2	200 1/2 202 1/2	40	Preferred...	100	31 1/2	Nov 13	81 1/2	Aug 2	
*91 1/4 91 1/2	*91 1/4 91 1/2	91 1/4 91 1/2	92 1/4 92 1/2	*92 1/4 93	*92 1/4 93	12,700	Canadian Pacific...	100	180	Sept 17	269 1/2	Feb 2	
183 1/4 185 1/2	182 187 1/2	190 196 1/2	196 1/2 203 1/2	200 203 1/2	200 203 1/2	1,900	Caro Clinch & Ohio ofts v t...	100	60	Nov 13	101 1/2	Mar 14	
4 1/4 4 1/8	5 1/8 5 1/8	5 1/8 5 1/8	5 1/2 5 1/2	5 1/2 5 1/2	5 1/4 5 1/4	3,400	Chesapeake & Ohio...	100	4	Nov 13	27 1/4	Sept 3	
5 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4	6 1/4 6 1/2	6 1/4 6 1/2	6 3/4 6 3/4	45,900	Chicago & Alton...	100	4	Nov 13	19 1/4	Feb 4	
			*15 25	*15 25	*15 25	18,700	Chicago & East Illinois RR...	100	25	Aug 26	43	Feb 4	
	9 1/4 10 1/8	9 1/4 10	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	10 10 1/2	2,300	Preferred...	100	49	June 26	66 1/2	Feb 4	
26 5/8 28 1/2	27 1/2 29 1/2	30 31 1/8	30 31 1/8	30 31 1/8	30 31 1/8	6,700	Chicago Great Western...	100	7	Nov 13	23 1/2	Feb 1	
21 22 1/2	21 23 1/2	23 1/4 24	22 1/2 24 1/2	23 1/4 24 1/2	23 1/4 24 1/2	17,800	Preferred...	100	17 1/2	Nov 13	20 1/2	Jan 31	
			23 1/4 24 1/2	23 1/4 24 1/2	23 1/4 24 1/2	23,900	Chicago Milw St Paul & Pac...	100	16	Nov 13	44 1/2	Aug 29	
36 1/8 38 1/2	35 1/2 39 1/8	39 1/4 41	39 1/4 41 1/8	40 1/4 41 7/8	40 1/4 41 7/8	18,700	Preferred new...	100	28 1/2	Nov 13	68 1/2	Aug 29	
83 85 1/4	84 86	87 1/4 88	88 90	89 90 1/4	89 90 1/4	2,300	Chicago & North Western...	100	75	Nov 13	108 1/2	Sept 7	
139 1/2 140	138 138 1/2	137 1/2 137 1/2	138 138 1/2	139 140	139 140	7,500	Preferred...	100	134	Apr 24	145	Feb 5	
111 113 1/4	110 1/2 112	114 116 1/2	115 118 1/2	119 120 1/2	119 120 1/2	300	Chicago Rock Isl & Pacific...	100	101	Nov 13	143 1/2	Sept 3	
103 1/2 103 1/2	*105 107 1/2	*105 107 1/2	*106 107 1/2	*106 107 1/2	*106 107 1/2	1,300	7% preferred...	100	98	Nov 14	109	Oct 10	
98 1/4 98 1/4	98 1/4 98 1/4	99 100	99 100	99 100	99 100	3,000	Colorado & Southern...	100	94 1/2	Nov 14	102 1/2	Feb 5	
*70 73	*70 73	*70 73	*70 73	*70 73	*70 73	48,100	First preferred...	100	65 1/2	Oct 29	80	Jan 25	
*49 49 1/2	50 50	51 51	50 50 1/2	48 48 1/2	48 48 1/2	3,000	Second preferred...	100	64	Apr 22	72 1/2	Mar 5	
161 163	159 166	164 1/2 166 1/2	167 168	169 1/2 173 1/2	169 1/2 173 1/2	5,500	Consol RR of Cuba pref...	100	45	Nov 14	70 1/2	Jan 2	
138 1/4 140 1/4	138 139	140 141	141 1/2 145 1/2	146 146 1/2	146 146 1/2	6,600	Delaware Lack & Western...	100	141 1/2	Oct 29	226	July 20	
*57 1/2 59	58 1/2 59	60 61	59 1/2 60 1/2	61 62	61 62	1,600	Denver & Rio Gr West pref...	100	120	June 11	169 1/2	Sept 10	
*21 1/4 21 1/2	*21 1/2 21 1/2	*21 1/2 21 1/2	*21 1/2 21 1/2	*21 1/2 21 1/2	*21 1/2 21 1/2	7,200	Duluth So Shors & Ad...	100	49	Oct 30	77 1/2	Feb 21	
*21 1/2 31 1/4	*23 1/4 31 1/4	*3 3 1/2	*3 3 1/2	*3 3 1/2	*3 3 1/2	48,100	Preferred...	100	1 1/2	Nov 14	4 1/2	Feb 4	
49 51	48 5/8 52 1/2	53 1/4 54 1/2	53 55 1/4	55 1/2 56 1/2	55 1/2 56 1/2	3,600	Erle...	100	41 1/2	Nov 13	7 1/2	Feb 4	
60 60	60 61 1/4	61 1/4 61 1/2	62 64	63 64	63 64	6,000	First preferred...	100	55 1/2	Nov 13	53 1/2	Sept 9	
*93 1/2 96 3/4	*93 1/2 95	95 96	96 96 1/2	*96 96 1/2	*96 96 1/2	7,200	Second preferred...	100	52	Nov 7	63 1/2	July 2	
92 94 1/4	92 1/4 93	94 95 1/4	95 96	96 96 1/2	96 96 1/2	11,100	Great Northern preferred...	100	85 1/4	Nov 13	128 1/2	July 22	
23 24 1/2	24 26 1/2	25 26	26 30 3/4	30 30 3/4	30 30 3/4	1,200	Preferred...	100	85 1/2	Nov 13	122 1/2	July 22	
*82 85	85 87	88 1/2 88 1/2	89 1/2 90	90 90 1/4	90 90 1/4	400	Gulf Mobile & Northern...	100	18	Nov 13	59	Feb 4	
6 1/4 7	6 1/4 6 3/4	6 1/4 7	6 3/4 7	6 3/4 7	6 3/4 7	160	Preferred...	100	70	Nov 13	103	Jan 3	
						74	Havana Electric Ry...	No par	65	Nov 18	11 1/2	Apr 20	
*68 74	*68 74	*68 74	*68 74	*68 74	*68 74	370	Preferred...	100	55	Feb 16	73	Apr 16	
470 370	382 400	416 416	414 425	435 435	435 435	5,900	Hudson & Manhattan...	100	870	Nov 18	600	Oct 16	
35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	35 1/2 35 1/2	800	Preferred...	100	60	Oct 28	84 1/2	Jan 18	
*120 140	*126 140	*120 140	*125 140	*125 140	*125 140	3,400	Illinois Central...	100	116	Nov 13	163 1/2	July 20	
*70 74	*70 74	*70 74	*70 74	*70 74	*70 74	20	Preferred...	100	120	Oct 29	161 1/2	July 20	
*17 1/4 19 1/4	*17 1/4 19 1/4	*17 1/2 17 1/2	*16 3/4 17 1/2	*16 3/4 17 1/2	*16 3/4 17 1/2	6,200	Int'l Bys of Cent America...	100	15	Oct 24	58 1/2	Feb 23	
*22 24	*21 23	*24 24	25 26	26 26	26 26	700	Int'l Bys of Cent America...	No par	25	Nov 21	59	Jan 26	
*35	*33	*30	*30	*30	*30	470	Certificates...	No par	33 1/2	Oct 28	59 1/2	Jan 25	
65 66	65 1/4 65 1/4	66 1/4 66 1/4	67 67	67 1/2 68	67 1/2 68	5,200	Kansas City Southern...	100	64	Oct 21	80 1/4	Jan 2	
73 73 1/2	73 74 1/2	78 78 1/2	78 78 1/2	80 82 1/4	80 82 1/4	1,000	Preferred...	100	63	Nov 15	70 1/2	Jan 15	
*64 66	*64 66	*64 66	*65 66	*66 66 1/2	*66 66 1/2	6,700	Lelah Valley...	100	65	Nov 14	102 1/4	Feb 2	
60 1/2 70	69 69	69 69 1/2	69 69 1/2	70 71 1/2	70 71 1/2	400	Louisville & Nashville...	100	110	Oct 29	154 1/2	Jan 11	
128 130	*129 130	130 130	*131 134	*130 133	*130 133	3,300	Manhat Elev preferred guar...	100	24	Oct 29	27 1/2	Jan 11	
30 30 1/4	28 29 1/2	30 31 1/4	30 31 1/4	31 1/4 32	31 1/4 32	1,200	Market St Ry prior pref...	100	14 1/2	Nov 15	39 1/4	Jan 4	
15 15 1/2	16 16 1/2	16 16	16 16	16 16 1/2	16 16 1/2	800	Minneapolis & St Louis...	100	11 1/4	Nov 14	3 1/2	Jan 19	
1 1/2 1 1/2	*1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	1 1/2 1 1/2	200	Minn St Paul & S S Marie...	100	35	May 31	61 1/4	Sept 24	
75 75	*60 75	*40	*40 45	*39 45	*39 45	440	Preferred...	100	68 1/4	May 31	87	Jan 23	
*54 55 52	*53 54	53 54	53 54	54 54	54 54	43,200	Keas Lines...	100	52	Nov 19	66	Jan 25	
34 1/2 35 1/2	33 1/2 35 1/2	36 1/4 40 3/8	39 1/2 41 1/2	39 1/2 41 1/2	39 1/2 41 1/2	6,600	Mo-Kan-Texas RR...	No par	27 1/2	Nov 13	65 1/4	July 20	
96 1/4 98	97 1/4 99	99 1/8 99 1/2	100 102	101 1/4 102 1/2	101 1/4 102 1/2	12,200	Missouri Pacific...	100	46	Nov 13	101 1/4	July 15	
61 62	60 1/8 64 1/2	65 1/8 68 1/2	66 1/8 67 1/2	69 72	69 72	7,900	Preferred...	100	105	Nov 13	149	Oct 23	
118 118 1/2	118 118 1/2	120 120 1/4	120 123	124 128 1/4	124 128 1/4	10	Morris & Essex...	50	75 1/2	Oct 30	85 1/2	Jan 17	
*77 79 1/4	*77 79 1/4	*79 82	*79 82	*79 82	*79 82	60	Nash Chatt & St Louis...	100	173	Nov 13	240	Aug 29	
195 195 1/2	*175 195 1/2	*181 195 1/2	*187 195 1/2	196 196	196 196	100	Nat Rys of Mexio Cd pref...	100	1	Oct 29	3 1/2	Jan 25	
*1 1 1/4	*1 1 1/4	*1 1 1/4	*1 1 1/4	*1 1 1/4	*1 1 1/4	32,900	New York Central...	100	160	Nov 13	256 1/2	Aug 30	
167 1/2 172	166 1/2 172 1/2	173 1/2 175	173 1/2 175	178 181	178 181	4,800	N Y C & St Louis Co...	100	110	Nov 13	192 1/2	Aug 30	
128 129	125 125 1/2	130 132 1/2	131 132 1/2	130 132 1/2	130 132 1/2	1,500	Preferred...	100	100	May 28	109 1/4	Jan 4	
102 102	102 103 1/2	103 104	104 104 1/2	*105 106 1/2	*105 106 1/2	41,600	N Y & Harlem...	50	155	Oct 29	379	Jan 18	
180 195	179 179	181 186	180 185	181 186	181 186	10,100	N Y N H & Hartford...	100	80 1/2	Jan 4	132 1/2	Oct 15	
103 106 1/2	102 1/4 105 1/2	109 112	110 1/4 112 1/4	111 112 1/4	111 112 1/4	3,000	N Y Ontario & Western...	100	8	Nov 13	32	Feb 4	
119 1/2 119 1/2	120 120 1/2	120 122 1/2	121 1/2 121 7/8	121 1/2 121 7/8	121 1/2 121 7/8	1,200	Norfolk Southern...	100	17	Nov 13	48 1/2	Feb 4	
14 15 1/4	15 15 1/2	13 15	14 14	13 14	13 14	800	N Y & Ryland pref...	No par	191	Jan 9	290	Sept 3	
2 1/2 2 1/2	2 1/2 2 1/2	*2 2 1/2	*2 1/2 2 1/2	*2 1/2 2 1/2	*2 1/2 2 1/2	30	Preferred...	100	82	Nov 19	87 1/4	May 14	
19 1/2 19 1/2	16 19 1/2	19 1/2 20	20 20 1/2	20 20 1/2	20 20 1/2	9,700	Northern Pacific...	100	75 1/2	Nov 13	118 1/2	July 22	
221 223	221 225 1/2	230 235	235 240	236 239	236 239	12,600	Certificates...	100	75	Nov 13	114 1/2	July 22	
87 1/2 89 1/2	87 89 1/2	89 1/2 91 1/2	90 1/2 92 1/2	93 1/2 93 1/2	93 1/2 93 1/2	51,900	Pennsylvania...	50	72 1/2	Mar 26	110	Aug 29	
85 86 1/2	85 1/2 85 1/2	86 1/4 88 1/2	88 1/4 90	91 1/2 92 1/2	91 1/2 92 1/2	400	Peoria & Eastern...	100	22	Oct 21	35	July	

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday), share prices, and a list of stocks with their respective prices and shares.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), stock names, and price ranges. Includes sub-sections for 'STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-div. 100% in common stock. g Ex-dividend and ex-rights. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

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

Main table containing 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.' for various days and 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' with 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-shares lots' and 'Range for Previous Year 1928'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. b Ex-dividend ex-rights.

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), share prices, and stock names. Includes sub-sections for 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.' and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928'.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Ex-div. 1 additional sh. for each sh. held. b Ex-div. 75% in stock. c Ex-div. 4 shillings. d Ex-rights.

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

Table with columns for HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT., STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PBR SHARES Range Since Jan. 1, and PBR SHARES Range for Previous Year 1928. Rows include various stock symbols like 44 1/2, 24 3/8, 123, etc., and company names like Indus. & Miscel. (Cov.), Mollison (H R) & Co., etc.

*Bid and asked prices no sales on this day Ex-dividend and ex-rights Ex-dividend

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

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names, and price ranges (Lowest and Highest). Includes a 'Stock Exchange Closed' section.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. s Ex-Dividend. e Ex-rights. d Ex-Div. 200% in common

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

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Nov. 16, Monday, Nov. 18, Tuesday, Nov. 19, Wednesday, Nov. 20, Thursday, Nov. 21, Friday, Nov. 22); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928. Rows include various stock categories like Indus. & Miscel. (Cos.), Paper, Chemical, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. Ex-div. 20% in stock. Ex-dividend. Ex-coupon.

Jan. 1

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 Nov. 22, Interest Period, Price Friday, Nov. 22, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and another set of columns for the same data on the right side.

On the basis of \$5 to the \$100 par. o Sales for cash.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Type, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various bond details. Includes sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and other financial details. Includes sections for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'Louisville & Nashv (Concluded)'.

Due Feb. 1.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 22.

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Bond, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various bond types like NY Y & Putnam, NY Y & Ash, etc.

N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Nov. 22.

Table of bond listings for the New York Stock Exchange, including columns for Bond, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and various bond types like St L Peor & N W, St Louis, etc.

Due May. Due June. Due August.

Table with columns for BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Nov. 22. Includes sub-sections for INDUSTRIALS and various bond listings with columns for Price, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range Since Jan. 1, and other details.

Table with columns for Bond Type (BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE), Price (Friday, Nov. 22), Range (Last Sale), and Range (Since Jan. 1). Includes sub-sections for 'BONDS' and 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' with various bond listings and their corresponding prices and ranges.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Nov. 16 to Nov. 22, 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 sub-sections for Railroad and Miscellaneous.

Continuation of Boston Stock Exchange table, listing various stocks such as Amer Chatillon Corp, Amer Equities Co, Am Founders Corp, etc.

Continuation of Boston Stock Exchange table, listing stocks such as Mining—, Arcadian Cons Mining, Arizona Commercial, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Lists various bond issues.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend. Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Nov. 16 to Nov. 22, 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). Lists various stocks and bonds.

* No par value. Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Nov. 16 to Nov. 22, 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). Lists various stocks.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Un Porto Ric Sug com, Union Trust Co, US Fidelity & Guar new, West Md Dairy Inc pfd, Bonds, Baltimore City Bonds, 4s sewer loan, Burnt district, 4s water loan, 4s harbor rest ser, Consol Gas 5s, General 4 1/2s, Danville Tract 1st 5s, Fair & Clarks Trac 5s, Finance Co of Am 6 1/2s, Gd Sou & Florida 5s, Md Electric Ry 1st 5s, North Ave Market 6s, United Ry & E 1st 4s, Income 4s, Funding 6s, 6% notes, 1st 6s, Wash Balt & Annap 5s.

* No par value.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Nov. 16 to Nov. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Allegheny Steel, Aluminum Goods Mfg, Arkansas Gas Corp com, Preferred, Armstrong Cork Co, Bank of Pittsburgh, Blaw-Knox Co, Carnegie Metals Co, Clark (D L) Co com, Columbia Gas & Electric, Conley Tank Car pref, Consolidated Ice com, Preferred, Devonian Oil, Dixie Gas & Util pref, Donohoes, Inc, class A, Harb-Walker Refrac com, Preferred, Independent Brewing, Jones & Laughlin St pf, Koppers Gas & Coke pf, Lone Star Gas, Nat Fireproofing com, Preferred, Peoples Sav & Trust, Petroleum Exploration, Pittsburgh Brewing com, Preferred, Pittsburgh Forging, Pittsburgh Plate Glass, Pittsb Screw & Bolt Corp, Pittsburgh Steel Pdy com, Plymouth Oil Co, Salt Creek Consol Oil, San Toy Mining, Stand Pate Gl pr pref, United Steel Springs, United Engine & Edy com, Vanadium Alloy steel, Westinghouse Air Brake, Wisor Oil Co, Withrow Steel com, Unlisted, Amercan Austin Car, Copper Welding Steel, Internat Refining Iron, Shamrock Oil & Gas, West Pub Service v t c.

* No par value.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Nov. 16 to Nov. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Aetna Rubber common, Allen Industries common, Preferred, Amer Fork & Hoe pref, Amer Multigraph com, Brown Fence A, Byers Machine A, Canfield Oil pref, Central Alloy Steel pfd, City Ice & Fuel, Clark (Fred G) common, Cleve Bldrs Sup & Br com, Cleve Chlfrs Iron pref, Cleve Elec Ill 6% pref, Cleve Ry etcs dep, Cleve Securities pr len pf, Cleveland Trust, Cleve Un Stocky ds com, Cleve Worsted Mills com, Columbus Auto Parts pfd, Dow Chemical common, Rights, Preferred, Eaton Axle & Spring com, Elec Control & Mfg com, Enamel Products, Faultless Rubber com, Ferry Cap, Freestone T & R com new, Foote-Burt common, Gabriel Snubber, Gen Tire & Rubber com, Geometric Stamp, Godman Shoe common, Goodrich (B F), Preferred, Goodyear Tire & Rub com, Great Lakes Tow com, Greif Bros Coop'g com, Guardian Trust.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Halle Bros pref, Harbauer common, Higbee 1st pref, India Tire & Rubb com, Interlake Steamship com, Jaeger Machine com, Kelley Island L & T com, Lake Erie Bolt & Nut com, Lamson Sessions, Midland Ind, Metro Paving Brick com, Preferred, Miller Rubber Bro, Miller Wholesale Drug com, Mohawk Rubber com, National Carbon pref, National Refining com, Preferred, National Tile com, Nestle-LeMour com, Ohio Bell Telepf pref, Ohio Brass B, Otis Steel com, Packard Electric com, Packer Corp com, Paragon Refining com, Preferred, Patterson-Sargent, Peerless Motor com, Reliance Mfg com, Republic Stamp, Richman Brothers com, Robbins & Myers pref, Scher-Hirst class A, Selberling Rubber com, Selby Shoe com, Sherwin-Williams com, Preferred, Stand Textile Pr A pref, Stearns Motor com, Stouffer Corp, Thompson Products com, Preferred, Trumbull-Chlfrs Furn pf, Union Metal Mfg com, Union Trust, United Bank, Vlehek Tool, Weinberger Drug, Wellman-Seaver-M pt, White Motor Secur pf, Youngstown St & T pf, Bonds, Cleveland Ry 5s, Steel & Tubes 5s.

* No par value.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Nov. 16 to Nov. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Aluminum Industries, Inc, Amer Laund Mach com, Amer Products common, Preferred, Amer Rolling Mill com, Amer Thermos Bot A, Preferred, Atlas National, Amrad Corp, Baldwin new pref, Old, Blitmore Mfg, Carey (Phillip) com, Central Trust, Champion Coated Paper, 1st preferred, Special preferred, Churnhold Corp, Cincinnati Adv Prod, Cincinnati Crank pref, Cincinnati Car B, Preferred, Cine Gas & Elec pref, C N & C Lt & Trac pref, Cincinnati Street Ry, Cine & Sub Tel, Cine Union Stock Yds, City Ice & Fuel, Coca Cola A, Cohen (Dan) Co, Croesley Radio A, Crown Overall pref, Crystal Tissue, Dew Drug common, Eagle-Picher Lead com, Early & Daniel common, Fifth-Third-Union Tr, First National, Formica Insulation, Franck Bros-Bauer pref, Fyr Fyter A, Gerrard S A, Gibson Art common, Globe-Wernicke com, Preferred, Goldsmith Sons Co, Gruen Watch common, Preferred, Hatfield-Campbell pref, Hobart Mfg, Int Printing Ink, Preferred, Julian & Kokenge, Kahn participatng, Kemper-Thomas com, Kodak Elec & Mfg A, Kroger common, Lunkenheimer, Leonard, Manischewitz com, McLaren Cons A, Mead Pulp, Special preferred, Meteor Motor, Moores Coney B, Nash (A), Nat Recording Pump, Newman Mfg Co, Ohio Bell Tel pref, Paragon Refining B, Votink trust etcs.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Procter & Gamble com new, 8% preferred, Pure Oil 6% pref, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Nov. 16 to Nov. 22, 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 Bank Stocks, Trust Co Stocks, Miscellaneous Stocks, Street Ry Bonds, and Miscellaneous Bonds.

* No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Nov. 16 to Nov. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Aero Corp Calif, John Bean Mfg Co, Boise Chica Oil, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Pickwick Corp com, Republic Petroleum Co, Richfield Oil Co, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Nov. 16 to Nov. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Anglo Calif Trust Co, Anglo & London P Nl Bk, Assoc Insur Fund Inc, etc.

* No par value.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Nov. 16 to Nov. 22, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes entries like Abbott Laboratories com, Acme Steel Co, Adams (J D) Mfg com, etc.

Stocks (Continued) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.		Stocks (Concluded) Par.	Friday Last Sale Price.	Week's Range of Prices.		Sales for Week. Shares.	Range Since Jan. 1.			
		Low.	High.		Low.	High.			Low.	High.		Low.	High.		
Amer Commw Pow A	23 1/4	20 3/4	23 1/4	2,290	18	Oct 32 1/4	Middle West Utilities	23 1/4	24 1/2	350	157 1/4	May	570	Sept	
Amer Equities Co com	17 1/2	17	18 1/2	1,550	15	Oct 33 1/4	New	27 1/2	22	28 3/4	223,200	20 1/4	Nov	50	Sept
Ameri Pub Serv pf	100	98	99	550	98	Nov 103 1/4	Preferred	100	225	230	150	116	June	230	Nov
Amer Radio & Tel St Corp	3 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	1,600	1 1/4	Oct 3 1/4	\$6 cum preferred	105	105	108	1,250	18 1/2	Jan	194	Sept
American Service Co com	20 1/4	19 1/4	21	2,950	15	Oct 5 1/4	Midland United Co com	25	20 1/2	25 1/4	7,950	18 1/2	Nov	52	Jan
Art Metal Wks Inc com	37	35	37	1,700	34	Nov 58 1/4	Miller & Hart Inc, conv pf	38 1/4	36	38 3/4	350	35	Nov	42 1/4	May
Assoc Appar Ind Inc com	37	35	37	1,700	34	Nov 58 1/4	Mo-Kan Pipe Line com	17 1/4	15 1/4	17 1/4	3,190	10	Oct	42 1/4	July
Assoc Investment Co	57 1/4	54 1/2	55	200	48 1/4	Aug 66 1/4	Modine Mfg com	55	50	55	1,700	48	Mar	75	July
Assoc Tel & Tel class A	24 1/4	22 1/4	26 1/4	10,200	18 1/4	Nov 52	Mohawk Rubber Co com	15 1/4	11	13 1/4	2,500	12	Nov	26 1/4	Jan
Assoc Tel Util Co com	21 1/4	15 1/4	21	2,850	15	Nov 7 1/4	Monroe Chemical Co com	9	8	9 1/4	650	5	Oct	56 1/4	Jan
Atlas Stores Corp com	162	150	172	1,350	120	Oct 510	Morgan Lithograph com	4 1/4	4 1/4	5 1/4	200	3 1/4	Oct	31	Jan
Auburn Auto Co com	14	14	18	300	14	Nov 40	Muncie Gear class A	5 1/4	4 1/4	4 1/4	100	2 1/4	Nov	30	Jan
Auto Washer Co conv pf	33	33	33	200	33	Nov 52 1/4	Common	18	17 1/4	18	500	17 1/4	Nov	36 1/4	Jan
Backstay Welt Co com	25	25	25	100	25	Nov 52 1/4	MuskegonMotSpec conv A	30 1/4	30	32	1,250	29	Nov	76 1/4	Feb
Balaban & Katz v t c	25	25	25	100	25	Nov 52 1/4	Nachman Spring'd com	33	33	33	850	29 1/4	Oct	64	Jan
Bancory Co (The) com	17	14 1/2	17	1,200	13	Oct 28	Nat Battery Co pref	33	31	33	3,400	29 1/4	Nov	68 1/4	July
Baxter Laundries Inc A	50	50	50	500	50	Nov 50	Nat Elec Power A part	10	10	10	400	15	Oct	34 1/4	July
Beatrice Creamery com	33 1/4	31 1/4	34 1/4	21,400	24	Nov 104	Nat Family Sts, Inc com	2 1/2	16 1/2	18	650	10	Nov	5 1/4	Jan
Bendix Aviation com	24 1/4	24 1/4	25	850	24 1/4	Nov 37 1/4	Nat Leather com	10	2 1/2	2 1/4	1,250	47 1/4	Nov	72 1/4	Sept
Binks Mfg Co cl A conv pf	27 1/2	26	27 1/2	10	23	May 28 3/4	Nat Republic Inv tr	51	51	54 1/2	2,000	14	Nov	55 1/4	Sept
Blum's, Inc com	33 1/4	32	35	39,100	26 1/4	Nov 152	Nat Secur Invest Co com	32 1/4	16 1/2	17 1/2	2,200	75	Nov	118	Sept
Borg-Warner Corp com	100	96	96	600	95 1/4	Nov 104	Certificates	80 1/2	75	81	50	25	Oct	25 1/4	Nov
Born Vivitone Corp pref	20	20	24	450	20	Nov 45	Nat Shareholders com	32 1/4	31	33 1/2	1,800	30 1/4	Nov	56	Feb
Brach & Sons (E J) com	18 1/4	18 1/4	18 1/4	200	11	Nov 29 1/4	Nat Standard common	15	15	16	100	14 1/2	May	20	Aug
Bright Star Elec, cl B	2	2	2	100	2	Oct 18	Nat Term Corp part pf	9 1/4	8 1/4	10 1/4	2,950	7	Nov	43 1/4	Sept
Brown Fence & Wire cl A	19	18	20	1,400	17	Nov 36 1/4	Nat Un Rad Co com	9 1/4	8 1/4	10 1/4	2,950	7	Nov	43 1/4	Sept
Class B	12	11 1/4	12	1,150	10	Oct 37	North American Card com	39 1/4	35	40	1,850	29	Oct	70	Jan
Bruce Co E L common	49	49	50	450	40	Aug 86 1/4	North Amer G & El cl A	19 1/4	19 1/4	21 1/4	300	18	Nov	90	July
Bulova Watch Co com	28 1/4	28 1/4	28 1/4	100	28 1/4	Nov 34 1/4	No Am Lt & Pr Co com	65	64	66	2,550	60	Nov	25 1/4	Sept
Bunte Bros com	10	22	22	50	21	Nov 34 1/4	No Am Wat Wks & El A	21	18	21	700	18	Nov	44	Aug
Burnh Trad Corp allot fts	27	25	29	2,500	20	Nov 65 1/4	N & S Am Corp A com	19 1/4	17	20 1/4	5,000	15	Nov	44	Aug
Butler Brothers	24	23	24 1/4	7,400	20	Oct 45	Northwest Bancorp com	50	64 1/4	69	1,550	60	Nov	99 1/4	Sept
Camp Wy & Can Fy	23	23	23	50	20	Nov 49	Rights	3 1/4	3 1/4	3 1/4	6,950	11	Nov	1 1/4	Oct
Consol Constr Co conv pf	14	14	14	100	14	Nov 21 1/4	Northwest Eng Co com	20 1/4	20	21	650	19	Nov	48	Feb
Castle (A M) & Co	47	49	50	1,050	47	Nov 79 1/4	Northw Util pr lien pf	100	99	99	100	98	Apr	103	Jan
Co Mfg Co Inc com	25	21 1/4	25	3,200	21 1/4	Nov 86 1/4	7% preferred	92	92	92	300	92	Nov	102 1/4	Jan
Cent Illinois Sec Co fts	28 1/4	27	29 1/4	3,300	22	Nov 40	Omnibus Corp (The) v t c	4	4	4	2,000	4	Nov	4	Nov
Cent Pub Serv class A	34	32	34	4,950	25	Oct 57 1/4	Ontario Mfg Co com	31 1/4	31 1/4	33	500	20 1/4	July	45 1/4	Sept
Central S W Util pr lien pf	99	99	99 1/4	700	99	Nov 109	Oshkosh Overall Co com	6	6	6	600	5	Oct	15 1/4	Mar
Preferred	94 1/4	94	95 1/4	1,650	94	Jan 103	Convertible preferred	15	15	18	150	15	Nov	27	Mar
Common new	19 1/4	15	20 1/4	49,550	12 1/4	Nov 26 1/4	Pac Pub Ser Co cl A com	27	25	27	850	16	Oct	38 1/4	Sept
Chain Belt Co com	42	42	42	100	42	Nov 59 1/4	Parker Pen (The) Co com	39	38	39	700	38	Nov	57	Jan
Chic City & Con Ry pt pf	10 1/4	10 1/4	12	1,000	7	Nov 31	Penn Gas & El A com	17 1/4	17 1/4	21 1/4	1,000	16	Oct	31 1/4	July
Certificates of deposit	8 1/2	8 1/2	9	200	6 1/4	Nov 26	Perfect Circle (The) Co	30	30	32 1/4	550	30	Nov	67	Jan
Part sh common	1 1/4	1 1/4	1 1/4	500	1	Nov 3 1/4	Pines Wheelfront com	5	40	47	3,450	34	Nov	90 1/4	Jan
Chicago Corp com	15 1/4	14 1/4	16 1/4	46,500	12 1/4	Nov 73	Polymet Mfg new	12 1/2	16	19 1/2	2,150	6 1/4	Oct	33	Jan
Convertible preferred	36 1/4	36 1/4	38	7,100	35	Nov 69	Process Corp common	21 1/2	21 1/2	22 1/2	553	200	Nov	435	Aug
Chic Investors Corp com	10	9	10 1/2	5,800	7	Nov 51 1/4	Pub Serv of Nor Ill com	100	215	226	820	200	Nov	400	Aug
Preferred	24	32 1/4	34 1/4	7,350	30	Nov 58	7% preferred	100	120	120	50	120	Nov	150	Sept
Cities Service Co com	30 1/4	29	30 1/4	188,100	19	Oct 68 1/4	Quaker Oats Co com	214	214	215	234	201	July	369	Feb
Club Alum Utco com	4 1/4	3 1/4	4 1/4	600	3 1/4	Oct 34 1/4	Preferred	105	105	105	50	100 1/4	July	120	Jan
Coleman Lamp & St com	43	43	43	50	43	Nov 80	Q-R-S De Vry com	21 1/4	18	22 1/4	4,250	15	Nov	52	Sept
Commonwealth Edison 100	246	232 1/4	246	3,450	202	Nov 449 1/4	Railroad Shares Corp com	8 1/4	8 1/4	9	5,350	7	Oct	12 1/4	Oct
Community Tel Cocupart	22	22	23 1/4	200	22	Nov 35 1/4	Rath Packing Co com	10	24 1/4	24 1/4	150	23	Nov	44	Sept
Comity Wat Serv com	14	14	14	100	14	Nov 21 1/4	Raytheon Mfg Co	30	28 1/4	30	1,800	20	Nov	81 1/4	Apr
Construction Material	19	17 1/4	19 1/4	850	16	Oct 38	Reliance Mfg Co com	10	16 1/4	17 1/4	3,050	14	Nov	30 1/4	Jan
Preferred	38 1/4	36 1/4	38 1/4	1,200	35	Oct 55	Rollins Hos Mills conv pf	5	42	44	450	42	Nov	57	Feb
Consumers Co common	6	6	6 1/4	1,750	4 1/4	Oct 13 1/4	Ross Gear & Tool com	25	34	38	400	32	Nov	57	Feb
Cont Chic Corp allot fts	12	11	13	19,450	9	Nov 97 1/4	Ryan Car Co (The) com	25	6 1/4	6 1/4	100	6 1/4	Nov	18	Jan
Corp Sec of Chic allot fts	65	57	65	11,650	57	Nov 100 1/4	Ryerson & Son Inc com	34 1/4	34 1/4	37	500	31	Nov	50	July
Crane Co common	25	44	44	300	42	Oct 48 1/4	Sally Frocks Inc com	20	20	22	100	15	Oct	35	Sept
Preferred	100	114	115	61	112	Apr 119	Sangamo Electric Co	100	30	34 1/4	1,750	30	Nov	46 1/4	Jan
Curtis Lighting Inc, com	23	19	23	1,050	19	Nov 31	Preferred	100	100	100	100	100	Nov	106	Jan
Curtis Mfg Co com	5	20	20	100	20	Nov 37	Seaboard Util Shares Corp	8 1/4	8 1/4	8 1/4	24,200	5	Oct	18 1/4	Sept
Davis Industries, Inc A	3	1	3	300	1	Nov 17 1/4	Sheffield Steel com	53	53	55	900	53	Nov	90	Jan
Decker C&Co "A" com 100	12	12	12	50	8 1/4	Oct 27	So Colo Pow cl A com	25	24	25	200	20	Nov	35 1/4	Sept
Dexter Co (The) com	17 1/4	16	18	1,050	16	June 25 1/4	Standard Lt & Pow, pref	88 1/4	87 1/4	93	375	87 1/4	Nov	101 1/4	Jan
Eddy Paper Corp (The)	18	18	18	50	18	Nov 28	Standard Dredge conv pf	29	29	24	3,950	20	Nov	41	Feb
El Household Util Corp	43 1/4	39	45	4,700	30	Jan 90 3/4	Common	23 1/4	21	24	14,450	5	Oct	49	Jan
Elec Research Lab Inc	3	3	4	1,900	2	Oct 22 1/4	Steinlite Radio Co	7 1/2	7	9	50	25	Oct	36	Feb
Empire Pub Service A	19	19	19	100	19	Nov 37	Stirling Motor Truck pf	30	25	25	60	25	Oct	36	Feb
ElaS & Cons D & D com	53 1/4	51	53 1/4	350	51	Nov 83 1/4	Stone & Co (H O) com	31	31	31 1/4	1,050	31	Nov	38 1/4	Oct
Footo Bros G & M Co	16 1/4	15 1/4	17	1,850	13	Nov 32 1/4	Preferred	95	95	95	50	95	Nov	98 1/4	Aug
General Candy Corp cl A	7	6 1/4	7	150	4	Oct 10	Studebaker Mall Order A	100	20 1/4	21 1/4	300	15	Aug	30	Jan
Gen Theat Eq Corp com	33 1/4	28	33 1/4	450	28	Oct 66	Common	100	10	11 1/4	650	10	Oct	22	Feb
Gen Wat Wks Corp cl A	20	20	20	50											

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 (Nov. 16) and ending the present Friday (Nov. 22). 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 with columns: Week Ended Nov. 22, 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). Rows include various stocks like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Aero Products, Aome Steel, etc.

Main table with columns for Stocks (Continued) Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week Shares, Range Since Jan. 1., and various stock entries with their respective prices and dates.

Table with multiple 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), Public Utilities (Concl.) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Rows include various companies like Thompson Prod Inc, East States Pow, and Public Utilities.

Table with columns: Other Oil Stocks (Concluded), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes stocks like Creole Syndicate, Derby Petroleum Corp, Gulf Oil Corp of Penna., etc.

Table with columns: Mining Stocks, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes stocks like Arizona Commercial, Arizona Globe Copper, Bunker Hill & Sul Min, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes bonds like Abbots Dairies 6s, Alabama Power 4 1/2s, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds (Continued), Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1. Includes bonds like Citicorp Serv P & L 5 1/2s, Cleveland III deb 7 1/2s, etc.

Table with columns: Bonds (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Shares, Range Since Jan. 1., Low., High. Includes entries for Rochester Cent Pow 5s, Ruhr Gas 6 1/2s, Ryerson (Jos T) & Sons Inc, 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. z Ex-div. 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 3/8s of 1947 Aug. 20 at 100; c Danish Consolidated Municipal 5 1/2s, 1955, Jan. 15, at 105; e Ainsworth Manufacturing, July 8, at 58 1/4; f Parmelee Transportation, July 22, at 26; g Servel, Inc., pref. v. t. c., Nov. 19, at 30; h Southwest Power & L., 6s, 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; k Educational Pictures preferred, Feb. 6 at 100; l United Milk Products, March 21, preferred, at 81; m Allied Packers 6s, 1939, April 2 at 59; n Mayflower Associates, May 29, 200 at 65; z Investors' Equity 6s, 1947, \$7,000 at 98.

CURRENT NOTICES.

—Despite the very untoward turn of the stock market lately the members of the Down Town Glee Club manage to squeeze out an hour and a half each Wednesday for rehearsals at Robins on Broad Street. The attendance has been remarkably high, thus showing that these men, who represent a cross section of Wall Street, are not, as some writers would have us believe, so engrossed in stocks and bonds that they have forgotten all the

finer things of life. This organization, which has been called by some writers "Wall Street's Own," is made up of 183 male singers from the financial district. It is under the direction of Channing Lefabvre, the well known organist and Choirmaster of Trinity Church. Mr. Lefabvre is also director of the University Glee Club. Although less than three years old the Down Town Glee Club, under the skillful guidance of its director, has risen to a foremost rank among male choruses in the East. Its active members now number 183 and the associate membership is nearly 400. It claims the largest associate membership of any glee club in the metropolitan district. The club is earnestly rehearsing for its Christmas concert at Carnegie Hall on Dec. 18. The choiristers of the Cathedral of St. John the Divine and Miss Elsie Fox, soprano, will be the assisting artists. On the program for a first performance is "The Three Kings," by Channing Lefabvre and the beautiful but seldom heard "Dirge for Two Veterans," Gustave Holst's composition of Walt Whitman's poem. This number will be accompanied by brass and drums.

—Tracy A. Johnson, formerly Vice-President and director of the United Gas & Electric Corp. and partner in Rhoades & Co., New York, has been elected Vice-President of Cass, Howard & Co. of Los Angeles, according to the announcement of Quincy Cass. Mr. Johnson has been on the Pacific Coast for sometime where he was connected with Hunter, Dulin & Co.

—William McClellan & Co., Ltd., has been incorporated under the Dominion Companies Act to carry on a general construction and engineering business in Canada and elsewhere. The board of directors follows: William McClellan, President; James B. Woysatt, Vice-President, Power Corporation of Canada, Ltd.; J. S. Hunter Wurtel, Vice-President, Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.; Louis C. Jacobs, Construction Manager, Power Corporation of Canada, Ltd.; J. Harvey Trimmingham, Chief Engineer, Power Corporation of Canada, Ltd.; Esger R. Parkins, K.C., Advocate George O. Muhlfeld, Vice-President, Stone & Webster, Inc.; James H. Manning, President, Stone & Webster Engineering Corp. The offices of the company are at 355 St. James Street, West Montreal.

—"Annual Cotton Handbook." The 59th issue, published by the Comtelburo, Ltd., London, like its predecessors, introduces new features. In short, the manual contains a vast and valuable amount of statistics relative to all branches of the cotton industry. The book requires no further words of recommendation—it is indispensable to any one directly or indirectly connected with the cotton trade. The book may be purchased from the Comtelburo, Ltd., 24 Stone St., New York City, or from any of its other offices.

—Kidder, Peabody & Co., members of New York and Boston Stock Exchanges, have published the November 1929 issue of "Dividends." In this number they give a list of 15 bond issues which were placed on the market during the years 1927, 1928 and 1929, that they consider conservative investments. The issue also contains an article, "Money and the Markets," and a story written by Gertrude Mathews Shelby.

—George L. Batchelder announces the formation of Batchelder & Co., to deal in investment bonds, following the dissolution by mutual consent of the firm of Batchelder, Wack & Co. The new firm will retain the offices formerly occupied by Batchelder, Wack & Co. at 25 Broadway, New York.

—John R. Brandon announces the formation of Brandon & Co., which will conduct an investment bond business, with offices at 120 Broadway, New York. This follows the dissolution of the partnership of Brandon & Waddell by mutual consent as of Nov. 15 1929.

—Gilbert Elliott & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 111 Broadway, New York, have prepared analyses of Fidelity-Phenix Fire Insurance Co., New York City, and Agricultural Insurance Co., Watertown, New York.

—Curtis & Sanger, 49 Wall St., N. Y. City, have prepared an insurance stock chart containing a comparison of 29 major insurance companies, showing six months earnings, liquidating value, assets, and yields as of Nov. 11 1929.

—Palmer & Co., members of New York Stock Exchange, 61 Broadway, N. Y. City, have prepared a list of representative corporations who have very substantial liquid surpluses and no, or comparatively small, fixed obligations.

—Dominick & Dominick, members of the New York Stock Exchange, 111 Broadway, New York, have issued a special circular giving prices, earnings and yields on representative common stocks of 21 separate industries.

—White, Weld & Co. have prepared a circular of investment suggestions on bonds and preferred stocks, in connection with which they point out that these issues may now be purchased on attractive yield bases.

—E. A. Pierce & Co. announce the opening of a new office in the Fort Worth Electric Building, West Seventh and Lamar Sts., Fort Worth, Tex., under the management of J. F. Dresing, Jr.

—O. G. Link, formerly with Batchelder, Wack & Co., has become associated with Edward Lowber Stokes & Co. as manager of their New York office, which is located at 76 William Street.

—Lee, Stewart & Co., Inc., investment bankers of 63 Wall St., N. Y. City, have issued a very interesting booklet for distribution to investors entitled "Bull Facts in a Bear Market."

—Lowndes Walthour, well-known cotton cloth expert has joined the staff of E. J. Schwabach Co., members of the New York Cotton Exchange and other principal commodity exchanges.

—Buell & Co. announce that Emdon Fritz Jr., formerly with Bancamerica-Blair Corp., has become associated with them in their investment department.

—Jos. Felix, formerly financial representative for Verree & Conklin, Inc., newspaper representatives, has joined the financial staff of the Brooklyn "Times."

—The firm organized to succeed Naumberg, Dixon & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, is now known as A. W. Dixon & Co.

—Rhoades & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce that Carl L. Eiermann has retired from general partnership in their firm.

—Werthelm & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have prepared a leaflet discussing the readjustment after market losses.

—J. G. White & Co., Inc., announce that Donald J. McKie is now their representative in the Rochester office.

—Prince & Whitely, 25 Broad St., New York, are distributing an analysis of Chicago & North Western Ry.

—McClure, Jones & Co., 115 Broadway, New York, have issued a letter on depression-proof stocks.

—John McGuire, Incorp., 120 Broadway, New York, are distributing a circular on United Gas Co.

—J. Roy Prosser & Co., 52 William St., New York, have issued a special letter on Bankers Trust Co.

—Estabrook & Co. have issued a list of investment suggestions.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked

Table with multiple columns listing various securities including Public Utilities, Railroad Equip., Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks, and Tobacco Stocks. Each entry includes a description, bid price, ask price, and other financial details.

* Per share. * No par value. b Basis. d Purch. also pays accr. div. k Last sale. n Nomin. z Ex-div. y Ex-rights. r Canadian quot. s Sale price. v Ex. 400% stock div.

Latest Gross Earnings by Weeks.—In the table which follows we sum up separately the earnings for the second week of November. The table covers seven roads and shows 16.23% decrease under the same week last year:

Table with 5 columns: Road Name, 1920, 1928, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Canadian National, Canadian Pacific, Minneapolis & St. Louis, etc.

In the table which follows we also complete our summary of the earnings for the first week of November:

Table with 5 columns: Road Name, 1929, 1928, Increase, Decrease. Rows include Previously reported (5 roads), Minneapolis & St. Louis, Western Maryland.

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

Table with 5 columns: Week, Current Year, Previous Year, Increase or Decrease, Per Cent. Rows list weeks from Mar. to Nov. for various roads.

We also give the following comparisons of the monthly totals of railroad earnings, both gross and net (the net before the deduction of taxes), both being very comprehensive. They include all the Class 1 roads in the country.

Table with 6 columns: Month, Gross Earnings (1929, 1928, Inc./Dec.), Length of Road (1929, 1928). Rows list months from January to September.

Table with 6 columns: Month, Net Earnings (1929, 1928, Amount, Per Cent.), Inc./Dec. Rows list months from January to September.

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

Table with 7 columns: Road Name, Gross from Railway (1929, 1928), Net from Railway (1929, 1928), Net after Taxes (1929, 1928). Rows include Central Vermont, Chesapeake & Ohio, Chicago & Alton, etc.

Table with 7 columns: Road Name, Gross from Railway (1929, 1928), Net from Railway (1929, 1928), Net after Taxes (1929, 1928). Rows include Kansas City Southern, Montreal, New York Chicago & St. Louis, etc.

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

The Kansas Southern Railway Co. (Texarkana Fort Smith Ry. Co.) - Month of October 1929, 1928. 10 Mos. End. Oct. 31, 1929, 1928. Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Net rev. from ry. oper., etc.

Pere Marquette Ry. - Month of October 1929, 1928. Jan. 1 to Oct. 31, 1929, 1928. Rows include Railway oper. revenues, Net revenue from ry. oper., etc.

Southern Pacific Lines. - Month of October 1929, 1928. 10 Mos. End. Oct. 31, 1929, 1928. Rows include Aver. miles of road oper., Revenues, Expenses, etc.

Virginia Central Ry. - Month of October 1929, 1928. 10 Mos. Ended Oct. 31, 1929, 1928. Rows include Operating revenue, Operating expenses, Net operating revenue, etc.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Earnings.—Below we give the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility companies making monthly returns which have reported this week:

Brooklyn & Queens Transit System. - Month of October 1929, 1928. 4 Mos. End. Oct. 31, 1929, 1928. Rows include Total operating revenues, Total operating expenses, Net revenue from oper., etc.

Brazilian Traction, Light & Power Co., Ltd.				
	—Month of October—		—Jan. 1 to Oct. 31—	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings from operation	4,289,258	3,710,347	41,221,054	35,403,057
Operating expenses	1,897,808	1,562,910	17,760,035	14,817,972
Net earnings	2,391,450	2,147,437	23,461,019	20,585,085

Brooklyn-Manhattan Transit System. (Including Brooklyn & Queens Transit System)				
	—Month of October—		4 Mos. End. Oct. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Total oper. revenues	5,170,393	4,179,152	20,223,779	16,030,178
Total operating expenses	3,390,008	2,686,805	13,676,547	10,665,025
Net revenue from oper.	1,780,385	1,492,347	6,547,232	5,365,153
Taxes on oper. properties	339,676	284,827	1,322,535	1,118,640
Operating income	1,440,709	1,207,520	5,224,697	4,246,513
Net non-oper. income	68,333	86,684	275,333	332,739
Gross income	1,509,042	1,294,204	5,500,030	4,579,252
Total income deductions	770,780	699,286	3,121,159	2,752,743
Net income	*738,262	594,918	2,378,871	1,826,509

Chicago Surface Lines.				
	—Month of October—			
	1929.	1928.		
Gross earnings	5,469,616	5,475,840		
Operating expenses, renewals and taxes	4,244,885	4,220,405		
Residue receipts		1,224,731	1,255,435	
Joint account expenses, Federal taxes, &c.		43,725	58,025	
City's 55%		264,807	275,643	
Balance		916,198	921,766	

Cities Service Co.				
	—Month of October—		12 Mos. Ended Oct. 31	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	3,997,508	2,990,871	41,768,801	33,863,774
Expenses	123,159	99,702	1,271,069	1,149,108
Net earnings	3,874,349	2,891,169	40,497,731	32,714,666
Int. & disc't. on debentures	619,600	372,542	6,769,883	3,417,694
Net to stocks and reserves	3,254,748	2,518,626	33,727,848	29,296,971
Preferred stock dividend	597,967	563,795	6,786,421	6,780,872
Net to common stock & res.	2,656,781	1,954,831	26,941,426	22,516,098

Community Power & Light Co. (And Controlled Companies)				
	—Month of October—		12 Mos. End. Oct. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Consolidated gross revenue	427,020	427,147	5,030,171	4,537,351
Oper. expenses, incl. taxes	245,214	236,317	2,758,346	2,643,116
Avail. for int., amort. deprec., Fed. inc. taxes, dividends and surplus	181,805	190,829	2,271,824	1,894,235

Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. (And Subsidiaries)				
	—Month of October—		10 Mos. End. Oct. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings, all sources	253,415	226,940	2,748,042	2,418,609
Oper. exps. & general taxes	124,094	123,618	1,319,787	1,462,658
Net earnings	129,321	103,322	1,428,254	955,951
Interest on funded debt	72,308	56,953	762,606	537,105
Balance avail. for res., Fed. taxes and dividends	57,012	46,369	665,647	418,845
Dividends on class A stock	28,069		246,512	

Florida Power & Light Co. (American Power & Light Co. Subsidiary)				
	—Month of October—		12 Mos. End. Oct. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earns. from operation	760,922	747,674	11,189,620	11,317,226
Oper. expenses, incl. taxes	440,177	444,247	5,926,384	6,171,511
Net earnings from oper.	320,745	303,427	5,263,236	5,145,709
Other income	99,537	101,936	1,220,959	1,974,166
Total income	420,282	405,363	6,484,195	7,119,875
Interest on mortgage bonds	216,667		2,600,000	2,516,667
Int. on debentures (all owned by Am. Pr. & Lt. Co.)	110,000	110,000	1,320,000	1,320,000
Other int. & deductions	7,290	13,429	85,692	216,690
Balance	86,325	65,267	2,478,503	3,066,518
Dividends on preferred stock			1,130,973	1,097,345
Balance			1,347,530	1,969,173

Hudson & Manhattan RR.				
	—Month of October—		10 Mos. End. Oct. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross revenues	1,081,538	1,063,493	10,346,171	10,242,733
Oper. expenses and taxes	531,801	551,395	5,230,051	5,345,547
Bal. applicable to charges	549,737	512,097	5,116,119	4,897,186
Charges	334,440	335,713	3,356,817	3,355,161
Balance	215,297	176,384	1,759,301	1,542,024

Kansas City Power & Light Co.				
	—Month of October—		12 Mos. End. Oct. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earns. (all sources)	1,213,709	1,134,343	14,509,300	13,616,395
Oper. exp. (incl. inc. taxes)	630,172	581,832	7,416,575	6,952,197
Net earnings	583,536	552,510	7,092,724	6,664,198
Interest charges	102,134	94,905	1,200,813	1,265,156
Balance	481,401	457,604	5,891,911	5,399,041
Amort. of disc't. & premiums	15,429	15,429	185,149	185,148
Balance	465,972	442,175	5,706,761	5,213,893
Divs. on 1st pref. stock	20,000	20,000	240,000	531,663
Surplus earnings avail. for deprec. & com. stk. divs.	445,972	422,175	5,466,761	5,682,230

Kansas City Public Service Co.			
	—Month of October—		10 Mos. End. Oct. 31 '29.
	1929.	1928.	
Railway passenger revenue	684,523		6,689,473
Other railway receipts	30,643		251,254
Bus passenger revenue	43,235		457,588
Other bus revenue	1,647		19,045
Miscellaneous income	1,887		16,757
Gross revenue	761,938		7,434,118
Railway operating expenses	524,030		5,076,091
Bus operating expenses	54,418		551,256
Taxes	41,675		418,750
Total operating expenses and taxes	620,124		6,044,098
Gross income	141,813		1,390,020
Deductions—Interest on bonds	73,449		734,521
Other charges	1,475		41,168
Total deductions	74,924		775,690
Net income	66,889		614,329

Market Street Railway Co.			
	—Month of October—		12 mos. end. Oct. 31 '29.
	1929.	1928.	
Gross earnings	843,134		9,568,360
Net earn., incl. other inc., before prov. for retire't.	162,816		1,458,202
Income charges	57,371		716,977
Balance	105,444		741,225

New York Power & Light Corp.				
	—Month of October—		12 Mos. End. Oct. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	1,979,478	1,776,842	22,042,525	20,160,505
Oper. expenses and taxes *	1,234,428	1,005,468	12,807,971	11,475,306
Net earnings	745,050	771,373	9,234,554	8,685,199
Int. and income deductions	276,232	294,649	3,367,746	3,666,198
Net income	468,817	476,723	5,866,807	5,019,001
*Incl. for credit to retire. res.	158,290	130,078	1,634,471	1,391,829

Pennsylvania Power & Light Co. (Lehigh Power Securities Corp. Subsidiary)				
	—Month of September—		12 Mos. End. Sept. 30.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earns. from operation	2,402,274	2,369,345	29,884,008	24,637,693
Operating expenses & taxes	1,238,261	1,226,449	15,054,793	12,459,032
Net earns. from operation	1,164,013	1,142,896	14,829,215	12,178,661
Other income	51,569	63,186	538,597	1,153,727
Total income	1,205,582	1,206,082	15,367,812	13,332,388
Interest on bonds	425,224	426,165	5,105,687	3,927,589
Other interest & deductions	25,840	31,306	301,270	331,223
Balance	754,518	748,161	9,960,855	9,073,576
Dividends on preferred stock			3,347,965	3,033,273
Balance			6,612,890	6,040,303

Philadelphia & Western Railway Co.			
	—Month of October—		
	1929.	1928.	
Gross earnings		\$71,112	\$77,555
Gross expenses		37,112	37,734
Net earnings		34,000	39,821
Charges (including taxes)		14,160	15,157
Balance		\$19,840	\$24,664

Public Service Corp. of New Jersey.				
	—Month of October—		12 Mos. End. Oct. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	11,612,256	10,625,744	135,065,230	123,172,041
Oper. exps., maint., taxes and depreciation	8,323,907	7,731,684	93,912,564	88,035,966
Net income from operation	3,288,349	2,894,060	41,152,666	35,136,075
Other net income	62,010	20,245	3,657,539	1,833,102
Total	3,350,359	2,914,305	44,810,205	36,969,177
Income deductions	1,258,727	1,293,486	15,370,216	17,710,779
Bal. for divs. & surplus	2,091,632	1,620,819	29,439,989	19,258,398

Southern California Edison Co.				
	—Month of October—		10 Mos. End. Oct. 31.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	3,626,474	3,089,452	33,600,834	29,369,807
Expenses and taxes	1,187,393	988,907	10,945,234	9,507,447
Total net income	2,439,081	2,100,545	22,655,600	19,862,360
Fixed charges	572,423	546,522	5,535,721	4,861,229
Balance	1,866,658	1,554,023	17,119,879	15,001,131

Southern Canada Power Co., Ltd.			
	—Month of October—		
	1929.	1928.	
Gross earnings		\$181,428	\$172,171
Operating expenses		65,563	58,425
Net earnings		\$115,865	\$113,746

Southwestern Power & Light Co. (And Subsidiary Companies)				
	—Month of September—		12 Mos. End. Sept. 30	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Gross Earn. all subsidiaries	1,917,955	1,779,394	20,529,192	17,825,274
Bal. of subs. earnings, after all exp. appl. to S. P. & L. Co	703,389	678,904	7,095,887	6,028,237
Expenses of S. P. & L. Co.	14,193	10,379	196,042	141,790
Balance	689,196	668,525	6,889,845	5,886,447
Interest on secured bonds	57,488	57,488	689,850	689,850
Interest on 6% deb. bonds	25,000		300,000	300,000
All other interest	5,125	Cr3,042	Cr2,975	Cr199,842
Balance	601,583	589,079	5,912,970	5,096,439
Dividends on preferred stock			587,090	587,090
Balance			5,325,880	4,509,349

Utica Gas & Electric Co.

	—Month of 1929.	October 1928.	12 Mos. End. 1929.	Oct. 31. 1928.
Gross earnings-----	490,840	430,467	5,241,291	4,839,704
Oper. expenses and taxes---	*288,126	*260,584	*3,077,003	*2,765,789
Net earnings-----	202,713	169,883	2,164,287	2,073,905
Int. and income deductions--	76,514	79,650	921,628	962,870
Net income-----	126,198	90,232	1,242,659	1,111,035
*Incl. credit to res. for depr.	32,417	21,600	302,061	244,218

FINANCIAL REPORTS

Financial Reports.—An index to annual reports of steam railroads, public utility and miscellaneous companies which have been published during the preceding month will be given on the first Saturday of each month. This index will not include reports in the issue of the "Chronicle" in which it is published. The latest index will be found in the issue of Nov. 2. The next will appear in that of Dec. 7.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class 1 railroads on Oct. 31 had 124,194 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the car service division of the American Railway Association announced. This was an increase of 13,112 cars compared with Oct. 23, at which time there were 111,082 cars. Surplus coal cars on Oct. 31 totaled 17,066 an increase of 2,962 cars within approximately a week while surplus box cars totaled 80,956, an increase of 10,779 for the same period. Reports also showed 17,686 surplus stock cars, an increase of 71 cars over the number reported on Oct. 23, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 2,574, a reduction of 377 for the same period.

Railroad Strike Settled.—Most of the employees of the Toledo Peoria & Western RR., who walked out on strike a week ago have returned to their jobs. New employees have been engaged to replace the trainmen, conductors and firemen who have not returned.—"Wall Street News," Nov. 21.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Nov. 16.—Gross and net earnings of U. S. Railroads for the month of September, p. 3068.

Alleghany Corp.—Definitive Bonds Ready.

Definitive 20-year collateral trust convertible 5% bonds, due 1949, and subsecured coupons attached, were now ready for delivery at the Guaranty Trust Co., 140 Broadway, N. Y. City, in exchange for outstanding temporary bonds. (For offering, see V. 128, p. 3346.)—V. 129, p. 2677.

Atlantic Coast Line RR.—Usual Extra Div.—Bonds.

The directors on Nov. 21 declared an extra dividend of 1 1/2% on the common stock in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 1/4%, both payable Jan. 10, to holders of record Dec. 12. An extra disbursement of 1 1/2% was also made semi-annually from July 10 1926 to July 10 1929, incl., on this issue, while in July 1925 and Jan. 1926 an extra of 1% was paid.

The I.-S. C. Commission Nov. 12 authorized the company to procure the authentication and delivery of \$5,927,000 of series A 4 1/2% general unified mortgage 50-year gold bonds in reimbursement for capital expenditures.—V. 128, p. 2618, 2623.

Baltimore & Ohio RR.—Traffic Declines—President Willard at Stockholders' Annual Meeting Gives Views on Rail Grouping.—At the annual meeting 19,573 stockholders were represented in person or by proxies. George M. Shriver, Senior Vice-President, gave a general resume of the current year, saying in part:

During the first 10 months of the present year the business handled by the company, and I refer particularly to the freight traffic, was about 5% greater than during the same period in the previous year. During the latter part of October and the first part of November there has been evidence of a falling off in tonnage, not serious up to the present time but still a diminution, and to-day the freight business being handled by the B. & O. is about 7% in volume below what it was a year ago, and is below what we had hoped it might be. To what extent this falling off in traffic is due to the very marked deflation in security values or prices, I am unable to say, but I am inclined to think that it is due in some degree at least to that fact. Whether the decrease will become greater in comparison with last year as time goes on, I am unable to say, but there are reasons for at least hoping that that may not be the case.

The efforts which we are told President Hoover and his advisers are making to allay any unjustifiable fears ought to have a helpful and stimulating effect upon the general situation. We cannot, of course, be certain about anything concerning the future, nevertheless, it seems to me that there is more basis for optimism than there is for pessimism in the present outlook as I see it.

Mr. Shriver presented a memorandum of President Willard, giving his views respecting the matter of railroad consolidation, in part as follows:

It is my understanding that the I.-S. C. Commission is giving serious consideration to the preparation of a plan as required in the Transportation Act, and that it hopes to have such a plan ready for promulgation before the end of December.

The Act itself says nothing concerning the number of groups to be formed beyond the fact that there should be a limited number instead of practically an unlimited number as is the case at the present time. It is very definitely stated in effect, however, that the purpose of the Act is to bring about a limited number of well-balanced systems which shall be able as nearly as possible to operate successfully and maintain their credit on the basis of rates prescribed for the particular region.

The managers of the several railroads justly feel the responsibility which rests upon them to protect the interests of their companies so far as they may be able to do so in connection with the working out of any proposed scheme of consolidation. I am confident, however, that they would be glad to co-operate, if the Commission so desired, in an effort to find the best possible solution. That, at least, is the attitude of the president of your company, and I have every reason to believe that it is the attitude of the chief executives of the other companies involved in the situation.

I am hopeful that the plan which the Commission is in the act of developing at the present time will afford a basis upon which a satisfactory agreement between the carriers may be reached, because it should be kept in mind that under the law as it now is, the Commission has no authority to enforce the acceptance of its plan; consequently unless the plan which the Commission puts out receives the support of the railroads, or at least a majority of them, there would seem to be no definite way in which to make it effective at the present time.

The uncertainty attaching to the present situation has undoubtedly resulted in the postponement of many important improvements, extensions, &c., during the last few years, and it is highly desirable on this account, if for no other reason, that the matter be dealt with constructively and without unnecessary delay.

President Willard advised the stockholders of a plan to issue and sell to employees stock of the company at par. Employees will be privileged to purchase one share of stock for each \$500 average annual compensation, not exceeding 10 shares in any one instance, to be paid for over a period

of about three years. The company will apply to the Commission for approval to issue the necessary amount of stock to meet these employees' subscriptions.—V. 129, p. 3160.

Belt Ry., Chicago.—Final Valuation.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$500,000 on the owned and used property and \$18,404,173 on the used but not owned property of the company as of June 30 1918.

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$18,400 on the Chicago Peoria & Western RR.'s owned but not used property, which is leased to the Belt Ry., as of June 30 1918.—V. 128, p. 2986.

Boston & Maine RR.—New Vice-President.

Thomas Nelson Perkins, acting President of the road, announced that Arthur B. Nichols has been elected Vice-President.—V. 129, p. 3160.

Canadian National Ry.—Unification of Constituent Companies in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin Approved.—See Grand Trunk Western RR. below.—V. 129, p. 3160.

Castleman River RR.—Capital Stock.

The I.-S. C. Commission Nov. 13 authorized the company to issue 1,000 shares of capital stock (no par value), the stock to be delivered to John Hersker in payment for the property and leasehold interests of the former Castleman Valley RR. Co.

The report of the Commission says in part: The applicant was incorporated Oct. 13 1928 with an authorized capital of 2,000 shares of preferred stock (par \$100) and 1,000 shares of common stock (no par value). It was organized for the purpose of acquiring and operating the railroad and other properties formerly owned and operated by the Castleman Valley RR. The railroad to be acquired extends from a point 4.5 miles south of Jennings, Md., to a connection with the Baltimore & Ohio at Worth Junction, Pa., a distance of approximately 14 miles. The track is laid with rails owned by and leased from the Baltimore & Ohio RR. The portion of the line extending from Worth Junction to the Pennsylvania-Maryland State line, a distance of approximately 1.2 miles, was operated under a lease from the Pennsylvania-Castleman Valley RR. for a term of 10,000 years from Oct. 17 1924.

To acquire all the right, title and interest now held by John Hersker in the property and leasehold rights of the former carrier and in the stock of the Pennsylvania-Castleman Valley RR., the applicant requests authority to issue to Hersker 1,000 shares of no par value stock.—V. 128, p. 4317.

Central RR. Co. of N. J.—Seeks To Buy Two Short Lines.

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to acquire control of the Wharton & Northern RR. and the Mount Hope Mineral RR., both in New Jersey, for the lump sum of \$1,250,000.

The Wharton & Northern owns and operates a single-track railroad extending from Green Pond Junction to Wharton, N. J., a distance of 15.67 miles, where it connects with the Central. It owns 4.9 miles of branch lines and 5.6 miles of yard tracks and sidings.

The Mount Hope Mineral RR. owns and operates a single-track line extending from Mount Hope to Wharton, N. J., a distance of about 3.64 miles, where it connects with the Central.

"These two carriers," said the application, "have been operating with limited equipment and facilities, owing to their limited financial resources. Adequacy and efficiency of service by the Wharton & Northern is particularly important from the public standpoint because two important munitions depots of the Federal Government are dependent upon it for service. By making these carriers part of its system, the applicant will be able to assure more adequate and efficient service to the general public and particularly to the Picatinny Arsenal and Lake Denmark Naval Depot."—V. 129, p. 956.

Chicago & North Western Railway.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$72,335,000 20-year 4 1/2% convertible gold bonds, Series A, due Nov. 1 1949.

Income Account 9 Mos. Ended Sept. 30, 1929.

Operating revenues-----	x \$117,546,412
Operating expenses-----	86,198,674
Taxes-----	7,460,000
Uncollectible railway revenue-----	11,862
Railway operating income-----	\$23,875,876
Net rental deductions-----	2,098,246
Net operating income-----	\$21,777,630
Non-operating income-----	1,650,017
Gross income-----	\$23,427,647
Interest on funded debt-----	10,016,207
Rent for leased roads; mis. rents and mis. tax accruals-----	18,767
Interest on unfunded debt and mis. income charges-----	39,643
Net income-----	\$13,353,029
Dividend on preferred stock-----	\$783,825
Dividend on common stock-----	3,168,768
Surplus-----	\$9,400,436
Earnings per share on common stock-----	\$7.93

x Includes \$1,349,493 back mail pay for period May 9 1925, to July 31 1928.

General Balance Sheet.

Assets—	Sept. 30 '29	Dec. 31 '28	Liabilities—	Sept. 31 '29	Dec. 31 '28
Inv. in road & equip-----	556,629,570	541,120,306	Cap. stock held by public-----	180,839,915	180,840,035
Deposited with trustee—Equip. replt fund-----	17,303	17,303	Held in treas.-----	2,347,652	2,347,532
In lieu of mtgd prop. sold-----	236,500	236,500	Prem. on cap. stock-----	29,658	20,658
Mis. phys. prop.-----	885,508	814,612	Total long term debt-----	350,373,400	344,481,300
Inv. in affil cos.-----	2,198,953	2,169,253	Loans & bills pay.-----	4,550,000	800,000
Other invest.-----	28,250,169	30,774,240	Net traffic & ear ser. bal. pay-----	5,118,204	3,572,600
Cash-----	16,336,845	5,864,662	Aud. accts pay-----	6,597,366	5,261,602
Dep. with trust. to red. bonds-----	4,000	2,000	Mis. accts pay-----	309,204	260,024
Dep. with trustee account equip. trust certificates-----	3,105,000	-----	Int. mat. unpd.-----	725,232	710,256
Loans & bills rec.-----	2,518,500	14,500	Divs. mat. unpd.-----	41,127	35,305
Net bal. rec'able from agts & condrs.-----	3,521,372	2,756,795	Funded debt mat. unpd.-----	4,000	2,000
Mis. accts. rec.-----	7,459,033	7,975,070	Unmat. int. accrued-----	3,603,258	2,250,307
Material & sup.-----	11,633,536	12,064,384	Other cur. liabils-----	494,510	261,980
Other cur. assets-----	415,902	369,991	Def. liabilities-----	134,300	152,213
Def. assets-----	49,436	33,404	Tax liability-----	7,146,199	7,152,960
Rents & ins. prem. pd. in advance-----	127,058	96,797	Bal. of prem. on 5% Gen. mtge gold bonds & equip. trust cert.-----	574,787	596,143
Oth. unad. debts-----	2,680,246	2,249,461	Equaliz. res. oper. exp.-----	Dr. 973,893	-----
Sec. issued or assumed—Unpledged: com. stock & scrip-----	2,343,817	2,343,697	Accrued depre. equip.-----	49,324,866	47,090,545
Scrip, stock & bonds on hand-----	3,834	3,834	Oth. unad. cred.-----	2,423,191	3,558,139
Bds on hand-----	11,727,000	16,290,000	Add. to prop. thru inc. & surplus-----	2,950,616	2,900,344
Sec. issued or assumed, plgd.-----	35,500,000	35,500,000	Profit & loss-----	81,683,496	71,263,872
Bonds of prop. roads assumed-----	12,860,000	12,860,000			
			Total (ea. side)-----	698,297,087	673,556,816

Abandonment of Michigamme Branch.

The I.-S. C. Commission Nov. 9 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon its so-called Michigamme branch, 9.895 miles in length, extending from the west end of the Wye track at Clowry in a westerly

direction to Michigamme, all in Marquette County, Mich.—V. 129, p. 3007.

Chicago & Western Indiana RR.—Final Valuation.—The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation as of June 30 1918 for rate-making purposes, on the owned and used property of this company, of \$24,550,000; owned but not used properties, \$33,094,189; and used but not owned properties, \$397,317.—V. 128, p. 2267.

Cincinnati Saginaw & Mackinaw RR.—Unification.—See Grand Trunk Western RR. below.

Consolidated Railroads of Cuba.—Earnings.—

	1929.	1928.	1927.
3 Months Ended Sept. 30—			
Gross revenue	\$662,300	\$660,412	\$603,847
Expenses	5,942	10,991	5,476
Net income	\$656,358	\$649,421	\$598,371

—V. 129, p. 1907.

Cuba Northern Rys. Co.—Earnings.—

	1929.	1928.	1927.
3 Months Ended Sept. 30—			
Gross revenue	\$1,022,231	\$1,455,167	\$1,297,709
Expenses, depreciation, interest, &c.	1,073,240	1,232,519	1,294,204
Net income	loss \$51,009	\$222,648	\$3,505

—V. 129, p. 1907.

Cuba RR. Co.—Earnings.—

	1929.	1928.	1927.
3 Months Ended Sept. 30—			
Gross revenue	\$3,312,839	\$3,150,287	\$3,284,293
Expenses, depreciation, interest, &c.	2,462,341	2,677,254	2,976,598
Net income	\$850,498	\$473,033	\$307,695

—V. 129, p. 1904.

Detroit Terminal RR.—Unification Plan.—See Grand Trunk Western RR. below.—V. 121, p. 703.

Detroit & Toledo Shore Line RR.—Unification Plan.—See Grand Trunk Western RR. below.—V. 129, p. 125.

Grand Trunk Western RR.—Unification & Securities.—The I.-S. C. Commission Nov. 8, issued a certificate and order authorizing:

- (1) Operation by the company of the lines of railroad formerly owned and (or) operated by its constituent companies or by the Canadian National Railways in the States of Michigan, Indiana, Illinois and Wisconsin, including that part of the railroad of the Chicago Kalamazoo & Saginaw Ry. operated under lease, and also including the car ferries and terminal tracks formerly owned and operated by the Grand Trunk Milwaukee Car Ferry Co.
- (2) Acquisition by the company of control of the Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinaw RR. by lease, and of the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line RR. and the Detroit Terminal RR. by purchase of capital stock.
- (3) Issue by the Grand Trunk Western RR. of (a) such number of shares of common stock without par value and having an assigned value of \$25 a share as will equal \$13,815,997, (b) \$22,348,453 of 6% cum. pref. stock (par \$100), (c) \$31,947,000 of 1st & gen. mtge. bonds, series A, and (d) \$10,000,000 of gold debts., series A; and assumption by the Grand Trunk Western RR. of obligation and liability in respect of the securities listed below; said securities to be issued and said obligation and liability to be assumed in connection with the unification of the several railroad properties and facilities to constitute the Grand Trunk Western RR.
- (4) Acquisition by the Canadian National Rys. of control of the Grand Trunk Western RR. by receiving the latter's stock in exchange for the stock of the constituent companies and for certain other assets of the Canadian National.

Action was deferred by the Commission in respect of the issue of \$651,546 of 6% cum. pref. stoc and \$13,052,016 of 1st & gen. mtge. bonds, series A.

The report of the Commission says in part:

The Grand Trunk Western RR., a corporation organized for the purpose of engaging in transportation by railroad subject to the I.-S. C. Act, by its application filed on Dec. 21 1928, and by amendments thereto filed on April 20 and May 15 1929, has applied (1) under paragraph (18) of section 1 of that Act for a certificate that the present and future public convenience and necessity require the operation by it (a) of the lines of railroads of Grand Trunk Western Ry., Detroit Grand Haven & Milw. Ry., Chic. Det. & Can. G. T. Junct. RR., Pontiac Oxford & Northern RR., Michigan Air Line Ry., Detroit & Huron Ry., Chicago & Kalamazoo Term. RR.,

and of the car ferries across Lake Michigan and the terminal railroad tracks, formerly owned and operated by the Grand Trunk Milwaukee Car Ferry Co., and (b) under trackage rights over the tracks of the Chicago & Western Indiana RR., Chicago Kalamazoo & Saginaw Ry., Michigan Central RR., and the Ann Arbor RR.; (2) under paragraph (2) of section 5 of the Act for an order authorizing the acquisition by it of control by lease of the railroad of the Cincinnati, Saginaw & Mackinaw RR., and of a portion of the railroad of the Chicago Kalamazoo & Saginaw Ry., and (3) under section 20a of the Act for authority (a) to issue 800,000 shares common stock (no par value) \$25,000,000 6% cum. pref. stock, \$45,000,000 of 1st & gen. mtge. bonds, series A, and \$10,000,000 of gold debts., series A, and (b) to assume obligation and liability in respect of the securities of the Grand Trunk Western Ry., Grand Trunk Junction Ry., the Chicago & Western Indiana RR., Detroit & Toledo Shore Line RR., Toledo Terminal RR., and the Muskegon Ry. & Navigation Co.

The Canadian National Ry. on March 28 1929, filed a separate application, for an order authorizing the acquisition by it of control of the applicant by acquisition of the latter's capital stock.

A copy of a petition by first and second preference stockholders of the Grand Trunk Ry. Co. of Canada residing within Great Britain, addressed to the House of Commons of the Dominion of Canada, claiming annual interest since 1921, has been filed herein, and we are asked to defer deciding this application while their negotiations for a settlement are pending. The matters to which the petition relates do not appear to be within our jurisdiction. Moreover, since any action we may take in these proceedings can in no way affect whatever rights the petitioners may have against the companies involved in the proposal before us, there does not appear to be any reason for us to defer action in these proceedings. No other objection to the granting of the application has been presented to us.

The applicant is a consolidated corporation organized under the laws of Michigan and Indiana pursuant to an agreement of consolidation dated May 9 1928 between the constituent companies.

The lines comprising that part of the Canadian National System situated in Michigan, Indiana, and Illinois consist of the railroads of the constituent companies and of the C. S. & M. and the C. K. & S. The constituent companies are controlled by the Canadian National either directly or indirectly through ownership of capital stock. The properties of the C. S. & M. and part of the railroad of the C. K. & S. are held under leases. The roads have heretofore been operated either by some one of the constituent companies or by the Canadian National. The latter has acted as banker or fiscal agent for them, advancing funds required by them for capital expenditures and for working capital, and receiving their net income and assuming their deficits.

The Canadian National caused the applicant to be organized for the purpose of separating at Port Huron and Detroit, Mich., the ownership and operation of properties it owns or controls, and of unifying in one corporation the ownership and operation of the properties of the constituent companies, and of any company controlled by them, and the operation of the properties of the C. S. & M. and a part of the railroad of the C. K. & S. Hereafter all operations in Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, and Wisconsin of these several properties will be conducted by the applicant.

The principal lines of the applicant will extend from Port Huron to Chicago, Ill., from Port Gratiot, Mich., to Detroit, and from Detroit to Grand Haven and Muskegon, Mich. The system will comprise 903.69 miles of owned main-line tracks, 52.97 miles to be operated under lease, and 36.89 miles to be operated under trackage rights or leases not involving control of the lessor. In addition there will be the car ferry service across Lake Michigan, a distance from dock to dock of about 90 miles. The applicant is to function as a self-sustaining corporation with a financial structure that will enable it to finance itself in the future. The agreement of consolidation provides that when the proposed consolidation has been approved and the agreement has been filed as required by the laws of Michigan and Indiana, the capital stock, property, and franchises of the constituent companies, together with all the powers, rights, privileges, exemptions, and immunities owned or enjoyed by each of them, shall be

consolidated to be thereafter one corporation. It further provides for the conversion of the stock of the constituent companies into common stock of the applicant and for the assumption by the applicant of the liabilities of all of the constituent companies. The applicant will acquire all bonds and other indebtedness of the constituent companies, not held by the public, and will acquire from the Canadian National stocks and bonds of companies whose properties will be used by, or operated as complementary to, the applicant.

The agreement of consolidation provides for an authorized capital stock of \$37,500,000 of 6% cumulative preferred stock (par \$100), and 1,500,000 shares of common stock (no par value) but with a declared value of \$25 a share. All shares of stock of the Detroit Grand Haven & Milwaukee, which have a par value of \$50. The applicant's no-par-value common stock is to be converted into the stocks of the constituent companies on the basis of an equal value of common stock for the par value of the stocks of the respective constituent companies. The statement following shows the par value and number of shares outstanding for each of the constituent companies, and the number of shares of applicant's common stock to be issued in conversion thereof:

Company—	—Capital Stock Outstanding—		No. Shs. Com. Stock to be Issued in Exchange.
	Par Value	No. of Shares.	
Grand Trunk Western	\$6,000,000	60,000	240,000
Detroit Gr. Haven & Milwaukee	1,500,000	30,000	60,000
C. D. & C. G. T.	1,095,000	10,950	60,000
Toledo Saginaw & Muskegon	1,600,000	16,000	64,000
Pontiac Oxford & Northern	1,000,000	10,000	40,000
Michigan Air Line	300,000	3,000	12,000
Detroit & Huron	148,000	1,480	5,920
Grand Rapids Terminal	50,000	500	2,000
Chicago & Kalamazoo Terminal	100,000	1,000	4,000
Bay City Terminal	15,000	150	600
Total	\$11,808,000	133,080	472,320

Under date of Nov. 15 1928 the applicant and the Canadian National entered into an agreement which indicates that the latter owns \$10,560,000 of the capital stock and obligations representing \$31,595,875 of the funded debt of the constituent companies, the remaining \$1,248,000 of capital stock being owned by the G. T. W. and obligations representing \$13,052,016 of the total outstanding funded debt being in the hands of the public. Pursuant to the agreement of consolidation, the Canadian National will receive in exchange for its holdings of the stocks of constituent companies 422,400 shares of applicant's common stock. It will surrender to the applicant its holdings of constituent company funded debt obligations in the amount above stated, receiving in payment therefor 1st & gen. mtge. bonds and debentures of the applicant in the amounts of \$26,229,137 and \$5,366,737, respectively. The obligations surrendered will be cancelled and the mortgages securing them, with the exception of the first mortgage of the G. T. W., will be discharged.

The agreement between the applicant and the Canadian National shows that the constituent companies and the C. S. & M., a lessor of the Canadian National, were indebted to it in the aggregate amount of \$25,889,259 for capital advances, and it is provided that in settlement, the Canadian National is to receive applicant's preferred stock, \$4,633,262 of debentures, and \$320,946 of 1st & gen. mtge. bonds. Furthermore, in carrying out the plan of separating at Port Huron and Detroit operations between the Canadian National and the applicant and of vesting in the latter ownership of, and interests in, properties constituting the unified company, or operated as complementary thereto, the Canadian National will sell to the applicant \$1,000,000 capital stock of the Detroit Terminal RR., \$1,129,400 capital stock of, and \$1,184,002 capital advances owed by the Chicago New York & Boston Refrigerator Co., \$500,000 of the Grand Trunk Junction's capital stock, and \$406,000 of the Western Indiana's bonds. In acquiring the Grand Trunk Junction's stock, the applicant will receive \$1,000,000 capital stock of the Western Indiana, \$240,000 capital stock of the Belt Ry. Co. of Chicago, and a vendor's interest in an agreement dated July 20 1887 for the sale of a certain parcel of land in Chicago for \$1,300,000. The aggregate of the agreed prices for these assets is \$8,251,302, for which the Canadian National is to receive \$4,400,000 in value of common stock, \$3,413,402 of 6% preferred stock, and \$397,900 of 1st & gen. mtge. bonds.

Pursuant to the agreement dated Nov. 15 1928, the Canadian National will surrender to the applicant its interest in a 999-year lease of the properties of the C. D. & C. G. T. for \$5,000,000 in value of applicant's common stock and will furnish the applicant with \$5,000,000 working capital, accepting therefor an equal amount of first and general mortgage bonds. The total amount of the respective classes of securities which would be issued to the Canadian National pursuant to the agreement would be \$20,000,000 in value of no-par common stock, \$24,348,453 of preferred stock, \$10,000,000 of debentures, and \$31,947,984 of first and general mortgage bonds, a total of \$86,296,437. The agreement also shows that the constituent companies are indebted to the Canadian National in the amount of \$16,879,053 for advances to cover operating deficits and for interest on bonds, and that in settlement thereof that company is to receive all the net income and any surplus of the several constituent companies of the applicant, and of the Refrigerator company for the year ended Dec. 31 1928, but not including any surplus from writings up, during 1928, the ledger value of stocks owned by the constituent companies. From an exhibit introduced by the applicant it appears that \$2,529,007 was payable to the Canadian National for the year 1928 under this provision.

It is stated that all the railroads here involved, the car ferries, terminal railroad tracks and other facilities of the Car Ferry company have for many years been operated as part of a single system under common control and management, and that the applicant will operate them as a single railroad. It is also stated that the railroads of the constituent companies are not parallel or competing but are connected and form a continuous line of railroad which will constitute, with the leased lines and the tracks to be operated under trackage rights, the applicant's system.

Each share of the no-par-value common stock is to have one vote. The cumulative preferred stock is to be entitled to cumulative dividends of 6% per annum, payable Q.-J. in each year in preference and priority to any dividend on the common stock. At the option of the board of directors the preferred stock will be redeemable from time to time, as a whole or in part, at 110 and will be redeemable from time to time, as a whole or in part, at the option of the board of directors. The applicant proposes to procure an amendment to the agreement of consolidation which will provide that in the event of liquidation, dissolution or winding up of the applicant, the holders of the preferred stock are to be entitled to receive the par value of their shares in case the liquidation is involuntary, and 110 in case it is voluntary, plus div. in either event, before any distribution is made to the holders of the common stock. The preferred stock is to have voting powers as and when given by law, or, upon default in the payment of any dividends thereon, each share is to be entitled to one vote at any stockholders' meeting, such voting power to continue only during the period of default.

The applicant will make under date of Jan. 1 1930 to the Chase National Bank of the City of New York and George A. Kinney, as trustees, a new first and general mortgage which will provide for the issue of first and general mortgage bonds unlimited as to aggregate principal amount, and will reserve bonds for issue thereunder to refund the outstanding funded debt amounting to \$13,052,016. The applicant will covenant therein that it will not issue any further bonds under any existing mortgage. The mortgage will provide that bonds may be issued in series. The bonds proposed to be issued now have been designated series A, dated Jan. 1 1930, will bear int. at rate of 4 1/2% per annum, payable Jan. 1 and July 1, and will mature Jan. 1 1980. The series A bonds will be red. as a whole or in part on any int. date on and after Jan. 1 1950, and including Jan. 1 1955, at 103, the premium being reduced 1/2 of 1% during each subsequent 5-year period to Jan. 1 1975, and thereafter prior to maturity at 100 1/2 plus int. in each case.

The applicant will also make under date of Jan. 1 1930 to the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, as trustee, an indenture which will provide for the issue of gold debentures unlimited as to aggregate principal amount. Provision is made for issuing debentures in series, and the applicant proposes to issue \$10,000,000 of series A debentures. They will be issued as coupon debentures in denom. of \$500 and \$1,000, and will be red., as a whole or in part, on any int. date on and after Jan. 1 1940 to and incl. Jan. 1 1945, at 103, during the 5-year period ending Jan. 1 1950 at 102, and thereafter prior to maturity at 110, plus int. in each instance. They will be dated Jan. 1 1930, will bear interest at the rate of 5% per annum, payable Jan. 1 and July 1, and will mature Jan. 1 1955.

The applicant claims that upon consummation of the transactions herein described, its capitalizable assets will consist of the following:

Road and equipment.....	\$89,717,688
Less accrued depreciation—Equipment.....	5,103,869
Improvements on leased railroad property.....	\$84,613,819
Less accrued depreciation.....	291,795
	557
Investments in affiliated companies:	\$291,238
Stocks.....	
Bonds.....	7,898,600
Advances.....	2,305,531
	1,822,117
Other investments.....	\$12,026,248
Working capital.....	1,300,000
	5,000,000
Grand total.....	\$103,231,307

To acquire the properties of the C. D. & C. G. T., the applicant proposes to issue \$1,095,000 in value of no-par common stock and \$1,786,141 of 1st & gen. mtge. bonds in exchange respectively for like amounts of that company's capital stock and bonds. The applicant also proposes to issue \$2,425,847 of preferred stock in payment of an equal amount of indebtedness to the Canadian National for capital advances. Besides the foregoing amounts of securities, the applicant would issue for the surrender of the Canadian National's lease of the C. D. & C. G. T. properties, \$5,000,000 in value of no-par common stock and would charge that amount to its investment in road and equipment. The applicant represents that this lease has been very profitable to the Canadian National and would continue so during the remaining term of the lease, which would expire July 1 2858. The price to be paid for the surrender of the lease is said to represent the fair estimated commuted income value of the lease for the remainder of the term.

As part of applicant's capitalizable assets, it submits its investment in capital stock and bonds, of, and capital advances to, affiliated companies, and interest in a contract to sell land as follows:

Capital Stock—	
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line.....	\$2,142,000
Toledo Terminal.....	387,200
Detroit Terminal.....	3,000,000
Western Indiana.....	1,000,000
Belt Railway.....	240,000
Refrigerator Company.....	1,129,400
Bonds—	
Western Indiana.....	2,178,900
Toledo Terminal.....	126,632
Capital Advances—	
Western Indiana.....	638,115
Refrigerator Company.....	1,184,002
Aitchison Topeka & Santa Fe RR. Co. agreed purchase price of State Street Block.....	1,300,000
Total.....	\$13,326,249

The capital stocks of the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line and the Toledo Terminal are part of the assets of the G. T. W. and will be acquired pursuant to the agreement of consolidation dated May 9 1928. The book values shown for these stocks are the values appearing in the accounts of the G. T. W., which were written up during 1928. The par value of the stock of the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line is \$714,000 and was carried by the G. T. W. at cost, or \$50,000. The book value of this stock was written up to three times par, or \$2,142,000, based upon the dividends received during a period of 20 years, 1908-27, which averaged 18.45%. The stock of the Toledo Terminal was carried at a nominal value of \$1 and was written up to par, or \$387,200, based upon the present and past earning capacity of that company and its policy of investing its net income for capital purposes. No securities, except the common stock to be issued in exchange for the G. T. W.'s capital stock, will be issued in respect of the acquisition of these securities.

The stock of the Detroit Terminal to be purchased from the Canadian National has a par value of \$1,000,000, but the applicant has agreed to issue in payment therefor, \$3,000,000 of its securities consisting of \$886,597 in value of no-par common stock and \$2,113,402 of preferred stock. The applicant claims that \$2,000,000 is a fair price to be paid for the stock, that the book value of the entire issue, of \$2,000,000, was \$5,666,805 as of Dec. 31 1927, that the capitalized value of the average surplus earnings for the 4-year period ended Dec. 31 1927, at the rate of 6% per annum, would be \$10,472,763, that the average for 13½ years ended Dec. 31 1927, would be \$5,932,587, and that the stock is on a regular 10% div. basis. The annual report of the Detroit Terminal for the year ended Dec. 31 1928 shows that company's total corporate surplus was \$4,340,103. It appears that the investment in road and equipment was \$5,061,178, and other investments, consisting of United States Fourth Liberty Loan Bonds, United States Treasury Certificates, and Dominion of Canada external bonds, were \$1,184,137.

The agreed purchase prices of the stocks of the Western Indiana and the Belt Ry. are \$1,000,000 and \$240,000, respectively, which represent the par value of the stocks of those companies. In respect thereof the applicant proposes to issue equal amounts in value of no-par common stock. To purchase all the capital stock of the Refrigerator Co., the applicant proposes to pay \$1,129,400, an amount equal to the par value of the stock, by the issue of an equal amount in value of no-par common stock. It is stated that the price is fair, as it is equivalent to the book value of the stock, represented as of Dec. 31 1927, by the excess of assets over liabilities.

With the exception of \$406,000 of Western Indiana bonds, the bonds of that company and of the Toledo Terminal above shown represent assets of the G. T. W. acquired in the consolidation and for which no securities are to be issued except the exchange of stock provided for in the agreement of consolidation. The \$406,000 of Western Indiana bonds will be acquired from the Canadian National at their cost to that company of \$397,900. In payment therefor the applicant will issue \$397,900 of 1st & gen. mtge. bonds. The applicant represents that its holdings of the bonds of the Western Indiana and the Toledo Terminal will be pledged under the proposed 1st and gen. mtge.

The indebtedness of the Western Indiana for capital advances is a part of the assets acquired from the G. T. W. in the consolidation and no securities are to be issued in respect of them. The capital advances of \$1,184,002 represent an indebtedness of the Refrigerator company to the Canadian National and are to be purchased from that company, as has been previously indicated. The applicant proposes to issue in payment for the advances an equal amount in value of no-par common stock.

The item of \$1,300,000 represents the vendor's interest under an agreement dated July 20 1887 with the Aitchison Topeka & Santa Fe, whereby the latter agreed to pay the above-stated amount upon conveyance to it on or before Jan. 1 1935, free and clear of all encumbrances and liens, of a certain parcel of land in Chicago known as the State St. block. This contract is held by the Canadian National through its ownership of all the capital stock of the Grand Trunk Junction, which owns the land, and will be acquired by the applicant in connection with the purchase of the Grand Trunk Junction's stock. In payment therefor the applicant proposes to issue \$1,300,000 of pref. stock. The State St. block is now encumbered by the Grand Trunk Junction's mtge. dated Jan. 1 1884, which covers not only that property, but also that portion of the applicant's system formerly owned by the Grand Trunk Junction. There are outstanding in the hands of the public under that mortgage \$435,600 of 1st mtge. bonds, which will mature Jan. 1 1934. Provision will be made in the proposed 1st & gen. mtge. for reserving bonds thereunder to refund at maturity the Grand Trunk Junction's bonds.

Under existing arrangements whereby the Canadian National has acted as banker for the several companies to constitute the applicant's system, the Canadian National furnished them with the requisite working capital. In consummating the plan of establishing the applicant as a financially independent company, it will be necessary for it to be provided with adequate working capital. The Canadian National will furnish the applicant \$5,000,000 of working capital and is to receive an equal amount of applicant's 1st & gen. mtge. bonds. The balance sheet accounts relating to the several companies involved in the unified system, except accruals for interest, taxes and depreciation, have been included in what has been designated the Detroit office balance sheet. From such accounts it appears that as of Dec. 31 for the years indicated below the cash and material and supplies were as follows:

	1924.	1925.	1926.	1927.
Cash.....	\$1,605,480	\$1,748,471	\$1,927,405	\$900,210
Material and supplies.....	3,618,536	3,189,408	3,098,801	3,314,832
Total.....	\$5,224,016	\$4,937,879	\$5,026,206	\$4,215,042

The average for the 4-year period was: Cash, \$1,545,392; material and supplies, \$3,305,394; total, \$4,850,786. It is claimed that the amount proposed for working capital is not excessive when consideration is given to the above showing and to the fact that the cash balances of the Canadian National's local Treasurer at Detroit have been kept down to immediate necessities because the general cash balances of that company were available when required. The applicant does not propose to continue the practice of providing for temporary shortages in cash by loans from the Canadian National, but expects to resort to short-term bank loans, if necessary. As further indicating the necessity for providing working capital in the amount stated, it was testified that during the Federal control period cash and material and supplies were as follows:

	Cash.	Material & Supplies.	Total.
Dec. 31 1918.....	\$1,910,949	\$3,043,226	\$4,954,175
Dec. 31 1919.....	1,787,449	3,504,371	5,291,820

These amounts approximate those shown above. It is represented that as an independent company the applicant will be required at times to utilize temporarily some of its working capital for additions and betterments pending the permanent financing thereof, hence the necessity for adequate working capital.

The applicant requests authority to issue 1st & gen. mtge. bonds in the amount of \$45,000,000, including \$13,052,016 of bonds to be reserved for the purpose of retiring and refunding an equal amount of bonds and equipment trust notes of the constituent companies that are outstanding in the hands of the public. Of the bonds outstanding \$10,964,416 will not mature until July 1 1950 and \$435,600 will mature Jan. 1 1934. The equipment-trust notes will mature serially until Jan. 15 1935.

The applicant may properly capitalize by the issue of pref. stock, debentures and bonds in the several amounts proposed as shown above advances in the amount of \$25,889,259 made by the Canadian National to the constituent companies for capital purposes, as it appears that advances in that amount have been expended for the properties of the various companies. As to the proposed issue of \$5,000,000 of no par capital stock in payment for the surrender of the C. D. & C. G. T. lease, it appears that the Canadian National caused the applicant to be organized for the purpose of creating a unified company to take over the various properties as has been described, and, to carry out its plan, it was necessary to free the properties of the C. D. & C. G. T. from the encumbrance of this lease. What has been done and is proposed to be done is only to enable the Canadian National to consummate its plans for separating operations, as hereinbefore described. The Canadian National as lessee of the properties of the C. D. & C. G. T., and as owner of all its capital stock, received the net income from its operations and the dividends paid on the stock. It will, as recipient of all the securities here proposed to be issued by the applicant, continue to participate in the profits arising from the operations of the unified properties, including that of the C. D. & C. G. T., so long as it retains such securities, and it will relinquish its interest therein to the extent that it may subsequently dispose of any of the various classes of securities. If it is necessary for the applicant to pay to the Canadian National \$5,000,000 for surrendering its lease of the C. D. & C. G. T., although the propriety of such payment may be doubtful considering the relationship that the Canadian National bears to the applicant, such payment cannot be made a basis for capitalization, as it would not result in any tangible property being added to the applicant's investment in road and equipment. Moreover, as has been explained, the amount represents capitalized earning capacity of the properties of the C. D. & C. G. T., which, we are of the opinion, does not constitute an appropriate basis for the issue of securities as herein proposed.

As indicated above, a substantial portion of the Detroit Terminal's corporate surplus consists of investments in securities that may be disposed of at its pleasure and the proceeds disbursed as it may elect. Furthermore, the Detroit Terminal would be entitled to capitalize its uncanceled investment in road and equipment. If that were done, and the applicant were permitted to issue its securities in the amount proposed in respect of the acquisition of the capital stock of the Detroit Terminal, a condition would arise whereby the aggregate amount of the securities outstanding directly or indirectly against the Detroit Terminal's properties would exceed that company's investments in road and equipment and in other capitalizable assets. As stated above with reference to the payment to be made for surrendering the lease of the C. D. & C. G. T., we do not consider the capitalized value of earning capacity an appropriate basis for the issue of securities under the provisions of section 20a. We are also of the opinion that it would not be compatible with the public interest for the applicant to issue its securities in an aggregate amount equal to the agreed purchase price of the stock of the Detroit Terminal, as this price is based in part on the book value of the stock, and this value may be greatly diminished through subsequent action of that company. The applicant may therefore capitalize not exceeding the par value of the capital stock of the Detroit Terminal to be acquired, or \$1,000,000.

The price to be paid by the applicant for the stock and \$406,000 of bonds of the Western Indiana and for the stock of the Belt Ry. and the Refrigerator Co. constitutes a reasonable basis for capitalization. As the capital stock of the three companies last mentioned and of the Detroit Terminal are to constitute specific bases for the issue of certain securities herein proposed and the capital stocks of the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line and Toledo Terminal are to be part of applicant's assets, affording support for all of its securities, our order herein will require that none of the capital stock of those companies shall be sold or otherwise disposed of without first obtaining our authorization.

The record does not disclose when or in what manner the indebtedness of the Refrigerator Co. to the Canadian National will be satisfied. To capitalize it in its present form would be premature and the applicant should wait until it receives securities of the Refrigerator Co. in settlement for the advances before proposing to capitalize them. While it probably will be several years before the applicant realizes upon the contract with the Aitchison Topeka & Santa Fe, it apparently will ultimately receive \$1,300,000 cash therefrom and in the interim it will receive interest at the rate of 6% per annum, or \$78,000. It is stated that the proceeds of this contract will not be treated as free cash and the applicant has indicated that it is willing to hold it when received in a separate fund and to expend it for capital purposes only. In view of the attitude of the applicant, it appears that the purchase price of the contract may be used as a basis for capitalization upon the condition that the applicant shall not dispose of its interest therein without our authorization, and that the proceeds shall be held in a separate fund and expended for capital purposes only. In view of applicant's representations it appears that for the purpose of this proceeding \$5,000,000 of working capital may be accepted as a basis for capitalization.

As there does not appear to be any present necessity for the issue of first and general mortgage bonds to retire and refund outstanding bonds and equipment-trust notes of the constituent companies, action will be deferred upon the request for authority to issue \$13,052,016 of first and general mtge. bonds. As to the applicant's request for authority to issue \$25,000,000 of pref. stock, it appears that detailed items aggregating \$24,348,453 have been submitted in support thereof, leaving \$651,546 unsupported. The applicant states that the latter amount was inserted to produce even figures. As the reason given would not warrant authorizing the issue of \$651,546 of the pref. stock, we will defer action upon so much of the application as seeks authority to issue that amount of pref. stock solely for the purpose stated.

As the applicant's proposal to operate under lease a segment of the railroad of the C. K. & S. does not involve acquisition of control of that company, the provisions of paragraph (2) of section 5 of the Interstate Commerce Act do not apply. The proposal involves the extension of the applicant's lines by use of part of the line of another carrier, and therefore comes within the provisions of paragraphs (18) to (20) of section 1 of the Act. The applicant will receive one-half of the outstanding capital stock of the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line, the other half being owned by the New York, Chicago & St. Louis RR. and will also receive one-half of the outstanding capital stock of the Detroit Terminal, the other half being owned by the Michigan Central and the New York Central. It will thereby acquire control, equally and jointly with other carriers, of both the Detroit & Toledo Shore Line and the Detroit Terminal. While the applicant has not specifically requested authority to acquire control of the two carriers last mentioned, or a certificate that the public convenience and necessity require the operation by it of that part of the railroad of the C. K. & S. leased to the Canadian National, it seeks, in addition to the authority specifically requested, such further or other orders or certificates as it may deem necessary. The record as to the proposed operation and acquisition being complete we may properly grant the necessary certificate and authority. It should be stated, however, that request for general authority as a rule lacks sufficient detail to present any definite matter for our consideration, and that responsibility for obtaining the authority necessary to effect the proposals under consideration must remain with the applicant.

It has been stated above that the Canadian National controls, either directly or indirectly, all the constituent companies, and from the various transactions to be consummated pursuant to the several agreements with that company hereinbefore described, it will be able to control the applicant

by virtue of having issued to it all the capital stock, both common and pref., and all the bonds and debentures now proposed to be issued by the applicant. The Canadian National therefore asks for an order under paragraph (2) of section 5 of the Act authorizing it to acquire control of the applicant by acquisition of all its capital stock.

Commissioner Eastman, concurring in part, says:

I agree with the conclusions reached, except that I do not favor the issue of stock without par value and also believe that the pref. stock should, under the circumstances of this case, have full voting power. Assets having a book value of about \$100,000,000 will be controlled, under the new financial structure, by common stock carried on the books at a little less than \$14,500,000. Indeed 51% of this stock, carried at less than \$7,000,000, will be sufficient to ensure control. In my judgment control of a railroad company ought not to be reduced down to an investment relatively so small.

Securities in Respect of Which the Grand Trunk Western RR. Seeks Authority to Assume Obligation and Liability.

a) Securities of constituent companies to be assumed pursuant to agreement of consolidation dated May 9 1928:	
Grand Trunk Western Ry. 1st mtge. 4% due July 1 1950...	\$10,964,416
do equipment trust notes.....	1,652,000
Grand Trunk Jct. Ry. 1st mtge. 5% due Jan. 1 1934.....	435,600
b) To be assumed pursuant to joint supplemental lease dated July 1 1902, between Grand Trunk Western Ry. Co. and other proprietary companies, Grand Trunk's proportion 1-5 of bonds issued for "common property," and entire amount of bonds issued for "exclusive property":	
Chicago & Western Ind. RR. consol. mtge. 50-yr. 4% gold bonds (common property).....	39,355,125
do exclusive property.....	252,555
c) To be assumed pursuant to joint supplemental lease dated Jan. 28 1925, between Grand Trunk Western Ry. and other proprietary companies, Grand Trunk's proportion 1-5:	
Chicago & Western Ind. RR. 1st & ref. mtge. 5½% 50-yr. gold bonds, series A.....	27,755,000
d) To be assumed pursuant to agreement of consolidation dated May 9 1928, as successor to Grand Trunk Western Ry., joint and several guarantor, by indorsement, with Toledo, St. Louis & Western RR. Co. (New York, Chicago & St. Louis RR.) (successor):	
Detroit & Toledo Shore Line RR. 1st mtge. 4% 50-yr. gold bonds.....	3,000,000
e) To be assumed pursuant to agreements dated Nov. 1 1907, and Jan. 14 1914, between the Grand Trunk Western Ry. and other proprietary companies, Grand Trunk's proportion, 9.68%:	
Toledo Terminal RR. 1st mtge. 4½% 50-yr. gold bonds.....	5,500,000
f) To be assumed pursuant to agreements dated Oct. 20 1926, between Grand Trunk Western Ry. and Toledo Saginaw & Muskegon Ry., constituent companies, and the stockholders and bondholders of Muskegon Ry. & Navigation Co.:	
Muskegon Ry. & Navigation Co. 1st mtge. 6% 30-yr. gold bonds.....	572,300
V. 127, p. 3701.	

Grand Trunk Western Ry.—Unification Plan.—

See Grand Trunk Western RR.—V. 126, p. 3925.

Kansas Oklahoma & Gulf Ry.—6% Pref. Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 6% (covering the year ended Dec. 31 1929) on the series A 6% cum. pref. stock, payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 25. A dividend of 9% was paid on June 1 last and one of 6% on Dec. 15 1928.—V. 128, p. 3347.

Midland Valley RR.—\$1 Extra Dividend.—

The directors on Nov. 22 declared an extra dividend of \$1 a share on the common stock, par \$50, payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 14.

Regular semi-annual dividends of \$1.25 a share have been paid on this issue from April 15 1925 to Oct. 15 1929 inclusive.—V. 129, p. 1117.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Plan To Convert Stocks Approved.—

The company was granted authority to issue from time to time not exceeding \$71,800,100 of common stocks in conversion of an equal amount of preferred stock, in a report and order in Finance Docket No. 7899 made public by the Inter-State Commerce Commission Nov. 18.

The amount of common authorized to be issued corresponds exactly with the total outstanding amount of 5% cum. conv. pref., which is conv. into common on a share for share basis at any time.

This authorization, it is stated, bears no direct relationship to the plan announced by the Missouri Pacific in October for the payment of back dividends on the pref. stock by the issue of \$38,659,900 in additional com. stock. Application for authority for this move is now pending before the Commission, and a hearing on the request has been set for Dec. 10.—V. 129, p. 2855.

Mahoning Coal RR.—Earnings.—

Period End, Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Inc. from lease of road.....	\$613,929	\$520,021
Other income.....	44,463	44,043
Total income.....	\$658,393	\$564,064
Taxes.....	71,213	60,370
Int. on funded debt.....	18,750	18,750
Other deductions.....	1,726	1,889
Net income.....	\$566,703	\$483,055
Earns. per sh. on 30,000 shs. com. stk. after pref. divs. (par \$50).....	\$18.61	\$15.82

—V. 129, p. 1280.

New York Central RR.—Equipment Trusts.—

The company applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to issue \$5,895,000 4½% equip. trust gold certificates. The certificates will be dated Nov. 1 1929, and will mature in 15 annual instalments up to Dec. 1944. Proceeds will be used to partially pay for \$7,040,000 of equipment, consisting of 55 locomotives and 1,010 freight cars. The certificates will be sold at competitive bidding.—V. 129, p. 3161.

New York Pittsburgh & Chicago Ry.—Loree Plan To Build Line To Be Reopened by I.-S. C. Commission.—

The case involving the proposal of L. F. Loree, President of the Delaware & Hudson Co., to construct a 283-mile line across the State of Pennsylvania has been reopened and assigned for further hearing before C. V. Burnside, Assistant Director of the I.-S. C. Commission's Bureau of Finance, Dec. 17, it was announced Nov. 17.

As originally submitted to the Commission, the proposal contemplates the construction of a new trunk line to be known as the New York Pittsburgh & Chicago RR., extending eastward from Allegheny, in the Pittsburgh district, to Easton, Pa., a distance of 283 miles, but it is understood that recent surveys may change slightly the line of the proposed route.

Although the original application was filed with the Commission a number of years ago and hearings were held, the Commission has never taken any final action in the matter. Following the hearings, however, a Commission examiner recommended denial of the application on the ground that the record was insufficient to warrant a finding that the proposed line was in the public interest.

As a result of recent correspondence between the Commission and counsel for the road, the Commission decided to hold the matter in abeyance until Nov. 1 1929, and it is assumed that the road has convinced the Commission that it now is prepared to submit evidence upon which a favorable finding as to the construction of the line might be made.—V. 128, p. 3998.

Old Colony RR.—Stock Issue Authorized.—

The I.-S. C. Commission made public the following action on Nov. 18: Report and order in F. D. No. 7822, authorizing the Old Colony RR. to issue not exceeding 9,645 shares of capital stock of the par value of \$100

a share; said stock to be sold at public auction to the highest bidder at not less than par and the proceeds used to reimburse the New York New Haven & Hartford RR. in part for advances made to the applicant for capital expenditures, approved.—V. 127, p. 1251.

Pennsylvania RR.—Further Additions Announced.—

The company on Nov. 19 announced further important additions to its long distance passenger train operation, with the establishment of faster and more convenient schedules. All of the changes will become effective Sunday, Dec. 15.

An entirely new through service, on practically a 24-hour schedule, with sleeping cars, observation cars, diners and coaches, will be established from New York and Philadelphia to St. Louis. The leaving time from New York will be 9 a. m. and from North Philadelphia 10.50 a. m., with arrival at St. Louis at 8.35 a. m. the following morning. This will supplement the 24-hour service to St. Louis already given by "The American" and "The Spirit of St. Louis." The purpose of adding a third fast schedule is to take care of the increased travel rapidly developing between the Eastern Seaboard, the City of St. Louis and the great area of the South-west reached through that gateway.

The fast afternoon service in both directions, between Philadelphia and Pittsburgh, will be inaugurated by the establishment of a new train each way, to be known as "The Duquesne." The Duquesne, westbound and eastbound, will leave Broad Street Station, Philadelphia, and Pennsylvania Station, Pittsburgh, simultaneously at 2.15 p. m. Arrival at the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia terminals will also be at the same hour for both trains—10.15 p. m.—making a schedule of exactly 8 hours.

The over-night service from Pittsburgh to St. Louis will be greatly expedited by speeding up the running time of Train No. 155. This train now leaves Pittsburgh at 5 p. m., arriving at St. Louis at 8.30 a. m. the next morning. Under its new schedule it will leave Pittsburgh at 7.25 p. m., reaching St. Louis at 8.35 a. m., a saving of 2 hours and 20 minutes on the journey.

The running time from Pittsburgh to Boston will be cut thirty minutes. Train No. 46 will leave Pittsburgh at 3.40 p. m., one-half hour later than at present, reaching New York at 1.05 a. m., and Boston at 7.55 a. m., as heretofore.

Between Chicago and Louisville, Ky., the running time will be cut one hour southbound, and 40 minutes northbound. This will be accomplished by speeding up southbound Train No. 315, which will leave Chicago at 11.35 a. m., instead of 9.50 a. m., as at present, with arrival at Louisville at 7.05 p. m., instead of 6.20 p. m., as at present. Northbound, Train No. 317 will leave Louisville at 8.30, as at present. Arrival at Chicago, however, will be at 4 p. m., instead of 4.40 p. m.

Extensive Improvements in Automatic Signal Installations.—

The company will complete this year the most extensive improvements in automatic signal installations ever undertaken by an American railroad. The whole program involving an expenditure of more than \$16,000,000 represents an important advance in the art of railroad transportation from the standpoint of both public safety and operating efficiency.

The work includes not only additional automatic block signals and automatic train control, but also in the region of densest passenger train operation, the installation of the Pennsylvania's newly-developed continuous cab signal system. This is the device referred to by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its last report on automatic train control devices in which it said "the development of cab signals of the type now in use on the Pennsylvania appears to be an important step forward in the art of signalling and worthy of special attention."

Four principal results will be effected by the new installations: (1) By the end of this year, the Pennsylvania RR.'s main line tracks, over which its fleet of blue ribbon trains operate between the Atlantic Seaboard and the Mississippi River, will have the most modern automatic signal devices known to railroad engineers.

(2) Through their entire runs the large fleet of blue ribbon passenger trains connecting New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, Washington, Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Detroit, Chicago, Columbus, Cincinnati, Indianapolis and St. Louis will operate under automatic block signals of the most improved type.

(3) Between New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore and Washington, the line will be equipped with a continuous cab signal system which reproduces in the engine cab the wayside signal indications and compels the engineman to acknowledge a warning whistle calling his attention to less favorable signal indications.

(4) Additional automatic train control with cab signal system will be installed between Newark and Columbus, O., a distance of 30 miles, so that the whole main line between Pittsburgh and Indianapolis, a distance of 379 miles, will be operated under continuous automatic train control.

These installations will round out a program of increased train protection which supplements expenditures of many millions of dollars in recent years for all-steel passenger cars, heavier rail, grade crossing removals, automatic warning devices at grade crossings and bridge renewals. Practically all of the work referred to will be completed during the present year.

Of course all passenger trains on the Pennsylvania RR. system have had block signal protection on all of the company's 16,000 miles of running track for many years. On some of the lines of lighter traffic, however, signals of the manual type meet all requirements. The much denser, heavier and faster traffic on the main lines, particularly the blue ribbon train routes, warrants the extension of automatic signaling, which is now being carried out.

New Rail-to-Keel Terminal Ready About April 1.—

Announcement was made on Nov. 21 that the first unit of the company's new rail-to-keel terminal at Jersey City will probably be ready for use on April 1 1930. Contracts have been let and construction started on the whole pier and warehouse project and changes in tracks, piers, bridges, &c., necessary to make way for the new construction are well underway. Practically the entire development will be in operation next year and it is expected to aid materially in lessening congestion in the Port of New York and speeding up the handling of freight in the port district.

The new facilities will cover more than nine acres and five city blocks adjacent to the Jersey City Exchange Place station. Besides two new piers with every modern convenience and a two-story building to facilitate the handling of both freight and passenger traffic, there will be three eight-story pier-head warehouses, an eight-story cold storage building and two eight-story dry storage warehouses and manufacturing lofts affording a total of 26,000,000 cubic feet of storage space. All construction will be fireproof throughout. Provision is also made for a third pier when needed, the three piers ranging in length from 840 to 900 feet, sufficiently large to accommodate the largest ocean vessels.

Situated immediately north of the Exchange Place station of the Pennsylvania RR. and east of Washington Street, the project will have the newest equipment and facilities to expedite the loading and unloading of vessels and freight cars and for making local truck deliveries. The new terminal provides for the direct interchange of freight between rail and ship, and its location is the most accessible in the port to New Jersey, Manhattan, Staten Island and Brooklyn.

Besides storage and transit facilities for shippers and manufacturers, the terminal will also have a station for less-than-carload freight and offices and display rooms will be available for those who desire such service. The completed unit will have ten passenger and 12 freight elevators. The terminal will be under the supervision of the Pennsylvania Dock & Warehouse Co., to which the Pennsylvania RR. has leased the land for the new development.

To make room for the new piers and warehouses are being removed and enlarged. Two new transfer bridges will be installed with supporting yards on the Pennsylvania pier now known as the stock yards pier. In order to do this, however, the pier operated by the Jersey City Stock Yards Co. will be rearranged and reconstructed. The transfer bridges will be south of the stock yard facilities and will be of the latest type. The supporting yards will have a capacity of 410 cars.

New facilities will also be provided for traffic handled by the United States Trucking Corp. on what is now known as Pier "D." These will comprise the covered platforms served by tracks and concrete bridges located on the block bounded by Washington, Warren, Steuben and Pearl Streets. New and modern facilities for handling poultry are also to be constructed just east of Washington Street, and the present team tracks at Green Street are to be rearranged with new and wider driveways for more convenient use. The Pennsylvania RR.'s new terminal, warehouse and distribution centre at this unusually favorable location is in keeping with the recommendations of the Port of New York Authorities for port expansion. Moreover, this is the only available territory permitting of extensive expansion with direct railroad and steamship connections.—V. 129, p. 2679.

Quannah Acme & Pacific Ry.—Proposed Construction.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Nov. 6 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct and operate an extension of its line of railroad from Matador in a northwesterly direction, a distance of approximately 15 miles, a Motley County, Texas.—V. 125, p. 910.

Quebec Oriental Ry.—Prior Lien and First Mortgage Bondholders To Receive Payment.—

Under the provisions of resolution passed by the holders of the 5% prior lien mortgage (Metapedia Section) gold bonds at a meeting held March 19 1929, the Royal Trust Co., trustee, out of the proceeds of the sale of the road to Canadian National Railways available for the purpose in accordance with the resolution, and deposited with it, will, on Dec. 2 1929, pay to the holders of the prior lien bonds the principal and interest accrued thereon to Dec. 2 1929, after which date the bonds shall cease to bear interest. All holders of such bonds are required to present their bonds for payment in Canadian funds at the office of the Royal Trust Co., Montreal, Can., or in English sterling at the fixed rate of exchange of \$4.87 to the £1, at the office of the Bank of Montreal, London, Eng.

Under the provisions of resolution passed by the holders of the 5% first mortgage (Metapedia Section) gold bonds at a meeting held March 19 1929, the Royal Trust Co., trustee, out of the proceeds of the sale of the road to Canadian National Railways available for the purpose, in accordance with the resolution and deposited with it, will, on Dec. 2 1929, make an interim payment to the holders of the bonds equal to 95% of the principal amount of the bonds on account of the amount due to them respectively for principal and premium of 10% on the bonds. All holders of such bonds are required to present their bonds for payment in Canadian funds at the office of the Royal Trust Co., Montreal, Canada, or in English sterling at the fixed rate of exchange of \$4.87 to the £1, at the office of the Bank of Montreal, London, Eng.—V. 110, p. 167.

St. John & Quebec Ry.—Road Taken Over.—

The road was taken over by the Canadian government on Sept. 3 1929.—V. 112, p. 2191.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Release of Security for Seaboard Loan Is Urged in Report.—Extension of Maturity Dates on Advances Made by Government Also Recommended.—

The I.-S. C. Commission on Nov. 16 made public its full supplemental report on loans to the company, relative to extension of maturities of loans made to the railroad by the Government, and release of part of the collateral security therefor.

First announcement of the Commission's action was made on Nov. 12. The Commission's supplemental report follows in part:

On various dates during the years 1920 to 1923, inclusive, we issued to the Secretary of the Treasury our reports and certificates approving the making of loans aggregating \$15,457,400 to the Seaboard Air Line Ry.

In accordance with the provisions of our certificates, and to meet the convenience of the applicant, these loans were made by the Secretary of the Treasury in installments on various dates during the years 1920, 1921 and 1923, with various maturities ranging from 10 to 15 years from the dates of the notes evidencing the loans as follows:

Notes dated Sept. 15 1920, due Sept. 15 1931, \$1,214,680; due Sept. 15 1932, \$1,214,680; due Sept. 15 1933, \$1,214,680; due Sept. 15 1934, \$1,214,680; due Sept. 15 1935, \$1,214,680; total loan authorized by certificate No. 21, \$6,073,440.

Notes dated March 1 1921, due March 1 1931 (authorized by certificate No. 75), \$1,173,500.

Notes dated May 7 1921, due May 7 1931, \$500,000; June 15 1921, due June 15 1931, \$143,500; Aug. 1 1921, due Aug. 1 1931, \$293,500; Sept. 1 1921, due Sept. 1 1931, \$375,000; Dec. 15 1921, due Dec. 15 1931, \$139,500. Total loan authorized by certificate No. 79, \$1,451,500.

Notes dated May 21 1923, due May 21 1933, \$1,259,000; June 30 1923, due June 30 1933, \$3,000,000; Aug. 1 1923, due Aug. 1 1933, \$300,000; Sept. 14 1923, due Sept. 14 1933, \$1,000,000; Oct. 1 1923, due Oct. 1 1933, \$450,000; Nov. 1 1923, due Nov. 1 1933, \$350,000; Dec. 1 1923, due Dec. 1 1933, \$400,000. Total loan authorized by certificate No. 141, \$6,759,000.

Our certificates provided by express terms that the applicant from time to time should apply as repayment of the principal of said loans certain sums of money received into its treasury from other sources, and the right was reserved to the applicant to repay the whole or any part of the loans before maturity. Accordingly, the note dated March 1 1921, due March 1 1931, for \$1,173,500, has been reduced to the principal sum of \$659,987.84, and note dated May 7 1921, due May 7 1931, for \$500,000, has been heretofore paid in full, the amount of the applicant's total indebtedness having thus been reduced to \$14,443,887, the total sum of the notes presently outstanding.

The security for these notes, according to the tenor of our certificates, consists principally of the applicant's first and consolidated mortgage, series A 6% bonds, due Sept. 1 1945, in the aggregate principal amount of \$20,878,500, of which \$3,902,000 are subject to the prior lien of the applicant's note dated Dec. 6 1923, due March 1 1930, for \$2,000,000 securing the applicant's indebtedness to the Director General of Railroads pursuant to the provisions of Section 207 of the transportation act.

By application filed Oct. 18 1929, the applicant seeks our authority, with the concurrence of the Secretary of the Treasury, for the extension of the maturity dates of the outstanding notes evidencing the loans made pursuant to Section 210, as aforesaid, so that each note shall run for the full term of 15 years, being the maximum period authorized by the statute, from the making thereof, in lieu of the present due dates of such notes. The applicant also applies for the release of that part of the security for the loans consisting of the junior lien upon \$3,902,000, principal amount, of the applicant's consolidated mortgage bonds, as aforesaid.

The proposed extension of these Government loans and part release of the security therefor are an integral part of a general plan of refinancing contemplating the issuance of additional common stock and consolidated mortgage bonds and the retirement of approximately 90% of an outstanding issue of \$25,000,000 of adjustment mortgage 5% income bonds, due 1949. We have found that the new securities required by this plan, which will bring to the applicant's treasury in excess of \$20,000,000 of new money, are in the public interest and have approved this issue.

Upon the consummation of the plan the applicant's funded debt will be substantially reduced, with a corresponding reduction in its obligation for interest.

One of the conditions of the aforesaid loans is that the applicant shall, upon demand of the Secretary of the Treasury, with our concurrence, deposit with the Secretary of the Treasury such additional security as may be from time to time required.

After careful consideration of the present physical, financial, and traffic situation of the applicant, together with the character and value of the security now pledged for the loans, we are of the opinion that the extension of the loans and the release of the junior lien on the \$3,902,000, principal amount, of the applicant's first and consolidated mortgage, series A 6% gold bonds of 1945, as aforesaid, are necessary to enable the applicant properly to meet the transportation needs of the public.—V. 129, p. 3161.

Tennessee Alabama & Georgia Ry.—Notes.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Nov. 13 authorized the company to issue \$37,500 of mortgage notes, to be delivered at not less than par and int. in part payment for terminal property.

The report of the Commission says in part: The proposed notes are to be issued by the applicant in part payment of the purchase price for depot terminal property situated at the southeast corner of Tenth and Newby Sts., Chattanooga, Tenn. This property, consisting of three parcels of land, is said to be well located for the applicant's purposes. A two-story brick and reinforced concrete building has been erected thereon and is used by the applicant for its freight terminal and general office. Heretofore this property has been leased by the applicant for an annual rent of \$3,000.

The owners of the property, the applicant, and the First National Bank of Chattanooga as depository have entered into an escrow agreement in which the terms of the contract for the purchase of the property are set forth. Of the total purchase price \$12,500 has been paid in cash and the remainder is to be evidenced by three promissory notes for \$12,500 each.—V. 128, p. 3823.

Western Maryland Railway.—Control of Chaffee RR.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Nov. 8 approved the acquisition by the company of control of the Chaffee RR. under a lease and by purchase of stock.

The report of the Commission says in part: Under date of May 29 1929, an agreement was entered into between the Chaffee and certain persons representing a majority of its stock, as vendors, and the applicant, as vendee, whereby the vendors agreed to sell to the

applicant all of the capital stock and (or) all of the physical property and assets of the Chaffee, and the applicant agreed to pay for the stock and (or) the property described the sum of \$210,000, of which \$100,000 was to be paid in cash within 30 days after the approval of the purchase by us and upon the delivery to the applicant of the stock and (or) the conveyance was to be paid by the applicant, and the remainder of the purchase price was to be paid by the mortgage indebtedness of the Chaffee in the principal amount of \$110,000, which by agreement of the Chaffee in the Co., was to be extended to March 26 1935, with interest reduced to 5% per annum, and to be subject to prepayment at any time prior to maturity, at the option of the applicant. The agreement provided that the stock and (or) railroad and property sold is to be entirely free of debt or encumbrances, other than the indebtedness to be assumed, the Chaffee to have no indebtedness of any kind outstanding at the consummation of the purchase; that all taxes, receipts, and expenses shall be adjusted as of the date of the consummation of the purchase; and that the Chaffee at the time of the purchase shall have a good and marketable title in fee simple (save as to mineral rights, which are to be so exercised as not to damage the railroad or interfere with its operation) to all the land, right-of-way, and other property constituting its railroad or incident or appurtenant thereto or used in connection therewith.

A supplemental agreement dated Sept. 16 1929, between the same parties modifies the agreement of May 29 1929, by providing for a cash payment of \$210,000 to the vendors upon the acquisition of the Chaffee's stock by the applicant, and for payment of the mortgage indebtedness of \$110,000 and the release of the mortgage before the stock is acquired by the applicant.

Upon acquiring the stock of the Chaffee, the applicant will enter into a lease agreement with that company, under the provisions of which the Chaffee, in consideration of \$1, will lease to the lessee all its line of railroad, then owned or thereafter acquired by it, together with the property of the lessor, real and personal, then held or thereafter acquired, for the use of the railroad or in connection with the maintenance or operation of the line, and all rights, powers, privileges, immunities, and franchises, other than the franchise now serving the territory involved, in a petition for authority to intervene filed by the Union Pacific RR., made public Nov. 14 by the Commission. Authority to intervene was granted. The applicant will agree (1) to pay as rent for the line of railroad and other property \$1 per annum; (2) to pay all taxes and assessments of every kind; (3) to indemnify the lessor against any and every claim, liability, loss, and damage in any way arising from or connected with the operation, use, and enjoyment by the applicant during the continuance of the lease of the leased properties; and (4) to pay all necessary operating and maintenance expenses of the lessor's road. The lease will run for an initial period of one year and thereafter will be subject to the right of either party to terminate it by giving 60 days' notice in writing to the other.—V. 129, p. 2224.

Wyoming & Montana Ry.—Union Pacific Opposes Line from Montana to Colorado—Wasteful Duplication of Facilities Is Alleged in Plan for Route Through Coal and Oil Fields.—

Plans of the Wyoming-Montana RR. to open up a through route from Miles City, Mont., to Denver, Colo., traversing a rich coal and oil region, including the Teapot Dome oil fields in Wyoming, are termed an "unnecessary and wasteful duplication of the lines of the Union Pacific RR. and other carriers now serving the territory involved, in a petition for authority to intervene filed by the Union Pacific RR., made public Nov. 14 by the Commission. Authority to intervene was granted.

The through route proposed by the Wyoming-Montana involves the purchase of an existing line of railroad between Ilco and Midwest, Wyo., construction of a line now in progress between Midwest, Wyo. and Miles City, Mont., and construction of a line from Caspar, Wyo., to Craig, Colo., as well as the acquisition of trackage rights over the Chicago & North Western Ry. between Ilco and Caspar, Wyo. and over the Denver & Salt Lake RR. between Craig and Denver, Colo.

The total cost of the project is estimated at about \$32,100,000, according to the carrier's application.

The Union Pacific's petition to intervene in the proceedings declared that the public convenience and necessity neither require nor justify the construction or operation of the line proposed by the applicant herein (Wyoming-Montana). All the territory which would be traversed by the said proposed line and which requires railroad transportation is already adequately served by existing lines and the territories proposed to be connected by it are already connected and adequately served by existing lines that afford direct, efficient and otherwise satisfactory through rates between same.

"The natural resources of the territory intended to be served directly by said proposed line are not sufficient to justify its construction or to sustain it if constructed," said the petition, "and it would be compelled to rely for its principal revenues on such traffic as it would be able to divert from intervenor (Union Pacific) and other lines already in existence.

"It would, therefore, constitute an unnecessary and wasteful duplication of the lines of intervenor and other carriers now serving the territories in question, create a burden upon the commerce of said territories, and operate to the injury of this intervenor and other existing lines, with no corresponding benefit to the public."

The Chicago, Burlington & Quincy also opposed the proposed new route of the Wyoming-Montana RR. in an intervening petition. The Burlington said in part:

"The establishment of said proposed line of applicant (Wyoming-Montana) will divert a large amount of traffic now moving via your petitioners' (Burlington's) lines between Denver, Colo., and Billings, Mont., and intermediate points, particularly large carload shipments of crude oil originating at or near Craig, Colo., which now move to Caspar, Wyo., via the Denver & Salt Lake to Denver, and your petitioners' lines to Caspar, Wyo.; also gasoline shipments moving in the opposite direction over the same route from Caspar, Wyo., to Craig, Colo.

The diverting of traffic from other sections of the Burlington's lines by the proposed Wyoming-Montana line also was pointed out by the Burlington on the Commission's information.

"The petitioners respectfully show," said the petition, "that there will not be sufficient local traffic development in the territory to be served by applicant's proposed new line to justify its construction, and that petitioners' said lines now furnish adequate transportation service for all the traffic which will be diverted therefrom by the construction and operation of applicant's proposed line. The petitioners' lines of railroad now have a large unused capacity and such proposed new railroad, if constructed, will deprive the petitioners of revenue essential to the efficient and economical operation and maintenance of their lines as instrumentalities of commerce.—V. 129, p. 2224.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

Subway Strikers Offer to Arbitrate.—Leaders voice willingness to place workers' demands before State or Federal mediators.—N. Y. "Times," Nov. 21, p. 27.

American Power & Light Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 271,200 additional shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance and distribution in payment of a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 2,639,498 shares.—V. 129, p. 3163.

Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Cost of \$8 Interest Bearing Allotment Certificates Reduced—Additional \$5 Pref. Stock Included.—H. C. Hopson, Vice-Pres. & Treas., Nov. 18, says:

In view of the recent drastic decline in all security prices the directors have decided to authorize the modification of the \$8 interest bearing allotment certificates so as to make them much more attractive and has authorized a reduction in price from \$133 to \$120, without, however, making any change in the interest rate of \$8 per annum.

The amount of Associated Gas & Electric Co. \$5 div. pref. stock included in each allotment certificate will be increased 2½ times from 1-5th of a share to ¼ of a share. This change will also make the securities included in the allotment certificates more largely of a fixed return investment character, thereby harmonizing with the present trend of the best investment advice.

The reduced price of \$120 will materially increase the yield of the allotment certificates, as no reduction will be made in the interest rate. The increase in the amount of pref. stock will also substantially increase the return when the allotment certificates are exchanged for the securities.

The high point in the market value of the securities included in each allotment certificate before the recent drastic reduction in the price levels, was over \$190 as compared with the reduced subscription price of \$120, which is substantially below the present market value of the securities which are included.

These changes in the allotment certificates present, therefore, much greater possibilities of appreciation in principal when market conditions become normal as well as assuring a substantially larger income for a smaller outlay.

The new stock purchase rights to purchase class A and common stock which will be deliverable under the allotment certificates and which will represent a split-up and improvement of the present debenture rights, should command a higher price than the present debenture rights now quoted on the New York Curb Exchange. The present debenture rights, of which the company has reacquired a very large proportion, expire on Jan. 2 1931, whereas the new rights to be covered by the allotment certificates after they are split-up, will extend, at a small step-up in the price payable each year when exercised, for a period of over four years, and will not expire until Jan. 2 1934.

The increase in the securities included in the allotment certificates and the reduction in price will apply to all subscriptions whether paid in cash or securities.

Warrants for "rights" to subscribe for the \$8 interest bearing allotment certificates will be mailed within a few days.

[The \$8 interest bearing allotment certificates cover: (a) five shares of new General Gas & Electric Corp. class A common stock (traded in on a when issued basis on the New York Curb Exchange, the old stock being listed on the New York Stock Exchange); (b) one-half share of Associated Gas & Electric Co. \$5 pref. stock; (c) five new "rights" to purchase class A and common stock of Associated Gas & Electric Co. "Rights" to subscribe will go to all stockholders of the Associated company and General Gas & Electric Corp. and to certain other security holders entitled to them.]

Rights Contracts Voided.

The Committee on Securities of the New York Curb Exchange on Nov. 22 ruled that contracts made in rights of the Associated company to subscribe for \$8 interest-bearing allotment certificates shall be null and void, in view of the reduction in the subscription price from \$133 to \$120 per allotment certificate and other changes. The committee considered the changes were material variations in the terms of the offering.—V. 129, p. 3164.

Berlin Electric Power Co. (Bewag).—Gets Loan.

A credit of \$6,000,000 has been granted the company by Dillon, Read & Co. and the Deutschebank. Deutschebank's share was financed in the United States by the Overseas Corp., which granted additional credit of \$1,500,000 on its own account. (Wall Street "Journal.")

Bridgeport Gas Light Co.—Rights.

The stockholders of record Oct. 10 were recently given the privilege of subscribing to additional capital stock at \$20 per share on the basis of one new share for each 10 shares owned. The proceeds will be used for new plant equipment, main extensions, construction, additions, improvements, &c.—V. 124, p. 2118.

California Oregon Power Co.—Earnings.

	1929.	1928.
12 Months Ended Sept. 30—		
Gross earnings	\$3,417,777	\$3,204,157
Net earnings	2,109,044	2,049,866
Other income	24,203	23,012
Net earnings, including other income	\$2,133,247	\$2,072,878

—V. 129, p. 2680.

Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd.—Record Output.

The corporation produced 208,661,000 k.w.h. of electric energy in October, a new high record for a single month. This output is 39% over October of last year and 20% over the previous high monthly record made in September.

In the first ten months of this year the plants of the corporation generated 1,687,265,000 k.w.h., 30% over the output in the full year 1928, and 72% greater than that in the first ten months of last year. The output in the 12 months ended Oct. 31 was 2,002,406,000 k.w.h., an increase of 75% over the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928.—V. 129, p. 3164.

Central & South West Utilities Co.—Earnings.

Period Ended Sept. 30, 1929.	Quarter.	12 Months.
Gross earnings of subsidiaries	\$9,114,547	\$33,266,307
Net of subs. for retire. & stocks of C. S. U.	1,883,520	6,242,541
Other income	29,900	457,914
Interest	6,755	173,931
Net for retirement and stocks of C. S. U.	1,846,755	6,526,524

—V. 129, p. 2634.

Cities Service Co.—Regular Dividends.

The directors have declared regular monthly dividends of 2 1/2c. per share in cash and 1/2 of 1% in stock on the common stock, 50c. a share on the preferred and preference "BB" stocks, and 5c. a share on the preference B stock, all payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 15. Like amounts are payable Dec. 1.

The company on Nov. 21 announced that the number of holders of its common stock increased by 55,493 during the past month, bringing the total on Nov. 15 to 303,727. This increase in Cities Service common stockholders since Oct. 15 is by far the largest monthly gain in the company's history. The total number of holders of all securities in the Cities Service organization is now over 500,000.—V. 129, p. 3164.

Consolidated Gas, Electric Light & Power Co. of Baltimore.—Larger Common Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend on the common stock of 90c. per share and the usual quarterly dividends on the preferred shares, all payable Jan. 2 1930 to holders of record Dec. 14 1929. Quarterly dividends of 75c. per share were paid on the common stock from Jan. 3 1928 to Oct. 1 1929 incl.—V. 129, p. 3011.

Consolidated Gas Utilities Co.—Earnings.

The company reports or October a balance available for reserves, Federal taxes and dividends of \$57,012, an increase of 22.95% over Oct. 1928. Gross earnings for the month were \$253,415, an increase of 11.67% over Oct. 1928, while operating income after general taxes, amounted to \$129,321, an increase of 25.16%.

For the 10 months ended Oct. 31, gross earnings from all sources were \$2,748,042, an increase of \$329,432 or 13.62% over the corresponding 10 months of last year. Operating income after general taxes, was \$1,428,254, an increase of 49.41% over the 1928 period equivalent to almost twice the interest charges. The 10 months' balance available for reserves, Federal taxes, and dividends was \$665,647, an increase of 58.92% over the 1928 period.—V. 129, p. 2225.

Detroit Edison Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

12 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1929.	1928.
Electric revenue	\$53,173,013	\$48,468,123
Steam revenue	2,803,072	2,471,194
Gas revenue	403,648	341,122
Miscellaneous revenue	Cr. 9,589	11,896
Total operating revenue	\$56,370,142	\$51,292,330
Non-operating revenue	61,481	82,185
Total revenue	\$56,431,624	\$51,374,515
Oper. & maintenance charges, reserves and taxes	37,224,889	33,646,693
Interest on funded and unfunded debt	5,404,769	5,179,364
Amortization of debt discount and expense	313,698	314,096
Miscellaneous deductions	34,010	32,557
Net income	\$13,454,256	\$12,201,806

—V. 129, p. 3164.

Edison Electric Illuminating Co. of Boston.—Petiti on Continued.

At the request of counsel the petition of this company for the approval of the issue of \$7,641,100 additional capital stock was continued until Dec. 11 by the Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities. A motion by Wycliffe C. Marshall, Boston attorney, that the matter be postponed until Dec. 17 and then considered in conjunction with the general rate case was denied.

The Massachusetts Department of Public Utilities has granted the petition of the company for authority to take by eminent domain certain lands, rights of way and easements in Woburn and Burlington, Mass., necessary for the construction and use of a transmission line extending from the company's substation in Woburn to the boundary line separating the towns of Burlington and Billerica.—V. 129, p. 2856.

Empire Corp.—Initial Preferred Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial dividend on the cum. conv. pref. stock, \$3 optional dividend series, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 25 at the rate per share of 1-16th of 1 share of common stock, or, at the option of the holder, 75c. in cash. If not advised on or before Nov. 30 1929 that the holder elects to receive dividend in cash, then such dividend will be paid in common stock. See offering in V. 129, p. 1735.

Engineers Public Service Co., Inc.—New Plant Ready.

President C. W. Kellogg announced that the first unit of 25,000 kw. capacity in the new Rio Grande Station of the company's subsidiary at El Paso, Texas, was being put into service on Nov. 16. This plant, begun early this year, has been rushed to completion to be ready to take care of the greatly increased demand for power which has been made on the El Paso Electric Co., notably from the new electrolytic copper refinery of the Nichols Copper Co. now nearing completion. The new power plant burns natural gas piped from southwestern New Mexico fields and while located in a desert country, obtains an adequate supply of condensing water from the Rio Grande Irrigation System.

William E. Wood, Vice-President of this company and formerly President of Virginia Electric & Power Co., has been elected a Director.—V. 129, p. 3165.

Federal Power & Light Co.—Extra Dividends.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31. A year ago, an extra of 50 cents per share and a special dividend of \$1 per share were paid.—V. 127, p. 2817.

General Gas & Electric Corp.—Extra Dividends, etc.

The directors have declared extra dividends of 50c. a share on the class A and class B common stocks, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Nov. 29. The stockholders have the option of applying the dividend to the purchase of additional class A stock at \$25 a share. Holders desiring cash should notify the company by Dec. 23. These dividends are in addition to the regular quarterly dividends declared last week.

An extra of 50c. a share was paid on the class A and class B common stocks on Jan. 1 1929 (see V. 127, p. 3243).

The stockholders on Nov. 21 approved the resolution of the board that the 7% and 8% cum. pref. stocks may be redeemed in whole or in part at any time and from time to time at \$110 and \$125, respectively, with accrued dividends thereon to the date of redemption.—V. 129, p. 3165.

Hackensack Water Co.—Stock Increased.

The stockholders on Nov. 20 increased the authorized common stock, par \$25, from 240,000 shares to 800,000 shares.—V. 129, p. 3165.

Hydro-Electric Securities Corp.—Transfer Agent.

The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has been appointed New York transfer agent for the common stock.—V. 129, p. 3011.

Inland Utilities, Inc.—Natural Gas Properties—Income.

In its initial report on the West Virginia and Kentucky natural gas properties of its principal subsidiary, the Southeastern Gas Co., since they were brought under the latter's management, Inland Utilities, Inc., reports total production for the six months ended June 30 1929 of 1,090,811,118 cubic feet, an increase of 50,590,184 cubic feet over production for the same period last year. While production rose slightly, total income from gas sold by the eight properties of Southeastern Gas Co. increased 21%, largely due to economies of operation effected by the new management and by rising prices for natural gas in this area.

Additional income figures prepared for the company's two other natural gas producing subsidiaries—Montgomery Gas Co. and Boone County Utilities—show they are operating on an annual income basis of approximately 35% greater than last year. The natural gas subsidiaries of Inland Utilities, Inc., now have a total open flow of more than 30,000,000 cubic feet daily from 143 wells and are drilling 28 more.

Definitive Class A Stock Certificates Ready.

The corporation announces that definitive certificates of its participating class "A" stock are now available and will be exchanged for temporary certificates by the Equitable Trust Co., of New York, or the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago.

John E. Kelly, Vice-President, in charge of gas operations, reports that the development program of the gas properties of Inland Utilities, Inc., which produce half of the company's revenue, has increased the annual rate of income as of Nov. 1 1929, 28% as compared with May 31 of this year. He adds that the open flow of gas is approximately 65% greater than a year ago.—V. 129, p. 2536.

Interborough Rapid Transit Co.—Manhattan Modified Dividend.

Frank Hedley, Pres. & Gen. Mgr., has issued the following statement:

"The examination of the accounts in the light of the effect thereon of the compromise of last August with the city has resulted in the determination by Interborough directors that the remaining net earnings available for unpaid dividend rental upon the Manhattan modified guaranteed stock for the period ended June 30 1929 amount to a sum equal to \$1.25 a share. This will be paid on Dec. 17 to holders of record on Nov. 29.

"The readjustment agreement of 1922 provides an exclusive method, at the expense of the Interborough company, to review the accounting and determination of net earnings by independent certified public accountants. The Interborough company will welcome such a review at once in co-operation with directors of the Manhattan company.

"The Manhattan assenting stockholders are assured that the Interborough company, while not anticipating any material changes, will promptly make payment of such amounts, if any, as the accountants report should have been paid in addition to those already made and that no litigation is necessary by any stockholder to bring about such a result. Indeed no stockholder has any standing under the 1922 agreement to bring an action for such purpose nor has any determination been influenced in the slightest degree by any pending litigation."

To Organize Committee.

Nathan L. Amster, Chairman of the Manhattan Ry. stockholders' protective committee, says: "We propose as the next step to organize an Interborough stockholders' protective committee as soon as we can secure a list of Interborough stockholders. The Interborough has refused to let us have it so far, even though I am an actual and large stockholder and clearly entitled to have access to the names of my other fellow stockholders."—V. 129, p. 3011.

Interstate Public Service Co.—Sales, &c.

Sales of electrical energy during the first eight months of the present year totaled 148,842,235 k.w.h., compared with 125,058,287 k.w.h. in the corresponding period of 1928, an increase of slightly more than 19%. Sales of gas during the first eight months of 1929 totaled 427,085,000 cubic feet, compared with 405,531,700 cubic feet in the corresponding period of 1928, an increase of 5.32%.

In order to insure better operating conditions and more uniform pressure, a high-pressure gas pipe line, interconnecting the New Albany and Jeffersonville gas plants, was completed by the company in August. The company has contracted for the purchase of gas from the Louisville Gas & Electric Co. to supply these two cities.

Several important additions and improvements to the company's electric distribution system recently have been effected or are now under way. Among these are the completion of a new substation at Paoli on the 33,000-volt transmission line from Edwardsport to Bedford, the beginning of work on a new district substation to serve Petersburg and completion of an outdoor switching and transformer station at Vincennes.—V. 128, p. 1726.

Louisville Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

	1929.	1928.
12 Months Ended Sept. 30—		
Gross earnings	\$10,153,981	\$9,546,367
Net earnings	5,267,426	4,907,485
Other income	467,049	273,590
Net earnings, including other income	\$5,734,475	\$5,181,075

—V. 129, p. 2682.

Market Street Ry.—Earnings.—

	1929.	1928.
12 Months Ended Sept. 30—		
Gross earnings	\$9,570,847	\$9,838,301
Net earnings	1,406,592	1,499,366
Other income	24,477	24,779
Net earnings, including other income	\$1,431,069	\$1,524,145

—V. 129, p. 2682.

Memphis Natural Gas Co.—Stock Increased.—

The company has filed with the Secretary of State of Delaware notice of an increase in capital stock from 620,000 shares to 1,020,000 shares of no par value, divided into 20,000 shares of \$7 cum. pref. stock and 1,000,000 shares of common stock. There were formerly 20,000 pref. shares and 600,000 common shares authorized.

The directors have been authorized by the stockholders to issue additional common stock, not exceeding 400,000 shares, to be exchanged for 1st mtge. 6% bonds, dated April 1 1928, or for \$7 pref. stock, or to be used for other purposes.

This company is affiliated with Union Utilities, Inc. The increase of its capitalization is part of a plan to expand the holdings of both companies. The Union Utilities, Inc., recently sold its Texas properties to the Lone Star Gas Co.—V. 128, p. 1727.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Refinancing Completed.—

Pres. Martin J. Insull announces that the recapitalization of this company was successfully completed on Nov. 15 in accordance with the plan recommended by the board of directors.

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed co-transfer agent for the common stock purchase warrants, series "A," 1930 and series "B," 1931.—V. 129, p. 3165.

Midland United Co.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 1 1/2% in common stock on the common stock (no par value), payable Dec. 24 to holders of record Nov. 30. (See offering in V. 129, p. 1738.)—V. 129, p. 3011.

Minneapolis Gas Light Co.—Sales Increase.—

This company, a subsidiary of the American Commonwealths Power Corp., reports sales of 4,425,911,000 cu. ft. of gas for the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, an increase of 105,640,000 cu. ft. for the same period a year ago.

Net income, after all deductions, including the cost of financing extensions not yet in operation, amounted to \$566,535, an increase of \$76,978 over a year ago.—V. 129, p. 2071.

Mountain States Power Co.—Earnings.—

	1929.	1928.
12 Months Ended Sept. 30—		
Gross earnings	\$3,016,797	\$2,755,192
Net earnings	1,167,475	1,056,846
Other income	66,221	123,264
Net earnings, including other income	\$1,233,696	\$1,180,110

—V. 129, p. 2682.

Narragansett Electric Co.—To Issue Additional Stock.—

The company on Nov. 13 filed a petition with the Rhode Island P. U. Commission seeking authority to issue 64,721 shares of capital stock at par (\$50) for the purpose of capitalizing paying off and reimbursing its treasury for capital expenditures.

The company now has outstanding 343,911 shares of stock and \$27,360,000 1st mtge. bonds.

According to the petition, the company has expended between June 30 1928, and up to Sept. 30 1929; the sum of \$3,095,722 for land, buildings, machinery and other equipment properly chargeable to capital investment.

The company has also retired \$140,000 of its 1st mtge. bonds out of current funds and from money borrowed, according to Vice-President R. F. Whitney.

All of the additional shares asked for will be taken over by the Rhode Island Public Service Co. of which the Narragansett Electric Co. is a subsidiary, provided permission for issuance of the shares is given, according to Mr. Whitney.—V. 126, p. 4082.

New Bedford Gas & Edison Light Co.—Sale.—

The date for the closing books of this company precluding any further transfer of voting trust certificates, in connection with the offer of New England Gas & Electric Association, is Dec. 5, but it is not until Dec 15 that the cash payment of \$125 per share for the voting trust stock will be due, and it may be a few days after that date when the voting trust disburses the money it is to receive.

H. C. Hopson, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Associated Gas & Electric System, of which the New England Gas & Electric Association is a part says: "There is no question of the Association being desirous and able to go through with the deal and buy the stock, even if all insisted upon cash. The Association has ample financial resources, with \$30,000,000 in cash on hand.

"At present prices the stock offer to the voting trust stock is equivalent to \$136 per share. Nearly all stockholders outside of New Bedford, Mass., have already elected to exchange their stock under the offer, but comparatively little of the New Bedford stock has come in yet. The situation does not affect our intentions toward the New Bedford company. We want it just as much as ever, and expect that the deal will be consummated unless some flaw should develop in the company itself or in the circumstances surrounding it."—V. 129, p. 3166.

New England Power Association.—October Output.—

This New England Power Association produced 161,847,000 k.w.h. electric energy in October, a new high record for a single month; 19% over the output in Oct. 1928, and 63% over that of Oct. 1927. In the first 10 months of this year the output was 1,454,606,000 k.w.h., 30.5% greater than in the corresponding period of 1928 and 64.3% greater than in the first 10 months of 1927. The output in the 12 months ended Oct. 31 was 1,716,290,000 k.w.h., an increase of 29% over the 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928.—V. 129, p. 2536.

New York State Railways.—Deposits Asked.—

The committee for the holders of the 50-year 1st consol. mtge. gold bonds, series A 4 1/2%, and series B 6 1/2%, due Nov. 1 1962, announces that it has agreed to act, without compensation, under the bondholders' protective agreement dated as of Nov. 2 1929, under which agreement the New York Trust Co., New York, is acting as depository. In addition the Harris Forbes Trust Co., Boston, Mass.; The Union Trust Co., Cleveland, Ohio, and the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., are acting as sub-depositaries.

The committee requests that all holders of the above-mentioned bonds deposit their bonds as promptly as possible in order that the committee may be in a position most effectively to represent the bondholders (see also V. 129, p. 3011).

Lisman Committee for Unbiased Examination of Properties.—

The committee of which F. J. Lisman is Chairman, in a notice to the holders of 50-year 1st consol. mtge. gold bonds (series A and B), says:

Default having been made in the payment of the Nov. 1 1929 coupon, united action for the protection of the interests of the holders of the above bonds is imperative.

The committee deems it essential that a comprehensive and unbiased examination be made of the operation of the company, its earning capacity, the value, condition and character of the properties covered by the mortgage securing the bonds, the inter-relationship of such properties and generally of the affairs and management of the system, and the committee has therefore retained Coverdale & Colpitts of New York to undertake such examination.

Associated Gas & Electric Co. interests—which own and control the stock of the railways—made an offer on Oct. 25 1929 to acquire the bonds. It was stated this offer was made "reluctantly" and "from the standpoint of public good-will" pending the solution of what the Associated Gas & Electric Co. interests referred to as "a distressing problem." But, following the announcement of the formation of the undersigned Committee, a better offer was substituted.

An analysis of the publicly available facts with regard to the situation (even without the thorough investigation planned by the undersigned committee) will show that what is now offered is in no way commensurate with the real value of the bonds.

The desire thus evidenced by Associated Gas & Electric Co. interests to acquire the bonds upon their own terms makes it all the more urgent that the rights of the bondholders should be protected by a committee having no affiliations with the Associated Gas & Electric Co. interests, and bondholders can well be assured that they can rely on the undersigned committee for independent action in behalf of those who deposit their holdings with it.

Bonds with the Nov. 1 1929 and subsequent coupons attached, or in negotiable form if registered, should be deposited on or before Dec. 10 1929, with the Equitable Trust Co. of New York (11 Broad St., New York City) as depository under a deposit agreement dated as of Nov. 4, 1929.

The committee undertakes to represent only those bonds which are deposited with it and the unusual situation confronting the bondholders requires that the deposit of bonds with the committee should not be delayed.—V. 129, p. 3166.

Niagara Hudson Power Corp.—Common Div. No. 2.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 10c. a share on the common stock no par value, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Nov. 30. An initial quarterly dividend of the same amount was paid on this issue on Sept. 30 last.—V. 129, p. 3166.

North American Co. (& Subs.).—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

1929.		1928.	
Assets—	\$	\$	
Prop. & plant	762,377,424	717,173,145	
Cash with trust	2,169,225	2,020,943	
Investments	60,218,266	44,117,967	
Cash	18,488,954	36,729,936	
U. S. Govt. sec.	2,004,546	3,498,034	
Notes & bills rec.	1,597,333	1,057,334	
Accts receivable	15,366,664	13,824,489	
Mat'l & supplies	12,398,517	11,937,897	
Prepaid accts	2,762,224	2,633,363	
Disc'ts & exp. on			
Securities	14,704,594	16,821,475	
Tot. (each side)	892,087,749	849,814,626	
Liabilities—			
6% cum. pf. stk.	30,333,900	30,333,900	
Common stock	54,403,840	48,784,230	
Common serip.	113,720	115,890	
Pf. stks. of subs.	169,023,704	165,339,411	
Minority stockholders' interest in subs.	12,464,074	12,478,827	
Divs. payable in com. stock	1,359,923	1,219,485	
Funded debt of subsidiaries	344,089,301	352,541,828	
Notes & bills pay	19,421,979	14,782,781	
Acc'ts payable	5,456,297	5,385,364	
Sund. curr. liab.	5,336,169	4,999,974	
Taxes accrued	13,365,728	12,077,431	
Interest accrued	3,076,354	4,604,047	
Divs. accrued	1,607,962	1,595,395	
Sund. accr. liab.	146,085	114,972	
Reserves	113,452,904	103,927,701	
Surplus	117,035,807	92,113,387	

—V. 129, p. 3166.

Northern States Power Co.—Earnings.—

	1929.	1928.
12 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—		
Gross earnings	\$32,424,707	\$31,066,097
Net earnings	16,637,330	15,785,787
Other income	708,435	413,777
Net earnings incl. other income	\$17,345,765	\$16,199,564

—V. 129, p. 2682.

Oklahoma Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

	1929.	1928.
12 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—		
Gross earnings	\$13,795,948	\$11,754,257
Net earnings	6,544,763	5,531,737
Other income	459,535	687,813
Net earnings including other income	\$7,004,298	\$6,219,610

—V. 129, p. 2682.

Pacific Gas & Electric Co.—Acquisition.—

The company has acquired approximately 70% of the outstanding stock of the Modesto Gas Co., President A. F. Hockenbeamer announces. The transaction is subject to the approval of the California R.R. Commission. Details of the acquisition were not announced.

The Modesto Gas Co. had outstanding \$160,000 of 6% 1st mtge. gold bonds.—V. 129, p. 3166.

Pennsylvania Gas & Electric Corp.—Registrar.—

The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar for the \$7 preferred, no par preferred and class "A" common stock.—V. 128, p. 1227.

Peoples Light & Power Corp.—Sales of Appliances.—

The corporation reports that subsidiary companies' combined sales of domestic and industrial appliances, such as stoves, refrigerators, water heaters, electric fans, flat irons, washing machines, &c. totaled \$773,619 for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1929, representing an increase of more than 63% over the corresponding period of 1928. For the year ended Sept. 30 1929, such merchandise sales aggregated \$1,022,500, an increase of 87% over the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1928.—V. 129, p. 2072.

Philadelphia Co.—Earnings.—

	1929.	1928.
12 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—		
Gross earnings	\$63,040,376	\$61,327,591
Net earnings	30,668,199	27,195,391
Other income	1,711,913	1,600,971
Net earnings incl. other income	\$32,380,112	\$28,796,362

—V. 129, p. 2682.

Public Service Coordinated Transport.—New Rate Schedule.—

This company, an operating subsidiary of the Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, has filed with the State Board of Public Utility Commissioners of New Jersey, a request to put into effect, for an experimental period, a rate of fare which provides for the sale of 20 tokens for \$1 (thus preserving the present five-cent fare for regular riders) and a charge of 10 cents for the casual rider who prefers to pay cash fare, the rate to apply in zones where a five-cent fare is now charged.—V. 129, p. 3012.

Public Service Electric & Gas Co.—Gas Sales.—

Sales of gas by this company, a subsidiary of the Public Service Corp. of New Jersey, broke all records for the September quarter and for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1929, according to figures just made public.

Sales of gas for the quarter ended Sept. 30 1929 aggregated 5,811,893,194 cubic feet, against 5,583,576,361 cubic feet sold in the same quarter last year, the increase being equal to approximately 4%. For the nine months ended Sept. 30 1929 sales of gas increased 3.96%, the total for the current year being 15,326,839,840 cubic feet, against 17,628,167,757 cubic feet sold in the corresponding period last year.

The company reported a total of 755,812 gas meters connected to its distribution lines as of Sept. 30 1929, a new high record. This total represents an increase of 21,825 compared with the total of 733,987 meters connected to distribution lines on Sept. 30 1928.—V. 129, p. 3167.

Radio Corp. of America.—Injunction.—

The injunction granted several months ago against the corp., enjoining it from enforcing a clause in its license contracts, under which manufacturers licensed by the Radio Corp. were forced to purchase from it radio tubes for installation in sets, has been made permanent in a decree handed down in the United States District Court, at Wilmington, Del. De Forest Radio Corp. and other radio tube manufacturers were the complainants, alleging the clause was a violation of the Clayton monopoly Act. The clause has not been used in contracts for about a year and a half.

The Radio Corp. of America will take an appeal to the United States Circuit Court of Appeals in Philadelphia, it is said.

Period End.	Sept. 30—1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Gross income	\$63,272,925	\$23,643,332
Exp., deprec., amort. and Fed. taxes	54,543,536	18,422,187
Net profit	\$8,729,389	\$5,221,145
Shares com. stk. outstand. (no par)	6,580,410	1,155,400
Earns. per sh.	1.12	4.22
From sales, communications, real estate operations and other income	6,580,410	1,155,400
Includes depreciation, cost of sales, patent amortization, estimated Fed. income tax and accrued reserve for year-end adjustment.—V. 129, p. 2537.	1,000,000	1,000,000

San Diego Consolidated Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.

12 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$7,315,604	\$6,716,943
Net earnings	3,486,713	3,173,585
Other income	16,502	2,633
Net earnings incl. other income	\$3,503,215	\$3,176,218

—V. 129, p. 2683.

Southern Bell Telephone & Telegraph Co.—Acquis.—
The I.-S. C. Commission Nov. 9 approved the acquisition by the company of the telephone properties of R. C. Corr, doing business as the Parrish Telephone Co.—V. 129, p. 2658.

Southern Colorado Power Co.—Earnings.—

12 Mos. Ended Sept. 30—	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$2,255,911	\$2,277,926
Net earnings	1,073,806	1,028,917
Other income	16,493	8,131
Net earnings, including other income	\$1,090,299	\$1,037,048

—V. 129, p. 2683.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Earnings.—

12 Mos. Ended Sept. 30	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$152,367,731	\$145,460,171
Net earnings	72,832,595	66,032,497
Other income	2,785,086	2,875,304
Net earnings, including other income	\$75,617,681	\$68,907,801

—V. 129, p. 2858.

Standard Public Service Co.—Dividends Payable in Cash or Stock.—

The directors on Nov. 6 declared the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the class A partic. shares, payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 18. In accordance with the policy announced in the first annual report to shareholders and heretofore adopted, the board has authorized the application of such dividend, at the election of the holders entitled thereto, to the purchase of additional class A partic. shares at the price of \$25 per share.

The following comparative statement of combined earnings reflects in part the results of operations of the properties of this company under consolidated management:

Year Ended	Year Ended	Third	Third
Dec. 31 1928.	June 30 1929.	Quar. 1928.	Quar. 1929.
Gross income	\$1,752,798	\$2,034,313	\$534,612
Net income	689,729	818,667	232,646

"The provision of additional cash for improvements and construction should materially increase the operating income of the companies," says Secretary Charles M. Carpenter.

A letter, dated Nov. 15, to the holders of scrip certificates representing common shares, says:

In connection with the payment of the stock dividend declared in January of this year, it was necessary to issue to certain of the holders of common shares scrip certificates expressing in thirds the right to receive full common shares. As appears from the face of such scrip certificates, such certificates and the rights represented thereby will become void on Jan. 1, 1930. The holders of any of such scrip certificates should sell them or purchase such number of additional scrip certificates as, together with the scrip certificates they now hold, will represent in the aggregate the right to receive one or more full common shares and should exchange such scrip certificates for full share certificates prior to Jan. 1, 1930.

Scrip certificates to be exchanged for full share certificates should be sent to the transfer agent for the common shares, Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, 140 Broadway, N. Y. City.—V. 128, p. 4322.

Texas Consumers Water Co.—Bonds and Notes Offered.
—Metcalf, Cowgill & Co., Inc., Chicago, are offering two issues of securities as follows: (a) \$500,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A (with stock warrants), at 98 and int., to yield 6 1/4%; and (b) \$200,000 6% serial gold notes at prices to yield 6 1/2%. The notes mature \$75,000 Sept. 1 1930 and \$125,000 Feb. 15 1931.

The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929; due Oct. 1 1939. Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago, Ill., trustee. Interest payable A. & O. without deduction for Federal income tax not exceeding 2%. Company will refund upon proper notice within 60 days after payment any personal property tax not exceeding 6 mills to the dollar per annum, or any income tax not exceeding 6% of the int. per annum, as now or hereafter imposed by any State. Denom. \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Red. all or part on 30 days' notice at 105 and int. on or before Oct. 1 1931; at 104 and int. on or before Oct. 1 1933; at 103 and int. on or before Oct. 1 1935, and thereafter prior to maturity at 102 and int.

Stock Warrants.—Each bond will carry two warrants (detachable after Oct. 1 1930), as follows: (1) A warrant entitling the holder to receive, during the period of 90 days beginning Oct. 1 1930, five shares of Trans-Mississippi Utilities Corp. common stock for each \$1,000 of bonds, and (2) A warrant entitling the holder to purchase, after Oct. 1 1930, and on or before Feb. 15 1931, 10 shares of Trans-Mississippi Utilities Corp. common stock for each \$1,000 of bonds at \$15 per share.

Data from Letter of H. M. Embrey, President of the Company.

Company.—Will own and operate properties supplying water for domestic, commercial, municipal and industrial purposes to a group of long-established and rapidly-growing communities located in the central and western sections of Texas. Company will serve substantial portions of the commercial and residential sections of the cities of Fort Worth and Waco and a majority of the properties are located immediately adjacent to or suburban to the cities of Fort Worth and Waco. Company will also serve the town of Wink, located in the western section of Texas. These properties have been in continuous and successful operation for various periods up to 20 years. The communities to be served are growing rapidly and the territory has an estimated population of 50,000, including about 4,000 connected services. This is one of the most rapidly growing commercial and industrial areas in the "new" South.

Capitalization Outstanding.

First mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A, 1939	\$500,000
6% serial gold notes	200,000
Common stock (no par)	25,000 shs.

Earnings.—The combined earnings of the properties for the year ended Aug. 31 1929, after an adjustment of \$4,552 for non-recurring expenses, as reported by Haskins & Sells, were as follows:

Gross earnings	\$118,585
Oper. expenses, maintenance and taxes (exclusive of depreciation and Federal income taxes)	49,043
Balance	\$69,542
Annual interest requirements on \$500,000 1st mtge. 6% gold bonds, series A	\$30,000

Net income as shown above is in excess of 2.30 times annual interest requirements on the first mortgage bonds to be presently outstanding. Due to increased efficiency in operations through centralized control, it is expected that these properties should show a considerable increase in earnings for the current year.

Security.—Secured by a direct first mortgage on all of the fixed properties of the company, consisting of land, buildings, water distributing systems,

reservoirs, pumping stations and other equipment. The physical properties of the company consist of water distributing systems having approximately 90 miles of mains with a sufficient reservoir and tank capacity in excess of present needs. The properties also include valuable real estate and holdings. The properties are well maintained, having been actively and continuously operated under former managements for a period of years, and have a maximum supply of pure water obtained from artesian wells in excess of the present demand. The water elements for a period of years, by Spooner & Merrill, Inc., This appraisal shows the sound value of the properties at June 15 1929 as being largely in excess of this issue of first mortgage bonds.

Trans-Mississippi Utilities Corp.—The entire outstanding capital stock of Texas Consumers Water Co. has been purchased for cash by the Trans-Mississippi Utilities Corp. The total outstanding capital stock of the latter corporation consists of 25,000 shares of common stock and there is no funded debt. For the year ended Aug. 31 1929 net earnings of Texas Consumers Water Co. as hereinbefore set forth, after all interest charges, applicable to common stock of Trans-Mississippi Utilities Corp., were in excess of \$1.10 per share. Trans-Mississippi Utilities Corp. was organized to acquire and deal in public utility properties and securities. It is the present intention of the board of directors to acquire the securities or properties of additional operating utility companies, not only in Texas but in other States.

Purpose.—Proceeds from the sale of the securities to be presently issued will be used in part for the acquisition of certain properties herein referred to and for capital expenditures and other corporate purposes.

Trans-Mississippi Utilities Corp.—Organized to Acquire Utility Properties.—See Texas Consumers Water Co. above.

Tri-Utilities Corp.—Earnings.—
The corporation which controls more than \$290,000,000 of public utility properties operating in 26 States and supplying electricity, gas and water to cities and communities having a total estimated population in excess of 4,260,000, reports large increases in both gross and net earnings for the year ended Sept. 30 1929. The statement gives effect to the acquisition of all of the outstanding class B common stock of Federal Water Service Corp. and Peoples Light & Power Corp., all of the common stock of Power Gas & Water Securities Corp., and a majority of the outstanding common stock of American Natural Gas Corp. and Southern Natural Gas Corp.; it includes the income from securities under contract of purchase, and also gives effect to the annual fixed charges based upon securities to be outstanding upon completion of proposed financing.

The consolidated income account shows total revenues of \$36,204,010 for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1929, as compared with \$32,226,587 for the preceding 12 months. Operating expenses, maintenance and depreciation and taxes totaled \$18,949,948, as against \$18,292,429. Gross corporation income amounted to \$17,254,062, which compares with \$13,934,158 for the 12 months ended Sept. 30 1928. After interest and dividends on subsidiary companies funded and unfunded debt, preferred stocks, class A stocks, and earnings applicable to class A stocks and minority interest, the net income accruing to securities of the corporation totaled \$1,964,750.

After deducting annual interest requirements on the corporation's \$12,500,000 5% convertible gold debentures, there remained a balance of \$1,339,750, which compares with annual dividend requirements of \$426,000 on the corporation's preferred stocks. After such preferred dividends, the net income available for the 260,000 shares of the corporation common stock outstanding was \$913,750, equivalent to \$3.51 per share.—V. 129, p. 2072.

United Gas Co.—Accomplishments—Earnings, &c.—
President O. R. Seagraves in a letter to stockholders Nov. 15 presents an account of the activities of the company since its inception less than 1 1/2 years ago and its accomplishments since the previous letter to stockholders under date of May 31 1929. The letter affords the following:

Company.—Is a public utility investment and management company, controlling companies operating four complete and unified systems for the production, transmission and sale of natural gas to the important population centers and industrial markets in Eastern and Southern Texas. These controlled companies serve directly or indirectly an estimated population of over 900,000, including the Cities of Houston, San Antonio, Austin, Beaumont, Palestine, Laredo and Port Arthur and surrounding territory.

Controlled Companies.—A list of controlled companies follows: Houston Gulf Gas Co., Dixie Gulf Gas Co., South Texas Gas Co., Dixie Gas & Utilities Co., United Gas Engineering Corp., Greenwood Production Co., Inc., Union Producing Co., South Texas Pipe Line Co., Duval Texas Sulphur Co.

Company also has substantial common stock investments in Mississippi River Fuel Corp., Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. and Natural Gas Securities Corp. Through its investments in these companies the limits of United Gas Co.'s territory are extended from Monterey, Mexico, on the south, to St. Louis, Mo., and Wichita, Kan., on the north and El Paso, Tex., on the west. The company has a direct interest in a network of pipe lines with a total length of over 5,390 miles, the territory served having a population of approximately 2,800,000.

Properties.—Company and its controlled companies own leases covering gas rights on over 260,000 acres in 17 separate fields, gas purchase contracts covering production during the life of the leases on over 265,000 acres in 15 separate fields and leases covering oil rights on over 178,900 acres. Of the leased and contract acreage it is estimated that over 35,000 acres constitute proven gas territory with reserves estimated to be in excess of 708,000,000 cubic feet. There are 418 gas wells now producing which have a daily open flow capacity in excess of 7,500,000 cubic feet. The total mileage of pipe lines owned by the controlled companies aggregates 3,415 miles, an increase of over 750 miles during the current year.

Capitalization	Authorized.	Outstanding.
Preferred stock (no par value)	100,000 shs.	100,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	\$2,500,000 shs.	1,493,722 shs.

*Including 149,014 shares reserved against the possible exercise of conversion or warrants at \$33.33 per share and higher. Since the exercise of rights by stockholders on June 24, 170,486 additional shares of common stock have been issued. The proceeds were used for additional investments in the securities of Southern Gas Co., South Texas Gas Co., South Texas Pipe Line Co., Dixie Gas & Utilities Co., Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. and Union Producing Co.

Earnings.

	12 Mos. End. 1930.	Estimated.
Gross revenues (all sources)	\$12,382,617	\$19,711,000
Oper. exp., maint. & local taxes	5,010,544	6,572,000
Net earnings	\$7,372,073	\$13,139,000
Prior charges of contr. cos. & priority com. stk. int.	3,876,058	4,808,000
Balance	\$3,496,015	\$8,331,000
Divs. on pref. stk., \$7 cum. div., series A	532,969	700,000

Bal. avail. for res., Fed. taxes & com. divs. \$2,963,046 \$7,631,000

The consolidated earnings of company and controlled companies for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1929, as given above, were audited by Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Co. The statement of earnings for the calendar year 1930 was estimated by independent engineers and reflects the earning power of a number of important developments recently completed or now nearing completion, including the new South Texas pipe line to San Antonio which has just been put into operation and the Monterey line of South Texas Gas Co., which will be in operation in December. Thus far the company has realized practically no income from the sale of gas from its large acreage in the Monroe field and from the sale of gas from its Agua Dulce acreage. The Monroe and Richland fields will supply gas to the St. Louis line, Atlanta line and Dixie Gulf line. The Agua Dulce field is now supplying gas to San Antonio and Austin.

Gas Sales—Earnings for First Nine Months.
Gas sales of this company and its 27 subsidiaries for the nine months ended Sept. 30 were 32,867,844,000 cubic feet, an increase of more than 12% over sales of 29,191,967,000 cubic feet for the corresponding period of 1928.

Gross revenues for the system during the first nine months of 1929 were \$7,325,935, compared with \$6,115,194 in the corresponding last-year period.—V. 129, p. 2228.

United Gas Improvement Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 2,299,668 additional shares common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance on sale to stockholders, making the total amount applied for 22,624,503 shares. Stockholders of record Oct. 31 are offered the right to subscribe to shares of common stock (no par) in the proportion of one new share for

each 10 shares held, at the rate of \$20 per share. This will entail an issue of 2,025,534 additional shares, which, at \$20 per share, will give the company additional funds amounting to \$40,511,680, which will be used for the general corporate purposes of the company, to acquire additional securities of its subsidiary companies, and for other investments. In accordance with resolution of the board of directors adopted at a meeting held Sept. 25, an exchange offer was made by the company to owners of common stock Class B and of common stock Class A of the Commonwealth Utilities Corp. under agreement dated Oct. 15 1929, which will require an issue of 343,079 additional shares to provide for the carrying into effect of the full exchange offer.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.—

The earnings of the company for the year ended Sept. 30 1929 applicable to its capital stock amounted to \$30,741,897, against \$25,144,461 for the previous year, an increase of 22.3%, according to an announcement by Pres. John E. Zimmermann. On the basis of the old stock these earnings are equivalent to \$7.59 a share as against \$6.41 a share for the corresponding year previous. "These earnings," Mr. Zimmermann stated, "do not include the substantial profit realized from the sale of General Gas & Electric securities nor the profit from the sale of any other securities, nor do they reflect the proportionate interest of United Gas Improvement in the undistributed earnings of those companies of which it owns less than a majority of the voting common stock."

"The electric and gas sales of companies in which United Gas Improvement owns a controlling interest for the year ended Sept. 30 1929," he said, "were greater than any previous year in the history of the company. The rate of increase in the last three months of that year was more than the increase for the first six months."

"Notwithstanding the substantial reductions in electric and gas rates made by practically all of the companies in the United Gas Improvement system during the year, operating revenues increased from \$85,665,000 for the year ended Sept. 30 1928 to \$92,698,000 for the year ended Sept. 30 1929, or an increase of 8.2%."

"The sales of electricity for the latter period were 3,117,000,000 k.w.h. representing an increase over the previous period of about 15%, while gas sales were 15,476,000,000 cubic feet, an increase of nearly 26%."

"Reports are made each month by the officers of the various United Gas Improvement operating companies of business conditions in their respective territories. These reports, just received, indicate that general business conditions in these districts are sound."—V. 129, p. 1442, 2538, 2683.

United Public Utilities Co.—Earnings.—

This company, principal subsidiary of the United Public Service Co., reports for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1929 consolidated gross revenues of \$3,294,586 compared with \$2,643,406 for the corresponding period of 1928 and total income of \$1,280,227 as against \$1,013,783. The balance after interest charges for the 1929 period was \$679,697, equal to approximately 2.8 times the pref. dividend requirements.—V. 128, p. 3686.

United States Electric Power Corp. (N. J.).—Tr. Ag.—

The Chemical Bank & Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent of 250,000 shares of \$6 cum. pref. stock.

Utilities Power & Light Corp.—Expands.—

The company announces the acquisition of more than 75% of both the preferred and common stocks of the Western Counties Gas Co., which operates natural gas pipelines and distributing systems in western Oklahoma.—V. 129, p. 3168.

Western Power, Light & Telephone Co.—Widens Field—\$2,000,000 Notes Authorized.

The company, which through subsidiaries owns and operates a group of electric light and power, gas, water, ice and telephone companies in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma, New Mexico and Texas, has authorized an issue of \$2,000,000 6% one-year gold notes, as part of a program of expansion adding several new properties to the present group. These include telephone companies in Oklahoma and Missouri and an electric light plant in Kansas, previously municipally operated.

Preliminary earnings statement showed gross revenues for the entire group, including the companies just added to amount to \$2,398,879 for the 12 months ended last Sept. 30. Operating expenses, maintenance and local taxes totaled \$1,439,010, leaving net income before interest, depreciation and Federal taxes of \$959,869, or more than 2.37 times the interest requirements of the company's entire funded debt amounting to \$404,220.

Consolidated balance sheet showed net assets applicable to these notes of more than \$4,500 per \$1,000 note and of more than \$2,000 per \$1,000 of the total funded debt.

Giving effect to the proposed note issue, capitalization comprises:

	Authorized.	Outstanding.
1st lien collateral 20-year 6s, series A	\$5,000,000	\$4,737,000
One-year 6% gold notes	2,000,000	2,000,000
Preferred stock (par \$100)	10,000,000	3,200,000
Participating class A stock (no par value)	250,000 shs.	65,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	300,000 shs.	100,000 shs.

With the acquisition of these new properties, company serves 172 communities with one or more kinds of public utility service.—V. 128, p. 4157.

Wisconsin Public Service Corp.—Earnings.—

	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$5,363,155	\$4,892,371
Net earnings	2,331,462	2,055,845
Other income	16,556	10,984

Net earnings, including other income. \$2,348,018 \$2,066,829
—V. 129, p. 2683.

Wisconsin Valley Electric Co.—Earnings.—

	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings	\$1,804,556	\$1,667,322
Net earnings	674,258	711,966
Other income	26,537	20,333

Net earnings, including other income. \$700,795 \$732,299
—V. 129, p. 2684.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Sugar Prices Reduced.—The following companies Nov. 20 each reduced the price of refined sugar 25 points to 5c. a lb.: American, McCahan, Revere and Spreckles.—Wall Street "News Slips," Nov. 20.

Ford Intends to Raise Wages of Employees.—Henry Ford Nov. 21 announced a general increase in the wage through the Ford industry.—Wall Street "News Slips," Nov. 21.

400 Produce Drivers Walk Out in Newark.—\$2,000,000 in perishable food reported tied up by strike to aid loaders now out.—N. Y. "Times," Nov. 21, p. 22.

Price of Bond Bread Cut 1c. a Loaf.—A cut of 1c. a loaf put into effect Nov. 18 by the General Baking Corp., brought the price of its standard loaf, Bond Bread, down to 10c., throughout the metropolitan area.—N. Y. "Times," Nov. 19, p. 11.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Nov. 16.—(a) The new capital flotations during the month of October and for the 10 months ending with October, p. 3073; (b) National Bank resources Oct. 4 nearly 28 billion dollars—Exceed June figures by \$484,082,000—Below figures of year ago by billion dollars, p. 3086; (c) Record high borrowings on life insurance laid in part to collapse of stock market, p. 3089; (d) Decrease in paper production in September as compared with previous month—Increase over September 1928 output, p. 3092; (e) Standard Oil Co. of California restores crude oil prices prevailing before cut of Oct. 21, p. 3095; (f) Increase in unfilled orders of U. S. Steel Corp., p. 3096.

Acushnet Mills Corp.—To Liquidate.—

The stockholders on Nov. 21 voted in favor of immediate and complete liquidation of the corporation. Net quick surplus of the corporation is \$344,805, equivalent to about \$52.50 a share on the 16,000 shares outstanding, it was stated.—V. 127, p. 3092.

(The) Airparts & Tool Corp.—Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 37½c. per share on the class A conv. stock, no par value, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. See also V. 129, p. 1284, 1593.

Alberta Pacific Consolidated Oil, Ltd.—Rights.—

The stockholders of record Nov. 15 are to have the right to subscribe to one share of treasury stock at \$1 a share for each five shares held. Rights expire Dec. 15 1929.

Allegheny Steel Co.—Two Extra Dividends.—

The directors have declared two extra dividends of 25c. a share and the regular monthly dividend of 15c. a share. The first extra dividend will be paid on Nov. 30 to holders of record Nov. 25 and the second extra will be paid with the regular monthly dividend on Dec. 18 to holders of record Nov. 30. An extra of 25c. a share was also paid on April 18, July 19 and on Oct. 18 last.—V. 129, p. 1914.

Alliance Investment Corp.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly cash dividend of 20c. a share on the common stock, payable Jan. 2 1930, to holders of record Dec. 13 1929. The third of four quarterly dividends of 1% each in common stock, payable on shares of common stock, previously declared by the board of directors, will also be payable Jan. 2 1930, to holders of record Dec. 13 1929. Like amounts were paid on the common stock on July and Oct. 1 last.—V. 129, p. 1741.

Allied Motor Industries, Inc.—Subs. Contract.—

The American Aeronautical Corp., a subsidiary, has closed a contract for the delivery of more than \$400,000 worth of seaplanes and amphibians to a Long Beach, Calif., corporation which is to have distributing rights in the States of California, Washington and Oregon, subject only to a dealership contract now existent with the Northwest Air Service of Seattle, Wash.

The contract calls for deliveries to begin immediately and to extend over a period of a year and comprises 24 of the S-56 model, the three-place amphibian, six S-62's, the seven passenger model, and three of the S-55's, the big tandem-motored, 14 passenger ship which recently completed a 10,000-mile exhibition flight over the United States and Mexico.—V. 129, p. 2388.

American Capital Corp.—Special Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 50c. per share and a special dividend of 50c. per share on the class A common stock, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. An initial semi-annual distribution of 50c. and a special of 50c. were made on June 1 last.

The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.37½ per share on the prior pref. stock, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15.—V. 129, p. 1443.

American Coal Co. of Allegheny County.—Extra Div.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock, payable Dec. 21 to holders of record Dec. 2. An extra of like amount was paid on Dec. 22 1928.—V. 128, p. 2633.

American Colortype Co. (N. J.).—Contract.—

The company has signed an exclusive contract for all color printing work for the Liberty Magazine over a period of years.—V. 129, p. 3013.

American Equities Co.—Book Value of \$24.80 Per Share.

According to a report issued by the company, at the close of business Nov. 16 1929, the common stock of the company has a book value of \$24.80 per share. Of this amount, approximately \$10 per share is represented by cash, call or short time loans and receivables, aggregating \$14,700,000; \$2 per share in listed securities at current prices; \$3.70 per share in marketable securities of companies in which it has a controlling or substantial interest purchased at favorable prices. The balance—or approximately \$9.10 per share—is composed of investments in common stocks of companies in which it has controlling or large minority interests or close affiliations. The company has no debt.—V. 129, p. 2685.

American Fire & Marine Insurance Co. of Galveston, Tex.—Rights.—

The stockholders of record Nov. 15 have the right to subscribe to additional stock, at \$17 a share, in the ratio of three new shares for each two shares held. Rights expire Nov. 15.

American Founders Corp.—New Director.—

Lewis G. Harriman, President of the M. & T. Trust Co. of Buffalo, has been elected a director to succeed George P. Rea, resigned.—V. 129, p. 3169.

American Transformer Co.—Shipments—Earnings.—

Faxon, Gade & Co., Inc., Boston, in a circular letter, Nov. 19, stated: Shipments of the above company for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1929, exceeded in volume any previous full year in the company's history. Plant facilities have been expanded materially to take care of this increased business and a new building on the company's property in Newark, N. J., is rapidly nearing completion. This will add upwards of 5,300 square feet of manufacturing and office space.

For the first three-quarters of the current year the company reports net earnings after all charges, including Federal income taxes, of \$96,262. This is at the annual rate in excess of \$3 per share on the 40,000 shares of common stock outstanding, as against current annual dividend requirements of \$1.40 per share on this stock.—V. 129, p. 634, 477.

American Utilities & General Corp.—Dividends.—

The directors have declared the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. per share on the \$3 cum. pref. stock, the regular quarterly dividend of 32½c. per share on the class A stock and a dividend (No. 2) of 10c. per share on the class B stock, all payable Dec. 2 1929 to holders of record Nov. 21 1929. An initial dividend of 10c. per share was paid on the class B stock on Sept. 3 last.—V. 129, p. 2685.

Amerada Corp.—New Well Completed.—

This corporation and the Sinclair Consolidated Oil Corp., operating jointly, have completed a new well, Kinter No. 2, in a location marking a half mile extension of the Oklahoma City oil pool. Brought in at a depth of 6,355 feet, the well showed an initial flow of forty-one gravity oil at the rate of approximately 10,000 barrels daily, with an indicated gas flow of 75,000,000 cubic feet. The well will be shut in until some time in January under the shut-down agreement in the Oklahoma City pool.—V. 129, p. 3013, 2229.

Andian National Corp.—\$1 Initial Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial cash dividend of \$1 per share, payable Dec. 16 to holders of record Dec. 2. A 20% stock dividend, recently declared, is payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 20. See V. 129, p. 3170.

Anglo American Corp. of South Africa, Ltd.—Oper.—

The following are the results of operations for the month of October 1929:

	Tons Milled.	Total Revenue.	Costs.	Profit.
Brakpan Mines, Ltd.	88,500	£144,369	£90,143	£54,226
Springs Mines, Ltd.	73,000	146,738	81,221	65,517
West Springs, Ltd.	70,000	83,128	62,271	20,857

—V. 129, p. 3014, 2539.

Associates Investment Co.—Larger Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the preferred stock, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 21. The previous dividend rate on the common stock was 87½c. a share quarterly.—V. 129, p. 2539.

Atlantic Steel Co., Atlanta, Ga.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the outstanding common stock, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 20.—V. 116, p. 1536.

Atlas Plywood Corp.—Earnings.—

Ralph M. Buck, President, in a report to stockholders says in part: The net profit for the four months ended Oct. 31 1929 was \$262,464, as compared with \$99,985 for the four months ended Oct. 31 1928, showing an increase of 162%. Sales were 54% greater in this period than for the corresponding months of 1928. The net earnings for the period amounted to \$4.22 per share on the average capital stock outstanding (62,100 shares) compared with \$1.65 per share for the corresponding months of 1928.

During the year we have added substantially to our earning power through the establishment of a Canadian plant, and the acquisition of the Utility Manufacturing Co. property at Goldsboro, N. C. A very large proportion of our contracts expiring at the end of this year have already been renewed at satisfactory prices.

On Nov. 15 1929, the 66,600 outstanding shares of common stock were split two for one. Before the split-up, the stock was on an annual dividend basis of \$4 per share. At the December meeting of the directors, a dividend rate on the new split-up shares will be established. Our earnings justify a dividend policy at least as liberal as has been followed in the past.

Consolidated Income Statement for Month and 4 Months Ended Oct. 31 1929.

Period Ended Oct. 31—	Month.	4 Months.
Gross profit from sales	\$136,288	\$489,610
Selling & administrative expenses	45,517	149,172
Net profit from sales	\$90,771	\$340,438
Other income	17,916	32,091
Total income	\$108,687	\$372,528
Interest charges	12,765	47,770
Cash discount on sales	5,072	17,915
Miscellaneous	5,317	9,002
Provision for Federal income tax	9,915	35,377
Net profit	\$75,619	\$262,464

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Oct. 31 '29.	June 30 '29.	Oct. 31 '29.	June 30 '29.
Cash in banks	\$242,062	\$138,952	173,890
Petty cash fds. & advances	7,078	5,744	60,600
Notes receivable	76,650	63,946	200
Accts. receivable	709,329	460,763	22,477
Res. for doubtful accounts	Cr. 78,112	Cr. 40,813	995
Value of life insur.	6,405	6,405	18,015
Inventories	882,107	1,168,758	12,851
Adv. on lumber & logging ops.	70,727	7,802	5,428
Def. bal. rec. on sales contracts	25,801	25,928	21,559
Total def. charges	48,385	42,488	70,390
Misc. Inv. (at cost)	66,360	18,650	995
Plant prop., equip. &c.	\$3,279,041	2,942,236	18,015
Timberlands (less depletion)	1,478,709	1,406,504	47,854
Good-will	1	504	5,428
Total	6,814,543	6,237,364	21,559
x After depreciation of \$908,796.			21,559
y Represented by 66,600 shares (no par value.)			21,559

Austin, Nichols & Co., Inc.—Earnings.
 6 Mos. Ended Oct. 31—
 Gross profit on sales \$1,043,980 1929. \$962,820 1928.
 Selling and general expense 893,272 860,931
 Net profit on sales \$150,708 \$101,889
 Other income 5,765 27,198
 Profit before depreciation and interest \$156,473 \$129,086
 Depreciation 24,300 27,300
 Interest (net) 25,500 44,458
 Profit for 6 months \$106,673 \$57,328
 —V. 129, p. 1594.

Automobile Finance Co.—Extra Dividend, &c.
 The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25 cents per share on the no par common stock, and resumed payment of the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share, both payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Nov. 30.—V. 124, p. 1514.

(The) Aviation Corp. (Del.)—Acquisition.
 See Southern Air Transport, Inc. below.—V. 129, p. 3170.

Best & Co., Inc.—Dividend Dates.
 The quarterly dividend of 50c. per share declared last week on the common stock is payable Dec. 16 (not Dec. 15 as previously reported) to holders of record Nov. 25. See V. 129, p. 3171.

B-G Sandwich Shops, Inc.—Sales Increase.
 Four Weeks Ended Nov. 8.
 1929. 1928. Increase.
 \$287,500 \$252,400 \$35,100
 \$2,856,500 \$2,663,000 \$193,500
 —V. 129, p. 2686, 1915.

Blauner's, Inc., Philadelphia.—Earnings.
 9 Months Ended Oct. 31—
 Net profits \$470,075 1929. \$344,265 1928.
 Net sales for the first 9 months of this year represent a gain of 16.1% over the same period last year. Net profits in October were 71% larger than in October of 1928 and net sales 6.1% ahead of that month last year.
 —V. 129, p. 2861.

(H. C.) Bohack Co.—62½c. Extra Dividend.
 The directors on Nov. 21 declared an extra dividend of 62½c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30.
 Nine Months Ended Sept. 30—
 Gross sales \$21,190,085 1929. \$18,709,497 1928.
 Net income after depreciation and taxes 638,686 283,654
 Earnings per share on 102,762 shares common stock \$4.68 \$1.22
 —V. 129, p. 3015.

Bolsa Chica Oil Corp.—New Director.
 William Ford, Chairman of the board of the Owens-Illinois Glass Co., manufacturers of bottles, has been made a director to fill a vacancy that has existed on the board for some time.—V. 129, p. 2861.

Boston Personal Property Trust.—Liquidating Value.
 The liquidating value of this, the oldest general investment trust in the country, was \$28.50 per share on Nov. 15 against \$39.50, the highest liquidating value ever attained and a shrinkage from the high point of less than 28%. Even at the Nov. 15 liquidating value the trust had a profit of close to 100% on its holdings.
 Almost \$1,000,000, or 10% of its funds are in Liberty bonds and cash. Inasmuch as dividends are distributed from income received in the form of dividends and interest and not from realized profits, there will be no interruption in payment of the regular annual dividend of \$1 a share. (Boston "News Bureau.")—V. 129, p. 2390.

Bristol Mutual Liability Insurance Co.—Claims, &c.
 On petition of Alfred R. Shrigley as receiver, Judge Sanderson of the Mass. Supreme Court has issued an injunction restraining all claims against the company and enjoining claimants in actions now pending or hereafter to be brought against the policy holders from proceeding with prosecution of these suits. Mr. Shrigley told the court 4,164 persons had notified the company of claims and 573 suits had been brought in which the company's counsel had entered an appearance. He asked for this injunction to save unnecessary work in litigation of these suits, in liquidating the company.
 —V. 129, p. 3171.

(Edward G.) Budd Mfg. Co.—Expansion.
 Expansion of the chain of service stations created by this company to cover all of the United States, practically all of Canada and a number of foreign countries, is announced by President Edward G. Budd. Up to Oct. 15 the company had appointed 430 service stations and 52 body-part distributors in this country and Canada, in addition to the establishment of service chains in Australia and India to service the 6,000,000 Budd all-steel automobile bodies now in use.

The policy of the company, says Mr. Budd, is to include only existing service stations, rather than to create new plants to compete with long-established concerns.

There have been authorized since June 1 last 215 of these service stations. To maintain these stations the company has worked out a set of simple tools suitable for use in steel body repair work and a continual flow of information on new and simpler methods of repairing Budd all-steel bodies, together with price lists of service parts, is provided.—V. 129, p. 2861.

Budd Mfg. Co.—Earnings.
 Period Ended Sept. 30 1929—
 Consolidated net income after charges \$163,456 3 Mos. \$445,946 9 Mos.
 Earnings per sh. on 123,300 shs. cap. stock \$1.32 \$3.61
 —V. 129, p. 2861.

Bunker Hill & Sullivan Mining & Concentrating Co.—Affiliated Company.
 The Treadwell Yukon Co., Ltd., has been authorized by the California Corporation Commission to issue to common stockholders of record 100,000 shares of pref. stock of \$1 par value. The Treadwell Co. at present has 1,500,000 shares of common stock. The purpose of the new issue is to reduce indebtedness and prepare for expansion, according to the company official. The Treadwell Yukon Co., Ltd., is an operating company owned largely by the Bunker Hill & Sullivan, Alaska Treadwell and Alaska Mexican companies.—V. 129, p. 2077.

Burger Brothers Co., Cincinnati.—Resumes Div.
 Resumption of dividends on the common stock was announced on Nov. 13. The directors declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share on this issue, payable Jan. 1. The board also declared the entire dividend of \$4 a share for 1930 on the outstanding preferred stock.
 The report for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 showed net profits of \$195,094 compared with \$19,754 for the preceding fiscal year ended Sept. 30. Earnings per share on the common stock for the late fiscal year amounted to \$1.79, compared with 1c. per share for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 1928.

Butte & Superior Mining Co.—
 Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928.
 Net value of zinc ore \$519,748 \$401,783 \$1,632,650 \$1,507,352
 Net value of copper ore 16,768 6,824 44,972 82,661
 Miscellaneous income 9,768 16,330 32,630 49,815
 Total income \$546,284 \$424,938 \$1,710,252 \$1,639,830
 Operating costs 525,171 423,972 1,646,883 1,536,990
 Operating profit \$21,113 \$966 \$63,369 \$102,840
 Deprec., res. for taxes *8,158 14,666 *25,483 54,820
 Net to surplus \$12,955 loss \$13,700 \$37,886 \$48,020
 * Includes reserve for taxes only.

In his remarks to stockholders, Pres. D. C. Jackling, President, says in part:
 "During the quarter development was started on the northwest vein exposed in the previous quarter on the 1,300 level and to date this development has been practically all in commercial ore.
 "Crosscutting is under way on the 1,600 level and 2,600 level to intersect this vein but three crosscuts will not reach their objective until the first quarter of 1930.
 "The reduction in earnings from the previous quarter was due largely to the shortage of labor resulting in a decreased tonnage for the quarter.
 "During the third quarter zinc production totaled 14,518,441 lbs. and silver 363,480 ozs. This compares with 16,205,497 lbs. of zinc and 378,386 ozs. of silver produced in the second quarter.
 "Copper production amounted to 148,413 lbs. and 10,776 ozs. of silver, against 114,637 lbs. of copper and 8,868 ozs. of silver in the second quarter.
 —V. 129, p. 801.

Cadet Hosiery Co.—Co-Agent.
 The Bankers Trust Co. has been appointed co-agent with Guaranty Bank & Trust Co., St. Louis, Mo., for the payment of company's bond coupons.

Callahan Zinc-Lead Co.—Earnings.
 Period End. Sept. 30— 1929—3 Mos.—1928. 1929—9 Mos.—1928.
 Total income \$28,635 \$36,988 \$79,056 \$210,928
 Cost, exp., tax, &c. 42,838 62,695 126,068 227,160
 Net deficit \$14,204 \$25,707 \$47,012 \$16,232
 —V. 129, p. 1287.

Calumet & Hecla Consol. Copper Co.—\$1.50 Dividend.
 The company has declared a dividend of \$1.50 per share on the outstanding \$49,992,275 capital stock (par \$25) payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Nov. 30. From Dec. 1928 to Sept. 1929 inclusive, quarterly dividends of \$1 per share were paid. Prior to Dec. 1928 dividends of 50 cents each had been paid each quarter since March 4 1925.—V. 129, p. 2862.

Central Alloy Steel Corp.—Stainless Steel Output.
 Current output of stainless steel at this corporation is the highest since production of the new material was started under the Krupp license, it is announced by Chairman F. J. Griffiths. Notwithstanding larger production, deliveries of stainless are from six to nine weeks behind orders, it is stated. The demand has been increasing rapidly with the development of new markets in the automotive pipe building and many miscellaneous lines.
 In order to supply demand for stainless steel, the company is expanding productive facilities as rapidly as possible, Mr. Griffiths said. Latest steps in the expansion program include installation of an automatic pack furnace, five double cabinet sand blasting machines, a double tank mechanical pickling machine and a 2,500 cubic foot air compressor, in addition to a new 25-ton electric furnace. Completion of these improvements around the first of the year will enable the company greatly to increase production.
 —V. 129, p. 3015.

Central States Investment Trust, Inc.—Initial Div.
 The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 15c. per share on the common stock (no par value) and the regular quarterly dividend of 37½c. per share on the \$1.50 cum. conv. series A pref. stock, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 25. See also V. 129, p. 2232, 2541.

Chesebrough Mfg. Co. Consol.—Extra Dividend of \$1.
 The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share and the usual quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the \$3,000,000 common stock, par \$25, both payable Dec. 30 to holders of record Dec. 10. On March 30, June 29, and Sept. 30 last, an extra dividend of 50c. per share was paid. Extras of 25c. per share were distributed on June 30, Sept. 29 and Dec. 28 1928.—V. 129, p. 1128.

Childs Co.—Holds 125 Leases.
 This company on 125 leases for its chain of restaurants, must pay rentals totalling \$46,155,603 from Oct. 1 to the expiration of the present terms of the leases, according to a statement compiled from the company's records and submitted on Nov. 19 to S. Willard Smith, Executive Vice-President.
 This figure is apart from property owned by the company, amounting to \$19,000,000. It does not include real estate taxes which exceed \$1,000,000 per year and omits several parcels on which it is impossible to calculate rentals because these are based upon a percentage agreement.
 Fifty-four of the 125 leases are in New York City, according to the statement, and these are responsible for a total of \$19,006,000 of the rentals due. Included in this group are the nine restaurants on Fifth Ave. which makes Childs Co. the largest lessee of frontage on that famous thoroughfare.
 While the company holds leases for varying terms, the favorite lease is for a term of 21 years. Upon being asked whether the company does not encounter financial risks in assuming responsibility for long-term leases, Mr. Smith replied: "The element of risk enters into all business transactions. Results indicate that our company has been successful in connections with its lease negotiations. The cost of installing a modern restaurant is so great that the company is compelled to lease property in districts where development warrants an almost immediate return on the investment.
 "While we do not always acquire what is technically known as 100% options, we do expect a marked development before acquiring a lease. Needless to say the display of sound judgment of real estate values is of fundamental importance in this phase of our business. In considering leases

for new locations we find the state of development of the property to be a vitally important matter."

Illustrating this aspect of the company's business, the Childs restaurant just opened in the Savoy-Plaza Hotel Annex occupies 12,000 square feet of space in a costly section. The restaurant runs through from East 58th St. to East 59th St. and is the largest Childs restaurant in the city as well as one of the most pretentious. It seats 535 persons exclusive of the soda fountain and mezzanine which Childs Co. will open, also an expensive ground, will be on Lexington Ave. near the Chrysler Building, in the newly important Grand Central Zone. With this restaurant added to the one at 47 East 42d St., and the one at 381 Madison Ave., the company on three sides surrounds the Grand Central Terminal.—V. 129, p. 3016.

Chile Copper Co.—Transfer Agent.

The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. has been appointed as transfer agent for the capital stock, effective Nov. 11. The appointment of the National City Bank of New York as transfer agent has been rescinded.—V. 129, p. 2688.

Chrysler Corp., Detroit, Mich.—Funded Debt Reduced.

Following a meeting on Nov. 18 of the finance committee, the board of directors authorized the following statement:

The corporation effected to-day a reduction of \$6,000,000 in the company's funded debt through the retirement of that amount of the 6% gold debentures of Dodge Bros., Inc. assumed by Chrysler when the Dodge properties were acquired on July 30 1928.

This makes a total reduction of \$10,034,000 in the company's funded debt since the first of this year.

When the Dodge business was bought Chrysler assumed \$56,705,000 6% gold debentures due in 1940 and \$2,750,000 Dodge 5% serial notes due May 1 1929. All of the latter was paid off when due and up to date \$1,525,000 of the former were retired through sinking fund operations.

The total Chrysler funded debt, therefore, is reduced to \$49,180,000 of Dodge debentures due in 1940 and \$723,000 Maxwell bonds due annually to 1934, a total of \$49,903,000 which is less than the company's cash and marketable securities amounting to \$50,353,096. This reduction in the funded debt effects a saving in the corporation's fixed charges annually of \$577,970.

Since Maxwell Motor Corp. (taken over by Chrysler Corp. in 1925) was organized in 1921 with \$11,800,000 borrowed on gold notes due one-third annually over three years, the policy of the Chrysler organization has always been to borrow for expansion and development and retire its debt when due, if not in advance. In this period, the Chrysler Motor enterprises have borrowed or assumed debts of acquired businesses to the extent of \$82,905,000, all of which except its present funded debt, as indicated above, has either been paid at maturity or its payment anticipated.

Reports Six Years of Progress.

The corporation mailed Nov. 21, to its stockholders, dealers and employees a report which has just been compiled, showing the increases in sales, exports, manufacturing capacity, earnings and distributing facilities which have taken place in the six years (ending 1929) since the first Chrysler-built automobile appeared. The report points out that by the end of this year sales will reach a total of 1,400,000 cars, valued at approximately \$1,200,000,000.

"Moreover," it is stated, "the company's plans for the future anticipate such improvements in designing, producing and distributing automobiles in the next few years as to widen the whole market for Chrysler Motors, both in this country and abroad."

Regarding the general outlook for the motor car industry, Walter P. Chrysler, President and Chairman, says in connection with the corporations' statement:

"Motor car production has been, with normal variations, consistently upward for the last 30 years. Adjustment of automobile production from time to time to temporary economic conditions simply accords with good industrial practice. The industry's long-term outlook is healthier for these adjustments. Meanwhile improvements in manufacture and distribution, application of the principles of mass quality production, and consolidation of important manufacturing units have given the industry strength and stability greater to-day than ever before.

"We live in an era of individual transportation. One car for every five inhabitants indicates the important part the motor car plays in the present high standards of American life. The automotive industry has come to supply one of the basic needs of a country that is constantly growing and progressing. Entrance of millions of new owners into the car-buying field, the increasing requirements for two or more cars for family use, growth of replacement needs as more automobiles come into use, development of world outlets for American production—these are the industry's large potential markets."

The report states that every year sales have increased materially over the preceding year and total 394,433 cars for the first nine months of 1929. This is an increase of more than 9% over sales for the full year 1928. Dodge sales are included from July 30 1928.

Value of sales of the Chrysler business has increased from \$81,363,758 in 1924 to \$301,683,879 for the first nine months of 1929.

Meanwhile, the report points out, earnings of Chrysler Corp. which, as such, dates from June 6 1925 when Chrysler took over the Maxwell properties, have increased from \$17,126,136 in 1925 to \$24,730,419 in the first nine months of 1929. Almost 50% of the net earnings of the corporation have been paid in dividends since the first quarter of 1926—practically a dollar for dividends and a dollar for surplus.

In the period covered by the report, working capital has increased from \$28,121,131 to \$88,439,469 as of Sept. 30 1929.

Capacity of the company's plants since the first Chrysler car was built has increased from 400 to 3,750 cars a day. It is stated, "since the Dodge business was acquired 15 months ago, the Dodge and Chrysler plants have been developed into a complementary whole in which even greater efficiency and economies than were anticipated are being realized."

Since Chrysler Corp. was established, the figures show, \$50,746,872 has been invested in additions to plants and properties in the interest of better ways of making motor cars.

Exports have increased from 8.4% of the corporation's total output in 1925 to 14.7% for 1928. Last year the company exported 14.7% of all the cars exported by the entire motor car industry.—V. 129, p. 2853, 2862.

City Machine & Tool Co.—Earnings.

10 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1929.	1928.
Net profit after charges & Federal taxes.....	\$580,918	\$454,624
Earns. per sh. on 150,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par)---	\$3.87	\$3.03

—V. 129, p. 1917.

Coca Cola Bottling Securities Co., St. Louis.—20% Stock Dividend—Full Dividends for Year 1930 Also Declared.

The directors have declared a 20% stock dividend on the \$1 par value stock, payable to holders of record Nov. 20.

The directors also declared four quarterly cash dividends of 25c. per share, payable Jan. 15, April 15, July 15 and Oct. 15.

Coca-Cola International Corp.—\$2 Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$2 per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 12. A distribution of \$3 per share was made on this issue on Oct. 1 as compared with a regular quarterly dividend of \$2 per share paid on April 1 and on July 1 last. This compares with quarterly dividends of \$3 per share paid prior to the distribution early this year of a stock dividend of one share of new class A stock on each share of common stock held.—V. 129, p. 3172.

Columbian Carbon Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

Period End, Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Net after Federal tax ..	\$1,331,466	\$1,140,442
Depreciation & depletion ..	457,278	370,654
Applic. to min. int	72,491	26,505
Net income	\$801,697	\$743,283
Dividends	571,680	402,131
Surplus	\$230,017	\$341,152
Com. shs. outstanding ..	457,344	402,131
Earns. per share	\$1.75	\$1.85

—V. 129, p. 3016.

Columbia Pictures Corp.—Earnings.

The corporation reports net earnings, after charges and reserves for Federal taxes, for the quarter ended Sept. 30 1929, of \$227,048, equivalent after conv. pref. stock divs. to \$2.08 per share on the 100,000 shares of no par value common stock outstanding. This compares with a loss of \$22,441 for the corresponding quarter of 1928.—V. 129, p. 2079.

Commercial Investment Trust Corp.—Places New Shares on Annual Dividend Basis of 6% in Stock and \$1.60 in Cash.

The new common shares, as constituted after the recent 2½-for-1 split-up have been placed on an annual dividend basis of 6% in common stock and \$1.60 in cash when the directors this week declared a quarterly dividend of 1½% in stock and 40c. in cash. The new stock dividend rate represents an increase of 50% in stock over the previous rate and the cash dividend is the equivalent of the \$4 annual cash dividend paid before the split-up. The directors also declared the initial quarterly dividend on the new 6% conv. preference stock, optional series of 1929 issued in October and the regular dividends on its 7% and 6½% preferred. All dividends are payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 5.

The new dividend policy, according to President Henry Ittleston, will be followed so long as the earnings and financial condition of the corporation continue to make it advisable.

Mr. Ittleston stated that the volume of business transacted by the company so far this year, and net profits, had broken all records, and for the first nine months exceeded the entire volume and net profits for 1928. C. I. T. finances paper arising out of the distribution of manufactured products of a large number of nationally important manufacturers with whom it has contracts. C. I. T. is not an investment trust. It has a capital and surplus of over \$100,000,000 and has maintained regular dividends since its organization. C. I. T. has recently closed a number of important contracts from which a large volume of new business is expected to accrue.—V. 129, p. 2542.

Commercial Investment Trust, Inc.—To Finance Detroit Aircraft Sales.

A contract for financing sales of aircraft made on the time payment basis has been signed by this corporation with the Detroit Aircraft Corp., Detroit, Mich. The latter, one of the largest holding groups in the aviation industry, owns and controls the Ryan Aircraft Corp., builders of the famous "Spirit of St. Louis"; the Eastman Aircraft Corp., manufacturers of the Eastman Flying Boat and the Eastman Amphibian with a factory in Detroit, and the Aircraft Development Corp. of Detroit, builders of the all-metal dirigible recently purchased by the United States Navy. The Detroit company also manufactures the Lockheed-Vega airplane, one of which now holds the transcontinental record.

The contract covers financing of wholesale and retail sales for the Detroit Aircraft Corp. and its distributors and dealers. According to E. S. Evans, President of the latter corporation, this is the first large holding group to sign a contract with an independent nationally operating finance company for the promotion of time sales in the aviation industry.—V. 129, p. 3172.

Commercial Solvents Corp.—New Common Stock Placed on a \$1 Annual Dividend Basis.

The directors have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 25c. a share on the new common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 13. This is the equivalent of \$10 a share on the old common stock which was recently split 10-for-1 and which was paying dividends at the annual rate of \$8 a share. The company also paid 2% in stock on Nov. 1 1928 and on April 1 1929.—V. 129, p. 2542.

Connecticut General Life Insurance Co.—Par Reduced—Capital Increased—Rights.

The stockholders on Nov. 18, voted to reduce the par value of each share of the present stock from \$100 to \$10, and each stockholder is therefore entitled to receive 10 shares of par value \$10 in lieu of each share of par value \$100.

Certificates for old \$100 par stock may be exchanged for new certificates of \$10 par stock in the ratio of 10 new shares for each old share on and after Jan. 3 1930. All certificates should be sent after that date to the Hartford National Bank & Trust Co., 36 Pearl St., Hartford, Conn.

The stockholders also voted to increase the capital stock from \$2,000,000 to \$3,000,000 with the right to subscribe for the additional shares to be offered to the stockholders at par (\$10) and in proportion to their stockholdings as of the close of business Nov. 20 1929.

The new \$10 par certificates will be ready for delivery on Jan. 3 1930, both to holders of old \$100 par certificates and to subscribers to the new stock. The new shares subscribed to as of Dec. 21 will not be entitled to any dividends declared and payable prior to Jan. 3 1930.—V. 129, p. 2542.

Continental Containers, Inc.—Merger Off.

See Continental Can Co., Inc. in last week's "Chronicle," page 3173.—V. 129, p. 2688.

Corroon & Reynolds Corp.—Operations.

The corporation, which commenced operations in March 1929, reports, for the period from March 1 1929 to Nov. 1 1929, cash income plus net earnings of wholly owned subsidiaries amounting to \$1,444,815, which amount is in excess of twice the annual dividend requirements on the outstanding preferred stock of the corporation.—V. 129, p. 133.

Crown Willamette Paper Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.

(Including Pacific Mills, Ltd.)			
6 Months Ended Oct. 31—	1929.	1928.	
Gross profits	\$4,980,606	\$4,818,738	
Depreciation	1,290,310	1,209,040	
Depletion	447,615	353,293	
Bond interest	690,592	711,624	
United States and Canada income taxes	297,816	308,491	
Minority interest of Pacific Mills	4,052	40,243	
Net income	\$2,250,219	\$2,196,045	

Excluding the Pacific Mills, Ltd., the company reports net earnings of \$1,900,661 for the 6 months ended Oct. 31 1929, after all charges, including depreciation, depletion, bond interest and Federal income tax, compared with \$1,697,828 for the same period in 1928, an increase of \$202,833. Company owns 93% of the common and 71% of the preferred stock of Pacific Mills, Ltd.

Net profits of the company and subsidiaries for the quarter ended Oct. 31 1929 amounted to \$1,058,294, after all charges, compared with \$1,191,926 for the first quarter of the current fiscal year ended July 31.

Net profits of Pacific Mills, Ltd., for the quarter were \$222,877. For the 6 months, net profits totaled \$353,611, as against \$538,460 for the same period in 1928. Reduced earnings of the company were due to curtailed production during the earlier part of the year caused by extreme water shortage at one plant, according to Louis Bloch, President of Crown Willamette Paper Co., who added that this plant is now operating at normal capacity and improvements which will fully take care of any recurrence of power shortage are nearly completed.

Consolidated Balance Sheet (Incl. Wholly Owned Subs.).

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Oct. 31 '29.	Apr. 30 '29.	Oct. 31 '29.	Apr. 30 '29.
\$	\$	\$	\$
Land, timberlands, water rights, etc., (less deprec.) ..	57,063,873	40,169,277	Capital & surp.
Cash	474,583	807,205	6% gold bonds
U. S. Govt. bonds ..	199,735	588,414	Accounts payable ..
Demand loans	3,625,000	1,750,000	Notes payable
Accts. & notes rec. ..	4,064,298	3,088,022	State & county tax ..
Inventories	6,688,643	4,830,893	Fed'l & Can taxes
Investments	55,800	11,504,108	Divs. declared
Fund with trustee ..	73,849	555	Conting. res., &c. ..
Deferred charges	529,586	283,395	Minority interest ..
			Pacific Mills
Total	72,775,370	62,821,869	Total

x Represented by 200,000 no-par shares \$7 cum. 1st pref., 41,000 shares no-par \$6 cum. 2nd pref., and 1,000,000 no par shares of common stock.

Initial Common Div.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividends of \$1.75 a share on the \$7 cum. pref. stock and \$1.50 a share on the 2nd pref. stock.

payment of the dividend on the common stock, all of which is owned by the Crown Zellerbach Corp., will be made on or about Dec. 15 at the discretion of the president. The preferred dividends will be paid on Nov. 1 to holders of record Dec. 13.—V. 129, p. 1596.

Crown Zellerbach Corp.—To Receive Dividend.
See Crown Willamette Paper Co. above.—V. 129, p. 3173.

Cuba Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

	1929.	1928.	1927.
Mos. End. Sept. 30—			
Net revenue	\$5,656,915	\$5,819,762	\$6,795,665
Expenses, int., deprec., tax, &c.	4,943,066	5,344,046	6,478,167
Net income	\$713,849	\$475,716	\$317,498
Before subsidiary dividends.	V. 129, p. 1905.		

Cudahy Packing Co.—Year's Operations.
P. A. Cudahy, Chairman, in a letter to stockholders, says: "Our year ended on Nov. 2, last. Company's operations for the year just closed approximately very closely the results of either of the two preceding years, and after paying full year's dividends there will still remain something for transfer to surplus account. This is gratifying in view of the very heavy decline in product prices during the last months of the year. Our business at present is good, and the outlook for the coming year very favorable. Our past experience has shown that our earnings do not rise and fall with the barometer of general prosperity."—V. 128, p. 735.

Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Co., Inc.—Earnings.

	1929—3 Mos.	1928.	1929—9 Mos.	1928.
Period End. Sept. 30—				
Net sales	\$1,560,841	\$1,007,189	\$5,350,522	\$4,493,490
Cost of sales	1,356,002	706,153	4,540,804	3,417,751
Expenses	153,121	79,694	326,740	207,190
Balance	\$51,718	\$221,342	\$482,978	\$868,549
Net income	280,816	33,499	1,097,986	76,344
Total income	\$332,534	\$254,841	\$1,580,964	\$944,893
Federal tax, &c.	40,265	31,895	209,952	130,102
Net profit	\$292,269	\$222,946	\$1,371,012	\$814,791
Per share common stock	348,895	290,746	348,895	290,746
Earnings per share	\$3.93	\$2.08	\$0.84	\$0.77

V. 129, p. 1449.

Cypress Petroleum Co.—Defers Class A Dividend.
The directors have voted to defer the dividend on the \$2 cum. class A stock due Dec. 1, because of reduced revenues caused by the curtailment of production, and to pursue a conservative policy of keeping reserves unimpaired. The company has been paying dividends of 50c. quarterly.—V. 127, p. 3252.

Detroit Gasket & Mfg. Co.—Earnings.
The company reports for the nine months ended Sept. 30 1929 net income of \$459,696 after all charges and Federal taxes, equal to \$2.80 a share on 156,240 shares outstanding.—V. 129, p. 2081.

Devoe & Reynolds Co., Inc.—Stock to Employees.
The management, in response to a petition from the employees, has agreed to a plan whereby the workers can buy class A stock and pay for on a partial payment plan.—V. 129, p. 1748.

Doehler Die Casting Co.—Earnings.

	1929.	1928.	1927.
10 Months Ended Oct. 31—			
Operating profits after all charges, except income tax	\$867,591	\$617,514	\$395,421

V. 129, p. 2543.

Dominion Stores, Ltd.—Merger Called Off—Sales.
Pres. T. P. Loblaw of the Loblaw Groceries Co., Ltd., has issued a statement in which he attributes the cancellation of negotiations for the merger of Loblaw Groceries and Dominion Stores to the break in the stock markets. The statement reviews negotiations for the sale of a block of Loblaw stock as the result of the uncertain state of Mr. Loblaw's health in 1928 and the entry of the company into the Chicago field. Merrill Lynch & Co. secured an option on the stock and this firm opened negotiations with Dominion Stores looking to a merger. The statement concludes: "The general stock market reaching a period of heavy liquidation, Merrill Lynch & Co. had to face a situation of uncertainty as to the possibility of selling the securities which were to finance the merger. When the general liquidation became excessive and the end of the option period approached, it was not in Mr. Loblaw's hands to make any decision as to what should be done. Therefore, Merrill Lynch & Co. took the initiative with Dominion Stores and through mutual agreement decided to call off all previous arrangements."—V. 129, p. 2864.

(E. I.) Du Pont de Nemours & Co.—Extra Dividend of 70c. per Share.

	1929.	1928.	Increase.
Ten Months Ended Oct. 31—			
Sales	\$20,125,728	\$18,942,327	\$1,273,401

V. 129, p. 3173, 2864.

The directors on Nov. 18 declared the regular quarterly dividend on the common stock of \$1 per share and an extra dividend of 70c. per share, making a total of \$1.70 per share. The regular dividend is payable Dec. 14 and the extra on Jan. 4, both to stockholders of record Nov. 27. An extra distribution of 50c. per share was made on July 3 and one of \$1 per share on March 15. Compare V. 127, p. 2962.—V. 129, p. 2864.

Earl Radio Corp.—Receivership.
Vice-Chancellor Church, Nov. 22, appointed Harry G. Hendricks and Oscar Klamer receivers. Stockholders and creditors were ordered to show cause Dec. 10 why receivership should not be made permanent.—V. 129, p. 2335.

Eastern Steamship Lines, Inc.—Split-up Approved.
The stockholders on Nov. 22 approved the proposal to increase the common stock from 150,000 shares to 500,000 shares (no par value) and to split the present shares three for one. Stockholders of record Nov. 2 will be entitled to the split-up.—V. 129, p. 3017.

El Dorado Oil Works.—Extra Dividends.
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Nov. 29 and the regular quarterly dividend of 37½c. a share, payable Dec. 14 to holders of record Nov. 29.—V. 128, p. 4011.

Electric Shovel Coal Corp.—Merger Delayed.
See United Electric Coal Cos. below.—V. 129, p. 3017.

Equity Investors Corp.—Earnings.

Income Statement from Jan. 17 to Oct. 31 1929.

Profits realized on sale of securities	\$727,158
Dividends received	61,599
Interest received	13,515
Gross profit	\$802,272
Interest paid	46,060
Trading profit	\$756,211
Operating expenses	9,254
Estimated Federal taxes	82,250
Net profit	\$664,707
Preferred dividends paid	41,606
Preferred dividends accrued	4,541
Available for common	\$618,560
Discount on preferred stock redeemable	82,488
Balance of earned surplus	\$701,048
Per share of common outstanding Oct. 31 1929, 50,453 shares	\$12.26

John W. Pope, Chairman of the Board, says in part:
For the period from Jan. 17 to Oct. 31, company has earned 42.7% on capital and surplus, before taxes. Book value of the common stock has increased during the period from \$10 to \$24.25 per share, after allowing for estimated taxes. In spite of the comparatively low level to which stock prices have fallen, less than one-quarter of company's funds are now invested, the balance being in banks and on call.

Condensed Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31 1929.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash & demand deposits	\$1,735,786	Miscellaneous liabilities	\$3,525
Invest. (mkt. value \$487,700)	473,379	Res. for est. Federal taxes	82,250
Dividends receivable	10,650	Res. for pref. dividends	4,541
Rec. on when issued contract	960	Preferred stock (\$50 par)	908,100
Organization expenses	2,000	Common stock (no par)	x52,277
		Surplus, paid in	470,373
		Surplus, earned	701,049
		Contingent profit	660
Total	\$2,222,774	Total	\$2,222,774

x Represented by 50,453 shares, no par value.—V. 128, p. 736, 1914

Ely & Walker Dry Goods Co.—Larger Dividend.
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share, payable Nov. 30 to holders of record Nov. 19. Previously the company paid quarterly dividends of 37½ cents per share.—V. 128, p. 4163.

Emerson's Bromo Seltzer, Inc.—Initial Dividend.
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the class A non-voting common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 2. (See offering in V. 129, p. 2543.)—V. 129, p. 3174.

First National Stores, Inc.—Acquisition.
Agreements have been signed by this corporation for the purchase of Davey Bros., of Bridgeport, Conn., which has 117 stores and a gross volume of business of approximately \$4,000,000. An agreement has also been signed for the acquisition of the Modern Grocery Co. of South Norwalk, Conn., with 60 stores and a gross of about \$2,000,000. Both transactions will be handled almost entirely as cash propositions, it is stated.—V. 129, p. 3174.

Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.—Initial Pref. Dividend.
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the 6% cum. pref. stock, series A, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. (For offering see V. 129, p. 2544.)
The old 7% pref. stock has been called as of Feb. 15 1930 and the old 6% pref. stock as of Jan. 15 1930, and final quarterly dividends on these two stocks were declared payable on the redemption dates.—V. 129, p. 2864.

Florsheim Shoe Co.—Outlook.
Milton S. Florsheim, Chairman, has made the following statement: "Our fiscal year closed Oct. 31. Preliminary figures indicate the best year in volume and net profits in our history. Our cash position is exceedingly satisfactory. Cash, Government and municipal securities amount to \$4,633,610. Indebtedness of all kinds, exclusive of taxes, amounts to \$141,442. Orders for the coming season are coming in nicely and we are looking at the future with considerable confidence."—V. 129, p. 2236.

Foot-Burt Co.—Earnings.

	3 Months.	9 Months.
Period Ended Sept. 30 1929—		
Net income after charges	\$47,365	\$289,076
Earnings per share on 97,457 shares capital stock	\$0.48	\$2.96

—V. 128, p. 3358.

Foremost Fabrics Corp.—Earnings.
The company reports for quarter ended Sept. 30 1929 consolidated net profit of \$125,397 after charges and Federal taxes, equivalent to \$1.25 a share on 100,000 shares of no-par stock.—V. 129, p. 1920.

Fruehauf Trailer Co., Detroit.—Earnings.
Company reports \$359,573 for the first 9 months of 1929, after deducting for Federal taxes, contingencies, bonuses and bad debts. This is equal to \$35.95 a share on the 10,000 shares of class A convertible 7% pref. stock outstanding and listed on the Detroit Stock Exchange. This compares with \$28.53 a share for the entire year of 1928.—V. 129, p. 1751.

Gamewell Co.—Earnings.
The company reports net earnings for the five months ended Oct. 31 1929, after taxes and depreciation, of \$439,093, equal to \$3.69 a share or at the annual rate of \$8.85 per share on the 118,928 shares of common stock outstanding. Completed sales in October were \$631,422 which represent a 50% gain over the month of September and a 59% gain over the same month of 1928. Net income of \$108,972 for the month of October is the greatest for any month in the history of the company, representing a gain of 40% over September and of 30% as compared with the same month a year ago. Unfilled orders during the month increased approximately 10% in spite of a record volume of completed sales for October.—V. 129, p. 2691.

General Asphalt Co.—Initial Com. Div.—Correction.
The directors last week declared an initial quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock (no par value), payable Dec. 16 to holders of record Nov. 26. [In last week's "Chronicle," page 3174, the second paragraph is erroneous, as no dividend had previously been paid on this issue. Ed.]
The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the 5% cum. pref. stock, payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 21.—V. 129, p. 3174.

General Laundry Machinery Corp.—Omits Dividend.
The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend due at this time on the common stock, no par value. From Sept. 30 1927 to and incl. July 27 1929, incl., quarterly dividends of 40c. a share were paid on this issue.—V. 129, p. 2236.

Gillette Safety Razor Co.—Listing.
The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 105,000 additional shares of capital stock (no par value) on or after Dec. 2 on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend of 5%, making the total amount applied for 2,205,000 shares.

Earnings for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1929 (Including Subsidiaries).

Profit from operations	\$14,403,670
Additions to income	946,248
Total	\$15,349,918
Deductions from income	1,095,506
Depreciation	329,147
Federal income taxes	1,582,752
Net earnings for surplus	\$12,342,513
Previous balance	18,853,570
Miscellaneous additions	253,891
Total surplus	\$31,449,974
Cash dividends paid	7,858,047
Miscellaneous deductions	1,647,181
Profit and loss surplus	\$21,944,746

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

	Dec. 31 '28.	Sept. 30 '29.		Dec. 31 '28.	Sept. 30 '29.
Assets			Liabilities		
Cash	\$ 8,338,018	\$ 8,631,743	Capital stock	33,309,046	x33,309,046
Accts. receivable	19,669,647	21,832,773	Surplus	18,853,570	21,944,746
Accept. receivable	457,995	289,934	Reserves—Taxes	1,894,112	2,071,811
Notes receivable	267,727	272,915	Advertising	516,525	776,118
Inventories	6,006,651	6,531,741	Contingencies	389,764	295,811
Investm'ts (at cost)	6,779,642	7,913,558	Miscellaneous	462,271	747,666
Real estate & bldgs.	6,012,998	5,930,352	Accept. discounted	312,732	
Mach'y & equip.	4,679,727	4,322,614	Accounts payable	93,517	160,166
Patents, licenses (of Canadian subs.)	3,616,230	3,579,730			
Patents (parent co.)	1	1	Total (each side)	55,828,637	59,305,363

x Represented by 2,100,000 shares of common stock (no par).—V. 129, p. 2394.

General Public Service Corp.—3% Stock Dividend.

The regular semi-annual dividend of 3% in common stock (3-100ths of a share per share) has been declared on the common stock, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 2. A like amount was paid on June 29 last and on Dec. 31 1928. On the latter date a special 5% stock distribution was also made.

The directors also declared regular quarterly dividends of \$1.50 and \$1.37 1/2 per share, respectively, on the \$6 dividend and \$5.50 dividend pref. stocks, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 10.—V. 129, p. 2865.

Gilmore Oil Co.—Earnings Six Months Ended Sept. 30 '29.

Gasoline sales (gallons)	15,529,032
Net income after deprec., deplet. & Federal taxes	\$349,686
Earnings per share on capital stock	\$1.88

—V. 129, p. 2394.

Cleaner Combine Harvester Corp.—Increased Common Stock Placed on a \$1 Annual Dividend Basis.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 25 cents per share on the increased common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 15. This is equivalent to the quarterly dividend rate of \$1 per share paid on the common stock outstanding prior to the distribution of the 300% stock dividend on Nov. 15 to holders of record Nov. 5.—V. 129, p. 2692.

Glidden Co., Cleveland.—1% Stock Dividend.

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50c. per share and an extra dividend of 1% in stock on the no par value common stock, and also the regular quarterly dividend of 1 1/4% on the pref. stock, all payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 12. Like amounts were paid on Oct. 1 last. Previously the company paid 37 1/2 c. regular and 12 1/2 c. in cash each quarter.

Sales for Month and 12 Months Ended Oct. 31.			
1929—Month—1928.	Increase.	1929—12 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$4,082,669	\$2,735,292	\$1,347,377	\$38,273,228
			\$27,406,243
			\$10,866,984

—V. 129, p. 2546.

Gold Seal Assurance Society of Roxbury, Mass.—State Takes Over Affairs—Supt. Ordered by Court to Liquidate.

Supreme Court Justice Leon C. Rhodes, sitting Nov. 16 at a special term in the Sixth Judicial District, directed Albert Conway, State Superintendent of Insurance, to take possession of the business and affairs of the Golden Seal Assurance Society of Roxbury, Mass. The court authorized Mr. Conway to make a contract with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. whereby the latter will substitute its policies in place of certificates payable in several of the funds of the Golden Seal for such sums as their respective distributive shares will purchase. The deal will become effective provided 75% of the members of the society holding certificates payable from its various insurance funds accept the Metropolitan contract and authorize Superintendent Conway to turn over to the Metropolitan their respective distributive shares in the funds of the society. This action was taken with the approval of the officers and directors of the Society, who appeared in court through attorneys and consented to the making and entry of the order and stated to the court that in their opinion the members of the Society will be greatly benefited by accepting the offer of the Metropolitan Life.

Gorham Mfg. Co.—Earnings.

Period End. Oct. 31—1929	1929—Month—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Net income after taxes	\$177,443	\$135,413
		\$589,813
		\$540,623

—V. 129, p. 1598.

Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc.—Shipments Increase.

President S. E. Summerfield says: "Not only have we had no cancellations to date, but our net shipments for the first half of the current month actually show an increase of 15% ahead of this time last year. Periods of hesitation in business merely provide us with additional opportunities for constructive expansion. Our established policy of hand-to-mouth selling, as opposed to conventional volume production, has resulted not only in increasing sales, but has allowed the retailer to function smoothly, without overstocking his shelves.

"The company has shown a turnover on its inventory of finished merchandise of from 28 to 30 times annually. In other words, our stock-rooms only need carry about 10 days of finished products at any time. By actively co-ordinating our manufacturing facilities so that they coincide with the variable but generally rising dealer demand, we have virtually been able to eliminate inventory problems, with consequent benefit to our consumers and ourselves.

"I believe we are justified in looking forward to a period of substantially better business in 1930."—V. 129, p. 973.

(F. & W.) Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of the following additional shares of common stock (no par value) upon official notice of issuance for the following purposes: 13,426 3-5 shares as and for a stock dividend, 1,050 shares upon the conversion of the 6% conv. sinking fund gold debentures of the F. & W. Grand Properties Corp., making the total applied for 329,009 shares.—V. 129, p. 3019.

(F. & W.) Grand-Silver Stores, Inc.—Incorporated.

This company was incorporated in Delaware on Nov. 8 with an authorized capitalization consisting of 2,100,000 shares of no par value, to acquire through merger the F. & W. Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc. and Isaac Silver & Bros. Co.—V. 129, p. 2866.

Granger Trading Corp.—Earnings.

The corporation reports earnings for the third quarter ended Oct. 31 of \$2,118, or nine cents per share. Combined profits for nine months to Oct. 31 were \$106,193, or \$4.16 per share. As of Nov. 1, the liquidating value was \$33.24 per share. In arriving at these profits the securities held in the portfolio were valued at close of the market as of Oct. 31 1929, while all expenses were deducted save taxes and the contingent management fee.—V. 129, p. 1452.

Graymur Corp.—Report.

G. M.-P. Murphy, Chairman of the Board, Nov. 20, reports as follows: The recent course of security prices in the financial markets has affected every investor. The best stocks have been forced down with others and now that relative stability has been restored, it will be of interest to you to know how this corporation has fared.

Corporation was organized in May of this year and on June 30 its present capital of 175,000 shares was fully issued, the corporation receiving therefor \$50 per share net, or \$8,750,000 in cash.

The accounts of the corporation were audited by Lybrand, Ross Bros. & Montgomery as at Sept. 30 1929. The balance sheet presented by the auditors in their report reflected a liquidating value of \$54.92 per share based upon the market value of the corporation's holdings at that date. Cash assets, amounting to \$4,071,000, were equivalent to over 23 per share.

During the period of stress that followed, directors after careful analysis bought securities which, in their opinion, at the purchase prices represented real values and will show substantial ultimate appreciation.

As of Nov. 15 1929, the corporation had in excess of \$1,400,000 in cash and call loans, and commitments of \$155,000. On the same date the total net assets of the corporation, based upon the market value of its investments, were equivalent to \$43.19 per share. The corporation's assets were divided as follows:

Cash and call loans	\$1,432,297
Accrued interest and dividends	19,975
Bonds and preferred stocks	633,253
Common stocks of—	
Banks and other financial institutions	416,014
Railroads	1,493,738
Public utilities	136,488
Steels, coppers and nickel	1,285,563
Merchandising companies	791,930
Chemical and manufacturing	694,218
Oils	366,438
Aviation	17,390
Miscellaneous	116,425
Graymur capital stock (5,000 shares)	155,000
Total	\$7,558,636

The corporation owes no money and in fact has not borrowed at any time during its existence.

The present policy of the management is to make additional purchases with extreme care, to seek investments only at unusually attractive prices. Attention is being paid to current yield and to securities which should suffer least from any depression in business. Directors have implicit confidence in the future of the country and of its best securities. They are satisfied with the portfolio of the corporation and they recommend the retention of the stock.—V. 128, p. 2818.

Guardian Investment Trust.—Earnings.

10 Months Ended Oct. 31—		
Total income	1929.	1928.
	\$1,105,335	\$312,282
Total expense	60,034	19,841
Net income	\$1,045,300	\$292,441
Preferred dividends paid	167,592	76,677
Net profit from operations	\$877,708	\$215,764

General Balance Sheet Oct. 31.			
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	1929.	1928.	1929.
	\$567,134	\$1,218,105	Ref. certificates
Securities, at cost	6,134,443	2,216,929	N. c. pref. certifi.
Accounts receivable	6,564	6,564	Common certifi.
Acct. int. on bonds	9,795	10,539	Res. for pref. divs.
Prepaid insurance	112	112	Accounts payable
			Surplus
			1,068,889
Total	\$6,711,485	\$3,452,249	Total
			\$6,711,485

—V. 129, p. 2692.

(Rudolph) Guenther-Russell Law, Inc.—Earnings.

The company reports net profits for the 3 months' period ended Sept. 30 1929, adjusted to give effect to the recent financing of \$172,379, after all charges, compared with the 1928 third-quarter report, prepared in like manner, which showed net profits after all charges of \$59,485. Such net profits for the 9 months ended Sept. 30, adjusted on a similar basis, amounted to \$486,152, equal to approximately \$3.24 a share on the 150,000 shares of \$5 par value common stock outstanding.—V. 129, p. 2395.

Guilford Realty Co.—Listing, &c.

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$318,000 (par \$100) additional series A 1st pref. stock, and 749 shares of additional no par value common stock.

Company was incorp. Sept. 10 1925, in Maryland, to buy, sell and operate apartment houses, garages, and other real estate.

Balance Sheet, Sept. 30 1929.			
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Buildings and land	\$1,941,324	Common stock (24,685 shs.)	\$246,850
Cash	7,475	Preferred stock	607,900
Accounts receivable	9,326	Mortgages	1,140,920
Notes receivable	2,212	Notes payable	35,000
Autos and equipment	21,584	Accounts payable	12,134
Inventories	527	Interest accrued, not due	12,716
Furniture	14,665	Prepaid rentals	4,017
Investments	107,250	Unpaid profits	63,078
Organization expenses	2,493		
Prepaid items	15,756		
Total	\$2,122,615	Total	\$2,122,615

—V. 128, p. 3197.

(C. M.) Hall Lamp Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 12 1/2 c. a share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 37 1/2 c. a share, both payable Dec. 16 to holders of record Dec. 2. Like amounts were paid on June 15 and Sept. 16. A regular quarterly distribution of 37 1/2 c. a share was made on March 15 last.

The company on Dec. 15 1928 paid an extra dividend of 25c. a share in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of 25c. a share.—V. 129, p. 2866.

Hart, Schaffner & Marx.—Obituary.

President Harry Hart died in Chicago on Nov. 20.—V. 128, p. 879.

Hawaiian Commercial & Sugar Co., Ltd.—Extra Div.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share, payable Dec. 5 to holders of record Nov. 25. The regular monthly dividend of 25c. a share is payable on the same date.—V. 128, p. 3837.

Hecla Mining Co.—Earnings.

Period End. Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Tons mined	77,584	76,685
Lead produced (lbs.)	14,752,915	13,354,567
Average lead price	\$6.74	\$6.41
Silver produced (ozs.)	426,390	391,447
Average silver price	\$0.51	\$0.58
Gross income	\$923,659	\$790,997
Operating expenses	375,268	390,453
Taxes accrued	79,000	57,000
Depreciation	29,950	70,613
Net profit	\$439,440	\$272,931
Earnings per share on 1,000,000 shs. (par 25c.) cap. stk.	\$0.44	\$0.27
		\$1.48
		\$0.98

—V. 129, p. 1293.

Holland (Mich.) Furnace Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 62 1/2 c. a share (or 2% in stock at the option of the holder) on the common stock, no par value, and the regular semi-annual dividend of 3 1/4% on the preferred stock, all payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 16. An extra cash dividend of 25 cents per share was also paid Jan. 1 last on the common stock.—V. 129, p. 1453.

Honolulu Plantation Co.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. per share, both payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Nov. 30. A year ago an extra dividend of \$1.50 per share was declared as compared with an extra of \$1 per share two years ago.—V. 128, p. 3838.

Houdaille-Hershey Corp.—Estimated Earnings.

Expansion of the business of this corporation since its formation through merger early this year is expected to be reflected in earnings for 1929, according to an analysis prepared by Hayden, Stone & Co., which places earnings for the current year at more than \$6 per share on the combined class A and class B stock. In view of the fact that the company earned \$3.19 per share for the first six months, this estimate would seem to place earnings for the last half year at approximately \$3 per share.—V. 129, p. 3176.

Hydraulic Brake Co.—Earnings.

Period End. Sept. 30—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Gross income	\$127,391	\$193,410
Research & experimental expenses	16,671	10,821
Selling & serv. expenses	13,283	44,688
General expenses	16,964	31,136
Deprec. & amortiz.	8,904	9,147
Accrued income taxes	8,589	22,924
Net profit	\$62,979	\$74,692
		\$275,228
		\$224,187

—V. 129, p. 2867.

Incorporated Investors.—Ten Cent Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 10c. a share, payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Nov. 25. Quarterly dividends of 25c. a share are being paid regularly on the stock, the last distribution at this rate having been made on Oct. 15. In addition the company on May 1 paid a 50% stock dividend on July 15, an extra of 5c. in cash and 2% in stock, and on Oct. 15 an extra of 2 1/4% in stock.—V. 129, p. 1922.

Industrial Brownhoist Corp.—Notes Offered.—Harris, Small & Co., Detroit, are offering at par and int. \$500,000 3-year 7% convertible gold notes.

Dated Nov. 1 1929; due Nov. 1 1932. Principal and int. (M. & N.) payable at Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit, Mich., trustee. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500c*. Red. all or part on any int. date on 60 days' notice at 102 and int. up to and incl. Nov. 1 1930; at 101 and int. thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1931, and at 100 and int. thereafter to and incl. Nov. 1 1932. Interest payable without deduction for normal Federal income tax not in excess of 2%. Corporation agrees to reimburse the holders of the notes, if requested within 90 days after payment, for the Penn. and Conn. 4 mill tax, for the Maryland 4 1/2 mill tax, for the Mass. income tax not in excess of 6% or for any future Mich. income tax not in excess of 6% of the annual interest of the note.

Convertible.—Notes will be convertible at the option of the holder at any time prior to maturity or, in the event of call, the date of redemption of common stock of the corporation at the rate of 25 shares of common stock for each \$500 of principal amount of notes surrendered.

Data from Letter of Alex. C. Brown, Pres. of the Company.

Business.—Corporation was incorporated in Ohio, Sept. 22 1927, to acquire the assets and business of Industrial Works, Bay City, Mich. (incorp. in Mich. in 1924 as successors to the company of the same name formed in 1873 and incorp. in 1904), and the Brown Hoisting Machinery Co. of Cleveland, O. (incorp. in Delaware, Aug. 16 1900 as successors to the Brown Hoisting & Conveying Machine Co., established in 1880). Corporation manufactures locomotive and wrecking cranes, crawler shovels, coal and ore bridge cranes, car dumpers, ballast cleaning machines, conveyors, rock unloaders, and other material handling equipment.

Earnings.—Sales orders received through Sept. 30 1929, were 61% in excess of those received during the same period of last year. Some of the large contracts taken this year will require many months for production, so that uncompleted production orders are about 180% in excess of open orders on the books at this time in 1928. The following figures taken from the books of the corporation and its subsidiary companies compare the first nine months of 1929 with the entire year 1928:

	1929. 9 Months.	1928. Entire Year
Profit from operations before depreciation	\$640,141	\$463,394
Depreciation	121,011	163,297
Profit from operations	\$519,131	\$300,097
Interest received (net)		1,851
Total	\$519,131	\$301,948
Other expenses	32,957	
Bond and note interest and amortization of bond & note discount and expense	182,791	248,764
Net profit	\$303,383	\$53,184

The book value of the common stock, as shown by the books of the corporation on Sept. 30 1929, was approximately \$42 per share as compared with the conversion price of \$20 per share provided in this note issue. Profit available for bond and note interest, as above indicated, is three times the amount required for such interest. For the first nine months of the year earnings applicable to the common stock amount to \$2.56 per share.

Consolidated Balance Sheet, Sept. 30 1929 (Before Giving Effect to Financing.)

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$63,459	Dividends payable	\$15,713
Customers' notes & accts. rec.	1,661,366	Notes payable to banks	500,000
Equity in notes discounted	2,700	Accounts payable	293,917
Due from officers & empl.	22,934	Accrued payrolls & comm.	150,592
Life insurance policies	28,102	Accrued interest & local taxes	147,157
Inventories	2,802,385	Purchase money obligation	228,606
Miscellaneous investments	5,794	Funded debt	3,197,000
Capital assets	3,865,339	7% cum. preferred stock	897,900
Drawings	359,000	Com. stk. (100,000 shs. no par)	2,000,000
Patents	307,000	Surplus	2,229,641
Deferred charges	551,455	Total (each side)	\$9,669,526

—V. 129, p. 2867.

Industrial Rayon Corp.—Earnings.

The corporation reports a net profit for the month of Oct. 1929, after all charges including Federal income taxes, amounting to \$176,781. Earnings for the first 10 months of 1929 totaled \$1,239,749.

The company's balance sheet as of Oct. 31, showed total cash and call loans amounting to \$5,508,672 and total current assets amounting to \$6,849,000 as against total current liabilities of \$381,755, a ratio of approximately 20 to 1.

The company's new plant at Covington, Va., according to Pres. H. S. Rivitz, is now producing at about 40% of its capacity and will be in full operation by the end of January. This will permit an output of about 11 million pounds for the year 1930, which compares with an estimated output of 5 1/2 million pounds for 1929.

Mr. Rivitz estimated that corporation's earnings for 1929 would amount to more than \$8 per share and that in view of the increase in production in 1930, he felt reasonably safe in looking for earnings of double this amount in 1930.—V. 129, p. 2867.

Insuranshares Certificates, Inc.—Over 85% of Certificates Deposited—Plan Declared Operative.

Approximately 85% of the outstanding Insuranshares Trust certificates of the five outstanding series have already been deposited for exchange into stock of Insuranshares Certificates Inc., Edward B. Twombly, Chairman of the Board, announced Nov. 20.

Commenting on published reports that these trusts were to terminate, Mr. Twombly explained that the action was a formality involved in the change from a trust to a corporate form.

See also Insuranshares Management Corp. The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent of 1,180,000 shares of common stock, no par value.—V. 129, p. 2693.

Insuranshares Corp. of Del.—Liquidating Value.

Liquidating value of the corporation capital stock was \$18.42 per share as of Oct. 31, a decline of less than 20% from its highest point, shareholders were informed in a letter addressed to them Nov. 19 by the company's bankers. The relatively small decline in liquidating value is compared with individual declines of 30% to 50% in the very best bank and insurance company stocks as justifying the careful selection and diversification practiced by the well-managed investment company.

"There is no reason to believe that the situation which has occurred in the stock market," the letter states, "Premium income of insurance companies will continue its present ratio of increase. It is not conceivable that conditions prevailing in the stock market can materially affect prospects of increased underwriting profits. There is every reason to believe that the income of insurance companies from interest, dividends and rents will show a normal increase during this year. Insurance companies have a constant inflow of new money and were a very considerable factor in the buying side during the lowest ebbs of the recent market. This factor, if not active in the result as shown in the statements at the close of 1929, will most certainly react in favor of insurance company investment accounts in the near future."—V. 129, p. 2868.

Insuranshares Management Co.—Plan Operative—Time or Deposits Extended.

The directors of Insuranshares Management Corp. Nov. 19 voted to terminate as of Dec. 31 next the Insuranshares trusts represented by outstanding certificates of series A-27, C-27, F-27, H-27 and B-28, sufficient of these certificates having been deposited for exchange into shares of Insuranshares Certificates, Inc. Directors of Insuranshares Certificates, Inc., voted to declare the plan of exchange operative and to extend the time during which certificates may be deposited for exchange from Nov. 19 to Dec. 11. As soon as practicable after Dec. 1 there will be mailed to holders of deposit receipts stock, scrip certificates for fractional shares of stock and cash as set forth in the plan of exchange.—V. 129, p. 2693.

International Arbitrage Corp.—Earnings.

The corporation reports net earnings of \$12.07 per share on the 5,000 outstanding shares of its \$50 par value common stock for the first 4 months of operation ending Sept. 30 1929, which is at an annual rate of 72%. The corporation has recently paid a quarterly dividend of 14%.—V. 129, p. 3176.

International Combustion Engineering Corp.—No Action Taken on Preferred Dividend.—The directors at their meeting on Nov. 21 took no action on the quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share usually due Jan. 2 on the \$7 cum. pref. stock, no par value. This rate has been paid regularly from Jan. 3 1928 to and incl. Oct. 1 1929.—V. 129, p. 3176.

International Paper & Power Co.—September Output.—The International Paper & Power Co. system produced 383,347,000 k. w. h. of electric energy in September, an increase of 41% over Sept. 1928. In the first nine months of this year the output was 3,421,183,000 k. w. h., 40% greater than in the corresponding period of last year. Included in the output figures are those of International Hydro-Electric System—controlling New England Power Association and Canadian Hydro-Electric Corp., Ltd., and of the hydro-electric plants of the International Paper Co. group.—V. 129, p. 3176.

International Perfume Co., Inc.—Earnings.—Net profits of the company, for the month of October, after all charges including Federal income taxes, amounted to \$131,463, and for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 to \$538,644. It is expected that profits for November will equal or better those for October, and it is estimated by R. H. Aronson, Vice-President, that net profits for the full year 1929 will approximate \$700,000. Company is now in the midst of its busiest season of the year, and business this year running at record levels. Sales in October were nearly 20% in excess of those for September, and the sales for the first 10 months of 1929 have been substantially in excess of those for the same period of last year.—V. 129, p. 2085.

International Printing Ink Corp.—Inc. Com. Div.—The directors have increased the annual dividend rate on the common stock from \$2.50 to \$3 a share with the declaration of a quarterly payment of 75 cents per share. The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 on the preferred stock also was declared. Both dividends are payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 13.—V. 129, p. 2694.

International Safety Razor Corp.—Earnings.—Earnings for 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1929.

Profit after selling, administrative & all other expenses	\$542,111
Reserve for depreciation	11,657
Reserve for Federal taxes	\$63,654
Net profit	\$466,799

Balance Sheet, Oct. 31 1929.

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$278,018	Accounts payable & accruals	\$43,509
Inventories	81,865	Reserve for taxes	85,129
Accounts receivable	75,544	Reserve for contingencies	40,000
Land, bldgs., mach. & equip.	x140,579	Capital stock	247,265
Office furniture & fixtures	137,679	Surplus	313,315
Good-will, trademarks, &c.	15,633		
Deferred charges			
Total	\$729,217	Total	\$729,217

x After reserve for depreciation of \$63,485.—V. 129, p. 2694.

Investors Syndicate.—Sales.

Total sales of investment certificates in the four weeks ended in October totaled \$10,036,200, a new high record, compared with \$8,921,700 for the four weeks in September and \$7,140,300 for the four weeks in October 1928. Sales from Jan. 1 1929 to Nov. 1 1929 were \$85,409,300, against \$63,693,700 in the corresponding period of 1928, also a new high record.

"The increase in the sale of investment certificates in the face of the panicky tendency in the security markets of the country in the last several weeks, does much to offset fears of excessive over-speculation on the part of the American public," J. R. Ridgway, President, said in his report.—V. 129, p. 2547.

Irving Investors Management Co., Inc.—Report.

Investment Trust Fund "B" (The Accumulative Fund).
Income Account Years Ended Sept. 30.

	1929.	1928.
Income: Interest	\$234,171	\$92,868
Profits from sales of securities	891,880	176,086
Dividends	85,802	45,467
Total	\$1,211,834	\$314,421
Management compensation	35,007	17,017
Reserve for contingencies in respect of—		
Prior periods	34,540	
Current period	132,442	
Net income	\$1,009,845	\$297,404
Undistributed income at beginning of period	274,185	14,183
Total income	\$1,284,031	\$311,587

Distributions applic. to cfs. redeemed:

In respect of—		
Undistributed income of prior periods	\$103,873	9,840
Undistributed income of current period	297,375	13,999
Unrealized apprec. in market value of securities	100,927	13,562
Undistributed income at end of period	\$781,356	\$274,185

Aggregate Actual Value of Shares Represented by Outstanding Certificates.

	Sept. 30 29.	Sept. 30 28.
Face value of certificates outstanding	\$4,114,700	\$3,899,360
Undistributed income	781,356	274,185
Total	\$4,896,056	\$4,173,485

Per 100 shares	\$4,896,056	\$4,173,485
Unrealized profit in securities owned	\$1,427	\$1,174
Market value	\$2,199,715	\$1,685,869
Book value, cost	2,013,817	1,410,540
Total	\$185,898	\$275,329
Deduct: Res. for cont. applic. to unrealized profs.	22,308	
Total (net)	\$163,591	\$275,329
Per 100 shares	\$47,70	\$77,46
Aggregate actual value of shs. excl. cont. res.	x\$5,059,646	x\$4,448,815
Per 100 shares	\$1,475	\$1,251

x After deducting management compensation for the quarters ending Sept. 30 1928 and 1929, payable respectively Oct. 1 1928 and 1929.

Note.—Including the contingent reserve the aggregate actual value of shares at Sept. 30 1929 would be:

Aggregate actual value as above	\$5,059,646
Provision for contingencies	\$166,982
Deducting from income	22,307
Deducted from unrealized profit in securities owned	
Aggregate actual value of shares	\$5,248,926
Per 100 shares	\$1,530.61

Comparative Statement of Condition, Sept. 30.

Assets		Liabilities	
Sec. owned, at cost	\$2,013,816	Inv. tr. cfs. out-stdg. (342,931 sh.)	
Int. & divs. rec.	29,752	In 1929)	\$4,114,700
Call loans	2,900,000	Subsc. to inv. trust certificates	56,600
Cash	132,625	Due Irving Inv. Mgmt. Co., Inc.	13,155
Deps. against inv. cfs. not yet iss.	56,600	Reserve for cont.	166,982
		Undistrib. income	781,356
Total	\$5,132,793	Total	\$5,132,793

—V. 129, p. 2695.

Jewel Tea Co., Inc., Chicago.—Sales Higher.—
 Period End. Nov. 2— 1929—4 Wks.—1928. 1929—44 Wks.—1928.
 Sales----- \$1,330,339 \$1,296,632 \$1,998,336 \$13,204,712
 Aver. no. of sales routes----- 1,194 1,110 1,175 1,104
 —V. 129, p. 2695, 2396.

Katz Drug Co.—Initial, &c., Dividends.—
 The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50 cents a share and an extra dividend of 25 cents a share on the common stock, both payable Dec. 15 to holders of record Nov. 30.
 The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.62½ a share on the pref. stock, payable Jan. 1 1930 to holders of record Dec. 14 1929.—V. 129, p. 3176.

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Protects Employees' Stock.
 The company on Nov. 16 notified its employees that it will protect them against further loss of Kroger's stock purchased by them as an investment.—V. 129, p. 3176.

Lake Shore Mines, Ltd.—Larger Quarterly Dividend.—
 The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 30c. a share, payable Dec. 16 to holders of record Dec. 2. In previous quarters regular dividends of 20c. a share were paid. In addition, an extra disbursement of 20c. a share was made on Sept. 17 last.—V. 129, p. 2086.

Lahey Foundry & Machine Co.—Fractional Warrants.—
 Fractional stock warrants issued in connection with stock dividends expire on Dec. 31 1929, and in requesting that they be forwarded to the Guardian Trust Co., Detroit, Mich., for exchange, the Lahey company announces:
 "In case fractional stock warrants surrendered do not aggregate one full share, a check will be returned in payment therefor on the basis of \$15 for a full share."—V. 129, p. 2086.

Laurel Oil & Refining Co.—New Oil Company Formed in Northwest by Portland Interests.—

Formation of a new petroleum refining company sponsored by Portland, Oregon, business men and financial interest, which will provide an outlet for producing companies of Northwestern Wyoming pools, is made known by Freeman, Smith & Camp Co., financiers of the new company. Organized under the laws of Delaware as the Laurel Oil & Refining Co., the company is headed by Alfred J. Diescher, who was formerly vice-president and general manager of the Empire (Cities Service system) properties.

In connection with the financing the company is constructing a refining plant at Laurel, Mont., which should be completed by April 1 1930, with an initial capacity of 16,000,000 gallons of gasoline annually, which the company will employ within a year after commencing operations.
 The company will employ the Donnelly process of refining, which is the latest cracking method developed and is extensively used in the Mid-Continental fields. The plant, located on a site of 103 acres, is said to be of the latest type in design and materials and embodies all new refining developments proven to date. The principle products of the company will be gasoline, asphalt, road oil and some fuel oil. Kerosene will be re-cracked to gasoline.

Crude oil will be transported in tank cars from the Oregon Basin, which is approximately 100 miles from Laurel, which is the junction point on the Northern Pacific, Burlington and Great Northern railways about 12 miles from Billings. Producing companies in the Oregon Basin include the Ohio Oil Co., Continental Oil Co., Leonard Petroleum Co. and others.

Leonard Custom Tailors Co.—Initial Dividend.—
 The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 43¼ cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. See offering in V. 129, p. 2087.

Lerner Stores Corp.—Initial Common Dividend.—
 The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 16 to holders of record Dec. 6. This is at the annual rate of \$2 per share.

President Joseph J. Lerner says: "Many people confuse stock market reactions with general economic conditions throughout the country. The various recessions in Stock Exchange prices have not impeded the progressive growth of the retail business. Statistics show that the volume of chain store organizations has grown not only as a result of the opening of new stores, but also as a result of the increase in business shown by the older units. Our volume and profits have never been more favorable than they are to-day. We expect to sell \$19,000,000 in merchandise this year and will show profits of approximately \$1,400,000 after depreciation and taxes. We estimate our volume for 1930 in excess of \$27,000,000. There is every indication of a corresponding ratio of profit. Conditions are fundamentally sound and our business plans are being made accordingly. We are developing a new chain in the Central States and along the Pacific Coast. By the end of 1930 we shall have 30 to 35 additional stores in that section which will give us 170 stores in all, even if we take on no other stores in the rest of the country. The increased volume will give us large additional purchasing power which makes for solidity of operations and enables us to pass along economies to the consumer."—V. 129, p. 3021.

Lion Oil Refining Co.—Earnings.—
 10 Months Ended Oct. 31— 1929. 1928.
 Net profit after deprec. & depl. but before Federal taxes----- \$1,159,291 \$186,267
 —V. 129, p. 2548.

Liquid Carbonic Corp.—Earnings.—
 The corporation reports consolidated net profits available for dividends and management profit sharing for the year ended Sept. 30 1929, of \$1,903,528 against \$1,415,367 last year, an increase of 34%. These earnings are equal to \$6.12 per share on 311,131 shares of common stock outstanding at Sept. 30 1929, against \$4.54 per share on the basis of the same number of shares last year. After deduction of \$140,000 for management's share of profits, earnings are equal to \$5.67 per share for 1929 as compared with \$3.95 per share last year after management profit of \$185,000. Net sales for the year were \$12,729,571 against \$9,987,030 for the previous year, an increase of \$2,742,542 or 27%.

The company's shares outstanding were increased by 136,544 during the year through a stock dividend of 20%, the conversion of bonds, execution of subscription rights and sale of a small lot to bankers.—V. 129, p. 139.

Logan Gear Co.—Earnings.—
 The company reports for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 net income of \$457,667 after charges, equal after dividends on the \$1.60 cumulative preference stock to \$2.96 a share on 130,000 shares of no par common stock outstanding. The company recently increased its capital structure to 130,000 shares of no par value common stock and 60,000 shares of no par cum. pref. stock. Earnings for the 9 months period are computed on basis of new capitalization.—V. 129, p. 1135.

Lord & Taylor (Department Stores)—New Directors.—
 George L. Burr and Otto Marks have been elected directors.—V. 129, p. 2696.

Ludwig Baumann & Co.—Sales Higher.—
 Sales for Month and Four Months Ended Oct. 31.
 1929—Month—1928. Increase. 1929—4 Mos.—1928. Increase.
 \$1,518,941 \$1,227,562 \$291,379 \$4,210,671 \$3,485,992 \$724,679
 —V. 129, p. 2389, 1915.

McLellan Stores Co.—Aids Employees Holding Firm's Stock.—

This company is another addition to the list of corporations which aided their employees during the recent stock market debacle. Offer of assistance was extended to all store managers who had purchased the company's stock. Chairman W. W. McLellan announced following the regular meeting of directors, that in only one case out of 268 stores was help needed, and that employees were actually acquiring additional shares at present for cash.

Mr. McLellan stated that sales of \$17,061,118 for the ten months ended Oct. 31 1929 were 35.8% ahead of last year, and that the rate of net profit on sales is higher than the same period a year ago. He looked forward to continued satisfactory progress and a good holiday season.—V. 129, p. 3177.

McCall Corp.—Listing.—
 The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 289,602 additional shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance as a stock split-up 2 for 1, making the total amount applied for 579,204 shares of common stock.

Consolidated Income Statement Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.

Net sales—advertising	\$5,315,298
Other	4,140,970
Total	\$9,456,269
Manufacturing, selling, administrative and general expenses	7,307,015
Depreciation	179,673
Balance	\$1,969,580
Miscellaneous income less miscellaneous expenses	132,329
Total profit before reserves	\$2,101,910
Reserve against doubtful accounts	55,250
Reserve for taxes	268,498
Net profit	\$1,778,162
Surplus at beginning of period	4,783,421
Total	\$6,561,583
Dividends	816,724
Surplus at end of period	\$5,744,859
Earnings per share on 289,602 shares	\$6.14

Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Sept. 30 '29, Dec. 31 '28.		Sept. 30 '29, Dec. 31 '28.	
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in banks and on hand	200,846 374,841	Accounts payable	386,642 403,508
Marketable securities	2,595,210 1,291,263	Reserve for taxes	348,817 250,867
Accts. receiv. (net)	971,305 775,890	Accruals and miscellaneous	193,542 163,216
Notes receivable	22,656 22,677	Dividends payable	289,428 263,825
Inventories	1,957,013 1,823,021	Magazine subscrip. paid in advance	678,314 676,480
Employees' accts. receiv. secured	212,418 211,689	Mag. adv., &c., sales (less commis'ns)	844,415 670,974
Investments	5,000 5,000	Reserves	36,571 12,963
Merchandise	125,519 133,657	Com. stk. (no par)	9,621,734 6,973,753
Deferred charges	148,656 116,707	Earned surplus	5,744,859 4,783,421
Fixed assets	3,541,641 3,366,968		
Sub. lists, adv., &c.	8,364,054 6,077,292		
Total	\$18,144,322 \$14,199,006	Total	\$18,144,322 \$14,199,007

x Represented by 289,596 shares (no par value).—V. 129, p. 3021.

McWilliams Dredging Co.—Earnings.—
 9 Mos. Ended Sept. 30— 1929. 1928.
 Net income after charges----- \$166,452 \$132,193
 Earnings per sh. on 30,000 shs. com. stk. (no par)-- \$4.55 \$3.40
 —V. 128, p. 741.

(R. H.) Macy & Co., Inc.—5% Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared the usual annual 5% stock dividend and the regular quarterly cash dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 24.

A like amount in stock was paid on Feb. 15 1928 and 1929. Regular quarterly cash dividends of 50c. per share have been paid since and incl. Nov. 15 1928 on the common stock. An extra distribution of \$1 per share in cash was also made on July 1 last.—V. 129, p. 1296.

(P. R.) Mallory & Co., Inc.—Initial Dividend.—
 The directors have declared a quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Nov. 15 to holders of record Oct. 31. See also V. 129, p. 1455.

Marmon Motor Car Co.—Unfilled Orders.—
 Unfilled orders as of Nov. 16 number approximately 25% more than a year ago, it is announced by President G. M. Williams.

A large number of these orders are for the new Marmon Big Eight model recently announced to sell in the fine car field. Production of this model is just beginning in quantity and the outlook is favorable for continued heavy shipments, since Marmon distributors and dealers report an insistent retail demand for the new Big Eight aside from the normal requirements for display purposes.

Coincident with this announcement of an order situation that is extremely favorable for this time of the year, Mr. Williams called attention to the fact that stocks of Marmon and Roosevelt cars in the hands of domestic distributors and dealers average less than three cars each. Retail sales so far this year are approximately 50% greater than the total for all of last year.—V. 129, p. 3021.

(Glenn L.) Martin Co.—Notes Offered.—Otis & Co. and the Baltimore Trust Co. are offering at 97 \$3,000,000 5-year 6% convertible gold notes.

Dated Nov. 1 1929; due Nov. 1 1934. Principal and interest (M. & N.) payable at office of Otis & Co., New York City, or at Baltimore Trust Co., Baltimore, trustee. Red. at any time on 60 days' notice at 105 and int. to and including Nov. 1 1930; at 104 and int. thereafter to and including Nov. 1 1931; at 103 and int. thereafter to and including Nov. 1 1932; at 102 and int. thereafter to and including Nov. 1 1933; and at 101 and interest thereafter prior to maturity. Interest is payable without deduction for any Federal income tax up to 2% per annum of the interest. Company has agreed to refund to the holders of these notes resident in the respective States, upon proper application, Penn. and Conn. personal property taxes not exceeding 4 mills per annum, and Maryland personal property taxes not exceeding 5 mills per annum, assessed and paid on each dollar of assessed value of the notes, and the Mass. income tax not to exceed 6% per annum of the interest.

Conversion Privilege.—The notes will be convertible at the option of the holder into shares of common stock at the rate of 50 shares for each \$1,000 principal amount of notes (being at the rate of \$20 per share) at any time prior to maturity or earlier redemption, with proper adjustment of interest. The note agreement will include provisions safeguarding this conversion privilege.

Data from Letter of Pres. Glenn L. Martin, Baltimore, Nov. 19.

History and Business.—The business of the company dates back to 1907, when experimental work culminating in the first Martin plane was undertaken by President Martin who completed his first plane and taught himself to fly in 1909. The business was carried on as a single proprietorship until 1912, when he incorporated his business in California. In 1917 the California corporation was merged with the Wright company to form the Wright-Martin Co. Later in the same year this company was dissolved and President Martin thereupon continued the manufacture and sale of aeroplanes through the medium of the Glenn L. Martin Co. (Ohio). The present company was incorporated in Maryland in Dec. 1928, as successor to the Ohio corporation.

Since 1913, when the company (including in such term its predecessors in the business) delivered its first plane to the U. S. Government, it has been one of the largest producers in the country of aircraft for the Government. Company produced the well known Martin bomber which was for several years following the Armistice used as the standard bombing plane by the U. S. Government. In spite of the necessity for constant and substantial expenditures for experimentation and improvement due to the rapid development of the aviation industry the business has been a commercial success.

Company now manufactures several types of aircraft for the Government. The facilities of its Cleveland plant in the past few years have been utilized to capacity by such business and proved inadequate for the handling of much additional business which the company was in position to obtain. Company therefore disposed of its Cleveland plant and erected at Baltimore a new plant, which is now in operation, and which will enable

it not only to undertake additional Government business but to expand into various other fields of aviation.

Company has completed designs for and will soon add to its established line all-metal aircraft of the light training and sport type, flying boats and large planes of the commercial transport type.

In addition to manufacturing planes for the Government, the company also makes pontoons and other airplane equipment. It maintains its own complete engineering department for the development of commercial and military aircraft and carries on experimental work for and in conjunction with the Government.

New Plant.—Company's new plant and airport are located on a 1,200 acre tract of land, owned by the company, at Middle River, Md., on Chesapeake Bay, 10 miles East of the business section of Baltimore.

The new plant, with 298,000 square feet of floor space, is of the latest pavilion type fireproof steel and brick construction, and has been so laid out as to insure minimum operating expenses and maximum efficiency throughout.

The new property has a frontage of 1 1/2 miles on the main line of the Pennsylvania RR. affording excellent railroad transportation facilities.

The property has a frontage of 5 miles on tide water, being penetrated by several arms of Chesapeake Bay. It is expected that facilities for "fly-away" deliveries of both land and sea planes will be unsurpassed, and that in view of the natural advantages of the site it will be, when developed, the largest and best equipped land and marine airport in the United States.

The sale of the Cleveland property constituted a sale for cash of real estate and buildings with machine tools and raw stores and the right to manufacture and sell certain types of Martin aircraft developed in the past by the Ohio corporation. This sale gave no right to other use of the Glenn L. Martin name or to use any of the other Glenn L. Martin patents or designs or future developments.

Capitalization— Authorized. Outstanding. 5-year 6% convertible gold notes (this issue) \$3,000,000 \$3,000,000 Common stock (no par) *1,000,000 shs. 525,000 shs

* Includes 150,000 shares reserved for conversion of notes. Additional stock to the extent of 25,000 shares may be sold, free from pre-emptive rights, to employees upon the vote or consent of two-thirds of the outstanding common stock.

The company has granted no options on its unissued common stock and has never given any stock as a bonus.

Purpose.—Proceeds will be used for completing equipment of the new plant, additional working capital, and for other general corporate purposes.

Earnings.—The business has had a favorable record of earnings, a profit having been shown in each year since 1912, with the exception of 1924.

For the four-year period 1925 to 1928, incl., the net income of the business after depreciation, available for interest and Federal taxes, but without deduction of non-recurring interest and rentals (averaging \$57,395 per annum for the period), all as certified by Haskins & Sells, has been as follows:

Table with 5 columns: Year, 1928, 1927, 1926, 1925. Row: Net income as above... \$526,987 \$624,412 \$224,903 \$297,208

Average annual net income, as given above, for the four year period was \$418,377, or 2.32 times the maximum annual interest requirements on this issue of notes. Such net income for the year 1928 was equivalent to 2.92 times such interest requirements.

Due to the expenses of moving from Cleveland, which have been charged to current operations, and to the interruption of major manufacturing operations incident thereto (operations at the temporary plant at Baltimore having been confined to replacements, parts, pontoons, &c.), the company does not expect to show substantial profits in 1929.

During the past five years the company has devoted its efforts almost entirely to the manufacture of planes for the Government, the volume of this business averaging from \$2,000,000 to \$2,750,000 annually. It now has uncompleted orders on hand from the Government, received during the first six months of 1929, totalling \$2,847,797, calling for complete deliveries in 1930.

The new plant, designed as the initial unit of a proposed plant of triple its capacity, will accommodate a volume of business in excess of \$8,800,000 annually, approximately three times that of the Cleveland plant, providing ample facilities for additional Government business and for the Company's proposed commercial lines.

Condensed Balance Sheet June 30 1929 (Giving Effect to this Financing).

Balance Sheet with Assets (Cash, Accounts receivable, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, etc.) totaling \$5,335,005.

Mergenthaler Linotype Co.—25c. Extra Dividend—Regular Quarterly Dividend Rate Increased.

The directors have declared an extra div. of 25c. per share in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the outstanding 256,000 shares of no par value capital stock, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 4.

Table with 5 columns: Years End. Sept. 30— 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Row: Net prof. aft. dep. & tax \$2,228,615 \$1,903,673 \$1,802,555 \$2,625,033

Table with 5 columns: Balance, surplus; Shares of capital stock; Earnings per sh. on cap.stk.

Assets— 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926.

Assets and Liabilities table with 5 columns: 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Real estate, Plant, equipment, etc., and Capital stock, Accounts payable, etc.

Total assets \$30,800,144 \$30,278,365 \$29,942,094 \$29,959,123. Total liabilities \$30,800,144 \$30,278,365 \$29,942,094 \$29,959,123.

Minneapolis-Honeywell Regulator Co.—Preferred Stock Conversion.

Practically all the preferred stock was converted into common stock by Nov. 15, the date set for redemption of the former, it is stated by officials of the company. The few remaining preferred shares are being redeemed at the office of J. & W. Seligman & Co. at \$110 a share.

Mexican Seaboard Oil Co.—Earnings.

(Including International Petroleum Co.)

Table with 5 columns: Period End. Sept. 30— 1929-3 Mos., 1928, 1929-9 Mos., 1928. Rows: Gross revenue, Expenses, Balance, Other income, Total income, Interest, etc.

x Net income \$141,292 loss \$159,226. x Before depreciation and Federal taxes \$155,780 loss \$686,604.

Earnings Cia. Internacional de Petroleo y Oleoductos, S. A.

Table with 5 columns: 3 Mos. End. Sept. 30— 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows: Gross revenue, Operating expenses, Balance, Other income, Profit, Amortization.

Net deficit \$8,150 \$930 \$3,319 \$7,890.

Mohawk Carpet Mills.—Orders and Shipments Increase.

"The company has had an unusually successful first year in selling its own goods and everything points to a continuance of the large increase in its sales each succeeding month," declared Chairman George McVie.

"This great increase in volume created production problems that have been dealt with in vigorous fashion. A great new factory equipped with the most modern type of looms is about completed and will be in operation at an early date. Everything points to improved conditions in the woven floor covering industry and it is anticipated that 1930 will prove a banner year, both in production and sales."

This table gives the record of orders received and shipments made for the past year compared with a year ago:

Table with 4 columns: Month— 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows: Gross Orders Received, Net Shipments. Months include November, December, January, February, etc.

Total \$29,555,732 \$24,665,257.

Monroe Chemical Co.—Earnings—Rights Extended.

The company, for the 10 months, and its subsidiary for the 3 months ended Oct. 31 1929, report net income after taxes of \$333,011, an amount more than three times in excess of the preferred dividend for the full year and leaves \$2.45 a share on the 100,000 shares of common stock outstanding.

Monroe Chemical common stock pays dividends at the rate of \$1.50 a year. The company recently offered rights to stockholders to purchase 26,000 additional common shares at \$15 a share. Proceeds from this sale will be used partly to reimburse the treasury for expenditures in acquiring the Mary T. Goldman Co. of St. Paul, Minn. The latter was acquired as of Aug. 31 last, and for the three months ended Oct. 31 last, showed net after reserves for taxes, of \$86,653.

The common stock purchase rights have been extended until Jan. 14, with the price at which it may be bought unchanged at \$15.—V. 129, p. 2549.

Montgomery Ward & Co.—Denies Control Change.

Silas H. Strawn, Chairman of the board, states: "There is no basis for the report that control of the company has passed from J. P. Morgan & Co. to a Chicago group. As far as I know J. P. Morgan & Co. still retain their holdings in the stock. There is no dominant interest in the company. I do not think any one wants absolute control of it."—V. 129, p. 2870.

Morison Electrical Supply Co., Inc.—Outlook.

President Charles T. Morison, has issued the following statement: "The company is recording the expected increase in sales in spite of the recent break in stock prices. Sales for October were the largest in the company's history, being 75% ahead of the same month last year, and our November sales for the first 10 days are ahead of the same period last month. In view of the above, I believe the substantial rate of increase established during the previous months will be maintained or bettered throughout the balance of the year."—V. 129, p. 3178.

Moto Meter Gauge & Equipment Corp.—Earnings.

Earnings for the Quarter Ended Sept. 30 1929.

Table with 2 columns: Income from sales, Other income, Total, Cost of goods sold, Administration expenses, etc.

Net profit \$162,678. Non-operating expenses 20,406. Net income for the quarter \$142,272.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30 1929.

[Of companies included in the merger of July 19 1929.]

Assets and Liabilities table with 2 columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Cash, Notes receiv., Accts. receiv., etc.

Total \$5,574,995. Total \$5,574,995.

Muskogee Co., Philadelphia.—\$4 Dividend.

The directors have declared a dividend of \$4 per share, payable Dec. 14 to holders of record Dec. 4. A similar distribution was made on June 15 last.—V. 128, p. 3526.

Nantasket Beach Steamboat Co.—Resumes Divs.

The company, after a lapse of three years, has resumed dividends with the declaration of a 4% annual dividend on the outstanding \$1,000,000 capital stock, par \$100, payable Nov. 25 to holders of record Nov. 15. The last dividend was one of 5% paid in 1925.—V. 123, p. 2911.

National Biscuit Co.—Proposes To Split-up Shares.—The directors have voted to propose to the stockholders at the annual meeting to be held in March a plan for changing the value of the common stock from \$25 par to \$10 par and to issue 2½ shares of new common stock for each one share now held. It is also proposed to increase the authorized common stock by 6,000,000 shares. The total capitalization after providing for the increase will consist of \$25,000,000 7% preferred stock (par \$100) and \$120,000,000 common stock (par \$10). The directors plan to use the additional common stock for the acquisition of properties and the expansion of business and also to provide for preference as to assets for holders of the preferred stock.—V. 129, p. 2697.

National Distillers Products Corp.—Sale Completed.—The sale of the assets and business of the Kentucky Alcohol Corp., a wholly owned subsidiary to the United Molasses Co., Ltd., was also recently consummated. The Kentucky Alcohol Corp. owns and operates an industrial alcohol manufacturing plant at Westwego, La., opposite New Orleans, and bonded earhouses and denaturing plant at Peoria, Ill., and Louisville, Ky., and has conducted the sale of industrial alcohol for the National Distillers system. The Kentucky Alcohol Corp. has since been acquired by the U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co. It is announced that the National Distillers Products Corp. has completed the sale to the United Molasses Co., Ltd., of London, England, its molasses business represented by stock ownership in the Old Time Molasses Co., a Cuban corporation, and its one-half interest in the Eastern Alcohol Corp., which owns and operates an industrial alcohol plant at Deep Water Point, N. J. The other one-half interest in the Eastern Alcohol Corp. is owned by the E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co. The net proceeds of these sales were used to the extent necessary for retirement of all of the outstanding pref. stock on Aug. 30 1929, and the outstanding senior 6½% guaranteed gold notes on Aug. 28 1929. The National corporation now has left its interest in the distilled spirits business, represented by stock in American Medicinal Spirits Co. and its investment in cherry, olive and grape fruit lines, represented by stock in Henry H. Shufeldt Co., as well as miscellaneous assets, against its outstanding 168,000 shares of common stock.—V. 129, p. 2870.

National Radiator Corp.—Earnings.—The corporation reports for the year ended Sept. 30 1929 profit, before depreciation, of \$677,273 and, after providing for depreciation, doubtful accounts, adjustment of inventory, miscellaneous items and interest on debentures, a net loss of \$1,111,582. This loss includes the heavy write-offs of Dec. 31 1928.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash	\$457,168	Accounts payable	\$68,835
Accounts & notes receivable	2,036,204	Notes payable	50,000
Inventories	4,261,018	Taxes & other accounts accrued	176,713
Investments	57,443	Interest accrued on debentures	123,088
Investments in & advances to affiliated cos.	394,682	Reserve for redemp. of underlying bonds, def. notes pay., etc.	125,297
Special deposits under self insurance law & funds for redemp. of underlying bonds, etc.	38,714	6½% sinking fund gold debentures	11,362,000
Real estate, mach., patterns & other equip.	7,587,841	Capital stock	10,000,000
Good will, trademarks & patents	6,635,657	Deficit	2,248,197
Deferred assets & prepaid expenses	189,009		
Total	\$21,657,736		\$21,657,736

x Represented by cumul. com. pref. stock (no par value) 270,000 shares outstanding.—V. 129, p. 1926.

National Steel Corp.—Incorporated.—This company was incorporated in Delaware on Nov. 7 with an authorized capitalization consisting of 3,000,000 shares of no par value. See also V. 129, p. 3178.

National Supply Co. of Del.—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Plant & equipment	9,753,284	Preferred stock	3,098,600
Cash	2,428,542	Common stock	15,000,000
Call loans	2,900,000	Accounts payable	3,306,262
Notes receivable	2,578,465	Accr. taxes, wages, &c.	278,694
Accts. rec., less res.	9,323,285	Accr. Fed. taxes	553,264
Mdse. inventories	14,329,126	Ins. fund reserve	1,471,569
Investments	1,317,437	Underly'g cap. ob.	1,003,000
Deferred charges	20,032	Surplus	17,938,781
Total	42,650,170	Total	42,650,170

Our usual comparative income account for the three and nine months ended Sept. 30 was published in V. 129, p. 3178.

National Surety Co.—Net Premiums Higher.—The company reports net premiums written during the first 10 months of this year, amounting to \$15,927,076, according to Chairman William B. Joyce. This represents a gain of \$895,511 over the net premiums written during the first 10 months of 1928 and constitutes the largest volume of business ever written in a corresponding period. The regular quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share was declared on the \$50 par value capital stock, payable Jan. 2 1930 to holders of record Dec. 17 1929. This is the 93d consecutive dividend to be paid by the company.—V. 129, p. 3178.

National Transit Co.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 25c. per share on the outstanding capital stock (par \$12.50), payable Dec. 16 to holders of record Nov. 30. An extra of 25c. per share was paid on Mar. 15 last, while on June 15 1928 an extra of \$7 per share was paid and on Mar. 15 1928 an extra of 50c. per share.—V. 128, p. 3366.

Nedick's, Inc.—Sales Increase.

Fiscal Year Ended Oct. 31—	1929.	1928.	Increase.
Sales	\$3,576,147	\$3,114,052	\$462,094

—V. 129, p. 2549.

New Bedford Cordage Co.—Larger Dividend.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 87½ cents a share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the preferred stock, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 15. A dividend of 50 cents a share was paid on the common stock on Sept. 1, one of 37½ cents on June 1 and one of 25 cents on Mar. 1.—V. 129, p. 489.

North American Aviation, Inc.—Earnings.

Period Ended Sept. 30 1929—	Quar. End.	9 Months.
Interest, dividends, &c.	\$212,007	\$1,079,923
Profit on securities sold	266,214	608,878
Profit of subsidiary companies	291,023	516,749
Total income	\$769,244	\$2,205,550
Office expenses	15,885	30,902
Corporate expenses	3,466	85,132
Taxes	13,502	13,502
Provision for income taxes	88,053	242,094
Net income	\$661,840	\$1,833,920

O. M. Keys, President, in his report to stockholders, says in part: "view of the current decline in market values of securities, we have considered it advisable to inform you of the present book value of your stock. We have valued all of the investments owned at closing market prices of Nov. 15 1929, and find that, after providing for all contingent liabilities your stock had a book value on that date of \$10.06 per share."

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Sept. 30 '29.		June 30 '29.		Sept. 30 '29.		June 30 '29.	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Cash & call loans	7,076,471	11,671,276	Accounts payable	2,358	38.4		
Market sec. at cost	11,415,375	10,693,873	Reserve for taxes	242,094	154.0		
Other investments	8,036,304	3,992,051	Capital stock	25,000,000	25,000.0		
Syndicate partic.	551,192	—	Earned surplus	1,842,779	1,180.9		
Accts. receivable	7,889	1,150	Total (each side)	27,087,230	26,373.4		
Deferred charges	—	15,050					

y Represented by 2,000,000 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 645.

Niles-Bement-Pond Co.—To Receive Dividend.—The Shepard-Niles Crane & Hoist Corp. has declared an extra dividend of \$1 a share and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the common stock, both payable Dec. 1 to holders of record Nov. 21. The Niles-Bement-Pond Co. is reported to be a large stockholder in the above company.—V. 128, p. 1746.

Norwalk Tire & Rubber Co.—Earnings.

Years Ended Sept. 30—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Gross profit	\$317,107	\$663,487	\$633,154	\$450,177
Expenses	433,125	512,566	553,765	628,087
Operating profit	\$116,017	\$150,922	\$79,389	\$177,889
Other income	11,470	21,850	16,609	22,565
Total income	\$104,547	\$172,773	\$95,998	\$155,322
Deprec. interest, &c.	90,822	125,888	142,855	140,811
Res. for bad & doubtful accts. & notes	219,956	—	—	—
Net profit	loss \$415,324	\$46,884	loss \$46,857	loss \$296,138
Preferred dividends	—	—	36,911	76.36
Common dividends	—	—	—	150.00
Deficit	\$415,324	sur \$46,884	\$83,768	\$522,650

Comparative Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

1929.		1928.		1929.		1928.	
Assets—				Liabilities—			
Prop. plant & eq.	\$849,607	\$877,601	Preferred stock	\$1,054,000	\$1,054,000		
Cash	126,958	65,287	Common stock	1,496,000	1,496,000		
Notes & accts. &c.	435,330	758,048	Notes & accts. pay.	65,180	133,627		
Inventories	333,505	570,383	Accrued accounts	2,351	2,923		
Sinking fund	160	8	Gold notes	44,900	83,800		
Good-will, trade marks, &c.	705,683	705,683	Surplus	def. 276,221	—		
Prepaid expenses	63,172	69,182					
Deficit	147,517	—					

x After deducting \$584,857 reserve for depreciation. y After deducting \$121,608 reserve for doubtful accounts and reserve for discounts.—V. 128, p. 3527.

Tot. (each side) \$2,661,932 \$3,046,177

Ohio Brass Co.—Earnings.—9 Months Ended Sept. 30—1929. 1928. Net profits \$2,104,670 \$1,883,235. Earnings per shs. on com. stk. \$5.80 \$5.14. The company reports that shipments during October marked the highest month in its history and exceeded August just past, the previous record as third quarter figures show a sizable increase in net profits above those for 1927, the previous best year.—V. 129, p. 811.

Otis Elevator Co.—\$2 Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra cash dividend of 4% (\$2 per share) on the common stock, payable Dec. 12 to holders of record Nov. 27. During 1928 the company made two extra cash distributions of \$1 each and on Feb. 15 1929 paid a 15% stock dividend. Regular quarterly cash dividends of \$1.50 per share are also being paid regularly on the common stock.—V. 129, p. 2550.

Pacific Commercial Co., Inc.—Initial Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 70c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 15.—V. 129, p. 1927, 1457.

Paraffine Companies.—2% Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 2% in stock in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, both payable Dec. 27 to holders of record Dec. 17. A 2% stock dividend was paid on June 27 last, while an extra cash dividend of 25 cents per share was distributed on Dec. 27 1928. Prior to the latter date the company paid quarterly cash dividends of 75 cents per share. In March, June and September 1928 extra disbursements of 75 cents per share also were made. President R. S. Shainwald announced that the company will in the future declare regular semi-annual dividends of 2% in stock, together with the regular quarterly cash disbursement.—V. 129, p. 2243.

Paramount Famous Lasky Corp.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 32,136 additional shares of common stock (no par value) upon official notice of issuance as follows: 11,703 shares for the acquisition of the remaining 50% interest in the stock and (or) assets of Paramount Enterprises, Inc.; 14,933 shares to be issued in connection with the acquisition of a 70% interest in the capital stock of Marks Brothers Theatres, Inc., and 5,500 shares to be issued in connection with the acquisition of the remaining 50% interest in the stock and (or) assets of American Amusement Co. making the total number of shares of common stock to be listed 2,937,289.—V. 129, p. 3023.

Park-Plaza, St. Louis.—New Financing.—Greenebaum Sons Investment Co. announced Nov. 21 plans for the public offering to be made shortly of an issue of \$3,900,000 1st mtge. 6½% bonds of the Park-Plaza, a 28-story apartment-hotel at the corner of Kings Highway and Maryland Avenue, St. Louis. The structure, now under construction, will have a total property value estimated at \$6,057,000 and will be the largest apartment-hotel in the city.

The bonds of this issue will represent direct obligations of the Park-Plaza Co., the common stock of which is entirely owned by the Koplak Co., which also owns valuable equities in the Congress, Senate and Embassy, three apartment-hotels in St. Louis. According to conservative independent estimates, net earnings of the building, available for interest, depreciation, &c., should amount to \$560,634, equal to more than 2.2 times the annual interest requirements on this issue.

Penick & Ford, Ltd., Inc.—25c. Common Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 25c. per share on the common stock, payable Dec. 16 to holders of record Dec. 2. This is the first dividend on the common stock since July 1 1927, when 25c. per share was paid. It is expected that this dividend will be paid quarterly hereafter. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share on the pref. stock payable Jan. 1 1930, to holders of record Dec. 13.—V. 129, p. 2870.

Parmelee Transportation Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$4,917,000 6% sinking fund conv. debentures, due April 1 1944, and 646,252 shares of common stock as follows: 283,018 shares on official notice of issuance in exchange for temporary certificates now outstanding; 163,900 shares or any part thereof upon official notice of issuance in conversion of outstanding 6% sinking fund conv. debentures; 33,333 shares or any part thereof upon official notice of issuance in conversion of its 6% cum. conv. pref. stock; 150,000 shares or any part thereof upon official notice of issuance upon the exercise of outstanding com. stock purchase warrants and options, and 16,000 shares or any part thereof upon official notice of issuance and payment in full, for cash at \$18 per share.

Income Account From April 12 1929 (Inception) to Sept. 30 1929. (Parent Company.)

Dividends received.....	\$339,068
Expenses.....	7,971
Net.....	\$331,097
Interest on bank balances and call loans.....	33,656
Total income.....	\$364,753
Interest on 6% convertible debentures.....	126,667
Net profit for period.....	\$238,087
Deferred dividends.....	25,333
Common dividends.....	98,861
Balance Sept. 30 1929.....	\$118,892

Balance Sheet, Sept. 30 1929 (Parent Company.)

Adjusted to write down surplus in accordance with advice of auditors.	
<i>Assets</i>	
Cash.....	\$1,316
Loans.....	300,000
Dividends receivable.....	28,792
Interest receivable.....	1,375
Due from subs., dividends.....	19,300
Approp. for sinking fund.....	87,500
Investment (at cost).....	11,354,658
Deferred charges.....	86,980
Total.....	\$11,879,771
<i>Liabilities</i>	
Accruals: Interest on debts.....	\$150,000
Dividends on com. stock.....	32,954
Dividends on pref. stock.....	15,000
Miscellaneous.....	850
Due to subsidiaries.....	147,000
6% debentures.....	5,000,000
Reserve for prems. on bonds.....	11,634
6% cum. conv. pref. stock.....	1,000,000
Common stock (288,018 shs.).....	2,830,180
Paid in surplus.....	2,678,761
Earned surplus.....	118,892
Total.....	\$11,879,771

Note.—There are outstanding common stock purchase warrants and options for the purchase of 150,000 shares of common stock at \$30 per share subject to adjustment in certain events on or prior to April 1 1934. Two option agreements (for 25,000 shares each) provide that the options granted thereby shall not be exercised to any greater amount than 5,000 shares per year for the two years following May 1 1929 and that in certain events the unexercised part of the options shall lapse and become void.—V. 129, p. 1927.

Pet Milk Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.—

9 Months Ended Sept. 30—			
Net profits after all charges incl. Fed. taxes.....	1929.	1928.	
	\$628,374	\$754,365	
Earns. per shr. on 450,000 shs. com. stk.....	\$1.23	\$1.48	

—V. 129, p. 1299.

Petroleum Rectifying Co.—Earnings.—

Period Ended Sept. 30—1929—3 Mos.—1928.			
1929—9 Mos.—1928.			
Net income after deprec. & res. for taxes.....	\$99,615	\$90,351	\$285,741
Earns. per shr. on 120,000 shs. cap. stk. (no par).....	\$0.83	\$0.75	\$2.30

—V. 129, p. 1602.

Philadelphia Dairy Products Co., Inc.—Earnings.—
The company reports record sales for the 12 months ended Aug. 31 1929 of \$14,313,161, compared with \$13,206,164 in the preceding 12 months. After operating, general and administrative expenses, depreciation, Federal taxes and other deductions, net available for dividends in the year ended Aug. 31 1929 amounted to \$1,383,702, compared with \$1,130,363 in the preceding period. Such earnings for the Aug. 31 1929 period were equivalent to 6.47 times annual dividend requirements on the 32,889 shares \$6.50 prior pref. stock outstanding.—V. 127, p. 2972.

Phoenix Oil Co., Pittsburgh, Pa.—Exchange of Stock—New Financing Proposed.—

A letter to the preferred stockholders, Nov. 20, says in part: Under the provisions relating to its issue and ownership, the right to surrender pref. stock in exchange for common stock, share for share, expires after Dec. 31 1929. Pref. stock may be surrendered to Union Trust Co., transfer agent, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The situation as to outstanding capital stock after amendment of charter of July 29 1929 and as of date Nov. 13 1929, is as follows:

Pref. stock, par \$1 per share, issued and outstanding (subject to retirement through exchange up to Dec. 31 1929, and thereafter by purchase at not to exceed \$1.10 per share).....	920,724 shs.
Preferred stock, unissued in treasury.....	579,276 shs.
Total authorized preferred stock.....	1,500,000 shs.
Common stock issued and outstanding, par value 25c. per sh.....	1,428,861 shs.
Common stock unissued, in treasury.....	2,571,149 shs.
Total authorized common stock.....	4,000,000 shs.

At the stockholders' meeting on July 29 1929 the common stock theretofore being without par value was changed to a nominal par value of 25c. per share, thereby effecting a large saving in transfer tax payable to the Federal and State Governments upon sale and transfer thereof, as well as a saving to the company itself in annual franchise tax payable to the State of Delaware.

Arrangements are under way for the listing of all of the outstanding common stock, so that its purchase and sale may be economically and conveniently handled in the stock market; this will be accomplished about Jan. 1 next.

The owners of a substantial amount of the original outstanding issue of pref. stock have already actually surrendered or indicated their desire to surrender the same in exchange for common stock, and it is expected that all or much of a larger part of the remainder will also be turned in.

Working capital for additional drilling work is necessary and plans are under consideration by the directors to raise funds therefor from the sale of treasury stock, rather than the borrowing of capital.—V. 129, p. 980.

Pilot Radio & Tube Corp. (& Subs.).—Net Sales.—

1929—October—1928.			
1929—10 Mos.—1928.			
\$280,375	\$186,747	\$93,628	\$1,709,252
			\$1,074,815
			\$634,437

—V. 129, p. 2699, 2244.

Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co.—Extra Dividend.—
The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. per share on the common stock, par \$25, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 10. The company estimates that earnings for 1929 will approximate \$12,000,000 compared with about \$8,500,000 last year.—V. 128, p. 1749.

Plymouth Plan Companies.—Receivership.—
Edward Ward McMahon has been appointed receiver of the Plymouth Plan Employment Service, Inc. of New York, also known as Best Employment Agency, Inc., Plymouth Plan Securities Corp., Plymouth Plan Finance Corp., Plymouth Plan Co. of New York, Inc., Plymouth Plan Industrial Loan Co. of New Jersey, also known as Plymouth Plan Co. of New Jersey, Plymouth Plan Employment Service of New Jersey and Plymouth Plan Co. of America, Inc. All persons indebted to such corporations are required to render an account of all debts and sums of money owing by them respectively to the receiver and to pay the same on or before Jan. 10 1930 at the office of the receiver, 165 Broadway, N. Y. City. All persons having in their possession any property or effects of the corporations shall deliver the same to the receiver on or before Jan. 10 1930; and all the creditors of such corporations shall deliver their respective accounts and demands to the receiver on or before the same date.—V. 129, p. 980.

Prairie Pipe Line Co.—Extra Dividend of 50 Cents.—
The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. per share and the regular quarterly dividend of 75c. per share on the no par common stock, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Nov. 30. Like amounts were paid on Sept. 30, June 29 and March 30 last. On Jan. 4 1929 the stock was split on a 4-for-1 basis and a 25% stock dividend declared.—V. 129, p. 3179.

Quincy Mining Co.—Stock Increased.—
The stockholders on Nov. 22, increased the authorized \$25 par value capital stock to 250,000 shares from 200,000 shares.

The directors were empowered to offer this stock pro rata to holders at not less than par when such offering was deemed advisable. Owing to the disturbed condition of the security markets, no offering will be made at this time.—V. 129, p. 3179.

Radio-Victor Corp. of America.—To Be Absorbed by R C A-Victor Co., Inc., on Jan. 1.—See latter below.—
V. 129, p. 2090.

Raybestos-Manhattan, Inc.—Initial Div.—Earnings.—
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 65 cents a share, payable Dec. 16 to holders of record Dec. 2.

Income Account for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.

Net sales.....	\$17,985,801
Cost of sales and selling and administrative expenses (before providing depreciation and taxes).....	14,205,899
Net oper. profit (before providing depreciation and taxes).....	\$3,779,902
Other income from dividends, interest, discount, &c.....	234,986
Total income (before providing depreciation and taxes).....	\$4,014,882
Depreciation.....	455,834
Provision for income taxes.....	450,128
Net income.....	\$3,108,920
Earnings per share on 676,012 shs. of common stock (no par).....	\$4.12

The balance sheet as of Sept. 30 1929 shows current assets of \$11,363,520 and current liabilities of only \$1,183,345, or a ratio of better than 9.6 to 1. Cash funds, including investments in municipal bonds, amounted to \$3,769,029. There are no bank loans, bonds or preferred stock outstanding. The statement shows combined assets of \$20,276,537, with liabilities of only \$2,141,379, or a net worth of \$18,135,157.—V. 129, p. 3180.

R C A-Victor Co., Inc.—To Absorb Radio-Victor Corp. of America—Officers.—

E. E. Shumaker, President of the R C A-Victor Co., Inc., which begins operations Jan. 1 1930, announces the appointment of Major I. E. Lambert as Vice-President and General Counsel, and of E. O. Grimley as Treasurer and Comptroller of the new company.

Major Lambert at present heads the legal department and Mr. Grimley is Treasurer and Comptroller of the Radio-Victor Corp. of America, which will be absorbed by the new and larger company. Major Lambert was previously Assistant General Attorney of the Radio Corp. of America for over five years, and Mr. Grimley was associated with the Victor Talking Machine Co. for over ten years.

(Daniel) Reeves, Inc.—Earnings.—

10 Months Ended		
Total sales.....	Nov. 2 '29.	Nov. 3 '28.
	\$28,051,716	\$26,871,707
Net income after taxes.....	938,695	705,833
Preferred dividends.....	162,500	162,500
Balance for common.....	\$776,195	\$543,338
Earned per share on 300,000 shs. common stock outstanding.....	\$2.58	\$1.81

—V. 129, p. 3180.

Reliance International Corp.—Initial Dividend.—
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the \$3 cum. pref. stock, convertible series, payable Dec. 2 to holders of record Nov. 20. (See offering in V. 129, p. 1756, 1928.)—V. 129, p. 3024.

Reliance Mfg. Co.—Increases Common Dividend.—
The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the common stock, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 14. In July and October last, quarterly dividends of 75c. per share were paid on this issue. Previously quarterly distributions of 62½c. per share were made.—V. 129, p. 2872.

Research Investment Corp.—Earnings.—

<i>Income Statement for 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1929.</i>	
Profit realized on sale of securities.....	\$422,277
Dividends received.....	34,377
Interest received.....	5,079
Gross profit.....	\$461,733
Interest paid.....	69,225
Trading profit.....	\$402,508
Operating expenses.....	4,946
Estimated Federal taxes.....	43,600
Net profit after estimated Federal taxes.....	\$353,962
Preferred dividends paid.....	18,916
Preferred dividends accrued.....	1,704
Available for common.....	\$333,342
Earned surplus Dec. 31 1928.....	64,166
Discount on preferred stock redeemed.....	46,423
Balance of earned surplus.....	\$449,031
Per share on common outstanding Oct. 31 1929 (20,000 shs.).....	\$16.66

John W. Pope, President, says in part: For the 10 months ended Oct. 31, company has earned 52.4% on capital and surplus, before taxes. Book value of the common stock has increased during the period from \$12.91 to \$31.89 per share after allowing for estimated taxes. In spite of the comparatively low level to which stock prices have fallen, only one-third of company's funds are now invested, the balance being in banks and on call.

The year 1929 has been an extremely hazardous period in which to secure profitable medium for investment. The most simple rules of common sense indicated that stock prices were too high. Stocks yielded less than bonds, money rates were abnormal, public utility stocks were selling from 30 to 50 times current earnings, besides which there was ample evidence during the late summer of an impending business recession. The management dared not purchase stocks for the long pull and it was necessary to maintain a large proportion of funds in cash for some time before the collapse. The result which has been obtained during this most trying period gives ground for the hope that 1930 operations under more normal conditions will prove equally satisfactory.

Condensed Balance Sheet as of Oct. 31 1929.

<i>Assets</i>		<i>Liabilities</i>	
Cash on deposit.....	\$664,309	Res. for 1928 Federal tax.....	\$2,398
Invest. (mkt. value \$363,600).....	358,874	Res. for est. Fed. taxes, 1929.....	43,600
Dividends receivable.....	635	Res. for pref. dividends.....	1,704
Receivable on when iss. contr.	543	Preferred stock (\$50 par).....	340,850
Organization expenses.....	2,540	Common stock.....	220,000
		Surplus, paid-in.....	174,025
		Surplus, earned.....	443,930
		Contingent Profit.....	393
Total.....	\$1,026,901	Total.....	\$1,026,901

x Represented by 20,000 no par shs.—V. 127, p. 561.

(The) Rike-Kumber Co.—Initial Dividend.—
The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 55c. per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 14. See offering in V. 129, p. 1928.

Rollins Hosiery Mills, Inc.—Earnings.—
The company reports for the year ended Oct. 26 1929 earnings available for pref. dividends of approximately \$569,000. This compares with the earnings of \$338,000 for the similar period of 1928. After allowing for dividends on the 40,000 shares of pref. stock outstanding, the 1929 earnings are at the rate of \$10.64 per share on the common stock.

Current assets total \$2,894,000 and current liabilities approximately \$400,000 as of Oct. 26.—V. 129, p. 2245.

Royal Dutch Co.—10% Interim Dividend.—
The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has received the following cable from Royal Dutch Co. in Holland: "The management has decided the payment of an interim dividend of 10% cash, payable in January next."

Further announcement as to the rate of dividend and date of payment on "New York shares" will be given by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York at a later date. An interim dividend of 10% was declared at this time last year, while six months ago a final dividend of 14% was declared.—V. 129, p. 813.

St. Mary's Mineral Land Co.—\$1 Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of \$1 per share, payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Nov. 29. This makes a total of \$5 disbursed this year, as compared with a total of \$3 in 1928 and \$2 in 1927.—V. 128, p. 3349.

Schletter & Zander, Inc.—Earnings.—The company reports earnings, after tax reserves, for the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1929 of \$610,234, or approximately 4 times annual dividend on the outstanding preferred, and, after deducting pref. dividends for the period, leaves \$1.88 a share on the outstanding common stock. As of Nov. 11, the company reported cash on hand of more than \$400,000, with no indebtedness other than current bills.—V. 129, p. 2090.

Scott Paper Co.—2% Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of 2% in common stock in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 35c. per share on the common stock, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 17. The 2% stock dividend on the common is the second such declaration under a plan for the issuance of 150,000 additional shares. It is the intention to issue shares to stockholders in 2% semi-annual dividends along with such cash dividend as may be declared. (See V. 128, p. 1572.)

A 2% stock distribution was made on the common stock on June 29.—V. 129, p. 3181.

Seaman Brothers, Inc.—Earnings.—The results of operations of this company (proprietors of "White Rose" tea and other "White Rose" food products) for the quarter ended Sept. 30 1929, the first quarter of the company's fiscal year, indicate a net profit, after all charges including Federal income taxes, of \$187,237, or \$1.50 per share on the 125,000 shares of no par value common stock outstanding, as compared with \$173,197, equivalent to \$1.39 per share, during the same quarter of 1928, an increase of more than 8%.

Sales of the company for the quarter also showed a satisfactory increase over those for the same period of last year, and the management states that this condition as to sales has continued from Sept. 30 to date.—V. 129, p. 2245

Segal Lock & Hardware Co., Inc.—Rights.—At a meeting of the directors held Nov. 19 it was determined to offer the common stockholders of record Nov. 30 1929 the right to subscribe on or before Dec. 16 for additional common stock at \$8 per share at the rate of one-half share for each share owned.—V. 129, p. 2873.

Separate Units, Inc.—To Distribute Assets and Dissolve. This company, an investment trust, is to close operations and distribute its assets to take advantage of the high profits made to date, it was decided by the board of directors at a meeting Nov. 19.

The proposal will be submitted to the stockholders by Pres. William H. Williams, and it is expected that a majority will approve because of the unusual opportunity to counterbalance the losses they may have had in other investments in the stock market crash by the profits of Separate Units. It was admitted by officers of the company that a number of stockholders were in hopes that the Trust would continue its operations since the management had been able to show such results. The management, however, did not care to continue the responsibility.

The first distribution of assets will be the equivalent of \$121 per share for each \$100 originally invested. Since there have been two stock dividends of 10% declared, for each present share stockholders will receive \$100. Assets will be reserved and further distribution will be made after the final settlement of taxes, &c. The assets as of to-day total \$666,110, with no liabilities except for the item of taxes. In less than two years of operation, Separate Units has paid 5% dividends in addition to the stock dividends.—V. 129, p. 1301.

Servel, Inc.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of voting trust certificates representing 142,000 additional shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance, and payment in full, for conversion of \$2,846,000 conv. notes of the company as part of the consideration for the acquisition of the class A common stock of Electrolux Servel Corp., and 15,000 shares of common stock on official notice of issuance, and payment in full, on the exercise of outstanding options, making the total amount applied for, voting trust certificates representing 1,756,561 shares of com. stock. See also V. 129, p. 3024, 2873.

"Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd.—Dividend.—The Equitable Trust Co. of New York has received information from its London office that the "Shell" Transport & Trading Co., Ltd., has announced an interim dividend of 2s. per British ordinary share, payable in London on Jan. 6 1930. This is equivalent to 4s. per "American share." Further notice of the rate and date of payment of the dividend in New York will be given by The Equitable Trust Co. of New York at a later date. A distribution of 2s. per ordinary share was made in Jan. 1929, and one of 3s. per ordinary share in July last.—V. 129, p. 297.

Sherwin-Williams Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Extra Div.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 5c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 40c. per share on the common stock, no par value, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 14. Like amounts were paid on June 30 and Sept. 30 last.—V. 129, p. 1758.

Shubert Theatre Corp.—Omits Common Dividend.—The directors on Nov. 19 voted to omit the quarterly dividend of \$1.25 a share on the common stock (no par value), usually declared at this time. From Sept. 15 1926 to and incl. Sept. 15 1929, incl., quarterly dividends at this rate were paid. The company made the following statement:

Although the company has available earned surplus in the neighborhood of \$2,000,000 and cash in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000, the directors considered it advisable to conserve working capital and to omit a dividend which is not being currently earned.

Early in the season labor difficulties with musicians and stage hands kept our theatres closed in several cities. This and general conditions have affected earnings.—V. 129, p. 2091.

Siemens & Halske (A. G.) Siemens & Schuckertwerke (G.m.b.H.)—Bonds Called.—A notice has been issued calling for the redemption of \$132,500 10-year 7% sinking fund bonds, due Jan. 1 1935, for sinking fund purposes. The bonds have been designated by lot for redemption on Jan. 1 1930 at 102 and interest.—V. 128, p. 126.

Signal Oil & Gas Co.—2% Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared a 2% stock dividend on the class A and B stock, in addition to the regular quarterly cash dividends of 43½ cents per share. The cash dividends are payable Dec. 10 to holders of record Nov. 30, and the stock dividends to holders of record Nov. 30, the payable date to be decided later.—V. 129, p. 982.

Simmons Co.—Underwriters Take Bonds.—The unsubscribed portion of the recent issue of \$15,000,000 debentures, stockholders' rights to which expired on Nov. 14, has been taken up by the underwriting syndicate. A public offering of the bonds will be made at a later date, it is said.—V. 129, p. 3025.

Southern Air Transport, Inc.—Control Acquired by Aviation Corp. (Del.)—Offer Made to Minority Stockholders.—It is announced that this company is now controlled by the Aviation Corp. of Delaware.

The minority stockholders of the Southern Air Transport have been offered three shares of Aviation Corp. stock for every four shares of Southern Air Transport stock held.—V. 128, p. 2824.

Standard Oil Co. of Kentucky.—Extra Dividend.—The directors on Nov. 22 declared an extra dividend of 40c. per share and the regular quarterly of 40c. per share,

payable Dec. 31. Books will close Dec. 16 and reop Dec. 31. In each of the three preceding quarters, a regular dividend of 40c. per share was paid.—V. 128, p. 2287.

Standard Oil Co. (N. J.)—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 546,000 additional shares of capital stock (par \$25) on official notice of issuance in exchange for 212,926 shares of the par value of \$100 each of the capital stock of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey (Delaware), making the total amount applied for 25,977,707 shares (of a total authorized issue 30,000,000 shares).

The purpose of the issue of the shares of company's capital stock is to acquire by exchange 212,926 shares of the authorized capital stock of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey (Del.) of the par value of \$100 each, on completion of the exchange company will continue to own all the issued and outstanding shares of Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey (Del.)—V. 129, p. 3181.

Stanley Co. of America (& Subs.)—Earnings.—The company and subsidiaries report for the eight months ended Aug. last, net profits of \$752,031, equivalent to 83 cents per share on 904,500 shares of common stock.—V. 129, p. 2246.

Sun Oil Co.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 11,400,000 additional shares of common stock (no par value) upon official notice of issuance and payment in full, to be issued under an employees' stock purchase plan, and 117,435 additional shares on official notice of issuance, as stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 1,430,059 shares.—V. 129, p. 2554.

Sweets Co. of America.—Earnings.—Net earnings of the company before Federal taxes, amounted to \$17,500 for the month of October compared with \$10,105 for the same month of 1928, a gain of \$7,452, according to the report of Lewis L. Clarke, Chairman of the Board. For the 10 months ended Oct. 31, net earnings were \$123,375 against \$106,692 for the same period in 1928, an increase of \$16,683.—V. 129, p. 2554.

Thatcher Mfg. Co.—Initial Common Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial dividend of 40c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 2.—V. 129, p. 1460.

Third National Investors Corp.—Registrar.—The City Bank Farmers Trust Co. has been appointed registrar of 130,000 shares common stock purchase warrants.—V. 129, p. 2554.

Tobacco Securities Trust Co., Ltd.—11% Final Dividend, &c.—

At a meeting of the directors held Nov. 14 it was decided to recommend to the shareholders at the annual meeting to be held on Nov. 25 1929, the payment on Dec. 9 1929 of the final dividend on the ordinary capital of 11%, amounting to £374,000 and the first and final dividend of 2.7422c. on each 5s. of deferred capital amounting to £34,000. Both dividends less income tax. Net revenue for the year after deducting all charges and expenses for management, &c., and providing for taxation amounts to £731,949.—V. 127, p. 3106.

Transamerica Corp.—Rights Extended.—Rights to stockholders to purchase one new share for each 25 shares held at \$55 a share, were extended from Jan. 4 to Mar. 5 1930.—V. 129, p. 3026

Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.—Transfer Office.—Effective Nov. 18, the New York transfer office will be located at the Whitehall Building, 17 Battery Pl., N. Y. City.—V. 129, p. 2700, 2093 1759, 1302, 817.

Ungerleider Financial Corp.—To Reduce Outstanding Shares to 250,000.—The stockholders will vote Dec. 11 on reducing the outstanding capital stock to 250,000 shares of no par value. Commenting on this plan, H. Hamsel Hillyer, Executive Vice-President, in a letter to stockholders says:

Directors have given careful consideration to existing market conditions and feel that the stockholders should be fully informed of the company's affairs following the recent violent market declines.

As previously advised, while a portion of company's funds was invested in listed securities, the larger portion was invested in call and time loans underwritings and arbitrage operations, which are not so directly affected by daily market fluctuations.

In view of market conditions, directors have determined that it is advisable to reduce the outstanding stock of the company to 250,000 shares. In these circumstances it will be proposed, that such shares of stock of the company as have been purchased by it from time to time shall be restored to the status of unissued stock, and that such additional shares as shall be necessary to complete the change in capitalization, shall be purchased, and shall then be similarly restored. All stock heretofore acquired or which for the purposes of this program may be hereafter acquired through the managers of the company will be delivered to the company without profit to the managers. We are advised that the firm of Samuel Ungerleider & Co. will not sell any of its holdings for the purpose of effecting this reduction.

There is appended hereto the Company's pro-forma balance sheet as of the latest feasible date, viz.: Nov. 11 1929, giving effect to the proposed change in capital stock and taking the securities held in the company's portfolio at cost or market, whichever ever was lower, together with a list of such securities as of that date. On this basis the net cash liquidating value as of Nov. 11 1929 would be \$47.97 per outstanding share, as appears from such balance sheet. In view of the practical collapse of market values, which reached almost their lowest figure for the year 1929 on Nov. 11 (the date of the statement), it is a matter of considerable satisfaction to note that the total depreciation per share has been only \$2.03, after deducting all operating expenses, and although the securities in the portfolio were valued at cost or market, whichever was lower. As of the same date, approximately 50% of the corporation's total assets were in the form of cash, and call and time loans secured by collateral.

Directors recognize that unusual opportunities may present themselves for the profitable employment of additional funds, and, in order to give stockholders of the company preferred rights to participate in such future expansion, the board is of the opinion that in such event there should be issued to its stockholders, without cost, pro rata according to their holdings, warrants for the purchase of stock at times and on terms and conditions to be fixed by the board.

Application to list the company's stock on the basis of 250,000 shares outstanding has been made to the New York Curb Exchange, subject to the carrying out of the proposed readjustment.

Pro-forma Balance Sheet at Nov. 11 1929
[Giving effect to the reduction to 250,000 shares of no par common capital stock to remain issued and outstanding.]

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash on deposit—	\$351,976	Commissions and salaries payable—	\$78,165
Investments in portfolio at cost or market, whichever lower—	3,712,035	Deposits of syndicate participants, \$2,221,911; Less: advanced by corporation, \$1,497,292—	724,619
Investments in arbitrage positions at cost or market, whichever lower—	330,273	Capital stock (250,000 shares no par)—	10,000,000
Call and time loans and accrued interest—	5,973,068	Paid in surplus—	2,549,311
Syndicate investments at cost or market, whichever lower—	2,368,369	Unrealized losses in portfolio, arbitrage positions and syndicate investments, \$1,478,930; Less: profits from operations—all departments, \$921,491—	557,439
Dividends declared and receivable—	27,565		
Subscriptions to syndicate stock—	6,359		
Furniture & fixtures—	25,012		
Total—	\$12,794,656	Total—	\$12,794,656

Securities in Portfolio at Nov. 11 1929.

Atlantic Refining Co.	Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.
Anaconda Copper Mining Co.	Loew's, Incorporated
American Can Co.	Montgomery-Ward & Co., Inc.
American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	Manhattan Dearborn Corp.
American Smelting & Refining Co.	New York Central RR. Co.
American Home Products Corp.	New York, New Haven & Hartford RR. Co.
Allegheny Corporation	National Dairy Products Corp.
Aitchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Co.	National Bellas Hess Co., Inc.
Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Co.	Paramount-Famous-Lasky Corp.
Borden Company (The)	Pennsylvania Railroad Co.
Consolidated Gas Company of N. Y.	Pullman, Incorporated
Calumet & Arizona Mining Co.	Prince & Whately Trading Corp.
Corn Products Refining Co.	Sears, Roebuck & Co.
Commonwealth-Edison Co.	Southern Pacific Co.
Electric Power & Light Corp.	Standard Commercial Tobacco Co.
Electric Bond & Share Co.	Standard Oil Company of Indiana
Federal Screw Works (Bonds)	United States Industrial Alcohol Co.
First National Stores, Inc.	United Gas Improvement Co.
Goodrich Co. (B. F.)	United Corporation (The)
General Electric Co.	United States Steel Corporation
Grand Union Co.	Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.
General Mills, Inc.	United Fruit Co.
General Motors Corp.	Union Pacific RR. Co.
Industrial Rayon Corp.	United States Smelting & Refining Co.
Internat. Telephone & Telegraph Corp.	Westinghouse Elec. & Manufacturing Co.
International Harvester Co.	Woolworth Co. (F. W.)
Insull Utility Investments, Inc.	Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.
Kennecott Copper Corp.	

Union Natural Gas Co. of Canada, Ltd.—Extra Div.—
The directors recently declared an extra dividend of 5c. per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 35 cents per share, both payable Dec. 27 to holders of record Nov. 30.—V. 128, p. 126.

United Electric Coal Cos.—Omits Dividend, &c.—
The directors have decided to omit the quarterly dividend which would ordinarily have been paid on Dec. 3 on the common stock. Quarterly dividends of 75 cents per share had been paid regularly, the last distribution at this rate being made on Sept. 1.

We have been informed that the proposed plan for the merger or consolidation of this company and the Electric Shovel Coal Corp. is still held in abeyance. See also V. 129, p. 2093.

United Founders Corp.—Initial Dividend, &c.—
A dividend of 1-70th of a share on each share of common stock has been declared, payable Jan. 2 1930, to holders of record Nov. 30 1929. The board has approved the policy of paying dividends during the fiscal year 1930 of 1-70th each quarter, or a total of 4-70ths of a share, which is at the rate of 5.71%.

In his letter notifying the stockholders of the dividend, President Louis H. Seagrave says:
"The estimated net cash earnings of the corporation for the fiscal period ending Nov. 30 1929, based on income to date and indicated income for the remainder of the month, is approximately \$13,500,000. The period of active operations is slightly over nine months.

"These cash earnings are equivalent to approximately \$3.25 per share on the average number of common shares outstanding during the period."
"In addition, the corporation has an equity in the undistributed earnings of American Founders Corp. and Investment Trust Associates equivalent to more than \$1.25 per share on the average number of its shares outstanding during the period."

"These figures do not include stock dividends received, which, if taken at market quotations on the dates they were received, would amount to about \$4,000,000, or an additional \$1 per share on the average number of shares outstanding."

"It will be seen that earnings on the above basis, combined with stock dividends received, are equivalent to more than \$5.50 per share for the period of a little more than nine months' operation."

"I will take the liberty of repeating a paragraph from the letter to stockholders dated July 29 1929, which is as important to-day as it was then: The directors feel that the shares of United Founders Corp. should be owned outright as an investment for the long pull. They do not favor extensive borrowing on the stock, or purchase purely for an expected rise in market price."—V. 129, p. 1760, 1302.

U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co.—Acquisition.—

See National Distillers' Products Corp. above.—V. 129, p. 2247.

United States Playing Card Co.—Stock Increased—

Split-Up Not Approved—Acquisition—New Director.—

Because of unsettled market conditions, the stockholders have voted not to accept the proposed recapitalization plan which involved splitting up the common stock, the issuance of preferred stock and the sale to bankers of a block of new preferred stock.

The present common stock of \$10 par value will be increased to 400,000 shares from 360,000 shares. The additional 40,000 shares will be used to acquire the assets and property of the Russell Playing Card Co. of New Brunswick, N. J.

The depositing stockholders have been requested to present their certificates of deposit to the First National Bank of Cincinnati on and after Dec. 1 and nondepositing stockholders have been requested to present their old certificates at the same time.

Benjamin Rosenthal, President of the Russell company has been elected executive Vice-President and a director.—V. 129, p. 2405.

United States Radio & Television Corp.—Rights.—

The common stockholders of record Nov. 15 have been given the right to subscribe on or before Dec. 16 to additional common stock at \$31.50 per share in the ratio of one additional share for each 4.53 shares held. See also V. 129, p. 3183.

United States Shares Corp.—Series "H" Dividends.—

Holders of key industry trust shares, series "H," of record Oct. 31 1929, will receive from the Bank of America National Assoc. on, trustee, a distribution of \$385,864 per trust share, payable Dec. 1 1929. It is for the 168 day period from May 16 1929, to Oct. 31 1929. See V. 129, p. 1932.

Vick Financial Corp.—Financial Condition.—

H. S. Richardson, President, in a letter to stockholders Nov. 16, says: Our paid-in capital is now \$13,169,750, represented by 1,316,975 shares of common stock (\$10 par), subscribed by 8,950 stockholders from every State in the Union and more than 30 foreign countries. This capital was raised without any underwriting commissions or expense other than organization expenses and taxes aggregating only about \$16,000. Consequently there is "no water to be squeezed out." Our operating expenses are relatively low, and should not exceed 1/4 of 1% of our available funds.

As of Sept. 30 1929, just prior to the first severe break in security markets, our investments had a book value of approximately \$4,750,000. Consequently, we had a large amount of cash available for the purchase of securities at attractive prices. During the last month we have been adding to our investments, and at the close of business on Nov. 15 1929, our investment account stood at \$7,582,972, classified as follows:

	Amount.	Cost.
Bonds.....	\$685,000	\$677,866
Preferred Stocks.....	9,650 shs.	\$36,171
Common stocks.....	86,265 shs.	6,068,935
Total.....		\$7,582,972

Many of these stocks have been purchased at recent low prices and on a relatively high yield basis. The average current return at cost on our total investments—which include some non-dividend paying stocks—after Federal income tax at the rate of 12% per annum, is approximately 5.40%.

We still have approximately \$5,700,000 of uninvested funds on which it should be possible to obtain a return substantially higher than our present average. Our investments consist of seasoned securities which should, in due course, show a satisfactory appreciation in price, but disregarding possible price appreciation, the income on our investments should be ample to cover expenses and show a reasonable return to stockholders on their investment.

With investments valued at closing prices as of Nov. 15, the book value of our capital stock is approximately \$9.44 per share, which in the light of recent events, your directors believe should be gratifying to you.

James Rattray, Vice-President, commenting on the foregoing calls attention to the following facts:

(1) Uninvested funds of \$5,700,000 are equivalent to about \$4.33 per share compared with a book value of \$9.44 per share, with securities valued at closing prices as of Nov. 15.

(2) At any price for Vick Financial Corp. stock under 9 1/2 the purchaser is acquiring an interest in a diversified list of seasoned securities at a discount from Nov. 15 prices. Assuming a price of 8 1/2 for the stock and deducting \$4.33 per share of cash, there is a balance of \$4.17 per share applicable to securities which had a value of \$5.11 per share at closing prices on Nov. 15.

Price of 8 1/2 is, therefore, equivalent to obtaining an interest in such securities at a discount of 18.4% from Nov. 15 closing prices.

(3) Although in the above statement to stockholders we did not mention the number of issues held, I should like to state, that we hold bonds of 16 issues, preferred stock of 12 issues, and common stocks of 40 issues, or a total of 68 issues of securities.

In a letter sent to purchasers of company's stock under the directors' allotment plan, H. S. Richardson, President, stated that under the plan a restriction was placed upon the purchase of the shares—a gentlemen's agreement—not to sell within 8 months from date of purchase. The letter added: "This is just a formal notice that in view of the unusual times we are going through, the directors at their meeting Nov. 15 removed this restriction and you are therefore free to sell if you so desire."—V. 129, p. 1933.

Vulcan Detinning Co.—Earnings.—

	1929—9 Mos.	—1928.	1929—3 Mos.	—1928.
Sales.....	\$4,707,920	\$1,336,981	\$1,722,069	\$1,336,981
Increase in inventories.....	49,566	Dr72,261	104,266	Dr72,261
Other income.....	40,127	6,728	17,410	6,728
Gross income.....	\$4,797,613	\$1,271,447	\$1,843,745	\$1,271,447
Costs, gen. exp., depr., &c.....	4,205,400	1,098,250	1,639,375	1,098,250
Res. and other exp.....	99,065	45,855	31,672	45,855
Net income.....	\$229,148	\$127,341	\$172,698	\$127,341
Preferred dividends.....	220,919	57,340	136,241	57,340
Net profit for period.....	\$7,229	\$70,001	\$36,457	\$70,001
Earns. per sh. on combined pref. stocks.....	\$20.38	\$5.26	\$7.14	\$5.26

—V. 129, p. 3026.

Walker & Co., Detroit.—Earnings.—

Net income of the company, a Detroit outdoor advertising firm, for the 6 months period from April 1, the date of re-organization to Sept. 30 1929, amounted to \$443,196 before Federal taxes, according to a report made public through Hallgarten & Co. This compares with \$400,010 for the same period in 1928, and is equivalent to \$4.92 per share on the 90,020 shares of class A stock outstanding as of Sept. 30 1929, against \$4.44 per share for the same period in 1928. Earnings on the 209,890 shares of class B stock outstanding were equivalent to \$1.57 per share. Sales during the past 6 months were \$2,026,328, compared with \$1,902,577 a year ago.

Bellows Claude Neon Co. of Detroit merged with Walker & Co. on April 1 1929, and just recently the reorganized company acquired the Grand Rapids Advertising Co.—V. 129, p. 2406.

Walworth Co.—Larger Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 50 cents per share on the common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 16 to holders of record Dec. 5. Previously, the company paid quarterly dividends of 30 cents per share on the common stock.

Robert C. Sharp of Tulsa, Okla., has been elected a director. Mr. Sharp is President of the Independent Oil & Gas Co. and also President of the Industrial Finance Corp., and a director of the First National Bank of Tulsa.—V. 129, p. 3184.

White Rock Mineral Springs Co.—Offer Extended.—

The directors on Oct. 21 approved a plan to simplify the capital structure of the company by eliminating the 2nd pref. stock.

A large number of the holders of 2nd pref. stock trust certificates and common stock trust certificates recently requested that a committee be appointed to effect an exchange of the 2nd pref. stock for common stock on the basis of five shares of common stock for one share of 2nd pref. stock which is their present relative value. Accordingly a plan and agreement for exchange on the foregoing basis has been sent to the holders of 2nd pref. stock trust certificates and 2nd pref. stock by a committee consisting of Robert A. C. Smith (Chairman), Delos W. Cooke, William A. Marburg, Thomas Williams, James G. Moses and Richard C. Harrison, with William A. Ross, of 100 Broadway, N. Y. City, as Secretary.

If this plan becomes fully operative, the capital stock of the company will consist of 1st pref. stock as at present and 250,000 shares instead of 200,000 shares of common stock.

Holders of 2nd Pref. stock trust certificates and 2nd pref. stock desiring to avail themselves of the opportunity to exchange their holdings for common stock Trust certificates must deposit their respective certificates with the Committee at The Bank of America National Association, 44 Wall St., N. Y. City, on or before Dec. 16 1929, whereupon they will receive a transferable certificate of deposit. Dividends paid on the 2nd pref. stock prior to the issuance of common stock trust certificates will be paid to holders of certificates of deposit.

The Committee has power to declare this plan operative when 75% of the 2nd pref. stock has been deposited.

Extra Dividends on Common and 2nd Pref. Stocks.—

The directors have declared extra dividends of \$1 a share on the common stock and \$5 a share on the 2nd pref. stock and the regular quarterly dividends of 75c. a share on the common, \$1.75 a share on the 1st pref., and \$3.75 a share on the 2nd pref. stocks, all payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 20.

This makes the total dividends declared during 1929 as follows: On 1st pref. stock, 7%; on 2d pref. stock, 20%; on common stock, \$4 per share.—V. 129, p. 2876.

Wil-Low Cafeterias, Inc.—Earnings.—

The company reports net profits before taxes and depreciation for the month of Oct. 1929 of \$35,336. This compares with \$22,887 for the month of Sept. 1929.—V. 128, p. 3536.

Wilson Line, Inc.—Earnings.—

	Sept. 30 '29.	Mar. 31 '29.
12 Months Ended—		
Gross earnings.....	\$853,883	\$820,596
Expense.....	627,407	585,158
Depreciation.....	50,403	50,082
Interest.....	70,059	68,160
x Net profit.....	157,000	119,940
Earns. per sh. on 37,500 shs. com. stock. (no par).....	\$2.79	\$1.80

x Includes Wilson Line, Inc., proportion of undistributed earnings of subsidiary company after Federal taxes.—V. 129, p. 145.

Winters & Crampton Mfg. Co.—Special Dividend.—

The directors have declared a special dividend of 25c. a share on the class B common stock, no par value, payable Dec. 20 to holders of record Dec. 5.—V. 129, p. 1304.

Witherow Steel Corp.—Pays Back Dividends.—

The directors have declared a dividend of 8 1/2% on the 7 1/2 2d pref. stock (thereby clearing up arrears), and the regular quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% on the same issue and 1 1/2% on the 1st pref. stock, all payable Nov. 30 to holders of record Nov. 20.—V. 129, p. 3184.

Wolverine Tube Co.—Bonds Called.—

All of the outstanding 1st mtge. 6% s. f. conv. gold bonds, ser. es "A," dated June 1 1926, have been called for payment Dec. 1 next at 102 and Int. at the Guardian Trust Co., trustee, Detroit, Mich.—V. 129, p. 2095.

Zonite Products Corp.—Acquisition of Forhan Co. Consummated.—

Final transactions whereby the Zonite Products Corp. has acquired the Forhan Co., makers of tooth-paste and mouth wash at a cost of \$10,000,000 have been completed, according to an announcement by Peter P. McDermott & Co., managers of the syndicate which has underwritten the common stock of the Zonite corporation for the purpose of acquiring the Forhan company. Practically all the Forhan class A and class B stockholders have taken advantage of the terms of exchange made by Zonite Products and have either sold their stock under terms provided by the bankers or have acquired stock in the company at \$30 a share.—V. 129, p. 2876.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
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COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, Nov. 22 1929.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet and steady at 17½ to 18c. for Santos 4s, 11½ to 11¾c. for Rio 7s and 9¾ to 9½c. for Victoria 7-Ss. Of late spot trade has been small and prices nominal at 17 to 17½c. for Santos 4s, 11¼ to 11½c. for Rio 7s; but it is probable that on a firm bid less would be accepted. Victoria 7-Ss were steady at 9¾ to 9½c. with supplies light. The arrivals of mild coffee in the United States so far this month amounted to 119,547 bags, against 171,394 for the same time last month and 154,193 for the same time last year. Deliveries were 133,829 bags against 189,200 and 166,299 bags, respectively. Stocks of mild coffee in the United States on Nov. 18 were 266,938 bags against 269,739 on Nov. 1 and 352,384 last year. Guatemala City cabled: "The drop in price of coffee, which recently caused general depression in Brazil, is now affecting the situation of the Guatemalan coffee growers. To prevent a possible crisis, the growers have sent a request to President Lazaro Chacon, asking that the present duty on coffee exports be suppressed. The Confederation of Agricultural Societies of the country is supporting the request."

On the 16th inst. Rio terme prices were unsettled. Brazil and Europe sold a little. Cost-and-freight prices were irregular. Bourbon 2-3s, 15.50c.; 3s, 15.25c.; 3-4s, 15.85c.; 4s, 14.50 to 14.75c.; 4-5s, 14.25 to 15.30c.; 5s, 13.90c.; 5-6s, 13.75c.; 6s, 12.75c.; 6-7s, 12.50c.; 8s at 11.35c. For Rio 7s offers were received at 10c. and for 7-Ss at 9.75c. Peaberry 3-4s were 14.75c. On the 18th inst. cost and freight offers were unchanged to lower. On the 19th inst. cost-and-freight offers were generally lower, some as much as 50 points. Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 15½ to 16.20c.; 3s at 14½ to 15.90c.; 3-4s at 14.95c.; 3-5s at 15.10c.; 4-5s at 14½c.; 5s at 13 to 14.60c.; 6s at 12.40 to 13½c.; 6-7s at 11½ to 12¼c. 7-8s at 8¼ to 11.35c.; part Bourbon 4-5s at 15.70c.; rain-damaged 3-5s at 12.40c.; 4-5s at 12.10c.; 5s at 11.55 to 11.85c. 6-7s at 10.45c.; 7-8s at 8 to 10.85c.; Peaberry 2-3s at 16.00c.; 3-4s at 14.70c.; 4-5s at 13.55c.; Rio 3-4s were here at 10.80c.; 7s at 9 to 9.35c.; 7-8s at 8.70 to 9.10c.; Bourbon 4s were offered for Dec.-March shipment at 14.55c. On the 20th inst. the cost-and-freight offers were generally a shade higher. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 15½ to 16.15c.; 3s at 14½ to 15.60c.; 3-4s at 15 to 15.30c.; 3-5s at 14.20 to 14½c.; 4-5s at 14 to 14½c.; 5s at 14.15c.; 6s at 12¾c.; 6-7s at 11½c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 14.20c.; 6s at 12½c.; Peaberry 3-4s at 14¾c.; 4s at 14.20c.; Rio 7s at 8.90c.; 7-8s at 8.60c.; rain-damaged 5-6s at 13.15c.; 6-7s at 11½c.; 7-8s at 9¾c.

To-day the cost and freight offers from Brazil were unchanged or higher. The lowest was of part Bourbon 5s, described as good bean, good roast, but not soft at 11c. The prices on well described Santos Bourbons for prompt shipment were: 2-3s at 15¾c. to 16¼c.; 3s at 7¾c. to 16c.; ¾s at 14.20c. to 15¼c.; 3-5s at 13.95c. to 15c.; 4-5s at 14c. to 14¾c.; 5s at 14.40c.; 6s at 11.80c. to 13c.; 6-7s at 11¾c.; 7s at 11½c.; 7-8s at 9½c. to 11.40c.; part Bourbon 5s at 12.65c.; Peaberry 3-4s at 15c. to 15¼c.; Rio 7s at 9.20c.; 7-8s at 8.90c. to 8.95c. Fair to good Ceuca 18 to 18½c.; Colombian, Oceana 17¼ to 17¾c.; Burearamanga, Natural 18 to 18½c.; washed 20 to 20¼c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot 19½ to 20c.; Medellin 21½ to 22c.; Manizales 19¾ to 20½c.; Mexican washed 21 to 22c.; Surinam 16 to 17c.; Ankola 28½ to 34c.; Mandehling 34 to 37c.; Genuine, Java 31 to 33c.; Robusta, washed 15 to 15½c.; Natural 11½ to 12½c.; Mocha 25½ to 26½c.; Harrar 23½ to 24c.; Abyssinian 20½ to 21c.; Guatemala, prime 20 to 20½c.; good 18¾ to 19½c.; Bourbon 18 to 19c. On the 16th inst. futures fell 15 to 44 points on Rio part of which was recovered with sales of 14,000 bags. Santos was 10 points lower to 5 higher with sales also of 14,000 bags. Later in the week prices advanced on Santos coffee futures due partly to reports of the loan of \$50,000,000 to Brazil, heavy covering with some Wall Street and Brazilian buying. Brazil has made it is said arrangements to pay defaulted interest of the 1911 French loan, over which there appears to have been litigation in which Brazil seems to have lost out.

On the 18th inst. with Brazilian prices and exchange depressed and Europe selling, New York declined 7 to 33 points at one time. The tone was apprehensive. On the 19th inst. futures were 3 points off to 15 higher. The cables were poor and European and Brazilian selling counted. Sales were 77,000 bags of Rio and Santos, Rio lagging behind. Santos in the matter of transactions. Cost and freight prices were 15 to 50 points lower. On the 19th inst. weakness in Brazilian exchange was a feature. On the 20th inst. prices advanced 25 to 37 points on Santos, with sales of 36,000 bags and 21 to 40 points on Rio, with sales of

23,500 bags. Optimistic reports about a loan to Brazil and firmer technical position accounted for the rise. On the 21st inst. news that a loan of \$10,000,000 for six months had been granted to Brazil caused a rise of 29 to 62 points on Rio with sales of 48,250 bags and 50 to 89 on Santos with sales of 69,750 bags. Europe and Brazil bought. Local shorts covered. Offerings were small. To-day prices closed 25 to 57 points lower on Rio with sales of 40,000 bags; Santos, 40 to 47 points off with sales of 20,000 bags. Final prices show an advance for the week on Rio of 5 to 37 points and on Santos of 10 to 35 points.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial 11½	March	8.56@	July	8.48@	
December	8.95@	May	8.45@	September	8.55@

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	March	12.70@	July	12.35@	
December	14.10@	May	12.40@	Sept	12.30@

COCOA to-day ended at 8.55c. for Dec., 8.76c. for Jan., 9.06 to 9.07c. for March and 9.34c. for May with sales of 135 lots. Final prices are 21 to 43 points lower than a week ago.

SUGAR prompt Cuban raws were quiet early in the week at 21-32c., pending the settlement of the tariff. It is a thorn in the side of the trade. A private cable reported the factory estimate for 15 European countries at 5,237,000 metric tons. Raw value against Licht's aggregate estimate of the same countries was 5,305,000. The spot detailed estimates were not given. However, it is understood that Germany, Poland, Italy and Hungary show an increase of 94,000; 29,000, 5,000 and 11,000 tons, respectively. Czechoslovakia and Belgium decreased 39,000 and 24,000 tons respectively. Refined fell to 5c., but the demand did not increase as there was no time limit set on the lower prices. New Orleans led the decline. Of raw, 32,000 bags sold on the 19th inst. at 15-16c. for uncontrolled Cuba. Receipts for the week from Cuban ports were 19,071 tons, against 15,348 in the same week last year; exports, 41,308 tons, against 58,686 last year; stock (consumption deducted), 283,202 tons, against 358,999 last year. The exports were distributed as follows: Atlantic ports, 25,783 tons; New Orleans, 130; interior United States, 4,002; Savannah, 6,893; Europe, 4,500. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 24,277 tons, against 47,924 in the previous week and 55,300 last year; meltings, 48,260 tons, against 45,408 in previous week and 59,100 last year; importers' stocks, 452,192 against 444,604 in previous week and 131,389 last year; refiners' stocks, 197,035 tons, against 228,606 in previous week and 79,084 last year; total stocks, 649,227 tons, against 673,210 in previous week and 210,473 in same week last year.

According to cables from the Philippine Islands, the estimate of the crop now being harvested has been increased about 27,000 tons, the output now being expected to reach 750,000 tons compared with 734,483 tons last crop. Havana cabled the New York "Times" that the executive committee of the Cuban Sugar Exporting Corp. was authorized to sell 500,000 tons of sugar to be manufactured at the sugar mills during the coming harvest. Inasmuch as the exporting corporation is not authorized by law or by the institution itself to finance in any way the harvest of cane or the manufacture of sugar, the board of directors appointed a committee to study a financing plan to be submitted to the Government for approval. A plan will be formed to assist sugar mills on the island now needing financial assistance for the coming crop. The Board of Directors also resolved to request the aid of the Havana Clearing House in a study of the question of guarantees asked by those receiving assistance. An American Press despatch from Honolulu says that Hawaii's output of raw sugar for the year ended Sept. 30th was announced on the 19th inst. by the Sugar Factor Co., Ltd. as 913,670 tons an increase of 9,630 tons over the previous year. The average return, it was estimated would be 3.78 cents a pound, approximately \$76 a ton, the total being \$69,434,920. The United States Department of Agriculture, Bureau of Agricultural Economics placed the condition of sugar cane in Louisiana on Nov. 1st at 87% of normal and indicated production of sugar, based on Nov. 1st condition 215,220 short tons. They say: "Sugar cane prospects continued favorable during October, and on Nov. 1st, sugar cane had a condition of 87% of normal comparing with a condition of 86% on Oct. 1 1929; 79% Nov. 1 1928; 70% Nov. 1 1927 and 65.6% the ten year average of condition on Nov. 1st (1919-1928)."

Havana cabled an estimate of the 1930 Cuban crop at 4,673,130 long tons. Willett & Gray estimated the crop at 4,900,000 and W. R. Craig & Co. at 4,750,000 tons. One remark was: "Next season there may be about 796,000 tons of sugar at the disposal of the United States, from their regular source of supply in excess of last year." The Cuban Co-operative Export Sales Agency on the 20th inst. declined all

bids. They were of 2c. c. & f. on 5,000 tons for second half Feb. shipment to the United States; 1.76c. f. o. b. on 20,000 tons for Jan.-Feb. shipment to Europe; 9s c. i. f. on 50,000 tons for Feb.-March shipment; 8s, 10½d. c. i. f. on 15,000 tons for second half Jan. first half Feb. shipment and 1.73c. f. o. b. on 2,000 tons for Jan. shipment, the last three bids being also from Europe. On the 16th inst. prices were irregular near months being steadier than the distant. There was a noticeable demand for December. Prompt raws were quiet at 2 1-32c. Refined was 5.25c. with a routine demand. Futures on the 18th inst. declined 1 to 5 points with sales of only 14,950 tons. Cuba bought distant months. Dec. liquidation was a feature.

Futures on the 19th inst. ended 1 to 4 points lower with sales of 23,000 tons. Wall Street and trade interests sold; also producers. Early in the day Cuba bought Dec. and March but when support was withdrawn prices fell. On the 20th inst. futures fell 2 points with sales of 22,700 tons on scattered liquidation. Futures on the 21st inst. advanced 2 to 3 points on covering even though notice day is close at hand. The technical position was better. Sales were 32,200 bags. Offerings were small. Much of the trading was in Dec. and Jan. The rumored sale of uncontrolled Cubas at 1 15-16c. c. & f. is said to have been confirmed, 32,000 bags for late Nov. shipment. On the 21st inst. it was reported that 10,000 tons of non-preferential raw sugars were sold to the United Kingdom for Nov.-Dec. shipment at 8s. 7½d. to 8s. 9d., c. i. f., and 10,000 tons for second half Jan.-first half Feb. shipment at 9s.

The Co-operative Export Agency continued to reject bids on the 21st inst., although they were somewhat higher and a larger quantity was wanted, the total being about 175,000 tons, all for Europe. The individual quantities of bids were 9s, 1½d. on 50,000 tons for Feb. shipment; 9s, 1½d. on 50,000 tons for March; 1.80c. f. o. b. on 30,000 tons for Jan.-Feb.-March; 8s, 10½d. on 12,000 tons for Jan.; 9s, on 15,000 tons for Feb.; 9s, on 12,000 tons for Feb.-March and 9s, on a cargo for Feb. shipment. Locally the raw sugar market was extremely dull. Nothing was obtainable under 2c. c. & f. but buyers were unresponsive. A rumor to-day was that 10,000 bags of Porto Rico for Nov. shipment sold at 2c. c. & f. London to-day cabled steady prices and an absence of offerings. A parcel of Perus sold at 8s, 6d. c. i. f. Holders of Centrifugals were asking 9s. c. i. f. for December 9s 1½d. for January and 9s. 3d. for February with buyers at 8s. 9d. for December; 9s for January and 9s. 1½d. for February. Some of the British home grown beets have been reduced 3d. To-day prompt Cuban was quoted at 2c. Futures advanced 1 to 3 points, with good buying of December by trade interests and London cables in some cases ¾d. higher. Beet opened firm and unchanged to ½d. higher. Final prices here are 2 points lower to 1 point higher for the week.

Prices were as follows:

Spot unofficial	2	March	2.08@2.09	July	2.23@
December	2.01@2.02	May	2.12@	September	2.28@2.29
January	2.05@				

LARD on the spot at one time was firm; prime Western, 10.85 to 10.95c.; refined Continent, 11½c.; South America, 11¾c.; Brazil, 12¾c. Later prime Western at one time 11 to 11.10c.; refined Continent, 11½c.; South America, 11¾c.; Brazil, 12¾c. Futures on the 16th inst. advanced with grain. Hogs were firmer early and as high as 9.15c. Liverpool lard closed 3d higher. Deliveries on Nov. lard contracts at Chicago totalled 450,000 lbs. Hog receipts at Western points were 42,700 against 40,148 last year. Futures in the 18th inst. declined 5 to 8 points net following the later decline in grain. Cash interests and packers sold with the cash demand rather poor. Liverpool lard was 3 to 6d. higher. Clearances of lard from here were 8,157,000 lbs. against 12,003,000 a week previously.

On the 19th inst. prices advanced 2 to 5 points after being 7 to 8 points lower. Lower prices for hogs caused selling at one time and higher grain accounted for buying later; also a firmer cash lard situation with prices 11 to 11.10c. Yet Western hog receipts were larger than had been expected, reaching 126,000 against 159,000 last year. Liverpool lard was 6d. to 9d. lower. Chicago reported receipts of 40,000 hogs. On the 20th inst. prices fell 2 to 3 points. On the 21st inst. futures closed unchanged to 3 points higher after an early decline of 7 to 8 points. Hogs were up 10 points. Packers sold lard. Hedge sales were noticeable early. Higher grain helped later. To-day futures closed 2 to 10 points higher. Final prices show a rise for the week of 10 to 20 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	10.40	10.32	10.35	10.32	10.32	10.35
January	10.92	10.87	10.92	10.90	10.90	10.97
March	11.10	11.05	11.07	11.05	11.07	11.17

PORK quiet; mess, \$28.50; family, \$33 to \$35; fatback, \$22 to \$26. Ribs, Chicago, 9.75c. Beef steady; mess, \$25; packet, \$26 to \$26; 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 quiet; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 17¾ to 19c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 16¾c. to 17¼c.; bellies, clear, dry, salted, boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 13c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 14c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring, 32 to 43½c. Cheese, flats, 23 to 26½c.; daisies, 23 to 25c. Eggs, medium to extras, 40 to 62c.; closely selected, 63 to 65c.; some extra fancy 1 to 2½c. higher.

OILS.—Linseed declined during the week to 14.8c. for raw oil in carlots, co-operae basis. Stocks are not burdensome. Single barrels were 15.6c. and 5 to 10 barrels, 15.4c. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 6¾c.; spot N. Y. tanks, 7½c. Corn, crude bbls., tanks f. o. b. mills, 8c. Olive, Den. 1.15 to 1.30. China wood, N. Y. drums carlots, spot, 14½ to 14¾c.; Pacific Coast tanks, futures, 12¾ to 13c. Soya Bean, tanks coast, 10½ to 11c. Edible, Olive, 2.25 to 2.40c. Lard, prime, 15¼c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 12¾c. Turpentine, 53 to 59c. Rosin, \$8.70 to \$9.80. Cottonseed oil sales to-day including switches 9,060 bbls. Crude S. E., 7¾ to 7½c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	8.75@9.25	January	9.10@9.17	April	9.35@9.45
November	8.75@9.15	February	9.15@9.30	May	9.48@9.49
December	8.93@8.97	March	9.32@	June	9.50@9.70

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline consumption is holding up well and prices are unchanged at 8¾ to 8½c. in tank cars at refinery. Export business was rather quiet. Domestic heating oils were in good demand and firmer. There is a good deal of talk of higher prices. Bunker oil grade C was more active at \$1.05 at refineries. Diesel oil was in good demand at \$2 refinery. Kerosene demand has been stimulated by the colder weather of late and prices were firmer. Leading refiners quoted 7¾c. in tank cars at refineries.

(Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products.")

RUBBER.—On the 16th inst. New York closed 20 to 40 points net lower after an early advance of 40 points. Realizing set in on the advance. Amsterdam denied that a joint meeting of British and Dutch growers was being held there. London however ended ½ to 3-16d. higher. Spot, 8 7-16d., December, 8½d. Singapore fell 3-16 to ¾d.; November, 9 1-16d.; January-March, 8½d. On the 18th inst. prices advanced 10 to 20 points net. But that meant a rise on December and March from the low mainly on more favorable reports as to the possibility of adopting some concerted selling scheme. New York closed on the 18th inst. with December, 16.70c.; January, 17c.; March, 17.70c.; May 18 to 18.10c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and November, 16¾ to 17c.; December, 17 to 17¼c.; January-March, 17½ to 17¾c.; spot first latex crepe, 17¾ to 18c.; thin pale latex, 18 to 18¼c.; clean thin brown crepe, 14 to 14½c.; specky crepe, 13½ to 14c.; rolled brown crepe, 10¾ to 11c.; No. 2 amber, 14½ to 14¾c. London spot 8 5-16d.; December, 8¼d. Singapore Nov., 8 1-16d.; Jan.-Mar., 8 9-16d. Collective sales are urged by the British Growers Committee; it would cut tapping. On the 21st inst. prices fell 40 points with less favorable reports about co-operative sales from British growers. Sales, 1,620 tons. At Akron more men have been laid off by tire makers. The U. S. Rubber Co. reported its sales as larger than a year ago. This had no effect. Outside prices were off ¼c. At the Exchange December closed at 16c.; January at 16.30c.; outside spot and November, 16¼ to 16½c.; December, 16½ to 16¾c. London, 3-16d. off; spot, 8 1-16d.; December, 8¼d. Singapore, ¾ to 7-16d. off; December, 7 15-16d. January-March, 8 3-16d.

The plan of the British growers for co-operative sales control in the crude rubber plantation industry has been adopted. A cable to the Rubber Exchange said: "At the meeting of the Rubber Growers' Association held on the 19th inst. in London the report of the co-operative selling committee was adopted." London cabled that the Rubber Growers' Association adopted the report of the co-operative selling plan committee, which practically starts the machinery in motion for a co-operative sales organization among British growers independently of the Dutch program. The Association's membership will now be canvassed on the proposal, and if a majority declare themselves in favor of the idea, further conferences will be held for the purpose of organizing and deciding what form this selling plan is to take. Reuter cabled the New York Rubber Exchange: "London rubber people seriously doubt the feasibility of Rubber Growers' Association committee recommendations. Report while giving admirable exposition of situation of the industry appears impracticable. Anyhow, carrying out recommendations must be most tedious practice. Though unlikely there would be active opposition, the scheme will be hindered by disinterestedness. It is pointed out that no individual will enter group unless he sees material personal advantage occurring. According to one authority, British and Dutch producers are frightened by growth of native production."

On the 19th inst. prices early were 30 to 40 points lower but a rally came later with London rising and New York ended generally unchanged. Dec., 16.70c.; Jan., 17 to 17.10c.; spot and Nov. ribbed 16¾ to 17c. London spot 8¼d.; Dec., 8 5-16d. Singapore Nov., 7 15-16d. On the 20th inst. prices dropped 20 to 50 points with sales of 1,177 tons on reports that the Rubber Growers Association committee found a centralized selling plan for the entire industry impracticable, owing to the large percentage of native controlled production. This was placed at approximately one-third of the British and almost half of the Dutch animal production. December ended here at 16.40c. on the 20th inst.; Jan., 16.60 to 16.70c. London spot, 8¼d.; Singapore Dec., 8 5-16d. The amount invoiced for shipment to the United States for the week ended Nov. 16th according to vise figures of the Department of Commerce total 8,167 tons, against 9,327 tons in the preceding week, or a decrease of 1,100 tons for the week. This week's total of 8,167 tons was

the smallest amount since Aug. 31 1929 when shipments were 7,406 tons.

Stocks in Liverpool increased 1,385 tons last week, bringing the total to 17,543 tons. London stocks showed an increase of 768 tons for the week, making the total 50,068 tons. To-day prices closed unchanged to 20 points higher, with sales of 368 lots. December ended at 16c.; March 17c. and May 17.50c. Final prices show a decline for the week of 70 to 90 points. London to-day closed unchanged to 1-16d. higher; spot, November, 8½d.; December, 8 3-16d.; January-March, 8¾d.; April-June, 8¾d.; July-Sept., 8¾d.; and October-December, 9¾d. Singapore ended quiet and 1-16d. to 3-16d. lower; No. 3 Amber crepe, spot, 6 5-16d. or unchanged. London cabled the New York Rubber Exchange that an official estimate of stocks for the week in London show an increase of 800 tons and in Liverpool of 1,000 tons.

HIDES advanced on the 16th inst. 20 to 30 points on covering with sales of 720,000 lbs.; but 2,000 heavy native November steers sold at down to 15c. December closed on the 16th inst. at 13c., March 13.60c., May 14.05c., and September 14.50c. Last week about 150,000 were sold which included heavy cows at 13c., Colorados at 13½c., light cows at 13c., heavy Texas and branded cows at 14c. Other sales it was believed had been made rumored at a decline of ½c. New York on the 18th inst. ended unchanged to 10 points net lower. At one time prices were 30 to 35 points higher; sales 1,440,000 lbs. Outside trading was generally light; only 21,000 Argentine frigorifico steers sold at 16½ to 16 3-16c. On the 20th inst. prices ended unchanged to 45 points up with Chicago higher at 14c. for light native cows; December here 13c.; January 13.25c. On the 21st inst. prices advanced 53 to 60 points with sales of 3,000,000 lbs. The position was short. Shorts grew nervous as offerings were small. Realizing caused a 20 point reaction from the early high. December on that day ended at 13.50c., January at 13.75c.; May at 14.75c.; 13,000 heavy native cows sold at 14c., a recent rise of 1c. Frigorifico were quiet. To-day prices ended 25 to 75 points higher with sales of 85 lots. December ended at 13.75c.; January at 14c.; May at 15.50c. and September at 15.90c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Export grain trade was better at one time.

CHARTERS included grain, 28,000 quarters Montreal-Avonmouth, 1s. 10½d.; 30,000 qrs. 1s. 9d.; 35,000 qrs., Gulf, Nov. 25-Dec. 6, Antwerp-Rotterdam, 2s. 3d.; Hamburg-Bremen-Dunkirk, 2s. 4½d., picked United Kingdom, 2s. 6d.; 35,000 qrs. Montreal, Nov. 18-25, to Antwerp, 8c.; Rotterdam, 8½c.; Birkenhead Channel, 1s. 10½d.; Hull, 2s.; berthed prompt, Montreal, 20,000 qrs at 8c.; Antwerp; berth, to start, 20,000 qrs., 8c., prompt Montreal to Antwerp; Gulf, Nov. 25-Dec. 5, to Greece, 4s. Tankers: Steamer, 6,300 tons, clean, Gulf, Jan.-Feb., to Havre, 31s. 6d. and Rouen, 32s. 6d.; Vancouver, clean, Jan.-Feb., South Africa, North Atlantic, 42s. 6d.; Gulf, 40s. 3 trips, Houston, Dec., New Orleans, 18c., crude or fuel; 18 months, dirty, 8s.; 8,500 tons, gas oil, Jan., Gulf, Copenhagen or Nyborg, 28s. 6d.; gas oil, Spanish Mediterranean, 14s.; clean, 21 months, 9c.; clean, Gulf, Jan. to; United Kingdom-Continent, 29s. Time: Steamer, 1,534 net, prompt, north of Hatteras, West Indies round, \$1.10; a steamer, wheat from North Pacific to United Kingdom, picked ports, 25s.; option Antwerp-Rotterdam, 24s. 6d., Dec.-Jan. loading; steamer, wheat from Vancouver, B. C., to Antwerp-Rotterdam, 24c., Jan. loading; prompt, West Indies, sublet, \$2.4 to 6 months, West Indies, \$1.05 prompt, North Hatteras; West Indies, 4 months continuation, \$1.05 prompt, North Hatteras; 6,000-ton steamer, deadweight, reported gone West Indies under 85c. Asphalt, Boston-Continent, Nov., 2,600 tons, 25s.; Nov., Gulf-Algiers, 27s. 6d. Nitrate steamer, 7,500 tons, Nov., Continent, 21s.; 7,600 tons, Nov., Continent, 20s. 3d.

COAL has recently been quiet and some grades rather weak owing to mild weather. Later came cooler conditions with more or less benefit to trade. Smokeless coal was at one time noticeably depressed; for nut and slack \$1.30 to \$1.50 stove \$2.25 to \$2.75, lump and egg at \$3.25 to \$3.75 in the West. Hampton Roads Navy standard, \$4.50 to \$4.65; pretty good, \$4.25 to \$4.50. Anthracite at mines in long tons: Chestnut, \$8.70; egg, \$8.70; stove, \$9.20; pea, \$5; buckwheat, \$2.50; buckwheat, domestic, \$3.25; buckwheat, No. 2 \$2; buckwheat No. 3, \$1.50; buckwheat No. 4, \$1.75. Bituminous, New York tidewater piers, f. o. b., navy standard, \$5.20 to \$5.30; best grade, \$4.75 to \$4.85; high volatile steam, \$4.25 to \$4.40; nut and slack, \$3.85 to \$4; high grade medium volatile, \$4.45 to 4.55. Later cooler weather stimulated trade in coke, gas, electric and buckwheat coal heat more than the standard sizes of anthracite. But prices were firmer for all kinds though business has plenty of room to improve. At one time bituminous was tending downward. It is said that retailers at the West are well supplied. Western Kentucky 6-inch lump is quoted down 25c. at \$1.75 to \$2, egg at \$1.50 to \$1.65 and nut at \$1.10 up. Saward said Western Kentucky nut was firm but speaks of a downward curve of \$1.

TOBACCO as usual at this time of year has been quiet. Small sales of Connecticut shade-grown and Wisconsin binders have been made at unchanged figures. Most of the reports about the trade from here, there and everywhere throughout the country have been favorable. Prices have been reported generally unchanged without much of a test, perhaps, in the narrowness of the trade under way. Havana advices said that receipts from the country last week were only 8,145 bales, of which 5,126 bales came from the Remedios section and 3,019 from the Vuelta Abajo section, some 5,000 odd bales less than in the previous seven-day period, which means that the escojidas will soon be finished. Weather clear all the week and a trifle warmer. The Department of Commerce states exports of unmanufactured tobacco in Sept. amounted to 55,964,561 lbs.; the total sales for the first nine months of the year to 347,628,446 lbs. Of the above

amount, leaf tobacco exports in Sept. were 54,385,285 lbs. Leaf exports for the nine months ended Sept. amounted to 340,872,707 lbs. Imports of unmanufactured in Sept. were 3,090,450 lbs.; for nine months, 53,042,826. Hartford, Conn., to the "U. S. Tobacco Journal": "Warehouse operations will commence here within a week or so on the new seed tobacco and farmers' deliveries will begin shortly." Oxford, N. C., to the "Journal": "Oxford's sales this week totaled 2,048,734 lbs., sold at an average of \$23.47; total sales to date, 10,451,380 lbs., at an average of \$19.87. The market has held remarkably firm considering the large amount of tobacco offered." Richmond, Va.: "Sales at Wilson, N. C. are more than a million pounds larger than for the same period last year, when 84,247,000 lbs. of the bright golden leaf were sold for a new record. The season's sales are 59,662,126 lbs., while Friday's estimated sales of 1,200,000 lbs. will lift the total almost to 61,000,000 lbs. Sales a year ago were 58,496,608 lbs., which sold for \$11,743,849.17, an average of \$22.07."

COPPER.—Latterly home trade was anything but interesting. Export sales were called 300 to 400 tons. Copper is called by some relatively high as compared with other commodities. At the Exchange here prices ended with Nov. and Dec., 16.50 to 17c.; Jan. and Feb., 16.90c.; March and April, 16.50c.; all other months, 16.75c. nominal. In London on the 21st inst. standard advanced 7s. 6d. to £69 17s. 6d. for spot and £69 7s. 6d. for futures; sales 100 spot and 250 futures Electrolytic, £81 10s. for spot and £83 10s. for futures. At the second London session spot standard rose, 12s. 6d.; futures up 10s. on sales of 200 tons of futures.

TIN.—Recently standard futures were active; Straits dull. Prices on the 21st advanced 55 to 95 points at the Exchange here, with London up noticeably. Sales here, 200 tons. Dec. closed on the 21st inst. at 40.40 to 40.85c.; Jan., 40.75 to 41.10c.; March, 41.30c. Straits here were largely nominal at 41c. for spot, 41½c. for Dec., 41¼ to 41¾c. for Jan., and 41½c. for Feb. In London on the 21st inst. spot standard advanced £4 7s. 6d. to £184; futures up £4 to £186 10s.; sales 100 tons spot and 1,200 futures. Spot Straits up £4 7s. 6d. to £188. Eastern c.i.f. London ended at £186 10s. on sales of 225 tons. At the second London session spot standard advanced £1 5s.; futures up £1 10s. on sales of 100 tons spot and 450 futures. To-day prices ended at 41.20c. for Dec., 41.35 to 41.45c. for Jan., 41.80c. for March and 42.15c. for May; sales, 130 tons.

LEAD of late has been slower after a spurt earlier in the week in sales. London declined sharply on the 21st inst. Spot fell 10s. to £20 17s. 6d.; futures off 6s. 3d. to £21 2s. 6d.; sales 500 tons spot and 650 futures. Prices here were unchanged at 6.25c. New York and 6.10c. East St. Louis.

ZINC of late has been hit by falling London prices. East St. Louis quoted at 6.15 to 6.25c. Curtailment abroad is to be abandoned late next month. London on the 21st inst. fell 12s. 6d. to £20 1s. 3d. for spot and £20 10s. for futures; sales 1,400 futures.

STEEL for the most part had a routine business. The Eastern mills for once showed more life than Western. Structural material sells better in the East than in the West though even here sales of such steel have recently fallen off. Steel and iron scrap fell recently \$1 at Pittsburgh and 50c. at Chicago. Pittsburgh mills were running at an average of 75%. Bethlehem was called 80%. Sheet output was 65, tin plate 60 to 65; strip 50 and pipe 65. Pittsburgh steel scrap heavy melting lately fell 25c. to \$16.50 to \$17 and was weak even at these quotations. Hot strip 1.90c. to 2c.; cold rolled strip, 2.75c. Sheets and especially highly finished sheet stock have been hit by recent general conditions. Auto body stock was 4c., though less, it is hinted, is now and then accepted. Later came reports of a somewhat large inquiry for structural steel. Youngstown wired that steel pipe sold the most readily. The pipe business is one of the better features of the situation. Production continued to decrease, ranging now from 70 to 75% at Pittsburgh and Chicago, with only 50% production at plants which specialize in automotive steel. In mid-summer the U. S. Steel Co.'s production was about 100%. A year ago it was 85%. But it is said that while a salutary reduction in production has been going on, no general decrease in consumption is apparent. The American Sheet & Tin Plate Co. quotes tin plate for the first half of next year unchanged at \$5.35.

PIG IRON has now and then had rather more inquiry, but the sales at best have been nothing at all striking; far from it. Consumers are said to be carrying small stocks. But that matters nothing. They stick to the policy of small buying at anyone time. Shipments on old contracts, however, make no bad showing. Mild weather recently hurt the domestic coke market. There is a tendency in some directions to curtail output of iron. Sharp Southern competition tends to lower prices. A steel maker is said to have sold eastern Pennsylvania as low as \$18.50 at furnace in a contest with Southern makers for business. Buffalo has one price for shipment, it seems, and another for that territory.

WOOL has been dull and lower. Boston prices: Domestic fleeces, unwashed, Ohio & Penn. fine delaine, 36 to 37c.; ½ blood, 42 to 43c.; ¾d. blood, 43 to 44c.; territory clean

basis, fine staple, 87 to 88c.; fine medium, French combing, 80 to 85c.; Texas, clean basis fine 12 months, 78 to 83c.; fine 8 months, 75 to 78c.; fall, 60 to 65c.; pulled scoured basis, A super, 85 to 90c.; B, 75 to 82c.; Domestic mohair, original Texas, 50 to 52c. Australian clean basis, in bond, 64-70s, combing super, 66 to 69c.; 64-70s clothing, 55 to 57c. Boston wired early in the week: "Confidence in prices of 64s and finer and 58-60s wools appears somewhat stronger but a great deal of uncertainty exists over the position of 56s and lower quality domestic wools because of the lower level of prices on South American crossbreds. The receipts of domestic wools at Boston during the week ended Nov. 16th amounted to 2,419,300 lbs. as compared with 969,800 lbs. during the previous week." San Angelo, Texas, wired Nov. 18th that exactly 4,250,000 lbs. of Texas 4 and 5 months fall wool were bought with purchase of 1,350,000 lbs. from the Producers' Wool & Mohair Co. at Del Rio by Draper & Co., Boston at about 20c.; also bought 225,000 lbs. accumulation of west Texas wool and mohair at Mertzton at about 20c. The Schriener clip at Kerrville has been acquired by Studley & Emery, Boston. San Angelo, Texas, wired Nov. 20th: "The purchase of the 350,000 lbs. of fall wool accumulated at Uvalde was reported here yesterday at prices under 20c. taken by Boston. The sale of 125,000 lbs. of wool by the Edwards County Wool & Mohair Co. at Rock Springs also to Boston firm of Studley & Emery."

In London on Nov. 19 the final series of Colonial wool auctions for the current year opened. The net available offerings total 137,000 bales. The sales will close Dec. 5. Attendance large of home and foreign buyers. Offerings, 11,869 bales. Good demand mostly from the Continent.

Compared with the September sales, prices on fine greasy merinos were 10% higher; ordinary Continental style, 5% higher; scoured merinos, par to 5% higher, as were greasy crossbred, while slipe crossbred remained unchanged. New Zealand best greasy 56-58s realized 17½d.; 56s, 16½d.; 50s, 15½d.; 48s, 14½d.; 46s, 14d.; 44-46s, 13½d. Details: Sydney, 3,377 bales; scoured merinos, 22 to 27½d.; greasy, 8¾ to 21d. Queensland, 3,192 bales; scoured merinos, 24 to 34d.; greasy, 9 to 19d.; Victoria, 991 bales; scoured merinos, 23 to 30d.; greasy, 14 to 21½d.; greasy crossbreds, 11½ to 13½d. West Australia, 817 bales; greasy merinos, 12 to 18d. New Zealand, 3,449 bales; scoured merinos, 28 to 29½d.; greasy, 11½ to 13½d.; scoured crossbreds, 21½ to 24½d.; greasy, 13½ to 17½d. New Zealand slipe ranged 11 to 21½d., the latter halfbred lambs.

In London on Nov. 20 offerings 9,700 bales. Demand increased from home and foreign buyers. Fair purchases were made by America, chiefly of slipe. Opening prices were firmly maintained. A good selection of Cape greasy merinos sold 5 to 10% above September values.

New Zealand greasy crossbred best 56s realized 17d.; 50-46s, 16½d.; 48s, 15d.; 46-48s, 14½d.; 46s, 13½d.; 44s, 13d. Details: Sydney, 1,334 bales; scoured merinos, 28½ to 31d.; greasy, 12 to 18½d. Queensland, 981 bales; scoured merinos, 31½ to 35d.; greasy, 12 to 16½d. Victoria, 476 bales; scoured merinos, 26 to 28½d.; greasy, 19½ to 21½d. South Australia, 439 bales; scoured merinos, 18 to 25d.; greasy, 15 to 16½d. West Australia, 947 bales; scoured merinos, 26 to 33d.; greasy, 12 to 18½d. Cape, 1,349 bales; scoured merinos, 18 to 24d.; greasy, 8 to 16½d. New Zealand, 4,101 bales; scoured crossbreds, 17½ to 24d.; greasy, 12 to 17d. New Zealand slipe ranged 12½ to 20d., latter halfbred lambs.

In London on Nov. 21 offerings were 8,235 bales of Colonial and 2,479 of English. English sold well to home buyers, best washed realizing 17½d. and greasy 15d. Colonial included 6,000 Australian merinos which sold readily on recent prices with the exception of Victorian scoured merinos. They were dull. Frequent withdrawals of the New Zealand selection, mostly slipe and scoured crossbred. A good percentage of the merino selection sold to home and Continental buyers. Cape wools were frequently withdrawn at firm limits. Details:

Sydney, 1,541 bales; scoured merinos, 24½ to 27½d.; greasy, 13 to 25d. Queensland, 795 bales; scoured merinos, 19½ to 34d.; greasy, 12 to 18d. Victoria, 1,242 bales; scoured merinos, 19 to 31d.; greasy, 12 to 22½d. South Australia, 1,900 bales; scoured merinos, 24½ to 29d.; greasy, 13½ to 18d. West Australia, 557 bales; greasy merinos, 11 to 16d. New Zealand, 1,403 bales; scoured merinos, 22½ to 26½d.; greasy merinos, 12½ to 16d.; scoured crossbreds, 21½ to 24d. Cape, 572 bales; scoured merinos, 19½ to 29d.; greasy, 9½ to 44d. Kenya Colony, 225 bales; greasy merinos, 10 to 14d. New Zealand greasy lambs ranged 13d. to 16½d. Slipe ranged 14½ to 19½d.

At Sydney on Nov. 15 sales continued with a better selection. Excellent demand from Yorkshire, the Continent, Russia and Japan. Prices were fully equal to the last series. Comebacks and crossbreds sold well. The total offerings during the series amounted to 135,650 bales. Prices realized include Bobadeen Mudgee 20d.; Keytah Moore 19½d.; Gurley Narrabri 19d.; Dungalear Walgett 16½d. In Liverpool on Nov. 15, 200 bales of Baires slipes were offered and sold on good competition with prices rather higher than at the September offerings. Of Peruvians, 3,521 bales were offered with the merinos withdrawn. Buyers and sellers were apart. The low qualities attracted interest at slightly below recent private contract prices. At Geelong, offerings on Nov. 15 were 16,000 bales, 92% of which were sold. Compared to the previous series, greasy wools were very firm, especially super-grades. Yorkshire, the Continent, Russia and the local mills were the largest buyers. Highest price paid for greasy merino was 23½d. for greasy comebacks 19½d. Napier Nov. 19 offerings 9,500 bales and 9,200 were sold. Representative selection of crossbreds. The Continent and Russia bought freely. Yorkshire was quiet. Compared with the Wellington sales on Nov. 14 the tone was firm, fine and medium crossbreds being in demand. Crossbreds 48-50s, realized 12 to 14½d.; 46-48s, 12 to 15d.; 36-40s, 11½d.

SILK closed unchanged to 2 points lower on new contracts with sales of 1,020 bales. There were no sales on old. December new ended at 4.59 to 4.61; January at 4.61 to 4.65; March 4.60 to 4.61.

COTTON

Friday Night, Nov. 22 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 262,509 bales, against 350,357 bales last week and 403,514 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1929 5,220,947 bales, against 5,272,666 bales for the same period of 1928, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1929 of 51,719 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	8,954	8,251	18,768	7,869	8,897	6,991	59,730
Texas City	—	—	—	—	—	3,150	3,150
Houston	6,303	25,994	15,739	11,895	9,592	18,801	88,324
Corpus Christi	350	267	282	658	1,044	718	3,319
New Orleans	11,166	9,204	6,167	8,373	24,875	6,700	66,485
Mobile	1,854	1,101	1,086	3,951	365	1,164	9,521
Pensacola	—	—	—	—	—	1,200	1,200
Jacksonville	—	—	—	—	—	26	26
Savannah	1,416	1,389	1,750	1,389	1,764	1,047	8,755
Charleston	2,500	1,146	219	965	130	640	5,600
Lake Charles	—	400	—	100	—	—	500
Wilmington	887	570	1,182	730	745	—	4,936
Norfolk	969	1,432	1,934	1,437	1,229	2,518	9,819
New York	—	—	78	—	—	16	94
Baltimore	—	—	—	—	—	872	872
Philadelphia	—	—	—	44	48	86	178
Totals this week	34,399	49,754	47,205	37,411	48,705	45,035	262,509

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1929 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Receipts to Nov. 22.	1929.		1928.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1929.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1928.	1929.	1928.
Galveston	59,730	1,135,817	117,153	1,666,737	504,338	628,987
Texas City	3,150	98,158	8,373	102,284	39,687	41,615
Houston	88,324	1,789,308	103,332	1,879,570	1,031,940	914,842
Corpus Christi	3,319	359,868	4,174	240,765	36,853	—
Port Arthur, &c.	—	8,401	—	1,700	—	—
New Orleans	66,485	933,547	58,080	666,544	505,252	309,159
Gulport	—	—	—	—	—	—
Mobile	9,521	225,658	14,621	131,863	48,947	52,639
Pensacola	1,200	21,678	—	4,743	—	—
Jacksonville	26	709	—	15	833	628
Savannah	8,755	348,000	13,328	235,177	84,865	66,724
Brunswick	—	7,094	—	—	—	—
Charleston	5,600	139,095	8,056	119,399	47,693	58,599
Lake Charles	500	5,696	—	3,471	—	—
Wilmington	4,936	53,984	5,821	72,644	30,443	41,920
Norfolk	9,819	77,682	17,436	134,351	63,755	90,975
N'port News, &c.	—	—	—	92	—	—
New York	94	788	487	3,074	95,029	9,252
Boston	—	648	—	1,170	982	1,987
Baltimore	872	14,684	644	9,067	1,154	1,018
Philadelphia	178	132	—	—	4,675	4,458
Totals	262,509	5,220,947	351,505	5,272,666	2,496,476	2,223,093

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	59,730	117,153	75,161	127,948	160,587	165,638
Houston	88,324	103,332	91,813	159,175	25,224	72,358
New Orleans	66,485	58,080	40,576	75,635	64,946	74,239
Mobile	9,521	14,621	8,425	21,007	3,954	6,447
Savannah	8,755	13,328	11,696	32,275	22,006	17,833
Brunswick	—	—	—	—	—	—
Charleston	5,600	8,056	5,208	15,771	5,799	5,914
Wilmington	4,936	5,821	4,401	4,515	3,535	4,604
Norfolk	9,819	17,436	13,525	18,625	22,352	22,564
N'port N. &c.	—	—	—	—	—	—
All others	9,339	13,678	6,959	15,491	2,981	427
Total this wk.	262,509	351,505	257,764	470,442	311,384	370,024
Since Aug. 1—	5,220,947	5,272,666	5,005,727	6,559,153	4,998,055	4,584,760

*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 255,098 bales, of which 64,258 were to Great Britain, 41,259 to France, 54,443 to Germany, 7,384 to Italy, 48,682 to Japan and China and 39,072 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 267,878 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 2,964,342 bales, against 3,263,575 bales in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week:

Week Ended Nov. 22 1929. Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Germany.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	2,875	17,107	17,471	2,684	—	19,785	18,371	78,293
Houston	10,398	17,702	4,399	—	—	14,025	10,344	56,868
Texas City	774	1,044	—	—	—	—	1,828	3,646
Corpus Christi	3,572	4,105	2,983	—	—	—	2,625	12,685
Lake Charles	—	100	400	—	—	—	—	500
New Orleans	22,024	—	11,396	—	—	8,725	4,239	46,354
Mobile	7,681	—	10,456	—	—	—	200	18,337
Pensacola	—	—	1,200	—	—	—	—	1,200
Savannah	11,323	—	—	—	—	—	250	11,573
Charleston	—	—	1,343	—	—	2,100	1,217	4,660
Wilmington	—	—	—	4,700	—	—	—	4,700
Norfolk	2,632	—	—	—	—	—	74	2,706
New York	200	400	—	—	—	—	19	619
Baltimore	—	101	—	—	—	—	—	101
Los Angeles	2,379	790	4,325	—	—	4,012	505	11,921
San Francisco	400	—	500	—	—	35	—	935
Total	64,258	41,259	54,443	7,384	—	48,682	39,072	255,098
Total 1928	63,340	25,092	104,381	14,536	—	42,862	17,667	267,878
Total 1927	4,738	26,340	63,165	10,439	—	34,139	15,682	154,503

From Aug. 1 1929 to Nov. 22 1929, Exports from—	Exported to—							Total.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger- many.	Italy.	Russia.	Japan & China.	Other.	
Galveston	90,037	116,638	163,778	67,909	8,123	128,278	124,897	699,360
Houston	110,043	168,002	205,623	77,731	12,521	116,572	84,030	774,522
Texas City	11,999	6,022	17,801	---	---	1,500	5,778	43,100
Corpus Christi	80,398	63,137	40,171	36,517	41,521	25,359	27,997	315,100
Beaumont	1,807	1,869	1,756	460	---	---	2,509	8,401
Lake Charles	313	318	3,300	1,375	---	---	450	5,756
New Orleans	88,373	24,781	86,148	56,012	15,850	69,407	32,495	373,066
Mobile	41,653	2,975	92,787	4,438	---	1,000	3,579	146,432
Jacksonville	500	---	---	---	---	---	---	500
Pensacola	3,307	---	18,571	200	---	---	---	22,078
Savannah	91,283	689	154,346	1,850	---	6,400	3,611	258,179
Brunswick	7,094	---	---	---	---	---	---	7,094
Charleston	20,134	115	35,942	220	---	40,405	6,024	102,840
Wilmington	2,000	---	4,181	16,835	---	---	2,000	25,016
Norfolk	16,382	---	6,499	---	---	400	---	23,419
New York	2,762	3,468	19,551	4,189	---	2,504	6,698	39,172
Boston	64	---	---	---	---	---	92	156
Baltimore	---	1,251	---	---	---	---	---	1,251
Philadelphia	72	---	---	---	---	---	---	72
Los Angeles	8,132	1,450	15,736	400	---	37,273	1,012	64,003
San Diego	2,550	---	---	---	---	---	---	2,550
San Francisco	1,450	---	1,000	---	---	22,548	95	25,093
Seattle	---	---	---	---	---	22,945	---	22,945
Portland, Ore.	---	---	---	---	---	4,237	---	4,237
Total	580,353	390,715	867,190	268,136	78,015	478,528	301,405	2,964,342
Total 1928	675,674	354,263	947,670	234,408	118,600	627,963	304,997	3,263,575
Total 1927	400,968	405,419	1,068,193	188,630	101,126	458,788	290,826	2,913,950

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 October the exports to the Dominion the present season have been 33,056 bales. In the corresponding month of the preceding season the exports were 32,084 bales. For the three months ended Oct. 31 1929 there were 48,666 bales exported as against 50,241 bales for the three 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:

Nov. 22 at—	On Shipboard Not Cleared for—						Leaving Stock.
	Great Britain.	France.	Ger- many.	Other Foreign	Coast- wise.	Total.	
Galveston	13,800	6,000	6,800	30,000	3,500	60,100	444,238
New Orleans	6,788	6,608	7,017	14,366	237	35,016	470,236
Savannah	---	---	2,000	---	400	2,400	82,465
Charleston	---	---	---	---	566	566	47,137
Mobile	2,700	950	---	10,500	25	14,175	34,772
Norfolk	---	---	---	---	---	---	63,755
Other ports *	3,500	2,000	5,000	26,000	500	37,000	1,204,626
Total 1929	26,788	15,558	20,817	80,866	5,218	149,247	2,347,229
Total 1928	36,388	13,585	31,398	64,865	7,469	153,705	2,069,388
Total 1927	29,685	20,540	19,300	60,347	12,284	142,156	2,438,402

*Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been fairly active, ending at irregular prices; that is, the near months higher and the distant lower, but with the changes in both cases slight. Some have been selling out December; others covering in that month. July and October have been sold. Trade buying has largely neutralized speculative liquidation.

On the 16th inst. prices advanced 30 points on better cables, rising spot markets, a strong basis, and Washington advices that President Hoover was devising practical measures beneficial to business at conferences of business men, financiers, merchants, manufacturers, public men, the farm board and labor leaders. The President said: "Any lack of confidence in the economic future or the basic strength of business in the United States is foolish." He added, in effect, that he did not believe in words but in acts. This had a manifest influence among business men generally. There was good buying of May. The trade and spot firms bought. Contracts were scarce. Shorts got nervous and covered. The South sold very little. On the 18th inst. prices fell, owing to lower prices than due in Liverpool and a decline in the stock market. Also a reaction was due after a rise in the latter part of last week of 100 points. Some hedge selling appeared. There was less covering. Wall Street was reported to have sold 20,000 to 25,000 bales of December, with December notices due on the 25th inst. Spot markets declined 25 points with only moderate sales. Liverpool and the Southwest sold. Liverpool felt general liquidation and some short selling. Manchester was rather slow; sales of yarns there kept below the production. On the other hand, the trade bought. Spot firms took December, it was understood, quite freely, if they sold March and May. Some cotton goods interests reported sales of cloths last week, the largest since Oct. 11. Recent rains and frosts were taken as insuring a relatively small total in the ginning report up to Nov. 4. The total was estimated on the 18th inst. at 11,869,000 bales to Nov. 14 against 11,320,688 bales up to the same date last year. For the latest period, Nov. 1 to the 14th, the total was estimated at 975,000 to 1,000,000 bales against 1,158,200 for the same time last year. Some thought such ginning would tend to corroborate a crop estimate of 14,800,000 to 15,000,000 bales.

On the 19th inst. prices suddenly advanced some 30 to 35 points on a Memphis ginning estimate to Nov. 14 of 11,900,000 bales, small offerings and a rise in stocks of 5 to 10 points. Also wire houses reported a rather larger outside cotton business. Wall Street, Liverpool and the Continent bought as well as trade interests. Contracts were scarce. The short account proved to be larger than expected. From the estimated ginning totals some suspected that the crop had been overestimated by the Government on Nov. 8 at 15,009,000 bales. One estimate from Boston put the ginning to Nov. 14 at 11,992,000 bales, but added that this seemed

to indicate a crop in running bales of only 14,500,000 to 14,600,000 bales. Spot cotton advanced 25 to 27 points. The basis was firm. The exports were 69,874 bales. Washington news showed that an effort was being made to keep labor employed, with the big railroads concurring. On the 20th inst. prices advanced 12 to 17 points, with stocks and cables higher and considerable covering on the eve of a ginning report on the 21st inst., which was expected to be bullish. Offerings were small. Spot firms bought December as they shifted hedges to distant months. There was other covering in December. Liverpool bought. Spot markets were slightly higher but less active. Worth Street was quiet at some recent decline. Some contended that even a bullish ginning report had been discounted in a recent advance of over 100 points. Besides, ginning had been retarded, not ended, by recent bad weather. The ending on that day was 2 to 10 points net higher. Chicago wired, Nov. 18: "Carl Williams, cotton representative on the Federal Farm Board, told the Federal Land Grant Colleges at their meeting there that the national cotton co-operative marketing organization is to begin functioning within the next two months and that preliminary plans for organization of this body have already been started."

On the 21st inst. prices advanced 15 to 20 points owing to the fact that the ginning up to Nov. 14, as reported by the Census Bureau, 11,898,308, had been discounted. The average private estimate had been 11,902,000 bales; one had been as high as 11,992,000. The ginning from Nov. 1 to Nov. 14 was 1,005,000 bales. In other words, the Washington figures were a little smaller than had been expected. But, on the other hand, they were found to have been discounted. Also Liverpool prices were lower than due. Textile reports were not favorable. Spot markets were 10 points lower and the sales were smaller than on the same day last year and had been all the week. The weather was, in the main, clear. It was recognized that the relatively small ginning for the first half of the month was due to bad weather. There is a dispute as to whether the latest ginning total means that the last crop estimate on Nov. 8 was an overestimate or an underestimate. To-day prices declined 14 to 20 points, owing to liquidation of December on the eve of the notices to be issued on the 25th inst. There is an idea that they may comprise the whole certificated stock here of some 88,000 bales. Also stocks weakened a little. Liverpool was lower than due. The spot markets gave way slightly. On the other hand, spot interests bought December if they sold January, March and May. Liverpool and the South were sellers. Speculation was not active except in switching from near to distant months. There was a good deal of that done. Final prices show a rise on the near months of 2 to 5 points, with July and later 4 to 8 points lower. Spot cotton was 15 points lower to-day than yesterday, but shows a net rise for the week of 5 points at 17.55c. for middling.

Staple Premiums
60% of average of
six markets quoting
for deliveries on
Nov. 29 1929.

Differences between grades established
for delivery on contract Nov. 29 1929.
Figured from the Nov. 21 average quo-
tations of the ten markets designated by
the Secretary of Agriculture.

15-16 Inch.	1-Inch & longer.			
.25	.73	Middling Fair	White	.79 on Mid
.25	.73	Strict Good Middling	do	.62 do
.25	.73	Good Middling	do	.48 do
.25	.71	Strict Middling	do	.33 do
.25	.71	Middling	do	Basis
.25	.67	Strict Low Middling	do	.76 off Mid.
.25	.63	Low Middling	do	1.70 do
		*Strict Good Ordinary	do	2.78 do
		*Good Ordinary	do	3.75 do
		Good Middling	Extra White	.45 on
		Strict Middling	do	.33 do
		Middling	do	Even do
		Strict Low Middling	do	.76 off do
		Low Middling	do	1.70 do
.23	.66	Good Middling	Spotted	.19 on do
.22	.68	Strict Middling	do	.07 on do
.22	.63	Middling	do	.74 off do
		*Strict Low Middling	do	1.65 do
		*Low Middling	do	2.73 do
.21	.57	Strict Good Middling	Yellow Tinged	.08 off do
.21	.57	Good Middling	do	.50 do
.21	.57	Strict Middling	do	1.00 do
		*Middling	do	1.80 do
		*Strict Low Middling	do	2.27 do
		*Low Middling	do	3.15 do
.21	.57	Good Middling	Light Yellow Stained	1.23 off do
		*Strict Middling	do	1.80 do
		*Middling	do	2.45 do
.21	.57	Good Middling	Yellow Stained	1.50 off do
		*Strict Middling	do	2.33 do
		*Middling	do	3.10 do
.20	.57	Good Middling	Gray	.80 off do
.20	.54	Strict Middling	do	1.18 do
		*Middling	do	1.63 do
		*Good Middling	Blue Stained	1.65 off do
		*Strict Middling	do	2.38 do
		*Middling	do	3.13 do

*Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Nov. 16 to Nov. 22—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland	17.75	17.50	17.75	17.80	17.70	17.55

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

The quotations for middling upland at New York on Nov. 22 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1929	17.55c.	1921	18.40c.	1913	13.50c.	1905	11.65c.
1928	20.45c.	1920	17.10c.	1912	12.60c.	1904	9.90c.
1927	20.00c.	1919	39.00c.	1911	9.45c.	1903	11.30c.
1926	12.95c.	1918	30.50c.	1910	14.85c.	1902	8.50c.
1925	21.65c.	1917	30.10c.	1909	14.85c.	1901	8.00c.
1924	24.10c.	1916	20.30c.	1908	9.55c.	1900	10.25c.
1923	30.30c.	1915	11.75c.	1907	11.20c.	1899	7.56c.
1922	25.20c.	1914	7.75c.	1906	11.00c.	1898	5.44c.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday to Friday) and rows for various months (Nov., Dec., Jan., Feb., Mar., Apr., May, June, July, Aug., Sept., Oct., Nov.) showing price ranges and closing prices.

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Nov. 22 1929 and since trading began on each option:

Table with columns for Option for, Range for Week, and Range Since Beginning of Option. Rows include months from Nov. 1929 to Oct. 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.

Table showing cotton supply statistics for Nov. 22, 1929. Columns include Stock at Liverpool, Stock at London, Stock at Manchester, Total Great Britain, Stock at Hamburg, Stock at Bremen, Stock at Havre, Stock at Rotterdam, Stock at Barcelona, Stock at Genoa, Stock at Ghent, Stock at Antwerp, Total Continental stocks, Total European stocks, India cotton afloat, American cotton afloat, Egyptian cotton afloat, Stock in Alexandria, Egypt, Stock in Bombay, India, Stock in U. S. ports, U. S. interior towns, U. S. exports to-day, Total visible supply, and Total American.

Continental imports for past week have been 156,000 bales. The above figures for 1929 show an increase over last week of 137,100 bales, a gain of 452,363 over 1928, an increase of 193,311 bales over 1927, and a loss of 55,005 bales from 1926.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts 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 to Nov. 22 1929 and Nov. 23 1928 for various towns. Columns include Receipts (Week, Season), Shipments (Week, Nov. 22), and Stocks (Week, Nov. 23). Rows list towns like Ala., Birmingham, Eufaula, Montgomery, Selma, Ark., Blytheville, Forest City, Helena, Hope, Jonesboro, Little Rock, Newport, Pine Bluff, Walnut Ridge, Ga., Albany, Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Columbus, Macon, Rome, La., Shreveport, Miss., Clark's Dale, Columbus, Greenwood, Meridian, Natchez, Vicksburg, Yazoo City, Mo., St. Louis, N.C., Greensboro, Oklahoma, 15 towns*, S.C., Greenville, Tenn., Memphis, Texas, Abilene, Austin, Brenham, Dallas, Paris, Robstown, San Antonio, Texarkana, Waco.

Total, 56 towns 212,532 3,788,428 180,598 1441,290 262,776 3,124,961 208,451 1155384

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above total shows that the interior stocks have increased during the week 31,914 bales and are to-night 285,906 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all towns have been 50,244 bales less than the same week last year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

The total sales of cotton on the spot each day during the week at New York are indicated in the following statement. For the convenience of the reader, we also add columns which show at a glance how the market for spot and futures closed on same days.

Table showing Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contract, Total) for days from Saturday to Friday, plus a Total Since Aug. 1.

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 statistics for Nov. 22 and 1928. Columns include Shipped, Week, Aug. 1, and Since Aug. 1. Rows list routes like Via St. Louis, Via Mounds, &c., Via Rock Island, Via Louisville, Via Virginia points, Via other routes, &c., Total gross overland, Deduct Shipments, and Total to be deducted.

Leaving net total overland *—32,107 227,597 31,114 139,999

*Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 32,107 bales, against 31,114 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 87,598 bales.

Table showing In Sight and Spinners Takings for Week, Aug. 1, and Since Aug. 1. Rows include Receipts at ports to Nov. 22, Net overland to Nov. 22, Southern consumption to Nov. 22, Total marketed, Interior stocks in excess, Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Nov. 1, Came into sight during week, and Total in sight Nov. 22.

North. spinn's' takings to Nov. 22 34,406 473,439 42,640 440,229 * Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Bales.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1927—Nov. 25	423,824	1927	8,031,375
1926—Nov. 26	668,034	1926	9,725,701
1925—Nov. 27	539,901	1925	8,993,852

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Week Ended Nov. 22.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday, Nov. 16.	Monday, Nov. 18.	Tuesday, Nov. 19.	Wed. day, Nov. 20.	Thursd. y., Nov. 21.	Friday, Nov. 22.
Galveston	17.70	17.40	17.65	17.75	17.65	17.45
New Orleans	17.39	17.25	17.52	17.57	17.49	17.30
Mobile	16.85	16.69	16.85	16.95	16.85	16.65
Savannah	17.16	16.88	17.13	17.21	17.22	17.03
Norfolk	17.56	17.25	17.50	17.63	17.50	17.38
Baltimore	17.50	17.60	17.45	17.80	17.65	17.70
Augusta	17.19	16.88	17.13	17.19	17.13	17.00
Memphis	16.55	16.30	16.50	16.60	16.65	16.50
Houston	17.60	17.35	17.60	17.70	17.60	17.45
Little Rock	16.45	16.18	16.42	16.52	16.42	16.24
Dallas	16.70	16.40	16.65	16.75	16.65	16.50
Fort Worth		16.45	16.65	16.75	16.65	16.50

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Nov. 16.	Monday, Nov. 18.	Tuesday, Nov. 19.	Wednesday, Nov. 20.	Thursday, Nov. 21.	Friday, Nov. 22.
December	17.49-17.50	17.24-17.25	17.52	17.57-17.58	17.49-17.50	17.29-17.30
Jan. (1930)	17.61-17.63	17.33-17.40	17.64-17.65	17.71-17.72	17.63-17.64	17.43
February						
March	17.90-17.92	17.66-17.67	17.92-17.93	17.98-18.00	17.90-17.91	17.71
April						
May	18.17-18.18	17.92	18.17	18.24-18.25	18.15	17.96-17.97
June						
July	18.39-18.42	18.11	18.34-18.36	18.38-18.40	18.31	18.05-18.08
August						
September						
October	18.34	18.13-18.14	18.34	Bid 18.38	Bid 18.29	18.05-18.06
November						
Tone—	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Quiet
Options—	Strong	Steady	Very st'dy	Steady	Steady	Steady

ACTIVITY IN THE COTTON-SPINNING INDUSTRY FOR OCTOBER.—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 Nov. 21 issued the following report showing the number of bales of cotton ginned in each of the cotton-growing States the present season up to Nov. 14 in comparison with corresponding figures for the preceding seasons. It appears that up to Nov. 14 1929, 11,898,308 bales of cotton were ginned, against 11,320,688 bales for the corresponding period a year ago, and 10,894,912 bales two years ago. Below is the report in full:

NUMBER OF BALES OF COTTON GINNED FROM THE GROWTH OF 1929 PRIOR TO NOV. 14 1929, AND COMPARATIVE STATISTICS TO THE CORRESPONDING DATE IN 1928 AND 1927.

State.	Running Bales (Counting Round as Half Bales and Excluding Linters).		
	1929.	1928.	1927.
Alabama	1,150,644	940,649	1,125,514
Arizona	78,972	76,440	48,929
Arkansas	1,170,715	882,494	755,891
California	133,928	104,016	46,807
Florida	30,081	18,675	16,777
Georgia	1,112,626	891,577	1,052,758
Louisiana	767,863	626,120	505,451
Mississippi	1,635,253	1,211,629	1,207,042
Missouri	128,472	70,967	59,084
New Mexico	49,341	43,850	49,043
North Carolina	501,031	614,929	675,636
Oklahoma	809,628	833,141	753,202
South Carolina	625,030	605,945	656,091
Tennessee	355,513	271,955	258,835
Texas	3,317,804	4,096,765	3,664,341
Virginia	26,653	29,041	16,375
All other States	4,744	2,495	3,136
United States	*11,898,308	*11,320,688	*10,894,912

* 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 412,412 round bales for 1929, 444,440 for 1928 and 401,020 for 1927. Included in the above are 13,946 bales of American-Egyptian for 1929, 16,145 for 1928, and 11,410 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 Nov. 1 are 10,893,174 bales.

Consumption, Stocks, Imports, and Exports—United States.

Cotton consumed during the month of October 1929, amounted to 640,798 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on Oct. 31, was 1,360,557 bales, and in public storage and at compresses 5,311,920 bales. The number of active consuming cotton spindles for the month was 30,134,716. The total imports for the month of October 1929, were 19,815 bales and the exports of domestic cotton, excluding linters, were 1,251,300 bales.

World Statistics.

The estimated world's production of commercial cotton exclusive of linters, grown in 1928, as compiled from various sources is 25,611,000 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 ending July 31 1929, was approximately 25,782,000 bales. The total number of spinning cotton spindles, both active and idle, is about 164,000,000.

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening indicate that, generally, the weather during the week has continued mostly unfavorable for picking and ginning cotton, it being too cold and wet. Much cotton is still out in parts of the northeastern belt and considerable remains in the fields on lowlands of the central northern portion.

	Rain.	Rainfall.	Thermometer
Galveston, Tex.	1 day	1.19 in.	high 65 low 36 mean 52
Ablene, Tex.	1 day	0.12 in.	high 58 low 30 mean 44
Brownsville, Tex.	1 day	0.18 in.	high 82 low 40 mean 61
Corpus Christi, Tex.	1 day	0.06 in.	high 76 low 40 mean 58
Dallas, Tex.	2 days	0.20 in.	high 60 low 30 mean 45
Del Rio, Tex.		dry	high 76 low 38 mean 57
Houston, Tex.	1 day	1.16 in.	high 70 low 34 mean 52
Palestine, Tex.	2 days	0.66 in.	high 66 low 30 mean 48
San Antonio, Tex.	2 days	0.08 in.	high 78 low 34 mean 56
New Orleans, La.	2 days	0.73 in.	high — low — mean 55
Shreveport, La.	4 days	0.29 in.	high 64 low 32 mean 48
Mobile, Ala.	3 days	2.84 in.	high 65 low 42 mean 55
Savannah, Ga.		dry	high 84 low 42 mean 63
Charleston, S. C.	7 days	0.15 in.	high 79 low 47 mean 78
Charlotte, N. C.	7 days	0.55 in.	high 74 low 39 mean 55

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:

	Nov. 22 1929.	Nov. 23 1928.
New Orleans	Above zero of gauge.	5.4
Memphis	Above zero of gauge.	23.7
Nashville	Above zero of gauge.	28.6
Shreveport	Above zero of gauge.	10.4
Vicksburg	Above zero of gauge.	22.6

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Week Ended	Receipts at Ports.			Stocks at Interior Towns.			Receipts from Plantations		
	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Aug. 9.	49,834	21,074	84,022	196,207	286,255	359,809	48,489	4,999	67,486
16.	65,894	26,280	108,930	184,245	268,345	349,011	53,842	6,370	98,132
23.	168,088	58,671	143,802	183,802	253,393	336,511	107,643	50,719	131,430
30.	183,758	129,694	248,049	194,262	245,571	336,614	116,872	248,152	
Sept. 6.	254,338	222,173	261,473	239,407	251,324	371,441	299,483	227,928	296,300
13.	281,579	242,040	319,945	312,297	275,138	421,618	354,469	265,849	370,122
20.	316,746	336,659	334,837	422,984	348,050	524,594	427,433	409,822	437,813
29.	368,336	417,651	406,030	673,923	612,624	647,605	519,474	543,853	529,041
Oct. 4.	437,422	532,796	421,802	726,959	602,945	742,848	590,458	661,488	517,045
11.	512,983	521,837	391,639	881,858	706,536	869,297	667,882	625,028	518,088
18.	569,310	558,699	389,720	1,041,622	847,112	974,900	729,274	696,281	495,323
25.	518,799	550,877	424,130	1,185,728	953,520	1,101,815	662,815	657,285	551,145
Nov. 1.	503,270	535,822	438,156	1,305,221	1,034,049	1,199,935	622,763	616,351	536,276
8.	403,514	396,001	390,293	1,348,324	1,050,545	1,260,956	446,617	412,497	451,314
15.	350,357	351,467	341,143	1,400,378	1,099,923	1,290,409	411,409	400,843	370,596
22.	262,509	351,505	257,764	1,441,290	1,155,384	1,307,971	294,423	406,968	275,326

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1929 are 6,431,413 bales; in 1928 were 6,103,311 bales and in 1927 were 5,928,980 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 262,509 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 294,423 bales, stocks at interior towns having increased 31,914 bales during the week. Last year receipts from the plantations for the week were 406,968 bales and for 1927 they were 275,326 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Cotton Takings, Week and Season.	1929.		1928.	
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Season.
Visible supply Nov. 15	7,264,740		6,591,699	
Visible supply Aug. 1		3,735,957		4,175,480
American in sight to Nov. 22	451,330	8,384,597	569,032	8,272,364
Bombay receipts to Nov. 21	51,000	314,000	52,000	205,000
Other India shp'ts to Nov. 21	7,000	215,000	3,000	143,000
Alexandria receipts to Nov. 20	72,000	684,200	82,000	778,200
Other supply to Nov. 20	25,000	335,000	18,000	314,000
Total supply	7,871,270	14,168,754	7,312,781	13,888,044
Deduct—				
Visible supply Nov. 22	7,401,840	7,401,840	6,949,477	6,949,477
Total takings to Nov. 22	469,430	6,766,914	363,304	6,938,567
Of which American	362,430	5,043,714	305,304	5,128,367
Of which other	107,000	1,723,200	58,000	1,810,200

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c.

a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 1,848,000 bales in 1929 and 1,756,000 bales in 1928—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 4,918,914 bales in 1929 and 5,182,567 bales in 1928, of which 3,195,714 bales and 3,372,367 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:

Nov. 21. Receipts at—	1929.		1928.		1927.	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Bombay	51,000	314,000	52,000	205,000	51,000	286,000

Exports from—	For the Week.				Since August 1.			
	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.	Great Britain.	Continent.	Japan & China.	Total.
Bombay—								
1929	5,000	12,000	13,000	30,000	16,000	208,000	347,000	464,000
1928		22,000	16,000	38,000	10,000	201,000	250,000	568,000
1927		13,000	12,000	25,000	12,000	105,000	170,000	287,000
Other India—								
1929	4,000	3,000		7,000	34,000	181,900		215,000
1928	1,000	2,000		3,000	25,009	118,000		143,000
1927		4,000		4,000	21,500	155,000		176,500
Total all—								
1929	9,000	15,000	13,000	37,000	50,000	389,900	347,000	679,000
1928	1,000	24,000	16,000	41,000	35,000	319,000	357,000	711,000
1927		17,000	12,000	29,000	33,500	266,000	170,000	463,500

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts from

1,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record a decrease of 4,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 32,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Table with columns for Alexandria, Egypt, Nov. 20, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows for Receipts (cantars) and Exports (bales) with sub-columns for This Week and Since Aug. 1.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Nov. 20 were 360,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 27,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in both yarns and cloths is steady. Demand for India is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns for 1929 and 1928, sub-columns for 32s Cop Twist, 8 1/4 Lbs. Shirts, Cotton Midd'l g Upl'ds. Rows for August, Sept, Oct, Nov.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 255,098 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Table of shipping news with columns for destination, date, and bales. Includes entries for GALVESTON, MOBILE, SAVANNAH, NORFOLK, BALTIMORE, LOS ANGELES, SAN FRANCISCO, HOUSTON.

Table of shipping news with columns for destination, date, and bales. Includes entries for NEW YORK, CORPUS CHRISTI, LAKE CHARLES, NEW ORLEANS, TEXAS CITY, CHARLESTON, WILMINGTON, PENSACOLA.

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table of cotton freight rates with columns for High Density, Stand. ard, High Density, Stand. ard, Density, Stand. ard. Rows for Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, Havre, Rotterdam, Genoa, Oslo.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table of Liverpool market data with columns for Nov. 1, Nov. 8, Nov. 15, Nov. 22. Rows for Sales of the week, Sales for export, Forwarded, Total stocks, Total imports, Amount afloat.

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 of market prices with columns for Spot, Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday. Rows for Market, Mid. Upl'ds, Sales, Futures, Market opened, Market.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table of futures prices with columns for Nov. 17 to Nov. 22, Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri. Rows for November, December, January (1930), February, March, April, May, June, July, August, September, October, November.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Nov. 22 1929.

Flour was very steady under the support of an advance in wheat, but trade was nothing very interesting. It was too small; buyers were too cautious. Only a moderate business was done with consumers. Buyers were awaiting lower prices. It is claimed that large consumers are pretty well supplied. On the 18th inst. the General Baking Corp. reduced the loaf 1c. in the metropolitan area. On the 19th inst. prices were reported higher; export clearances from New York were 24,953 sacks to English and German ports. New Orleans cleared 5,000 barrels. Later in the week

another rise was reported of 10c., but consumers were not perturbed. They bought little.

Wheat advanced under the spur of a better export demand, some advance in stocks and persistently bad crop reports from Argentina and Australia. On the 16th inst. prices advanced 4 to 4 1/4 c., or 10 to 10 1/2 c. above the season's lows. Washington reported that President Hoover would hold conferences there with leading business men of the country and with Chairman Legge of the Farm Board, with the view of concerting plans looking to the betterment of general business in the United States. Also the Department of Agriculture predicted an advance in the next two months of about 25c. based on conditions of supply and potential demand. The world's crop was stated at 530,000,000 bushels smaller than the last one. Offerings were small. Liverpool closed 1 1/4 to 1 3/8 d. higher, or fully 1d. better than due. Buenos Aires closed 1 7/8 d. to 3 1/2 c. higher. Private cables attributed the unexpected rise in Liverpool to the firmness in Argentine shippers' offers and the sharp advance in American hard winters. River Plate shippers were buyers of futures. Argentine reported that the prevalence of black rust definitely confirmed in parts of Cordoba and Santa Fe, but cool weather was preventing its spread. Export business continued good with sales estimated between 1,000,000 and 2,000,000 bushels, with a good percentage of the total hard winters. Cash wheat premiums were very strong, especially at the Gulf. Marketing fell off in Argentine, the Danube region, Europe, United States and Canada.

On the 18th inst. prices advanced 2c. and then dropped 3c., ending 1c. net lower, respite higher cables coincident with black rust reports from Argentine and export sales of 1,500,000 bushels, with Gulf premiums higher. Liverpool advanced 2 3/4 d. to 3 1/2 d., and Buenos Aires 3 3/8 c. One crop authority wired that in the Provinces of Cordoba and Santa Fe of Argentina there would be a loss of around 15,000,000 bushels. The exportable surplus of that country was estimated at 111,000,000 bushels and the total crop at 192,400,000 bushels. The later reaction was due largely to the disappointing decrease of 529,000 bushels in the visible supply; also on reports of reselling of Argentine wheat in Liverpool. Rosa Fe wheat was said to be obtainable at 9c. a bushel under hard winters. World's shipments for the week were 11,591,000 bushels, and the quantity afloat 33,760,000 bushels. The United States visible supply decreased 529,000 bushels, however, compared with an increase in the same week last year of 1,333,000 bushels. The total is 191,292,000 bushels against 135,254,000 last year. On the 19th inst. prices advanced 4 to 4 5/8 c. in Chicago, 4 1/2 to 5c. at Winnipeg, and 1 1/4 to 1 3/4 c. at Buenos Aires. Liverpool was 1/4 to 1d. lower, though due to come 1 3/8 to 2 1/8 d. lower. The rise was due to black rust in Argentina, a higher stock market, and covering. Export business was only 700,000 bushels. Chicago wired: "If the Federal Farm Board approved a sufficient loan to the new cash farmers' national grain corporation to allow the purchase by the original of 25 million bushels of wheat to be sold to China immediately on such terms of payment as that country could afford to make, this transaction would have a decidedly stimulating effect on the domestic wheat market and would almost certainly cause a sharp advance in price, benefiting agriculture and restoring general confidence and optimism.

Winter wheat conditions were said to have improved in nearly all sections. Western Canada now has plenty of moisture, and all of Kansas, Oklahoma and the Middle West are now in good shape. On the 20th inst. prices declined 2 1/2 to 3c. on liquidation. Less attention was paid to Argentina's rust reports. Many felt that a reaction was due after a recent rise of 14c. On the 21st inst. prices advanced 2 1/4 c. on news of rust in Argentine, strong cables, and, to cap the climax, an acreage abandonment in Argentina of 3,298,000 acres, or a theoretical loss of about 40,000,000 bushels. Liverpool advanced 2 3/8 to 2 7/8 d., and Buenos Aires 2 1/4 to 3c. A cold wave at the Central West and Southwest caused comment. To-day prices closed 1 to 1 1/2 c. lower on active trading. Cables were strong at first. Argentine and Australian crop news was unfavorable and export sales were put at about 700,000 bushels. But later came profit-taking. Its effect was very plain. The Northwest sold. Liverpool, after showing strength early, weakened. Buenos Aires declined from the early high, though ending at 1 1/4 c. net higher. Final prices show a rise for the week of 5 1/2 to 6c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 hard	124 1/2	123 3/4	129	126 1/4	130 3/4	129 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	121	120	123 1/4	121 3/4	123 1/4	122 1/4
March	128	126 3/4	131 1/4	128 3/4	130 1/4	129 3/4
May	131 1/4	130 1/4	134 1/4	132 1/4	134 1/4	133 1/4
July	132	130 3/4	135 1/4	132 1/4	134 1/4	133 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
November	132 1/4	131 1/4	136 3/4	133 1/4	135 3/4	134 1/4
December	132 3/4	132 1/4	136 1/4	133 3/4	135 3/4	134 3/4
May	139 1/4	139 1/4	143 3/4	140 3/4	143 1/4	142 1/4
July	141	139 3/4	145	141 3/4	144 1/4	143 3/4

Indian corn advanced partly in response to the rise in wheat with supplies relatively small and some fears of a shortage of contract corn for December delivery. On the 16th inst. prices rose 2 1/2 to 2 5/8 c. under the spur of higher prices for wheat. Also country offerings were small. The weather forecast was unfavorable. Cash prices were firm. On the 18th inst. prices closed 1/2 to 3/4 c. net lower, after an early rise of 1c. It responded to the setback in wheat. Offerings of cash corn were small, and so were the receipts. There was a good cash demand from local industries and shippers. But the pull of falling wheat could not be resisted. The United States visible supply decreased last week 158,000 bushels in contrast with an increase of 772,000 last year. The total is 2,423,000 bushels against 3,806,000 last year. Corn husking is well advanced, and with favorable weather is expected to be about finished at the end of this month. Cribbing is also active where grain is sufficiently dry. Illinois has 11,000,000 bushels of old corn on farms, or 3% of the crop. Farmers in the Northwest completed their fall work earlier than usual.

On the 19th inst. prices ended 1 3/8 c. higher, with wheat up and the weather bad. Also the country movement was small, consumers' stocks also small, and the cash demand good. On the 20th inst. prices ended 1/4 to 3/4 c. lower. December was the best sustained. The weekly Government report was favorable. On the 21st inst. prices advanced 1 1/2 c., led by December and stimulated by wheat's rise and bad weather, but most of the advance was lost later. Larger country offerings caused the setback later. To-day prices closed 1/4 to 1/2 c. lower, after being firm early. Bad weather told for a time. Little corn had been bought from the country. The forecast was for unsettled weather. But the cash demand was noticeably small. Cash prices weakened. At Kansas City they were said to be off 4 to 5c. Final prices show a rise, nevertheless, for the week of 2 to 3c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	107 1/4	107 1/4	108 3/4	108 3/4	108 3/4	109

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	89 1/4	88 3/4	89 3/4	89 3/4	89 1/4	89 1/4
March	94 1/4	93 3/4	94 3/4	94 1/4	94	93 1/4
May	95 1/4	95 3/4	96 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4	95 3/4

Oats have followed prices for other grain upward, with receipts small and cash demand most of the time good. On the 16th inst. prices advanced 1c. to 1 1/2 c. in answer to the rise in corn and because of covering and other buying. On the 18th inst. prices ended 1/4 to 3/4 c. lower, following corn downward after an early rise of 5/8 to 1c. December stood up well all day. The consumptive demand was good, and the country movement was small. The United States visible supply last week decreased 1,922,000 against an increase last year of 342,000. The total is 29,011,000 bushels against 14,532,000 last year. On the 19th inst. prices advanced 1 1/2 to 1 3/4 c., with other grain and December especially strong. There was a tight situation in that month. Also the cash demand was brisk and receipts were moderate. On the 20th inst. prices declined 1c. with other grain. On the 21st inst. prices ended 1/2 to 1 1/2 c. higher, with other grain up. To-day prices ended 1/4 to 1/2 c. lower after showing something of an advance earlier. The cash demand was moderate. Cash prices were rather weak despite the fact that country offerings seemed to be small. Final prices show a rise for the week of 1 to 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 white	55 1/2	55 1/2	56 1/4	55 1/4	55 1/2	55 1/2

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	46	45 3/4	47 3/4	46 1/4	46 3/4	46 3/4
March	48 3/4	48 3/4	49 3/4	48 3/4	49 3/4	49 3/4
May	59 1/2	50	51 3/4	50 3/4	50 3/4	50 3/4

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
November	62 1/2	62 3/4	65	64	63 3/4	62 3/4
December	63	63	65 1/2	64 1/4	63 3/4	62 3/4
May	66 1/2	66 3/4	68	67 1/4	66 3/4	66 3/4

Rye advanced with wheat, as usual, in spite of a lack of export trade and reports that seemed to point to large

Chart I shows that great contrasts in temperature obtained during the week between the southwestern and southeastern portions of the country. In the Southeast unseasonably high temperatures prevailed, the weekly means ranging mostly from 9 deg. to as much as 14 deg. above normal, and with plus departures of 8 or 9 deg. in the North Atlantic area. On the other hand, in the Southwest, extending from southern Kansas southward over Oklahoma and Texas, the week was unseasonably cold, with the mean temperatures mostly from 9 to 11 deg. below normal; thus, there was a relative difference in temperature of 20 to 25 deg. between Texas and the South Atlantic coast. In the Northern States east of the Rocky Mountains the week was 4 to 8 deg. warmer than normal, but west of the Rockies, except in the South Pacific area, it was mostly cooler than usual.

In the East freezing did not extend farther south than the lower western Lake region and southern New England, except in Appalachian Mountain districts, while in the Southwest sub-freezing was reported generally well southward over Texas, with heavy frost widespread, except on the immediate coast. The lowest temperature reported for the week was 4 deg. below zero at Lander, Wyo., on the 13th.

Chart II shows that rainfall was heavy to excessive over a large belt extending from the lower Mississippi River northeastward to the upper Ohio Valley where the weekly totals ranged from 2 to about 8 inches. Moderate amounts occurred in the middle and upper Mississippi Valley and much of the west Gulf area. Rainfall was again light in the Southeast and very little occurred west of the 100th meridian. The week was rainless over nearly all sections west of the Rocky Mountains.

Frequent rains and muddy fields made conditions generally unfavorable for farm work in the central valleys and in much of the South, except that progress was satisfactory in the extreme Southeast. In the latter area rain is needed for truck crops and seed beds, especially on the uplands of Florida. The usual fall operations were practically suspended also in much of the Southwest and the central Great Plains, with considerable snow in the western portion of the latter area. There was some damage to outstanding crops from overflowed lowlands in parts of the Southeast, and continued dam weather and muddy fields caused local deterioration of corn in shock in parts of the Ohio Valley.

In the Northern States conditions were more favorable for the usual outside operations; the snow cover decreased rapidly in the northern Great Plains, which permitted stock to graze more freely, with a saving of feed, but the range is still closed in some Rocky Mountain sections, especially in southeastern Wyoming and northeastern Colorado. Fall pastures are unusually good in most of the eastern half of the country because of continued mild weather and abundant moisture. There was little or no damage in the Southwest from low temperatures and frost in that area. West of the Rocky Mountains droughty conditions continue and moisture is badly needed in most places, especially for the range and for fall-seeded grains.

SMALL GRAINS.—Winter wheat is still in satisfactory condition in the main producing sections. In the Ohio Valley the crop is going into the winter in generally very good to excellent conditions, while in the trans-Mississippi States the past week was favorable for growth and condition is satisfactory. In the Great Plains progress and condition were very good during the week, with mostly ample soil moisture reported, especially in Kansas, where growth was luxuriant in the western half. Snow is needed in parts of the Rocky Mountain region, but in other sections there is some cover. In the Pacific States, especially in the interior of the Northwest, rain is still very seriously needed, with mostly unfavorable conditions prevailing.

CORN AND COTTON.—In the northern tier of States the mild weather and considerable sunshine made rather favorable conditions for husking corn, but in the interior valleys and central Great Plains, as well as in most of the South, frequent rains and muddy fields were unfavorable, with a consequent delay in housing the crop. Some damage was reported to outstanding corn in parts of the Ohio Valley, with clear, dry weather needed. In the upper Mississippi Valley, especially in Iowa, a sharp freeze would be very beneficial.

The frequent rains in the Southern States made a generally unfavorable week for picking and ginning the remainder of the cotton crop, though conditions were more favorable in parts of the northeastern belt. In Oklahoma field work was practically suspended because of the cold, cloudy, and misty weather, and very little picking was accomplished, with reports of damaged staple, while in Texas snapping was slow because of low temperatures and wet soil. Much cotton is still out in parts of the northeastern belt, and considerable remains in the fields on lowlands of the central-northern portion.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Cloudy and warm with but little sunshine; temperatures 8 deg. to 10 deg. above normal. Frequent rains, moderate in most sections, but heavy latter part of week in some western portions; favorable for winter grains, pastures, meadows, and truck. Cotton and peanuts mostly harvested.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Very mild; frequent light rains in west. Favorable for picking cotton and gathering corn and other crops in east, but some interruption by rain in west. Truck doing well. Pastures good. No killing frost as yet in east and most of central.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Unusually warm weather, with five days averaging 14 deg. above normal; week closing colder. Much cloudiness, and intermittently heavy rains locally in north retarded cotton picking and ginning, with much remaining to be gathered. Winter cereal plowing and planting in north also retarded; elsewhere much oats being planted and small grain stands generally good.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Warm, cloudy, rainy week, except rainfall deficient in extreme south where moisture needed for winter truck and cereals. Farm work progressed slowly and there was some decay in late ungathered crops. Digging sweet potatoes, cutting and grinding cane, and sowing cereals continued, where possible; growth of early planted cereals excellent and meadows fine.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Warmer than usual, except colder on last two days in extreme north and west; local frost Tuesday on uplands. Unusually dry, except in extreme west and in Everglades, and seed beds, truck, and oats delayed by drought. Strawberries well advanced. Truck doing well in south. Making sirup, digging sweet potatoes, harvesting hay, and shipping grapefruit and some oranges continued.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Temperatures above normal; rain on first six days, excessively heavy in many places. Lowlands along main rivers badly flooded. Cotton and corn remaining in fields in those sections lost or badly damaged and farm work suspended. Oats doing well, where not drowned out. Some rotting of sweet potatoes in ground reported, but most of crop previously harvested. Truck, pastures, and minor crops doing fairly well.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Frequent rains, excessive in some localities, prevented reasonable farm activities to Sunday, inclusive. Pastures show improvement.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Very little work account heavy rains first half of week and lowlands flooded in many southern localities. Sugar cane grinding stopped, but conditions improving, with cool, sunny weather latter part of week. Pastures growing. Oats doing well.

Texas.—Houston: Cold, with light to moderate precipitation at beginning of week; mostly fair thereafter. Frost general, except on immediate coast; damage slight. Progress and condition of pastures, winter wheat, oats, citrus, and truck fair to excellent; citrus and truck shipments large. Plowing made fair progress and some additional wheat and oats seeded. Cotton snapping slow account cold and wet soil.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Cold, cloudy, and misty weather, with occasional light to moderate rains, except last two days. Practically all field work suspended. Very little picking and ginning of cotton account bad weather, wet fields, and muddy roads; staple still in fields badly stained and damaged. Progress and condition of winter wheat very good to excellent and affording much good pasture.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Progress in picking cotton poor due to light to heavy rains on several days; gathering about completed, except in central, eastern, and northeastern portions where considerable still in fields. Weather unfavorable for farm work, but very favorable for growth of late fall and winter crops, which are in good condition. Winter plowing started in some localities.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Warmth of past week advanced growth of all grains. Continuous rain, heavy in south, prevented farm work and cotton picking.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Warm and rainy; precipitation moderate to heavy. Cotton picking and corn gathering delayed; fields soaked and shocks damp. Growth of wheat and rye rapid; condition good to excellent. Pastures still good, but soft.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Nov. 22 1929.

With securities and commodities more stable, and credit conditions easier, both sentiment and business in the textile industry showed considerable improvement during the past week. Buyers, now being of the opinion that the expected business recession will not prove as drastic as was first supposed, are displaying renewed interest as they realize that prices, in many instances, are at bargain levels. As a result, sales have been on a larger scale. In fact, they have approached the week's production for the first time in more than a fortnight. The relative stability of finished goods prices, coupled with numerous efforts to curtail production, have likewise done much to encourage business. Agitation for reduced output schedules, led by the announced intention of most Southern cotton mills to cut their production by 27%, is expected to encourage similar action in other sections of the textile trade. The effects of the stock market crash upon business will be difficult to gauge for some time, but the adoption of more sound merchandising policies and the closer alignment of production to consumption will no doubt bring a return to normal conditions within the near future—possibly in a shorter time than was at first thought possible. The continued decline of money rates to the lowest level in years is an additional encouraging feature, as the large amounts of funds available for business purposes should permit considerable expansion, especially as regards the smaller merchant. In the meantime, business has recovered from the recent dullness, and with buyers disposed to anticipate more distant requirements, prospects for the immediate future are viewed optimistically.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—With the exception of a few instances where the necessary liquidation of distress merchandise resulted in concessions, both sentiment and prices in the markets for domestic cotton goods registered improvement. In such cases where mills, for varying reasons, were anxious to reduce stocks, buyers were quick to take advantage of the opportunity, but such offers were not widespread and not considered indicative of a general condition. As a rule, prices have maintained a steady undertone which has been encouraged by the firmness of raw cotton and the efforts of the producers to keep production within the bounds of consumption. The latter has been particularly difficult during the past few weeks, owing to the unsettled conditions, but with the dispelling of the fears and apprehensions which accompanied the decline in the stock market, business in finished cottons has tended to increase and prices to harden. The announced intention of the Southern mills to curtail production some 27% has done much to buoy sentiment, but aside from this it is common knowledge that other mills in various branches of the trade have independently reduced their operating schedules to a point where it would be of most benefit to all concerned. Wash goods and print cloths have been perhaps the more active items in the cotton trade. Printers are now in their spring delivery period, and are reported to be shipping substantial yardages. It is further claimed that there have been numerous requests for prompt shipment, but it seems as though the over-zealousness of a few to secure business even at sacrifice prices resulted in a somewhat easier undertone. The latter, however, is expected to be of short duration, as the prospects are considered bright. Print cloths 28-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 8½c., and the 39-inch 60x60's at 10c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—Markets for woollens and worsteds are still quiet, awaiting more seasonal weather for improvement in sales. In the meantime, stocks of winter merchandise are well cleared up, with only small supplies left to take care of duplicate orders. The latter are expected to develop on a substantial scale as the wave of cold weather now current in the Mid-West is reported on its way East. Factors continue optimistic regarding prospects for the current and the next spring seasons, as despite the current dullness, there have been very few cancellations of orders. In the absence of business, prices are maintaining a very steady undertone which is chiefly attributable to the strength of the raw product.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Business in the local linen market has failed to show any marked improvement. Although sentiment appears better with prices comparatively well maintained in the face of efforts to bring out concessions, there has been but little increase noted in actual sales. However, with prospects that the nation's business will continue on a sound basis, it is expected that buyers will soon begin to place orders of a larger scale. Burlaps have continued to ease, reflecting the downward tendency in primary markets. Buyers show little confidence in current quotations and are generally disinclined to place orders. Light weights are quoted at 5.50c., and heavies at 7.20c.

State and City Department

NEWS ITEMS

Bryan County, Ga.—School Bonds Upheld by Supreme Court.—In a decision rendered on Nov. 14, the State Supreme Court upheld the validity of an \$18,000 school bond issue which had been attacked by local taxpayers on the ground that the election held on the bonds had not been legal, so reports the Atlanta "Constitution" of Nov. 15. The "Constitution" says that the Court did not pass on the merits of the case, but ruled that the issue would have had a sufficient number of votes even after the removal of the objectionable ballots.

Chicago, Ill.—City Faces Deficit of \$17,000,000 on Jan. 1.—This city will face the most serious financial crisis in its history within the next two months, with a deficit of more than \$17,000,000, according to a survey of city and county indebtedness released on Nov. 17 by a joint commission on real estate valuations. The survey further states that only a complete reorganization of city and county finance will avert a disaster. We quote as follows from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Nov. 18:

The city's corporate fund on Jan. 1 will face obligations aggregating \$92,825,000, while its combined revenue from the 1928 and 1929 tax levies will not exceed \$75,000,000, leaving a deficit of more than \$17,000,000, the joint commission on real estate valuations declared yesterday in presenting a survey of city and county indebtedness.

On the same date, the report said, the Cook County corporate fund will have outstanding obligations totaling \$25,000,000 and will realize only an estimated \$23,700,000 from the two tax levies, thus leaving a leaving a deficit of \$1,300,000.

Not Met by Tax Rise.

"The crises" may not be met, the report warned, in the customary manner of increasing the tax rate, which, by providing a potential increase in tax revenue, enables the city or county to increase its borrowings in anticipation of tax collections.

"The present crisis is the result of such treatment of former emergencies," the report said. It is the culmination of a long-continued lack of adjustment between annual revenues and annual expenditures. More specifically, it is the actual result of attempting to administer public finances with a system of political assessment and without a real budget system."

Three Great Obstacles.

Three great obstacles confront Chicago in improving its finance situation, the report said, including the huge accumulation of unfunded or floating indebtedness, the incomplete and inefficient provisions of laws governing local governmental finances and the uncertainty of assessment administration.

The report pointed out that for six years appropriations for the city's corporate fund had exceeded revenue by about \$24,000,000.

Record of Four Years.

A table covering these figures follows:

	Revenues.	Expenditures.
1923	\$35,498,982	\$43,280,825
1924	42,615,812	44,995,220
1925	47,919,544	45,745,318
1926	48,345,647	49,496,348
1927	46,479,237	55,986,198
1928	53,522,317	58,910,113
1929	*	660,000,000

*No figures yet. a Estimated.

"The corporate fund outlook for 1930 is most unpromising," the report states.

Unpaid Bills Included.

"The total outstanding obligations of the fund will be approximately \$92,825,000. This will be in the form of tax anticipation loans, unpaid bills, and possibly some unpaid payrolls. All of these obligations will have been incurred in anticipation of cash to be received from the 1928 and 1929 tax levies.

"From all indications, however, the receipts from 1928 will not exceed \$38,500,000 and it is not likely that those from 1929 will exceed \$50,500,000, so that the proceeds of both tax collections will still fall \$15,000,000 to \$18,000,000 short of enough to pay the outstanding obligations."

Delaware, O.—School Bond Issue Declared Illegal.—The \$400,000 issue of 5½% school building construction bonds that was purchased on Aug. 14 by W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo—V. 129, p. 3198—was declared illegal and the sale void in an opinion handed down on Nov. 18 by Judge E. W. Porter of the Common Pleas Court, Union County, according to the Ohio "State Journal" of Nov. 19. The Court held that the Board of Education exceeded the power granted to it when it attempted to make provisions for the retirement of the bonds by placing the tax levy outside the 15-mill limitation. It is expected that the decision will be appealed as soon as possible.

Georgia—Supreme Court Upholds Road Loan Act.—The attack on the constitutionality of the act enabling the governor to borrow funds for highway purposes in anticipation of gasoline tax revenues failed, the State Supreme Court in a decision on Nov. 15 being evenly divided, three justices voting to affirm the decision of the Superior Court of Fulton County and the remaining three Justices dissenting, according to the Atlanta "Constitution" of Nov. 16, which went on to say:

The decision places Governor L. G. Hardman in position to issue \$2,000,000 of deferred warrants and to obtain with the proceeds a like amount of Federal aid money which is available to Georgia, when matched by State funds, making a total of \$4,000,000.

Russell Affirms.

Chief Justice Russell and Associate Justices Atkinson and Hill favored affirmation of the judgment of the lower court. Associate Justices Beck, Gilbert and Hines concurred in the dissenting opinion.

The act in question was passed by the 1929 session of the Georgia legislature. It authorizes the governor to set aside not exceeding 40% of the revenue allocated to the highway board and derived monthly between Sept. 1 of this year and Dec. 31 1930, as a fund against which to draw deferred warrants.

The constitutionality of the law was attacked in a friendly suit brought by the governor and the highway board to compel William B. Harrison, State Comptroller General, to affix his signature to a warrant drawn under the act.

Judge G. H. Howard, in the Fulton Superior Court, granted an order of mandamus and the comptroller general appealed to the Supreme Court.

Not State Payable Debt.

The affirmative opinion held that the issuance of warrants under the act would not create a debt payable by the State of Georgia. Decisions were cited holding that a warrant, unlike a check, does not constitute a contract. It was further held that no warranty for the payment of the warrants drawn was given by the statute other than that they should be paid out of the fund provided.

The dissenting opinion, written by Justice Hines, said: "It is clearly untenable and sophistical to hold that obligations of the board created under the provision of the act of 1929 and to be paid for under the scheme of raising funds formulated by said act, are not debts and that they are not debts of the State."

Milwaukee, Wis.—City to Purchase Property for Harbor.—The Illinois Steel Co. will sell 162½ acres of land to the above named city for the purpose of completing the site for a harbor, at a price of \$5,000,000, according to the following special dispatch to the Wall Street "Journal" of Nov. 19:

"The city plans to buy for \$5,000,000 162½ acres of land from the Illinois Steel Co. to be used to complete the site for a city harbor. Terms are expected to be \$1,500,000 in cash and \$3,500,000 in seven annual installments of \$500,000 each, with interest at 5%. By buying the land under the lien land contract law, bonds to be issued for the transaction will not be included under the city's debt limit.

"The city contemplates improvements on the site which will include freight and package piers, open docks, car ferry slips and railroad trackage. Thirty-six acres of the tract now are submerged, due to the rise in the levels of Lake Michigan, but this will be filled in by the city.

"The additional land will give the city 6,375 feet more of shore line on the outer harbor and 4,000 feet on the Kinnickinnic basin. The Illinois steel plant will be wrecked."

New York City.—Appellate Term Ruling Voids Emergency Rent Laws.—The emergency rent laws passed by the Municipal Assembly last spring to continue in effect the State laws which had expired, were declared unconstitutional on Nov. 19 by the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court in a decision which states that the home rule act gives the local assembly no power to interfere with contracts such as the housing leases are regarded as being. The following is taken from the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Nov. 20:

The city emergency rent law, passed by the Board of Estimate last June when the state housing law expired, is invalid, according to a ruling of the Appellate Term of the Supreme Court yesterday.

The opinion, written by Justice Nathan Bijur, based on the assumption that agreements between tenant and landlord are contracts over which only the Legislature, not the courts, has jurisdiction, was concurred in by Justice Joseph M. Callahan and Richard P. Lydon.

The rent law limited landlords to a rental yielding "a reasonable return" on their investment and prohibited the maintenance of summary proceedings to recover possession of premises on the ground that the tenant had remained beyond the expiration of his term. The "reasonable rent" was to be determined by the courts, and the law applied only to apartments the rent of which was \$15 a room a month or less. Probably 400,000 tenants are affected by the decision.

The question of the law's validity arose in a case in which Ladi Gennis, landlord of the premises at 232 East 116th Street, tried to raise the rent of his tenant, John Milano, from \$23 to \$35 a month last July. Milano fought the case successfully until yesterday.

Tenant Upheld by Court.

Milano has occupied four rooms for four years in Gennis's house. Gennis demanded a "reasonable" rent, but Milano was upheld by Justice A. Fontarelli, in the 8th District Municipal Court, when it was decreed that he might remain under the old rent, as provided by the law just declared invalid.

"The relation of landlord and tenant," declared Justice Bijur's opinion, "is plainly contractual, and the attempt to interfere between them after the amount of rental has been agreed upon, and base it upon what the court may deem just and reasonable is clearly a measure which alters the very essence of contract."

"Moreover, the attempt to change the operation of 'summary proceedings' is an interference with the remedies and procedure provided by the Legislature for the entire state. Incidentally, it may be said that the legislation covering this subject dates back to 1820.

"As legislation of this type here under consideration has been expressly cited by the Court of Appeals, as an example of matters of exclusively state concern, it is unnecessary to discuss other points urged upon our attention by counsel for the appellant."

The Appellate Term based its opinion upon one written by Justice Cardozo of the Court of Appeals, in a suit to invalidate the multiple housing law. Justice Bijur said that Justice Cardozo ruled that among the matters to be ruled upon exclusively by the Legislature are matters of contracts and "the organization of the courts and procedure therein."

Milano has been living in his 116th Street apartment without paying rent since the case started in July, according to Leo Greenberg, attorney for Gennis. Milano was represented by Frank J. Ricca, and the city, because it had passed the law, by William E. C. Mayer, Assistant Corporation Counsel.

Peter Grimm, president of the Real Estate Board of New York, declared last night that the decision that the rent law was invalid sustained the contention of the Real Estate Board.

"The board has felt from the beginning that the city authorities were ill-advised in passing the so-called rent bill," he said. "The position of the Real Estate Board has been that no emergency existed, and it took this position not merely on the strength of its own study and intimate knowledge of the situation, but on the strength of the report of the Tenement House Commissioner and the State Housing Commission."

New York State.—Court of Appeals Sustains Governor on Budget Issue.—On Nov. 19 the Court of Appeals unanimously reversed the lower courts in the controversy between Governor Roosevelt and the Legislature over the executive budget and held that section 139 of the finance law is unconstitutional in that it seeks to place the segregation of lump-sum appropriations in the hands of a committee composed of the governor and the chairmen of the senate and assembly fiscal committees; further holding that such segregation must be left entirely to the head of the department receiving the appropriation, thereby excluding not only the legislative chairmen from approval but the governor as well. The following is a portion of a special Albany dispatch to the New York "Times" of Nov. 20:

Governor Roosevelt won a legal victory over the Republican legislative leaders to-day when the Court of Appeals handed down a unanimous decision denying to the fiscal leaders of the two Houses of the Legislature the right to participate in the segregation of lump-sum appropriations in the executive budget.

The decision, which reversed that of the Appellate Division, ended a controversy which started during the legislative session last Spring, when the Governor presented the State's first executive budget and at one time resulted in a deadlock that threatened to hold up the payroll or employees in several departments.

The decision, which was written by Judge Cuthbert W. Pound, a Republican, declared the attempt of the Legislature to delegate the power of participation in the segregation of lump-sum items to the two fiscal leaders to be in violation of the provision of the State Constitution, which prohibits a member of the Legislature from holding any other public position of profit, trust or honor.

Duties Held "Administrative."

It held that the attempt of the Legislature to have the two fiscal chairmen, Charles J. Hewitt, chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and Eberly Hutchinson, chairman of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee, to supervise the expenditure of money appropriated by the Legislature was, in effect, an attempt to give these two members of the Legislature administrative duties.

This, Judge Pound held, was in violation of the State Constitution, and he cited the removal of Murray Hulbert from the office of president of the Board of Aldermen of New York City because he accepted an honorary

appointment as member of the Finger Lakes Park Commission as one among several instances to show how strictly the courts had construed similar prohibitions against the appointment of a public official to another office or other duties.

Function of Department Heads.

Judge Pound, in the decision, called attention to the fact that the executive budget law contemplated that the Governor in submitting the budget should segregate the items so far as possible, except in case of a reorganization of a department. In the present budget lump-sum appropriations were made for the Law and Labor Departments in contemplation of the reorganization of each.

The decision held that the segregation of budget items should be made by the heads of the department affected, without the approval of the Governor or legislative chairman, Judge Pound holding as follows: "The result of our decision is that it devolves upon the heads of the departments to which the lump-sum appropriations of 1929, drawn in question in this action, were made, except in the appropriations for the State Office Site and Building Commission, to apportion and allot such funds under such appropriations in accordance with law without the approval of the Governor or the legislative chairmen."

Proposed State Budget Totals \$344,034,949.—An Albany dispatch to the New York "Evening Post" of Nov. 20 reports that the State's budget for the support of government in 1930-31 will be by far the largest in the history of the State, judging by the requests which the various departments have sent in to the Governor. The newspaper states that the departmental requests have reached the unprecedented total of \$344,034,949, which is an increase of \$79,220,839 more than the budget for the current year. It is said to be conceded by budget officials that even after all possible cuts have been made in the appropriation bill for next year it will still run well over \$300,000,000.

Ohio:—Constitutional Amendment Approved by Voters.—At the general election held recently—V. 129, p. 2419—the voters gave their approval to the proposed constitutional amendment which is designed to amend the statutes relating to the taxation of real and personal property and bonds outstanding. The Cincinnati "Enquirer" of Nov. 15 reported that the measure carried by a majority in excess of 201,000. The adoption of this amendment is expected to have quite an important bearing on the future salability of municipal obligations of this State, according to report.

West Palm Beach, Fla.—City Plans To Refund Defaulted Bonds.—A plan has been adopted by this city for taking care of the large volume of improvement bonds issued during the real estate boom in Florida in 1925 and 1926, and which were not paid off as they matured. It is now proposed to exchange the defaulted short-term obligations for bonds of longer terms and smaller annual maturities, thereby easing the financial distress of the city. The plan is described in a lengthy letter to one of the large New York City bond houses by J. Mark Wilcox, City Attorney for West Palm Beach, who urges the holders of the above bonds to deposit them without delay.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ADA, Hardin County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—R. S. Hover, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 9, for the purchase of \$15,000 6% street improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1, 1929. Denom. \$750. Due \$750 on May and Nov. 15 from 1930 to 1939, inc. Interest payable on May and Nov. 1. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

ADAMS COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,000 4½% Hartford Township highway improvement bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 3197—were awarded to the Bank of Geneva, at a price of par. The bonds are dated Oct. 15 1929 and mature on January and July 15 1930 to Jan. 15 1940. The County Treasurer makes no mention as to the disposition of the \$2,960 4½% road bond issue offered on the same day.

AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Irene M. Moses, Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Dec. 9, for the purchase of \$266,000 5% school building construction and equipment bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$19,000 on Oct. 1 from 1936 to 1949, incl. Interest payable on April and Oct. 1. The bonds were authorized to be sold at an election held on Nov. 6 1928. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. Anyone desiring to do so may present a bid or bids for the bonds based upon them bearing a different rate of interest than specified, provided however, that where a fractional interest rate is bid, such fraction shall be ¼ of 1% or multiple thereof.

ALABAMA, State of (P. O. Montgomery).—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$2,500,000 issue of coupon or registered public road, highway and bridge bonds that was purchased by a syndicate composed of the First National Bank, the Chase Securities Corp., Kountze Bros., Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., Eldredge & Co., Rogers Caldwell & Co., Inc., all of New York, Marx & Co. and Ward, Sterne & Co., both of Birmingham, as 4½s, at 101.481, a basis of about 4.64%—V. 129, p. 3197—is now being reoffered for public subscription by the purchasers, as follows: \$1,000,000, due in 1952, as 4½s, priced at 99; \$1,200,000, due in 1956, as 4½s, to yield 4.60% and the remaining \$300,000 4½s, due in 1959, also yields 4.60%.

ALBANY, Albany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$5,026,000 offered on November 19—V. 129, p. 3043—were awarded as 4½s to a syndicate composed of Barr Bros. & Co., the First National Bank of New York, and R. L. Day & Co., all of New York, also the New York State National Bank, of Albany, at a price of 102.30, a basis of about 4.32%:

- \$3,000,000 water bonds. Due \$75,000 on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1969 incl.
- 1,020,000 school bonds. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$30,000 in 1930; \$20,000, 1931 to 1948 incl.; and \$30,000 from 1949 to 1969 incl.
- 660,000 public imp. bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$40,000 in 1930; \$32,000, 1931 to 1937 incl.; and \$33,000 from 1938 to 1949 incl.
- 255,000 local imp. bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$35,000, 1930 to 1934 incl.; and \$16,000 from 1935 to 1939 incl.
- 50,000 airport bonds. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1939 incl.; and \$3,000 from 1940 to 1949 incl.
- 21,000 municipal building bonds. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1935 incl.; and \$1,000 from 1936 to 1944 incl.
- 20,000 municipal equipment bonds. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1935 incl.; and \$2,000 in 1936.

All of the above bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. The entire offering of \$5,026,000 bonds matures on Nov. 1, as follows: \$187,000, 1930; \$169,000, 1931 to 1934 incl.; \$150,000, 1935; \$148,000, 1936; \$146,000, 1937; \$147,000 in 1938 and 1939; \$132,000, 1940 to 1944 incl.; \$131,000 from 1945 to 1948 incl.; \$141,000 in 1949; and \$105,000 from 1950 to 1969 incl. A detailed statement of the financial condition of the city appeared in—V. 129, p. 3197.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The successful syndicate is reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 4.70 to 4.20% (See table below.) The bonds are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York State and are also said to be direct and general obligations of the City of Albany, payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes on all the taxable property therein.

Amounts, Maturities and Yields.			
\$187,000	1930 to yield 4.70%	\$148,000	1936 to yield 4.25%
169,000	1931	146,000	1937
169,000	1932	147,000 ann'lly	1938-39
169,000	1933	132,000 ann'lly	1940-44
169,000	1934	4.35% | 131,000 ann'lly	1945-48
150,000	1935	4.30% | 141,000	1949
		\$105,000 annually	1950-69 to yield 4.20%.

Lawrence J. Ehrhardt, City Comptroller, sends us the following list of the other bids submitted for the bonds:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Price Bid.
Chase Securities Corp.-----		
Old Colony Corp.-----		
A. B. Leach & Co.-----	4½%	\$5,135,516.54
Otis & Co.-----		
Stephens & Co.-----		
Batchelder & Co.-----		
H. L. Allen & Co.-----		
Kissel, Kinnicut & Co.-----		
Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.-----		
Roosevelt & Son-----		
Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co.-----	4½%	5,117,851.00
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.-----		
Dewey, Bacon & Co.-----		
Rutter & Co.-----		
National Commercial Bank and Trust Co.-----	4½%	5,100,334.54
Bancamerica-Blair Corp.-----		
Eldredge & Co.-----		
Salamon Bros. & Hutzler-----		
White, Weld & Co.-----	4½%	5,098,425.00
Kean, Taylor & Co.-----		
Hannahs, Ballin & Lee-----		
Marine Trust Co.-----		

ALHAMBRA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 9 a. m. on Dec. 3, by the City Clerk, for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 5% semi-annual water works improvement bonds.

AMELIA COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Beaumont) Jefferson County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$16,000 issue of school bonds has recently been purchased at par by the State Department of Education.

AMES, Story County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$31,500 issue of sewer bonds offered for sale on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3197—was awarded to the White-Phillips Co. of Davenport, as 4½s, for a premium of \$301, equal to 100.955, a basis of about 4.63%. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due from Nov. 1 1930 to 1949, incl.

AMHERST CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Williamsville), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—Prudden & Co., of New York, on Nov. 18 purchased an issue of \$89,000 school bonds as 5s, at par plus a premium of \$503.00, equal to a price of 100.56, a basis of about 4.96%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1942, and \$5,000, 1943 to 1959 incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable at the Marine Trust Co., Buffalo. Legality approved by Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York.

ANDERSON, Madison County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—James Davies, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until Dec. 6 for the purchase of an issue of \$50,000 fire station construction bonds.

ARKANSAS, STATE OF (P. O. Little Rock)—BOND SALE.—The three issues of bonds aggregating \$3,250,000 offered for sale on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 2569 & 2715—were awarded to a syndicate composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co., the Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Eldredge & Co., and B. J. Van Ingen & Co., all of New York, Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., of St. Louis, the National Securities Co., and W. B. Worthen & Co., both of Little Rock, as 5s, at a price of 100.165, a basis of about 4.98%. The issues are divided as follows:

- \$2,000,000 coupon or registered State Pension bonds. Due from Oct. 1 1931 to 1951.
- 750,000 coupon tuberculosis sanatorium and State hospital bonds. Due from Nov. 1 1931 to 1953.
- 500,000 coupon school bonds. Due \$25,000 from Dec. 1 1937 to 1956, incl.

PUBLIC RE-OFFERING OF BONDS.—The successful bidders are now offering the above bonds for public subscription at prices to yield 4.75% on all maturities. They are reported to be general obligations of the entire State and are also said to be legal investments in New York, Massachusetts and other States.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported).

Actual valuation, estimated-----	\$1,231,047,014
Assessed valuation-----	615,523,507
Total bonded debt, including these issues-----	65,906,166
Bonds held by State institutions-----	1,447,166
Net bonded debt-----	64,459,000
Population, 1920 census, 1,752,204; 1929 estimate, 2,100,000.	

The following information is taken from the New York "Herald Tribune" of Nov. 20:

The second highest bid for the Arkansas bonds was made by a syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corporation. This group to pay 94.70 for \$2,000,000 4½s; 100.08 for \$750,000 5s, and 100.15 for \$500,000 5s. Other members of the syndicate were: H. L. Allen & Co., Stephens & Co., Batchelder & Co., Seasongood & Mayer, Hoffman & Co., Morris Mather & Co., the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., M. W. Elkins & Co., and the American Trust Co.

A bid of par for all the bonds as 5s was submitted by a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., the Detroit Co., Kountze Bros., Kean, Taylor & Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., the American National Co., Rogers Caldwell & Co., and Steren Bros. & Co.

ATHENS, Athens County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—L. J. Addicott, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on Dec. 12 for the purchase of \$9,165 5½% heating tunnel construction bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due \$665 on Sept. 1 1930, \$500 March and Sept. 1 1931 to 1938 incl., and \$500 on March 1 1939. Interest payable on March and Sept. 1. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Clerk of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal.

ATLANTA, Fulton County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 18 the City Council approved an ordinance calling for the issuance of \$3,000,000 of bonds, the election on which will be held on Feb. 5. The bonds are divided as follows: \$2,000,000 to be expended for Grady hospital and \$1,000,000 for the Battle Hill sanatorium.

AUGUSTA, Richmond County, Ga.—BONDS VOTED.—At the election held on Nov. 6—V. 129, p. 2715—the voters authorized the issuance of the \$500,000 in 4½% bonds for the construction and improvement of school buildings. We are informed that no action will be taken before the first of the year.

AUSTIN, Travis County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 16 by Adam R. Johnson, City Manager, for the purchase of four issues of bonds aggregating \$1,000,000, divided as follows: \$600,000 street improvement; \$175,000 sanitary sewer; \$150,000 parks and playgrounds, and \$75,000 abattoir bonds. Dated Dec. 16 1929. Due serially in 30 years. The City will furnish the required bidding forms. The interest rate to be stated by the bidder and is to be a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Interest rate to be the same for all the bonds, payable on Jan. 1 and July 1. Principal and interest is payable at the office of the City Treasurer and at the Seaboard National Bank in New York City. Only bids for the entire amount will be considered. The legal approval will

be furnished by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York City. Purchaser to pay the cost of opinion and printing. A \$20,000 certified check, payable to the City, must accompany the bid.

BAR HARBOR, Hancock County, Me.—BOND OFFERING.—The Clerk of the Board of Selectmen will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 10 for the purchase of \$80,000 4½% coupon Incinerator Plant bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$5,000. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in Bar Harbor.

BEACHWOOD (P. O. Warrensville, R. F. D.), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank C. Marous, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 10, for the purchase of the following issues of 5½% bonds aggregating \$337,882.93:

\$119,999.25 property owners' portion street improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$12,999.25 in 1931, \$13,000, 1932 and 1933, \$14,000, 1934, \$13,000, 1935 and 1936, \$14,000, 1937, \$13,000, 1938, and \$14,000, 1939.

119,097.00 property owners' portion street improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$11,097, 1931, and \$12,000 from 1932 to 1940, incl.

98,786.68 property owners' portion street improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$8,786.68 in 1931, \$10,000, 1932 to 1938, incl., \$9,000, 1939 and \$11,000 in 1940. Prin. and semi-annual int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland. Anyone desiring to do so, may present a bid or bids for the above bonds, based upon their bearing a different rate of interest than herein specified; provided, however, that where a fractional interest rate is bid, such fraction shall be ¼ of 1% or multiples thereof. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

BERGEN COUNTY (P. O. Hackensack), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—James M. Harkness, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 1:30 a. m. on Dec. 3 for the purchase of \$1,270,000 4½ or 4¾% coupon or registered public improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Dec. 15, as follows: \$50,000, 1930 to 1939, incl., \$60,000 in 1940 and 1941, and \$65,000 from 1942 to 1951, incl. Single rate of interest to apply to the entire offering. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & D. 15) payable in gold at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York City. 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 County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The International Germanic Trust Co., of New York, will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. The validity of the bonds will be established by Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York.

BINGER, Caddo County, Okla.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.—We are now informed that the sale of the \$25,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water works bonds to Coon & McKinnon, of Oklahoma City—V. 129, p. 2569—has not been consummated. The bonds were to be offered on Nov. 19. Due in 25 years.

BINGER, Caddo County, Okla.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 2 p. m. on Nov. 19, by W. L. Ficklin, Town Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$50,000, as follows: \$25,000 water works and \$25,000 sanitary sewer bonds. Int. rate to be specified by bidder.

BIRMINGHAM, Jefferson County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$525,000 offered for sale on Nov. 22—V. 129, p. 2890—were awarded as follows:

\$336,000 4% public improvement bonds to the Bancamerica-Blair Corp. of New York at a price of 96.17, a basis of about 4.93%. Due \$42,000 from Oct. 1 1930 to 1937, incl.

189,000 4½% public improvement bonds to R. W. Pressprich & Co. of New York at a price of 97.20, a basis of about 4.89%. Due \$21,000 from Sept. 1 1930 to 1938, incl.

BLUFFINGTON TOWNSHIP (P. O. Wehrum), Indiana County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Farmers Bank & Trust Co. of Indiana, Pa., on July 27 purchased an issue of \$75,000 5% road construction bonds at a price of 100.10. Due serially until 1954. Denom. \$1,000. Due semi-annually on J. & J. 1.

BOONE COUNTY (P. O. Lebanon), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,600 4½% Jackson Township road construction bonds for which no bids were received on Sept. 23—V. 129, p. 2110—have since been sold to the Fletcher Savings & Trust Co., of Indianapolis. The bonds are dated Sept. 3 1929 and mature semi-annually on January and July 15 from 1 to 10 years.

BRAINTREE, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—The City Treasurer will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. on Nov. 29, for the purchase of \$121,500 school building bonds, to bear 4½% interest, dated Dec. 15 1929 and maturing annually from 1930 to 1944, inclusive.

BRIDGEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Sussex County, Del.—BOND SALE.—C. E. Anderson, Chairman of the Board of School Trustees, states that an issue of \$25,000 5% school improvement bonds has been sold at a price of par as follows:

\$10,000 bonds to the First National Bank of Harrington.
10,000 bonds to the Bridgeville Bank.
5,000 bonds to the First National Bank of Seaford.

All of the above bonds are in \$1,000 denoms. and mature serially in from 1 to 12 years. Dated Nov. 15 1929. Int. payable in May and Nov. The award was made on Nov. 16.

BRILLIANT, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—T. C. Clark, Jr., Village Clerk, states that no bids were received on Nov. 15 for the purchase of the following 6% bonds aggregating \$92,623.76 offered for sale—V. 129, p. 2715—and that the bonds were later sold at private sale to Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc., of Cincinnati:

\$51,030.56 special assessment water mains construction bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$6,030.56 in 1931; \$6,000, 1932 and 1933; and \$5,500 from 1934 to 1939, incl.

41,593.20 special assessment water mains construction bonds. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$5,093.20 in 1929; \$5,000 in 1932; and \$4,500 from 1933 to 1939, incl.

Both issues are dated Oct. 1, 1929.

BRONXVILLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$324,000 coupon or registered bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 3197—were awarded as 4½s to Batchelder & Co., of New York, at a price of 101.459, a basis of about 4.59%. The award consisted of:

\$184,000 land purchase bonds, series A. Due on June 15, as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1954 incl.; \$4,000, 1955 to 1968 incl.; and \$3,000 in 1969.

70,000 general improvement bonds. Due on June 15, as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1933 incl.; \$4,000, 1934 to 1942 incl.; \$3,000, 1943 to 1948 incl.; and \$1,000 in 1949.

70,000 land purchase bonds, series B. Due \$3,500 on June 15 from 1930 to 1949, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated June 15 1929 and are being reoffered by the purchasers for public investment at prices to yield 4.75 to 4.45%, according to maturity. The following is a list of the other bids for the bonds:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Graham, Parsons & Co.	4¾%	100.637
Dewey, Bacon & Co.	4¾%	100.6147
Lehman Bros.	4¾%	100.27
Barr Bros. & Co.	5%	101.618
Roosevelt & Son.	5%	101.436

BROOK PARK, OHIO.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis J. Mares, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. (Cleveland time) on Dec. 9, for the purchase of \$17,247.25 Village's portion paving bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. One bond for \$1,247.25, all others for \$1,000. Due on July 30, as follows: \$2,247.25 in 1930; \$2,000, 1931 and 1932; \$1,000, 1933; \$2,000, 1934; \$1,000, 1935; \$2,000, 1936; \$1,000, 1937; and \$2,000 in 1938 and 1939. Prin. and semi-annual int. (Jan. and July 30) payable at the Lorain Street Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland. Anyone desiring to do so may present a bid or bids for such bonds based upon their bearing a different rate of

interest than hereinabove specified, provided, however, that where a fractional interest rate is bid, such fraction shall be one-fourth of one per cent. or multiple thereof. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

BROOKLET, Bulloch County, Ga.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$20,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water works bonds offered on Nov. 15—V. 129, p. 3197—was not sold as all the bids were rejected. Dated June 1 1929. Due from June 1 1931 to 1959.

BROOKS CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fayetteville), Fayette County, Ga.—PRICE PAID.—The \$4,000 issue of 6% school bonds that was jointly purchased by J. H. Hillsman & Co., Inc., and the Citizens & Southern Co., both of Atlanta—V. 129, p. 3197—was awarded at a discount of \$250, equal to 93.75, a basis of about 6.82%. Due \$500 from Jan. 1 1936 to 1943, incl.

BROWARD COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICTS (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 30, by John M. Gersen, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of three issues of 6% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$198,000, as follows: \$140,000 special tax school district No. 3; \$44,000 special tax school district No. 2, and \$14,000 special tax school district No. 1 bonds.

BUFFALO, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Comptroller until Dec. 9, for the purchase of \$3,590,000 coupon bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5%, stated in a multiple of 1-10th or ¼ of 1%, divided as follows:

\$2,000,000 school construction and equipment bonds. Due \$100,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1949, incl.

540,000 sewer construction bonds. Due \$18,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1959 inclusive.

500,000 bonds issued to finance the construction of an addition to the Buffalo City hospital. Due \$25,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1949, inclusive.

200,000 street repairing bonds, city's portion. Due \$20,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1949 inclusive.

180,000 South Park Conservatory repair bonds. Due \$18,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

100,000 street extension bonds. Due \$5,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1949 inclusive.

70,000 river channel improvement bonds. Due \$7,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1939 inclusive.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 15) payable at the office of the City Comptroller or at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co., New York, at the holder's option. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. Legality of the bonds will be approved by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York.

BURLINGTON, Des Moines County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—We are now informed that the \$21,500 issue of fire equipment bonds that was unsuccessfully offered on Aug. 15—V. 129, p. 1475—has since been sold over the counter, as 4½% bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on Nov. 1 1939.

BUTLER COUNTY (P. O. Hamilton), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—E. O. Roll, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. on Dec. 10, for the purchase of \$3,759.56 6% ditch construction bonds dated Oct. 15 1929. Due as follows: \$384.56 on Mar. 1 and \$375 on Sept. 1, 1931, and \$375, Mar. and Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1935, incl. Int. payable on Mar. and Sept. 1. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid for, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Bidders will be required to satisfy themselves as to the validity of the bonds.

CALIFORNIA, STATE OF (P. O. Sacramento).—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that bids will be received by Charles G. Johnson, State Treasurer, until Jan. 23, for the purchase of a \$250,000 issue of 4½% semi-annual park bonds.

CALIFORNIA, State of (P. O. Sacramento).—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 issue of 4½% State Buildings and State University Building bonds offered for sale on Nov. 21—V. 129, p. 2890—was awarded to a group composed of R. H. Moulton & Co., of Los Angeles, the California National Co. of Sacramento and the Security Co., of Los Angeles, at a price of 103.7511, a basis of about 4.28%. Dated Jan. 2 1927. Due \$250,000 from Jan. 2 1957 to 1960, incl. The other bids were as follows, according to the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Nov. 22: The second highest bid was 103.589, submitted by the First National Bank of New York and the Anglo-London-Paris Co., jointly. A tender of 103.209 was submitted by a group comprising the Bankers Co., Barr Brothers & Co., and Ames, Emerich & Co. This offer was followed by one of 103.066, submitted by a syndicate composed of the National City Co., Dean, Witter & Co. and Weeden & Co. Six additional bids were submitted for the issue.

CAMDEN COUNTY (P. O. Camden), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Fred W. George, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 9, for the purchase of the following issues of 4, 4½ or 4¾% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,835,000:

\$1,335,000 county building bonds. Due Jan. 1, as follows: \$30,000, 1931 to 1942, incl.; \$35,000, 1943 to 1956, incl.; \$40,000, 1957 to 1967, incl.; and \$45,000 in 1968.

500,000 park bonds. Due \$10,000 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1980, incl. Both issues are dated Jan. 1 1930. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J. 1) payable in gold at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., 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 County, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Hawkins, Delafield & Longfellow, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

CAPE MAY COUNTY (P. O. Cape May, C. H.), N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. and B. J. Van Ingen & Co., both of New York, on Nov. 20 were awarded \$549,000 bonds of the \$555,000 coupon or registered general construction issue offered for sale—V. 129, p. 3198—as 5½s for a premium of \$6,500, equal to a price of 101.18, a basis of about 5.09%. The bonds are dated Nov. 15 1929 and mature on Nov. 15 as follows: \$31,000, 1930 to 1944, incl.; \$30,000, 1945 and 1946, and \$24,000 in 1947.

CARROLL COUNTY (P. O. Carroll), Iowa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$150,000 issue of not to exceed 5% annual primary road bonds scheduled to be offered for sale on Nov. 13—V. 129, p. 2890—was not awarded as the sale was called off by the Board. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due \$15,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944, incl.

CEDAR GROVE TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cedar Grove), Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 coupon or registered municipal building bonds offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3043—were awarded as 5½s to Prudden & Co., of New York, for a premium of \$770.00, equal to a price of 100.85, a basis of about 5.43%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature on Dec. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1957, incl., and \$3,000 from 1958 to 1969, incl.

CENTREVILLE, Wilkinson County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of coupon light and water plant bonds offered for sale on Oct. 1—V. 129, p. 1948—was awarded to Mr. E. B. Robinson, of Centerville, as 6s, at par. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1929. Due in 1937. Int. payable on J. & J. 1.

CHADRON, Dawes County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$40,000, offered for sale on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3043—was awarded to the U. S. Bond Co. of Omaha, as 5½s. The issues are divided as follows: \$25,000 district paving and \$15,000 intersection paving bonds.

CHAMBERS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT No. 3 (P. O. Anahuac), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$50,000 issue of 5% coupon road bonds unsuccessfully offered on Sept. 9—V. 129, p. 2890—was registered on Nov. 13 by the State Comptroller. Due in from 1 to 30 years.

CHAMPION AND DENMARK UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. West Carthage), Jefferson and Lewis Cos., N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Robert H. Lee, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive

sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Nov. 26 in West Carthage, for the purchase of \$140,000 coupon or registered school bonds to bear interest at a rate not to exceed 6%, to be stated in a multiple of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1, 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$5,000 on Dec. 1 from 1932 to 1959, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & D. 1) payable in gold at the Carthage National Bank in Carthage, or at the Guaranty Trust Co., N. Y. A certified check for \$2,800, payable to the order of Edwin H. Thayer, Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of N. Y., will be furnished the purchaser without charge.

Financial Statement.

Valuations: Assessed valuation.....	\$1,493,723.00
Actual valuation (based on equalization rates).....	2,095,464.83
Debt: Bonded debt outstanding.....	Nil
Bonded debt (this issue).....	140,000.00
Population: 1929 (officially estimated), 1,800.	

CHATTANOOGA, Hamilton County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. D. Bass, Mayor, until 11 a. m. on Nov. 27, for the purchase of three issues of bonds aggregating \$887,666.70, as follows:
 \$573,666.70 6% Improvement District No. 5 bonds. Due on Dec. 2, as follows: \$26,466.70 in 1930 and \$28,800, 1931 to 1949, incl. Prin. and int. payable at the Hamilton National Bank in Chattanooga.
 258,000.00 4 1/2% suburban improvement bonds. Due in 30 years. Prin. and int. payable at the National City Bank in New York.
 46,000.00 4 3/4% suburban improvement bonds. Due in 30 years. The prin. and int. is payable as above.
 Int. payable semi-annually. Dated Dec. 2, 1929. Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% par of the bonds, payable to F. K. Rosamond, City Treasurer, is required.

CHELAN, Chelan County, Wash.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$12,500 issue of coupon sewage disposal bonds offered on Nov. 4—V. 129, p. 2890—was not sold.

BONDS RE-OFFERED.—Sealed bids will again be received for the purchase of the above issue, by Hatlie Larsen, Town Clerk, until Dec. 13. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%, payable semi-annually. Due in from 2 to 20 years.

CHISHOLM, St. Louis County, Minn.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$712,000 issue of coupon funding bonds that was purchased by the Northern National Corp., of Duluth—V. 129, p. 3198—was awarded as 5 3/4% at par. Due as follows: \$30,000, July 1 1930; J. & J. 1 1931 to 1941 and \$22,000 on Jan. 1 1942.

CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—William J. Schroder, President of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. on December 9, for the purchase of \$2,300,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Dated January 1, 1930. Denomination \$1,000. Due on September 1, as follows: \$96,000, 1931 to 1950, incl., and \$95,000 from 1951 to 1954, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (M. & S. 1) payable at the Irving Trust Co., New York. The bonds will be sold for not less than par and accrued int. and are part of an issue of \$8,500,000 authorized by the voters on Nov. 4, 1924. Each proposal must be accompanied by a certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for. Any one desiring to do so may present a bid or bids for such bonds based upon their bearing a different rate of interest than specified; provided, however, that where a fractional interest rate is bid, such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or multiples thereof.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Spencer), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$5,300 issue of drainage district No. 37 refunding bonds offered for sale on Oct. 7—V. 129, p. 2265—was purchased by local investors, as 5s, at par.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—PROPOSED BOND ISSUES.—The Cleveland "Press" of Nov. 15 states that W. R. Hopkins, City Manager, has requested the Law Department to draw an ordinance for the sale of \$750,000 councilmanic paving and sewer bonds. "Ordinances also were being drawn for the sale of \$30,000 in bonds for the Park Department; \$110,000 for the Welfare Department and \$60,000 each for the Police and Fire Departments."

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—S. G. Rusk, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 12 for the purchase of \$980,000 4 1/4% coupon bonds, divided as follows:
 \$750,000 paving and sewer bonds, city's portion. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$44,000, 1931 to 1945 incl., and \$45,000 in 1946 and 1947.
 120,000 police and fire department equipment bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1931 to 1936 incl., and \$14,000 from 1937 to 1939 inclusive.
 110,000 Department of Public Health and Welfare bonds. Due \$10,000 on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1941 incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Prin. & semi-annual int. (April & Oct. 1) payable at the Irving Trust Co., New York. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. No bids will be entertained unless made on a blank form furnished, on application, by the Director of Finance. Bidders may, however, make a bid for a different rate of interest, but such fractional rate of interest shall be 1/4 of 1% or multiples thereof. Bids may be made separately for each lot or for "All or None." Split rate bids will not be considered on any single issue, but different interest rates may be bid for different issues. The favorable opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland, Ohio, with a full transcript of the proceedings, will be furnished to the successful bidder. At the request of the owner, coupon bonds may be exchanged for bonds registered as to principal and interest. Coupon bonds also may be registered as to principal only, and thereafter discharged from such registration and become transferable to bearer.

CLEVELAND HEIGHTS, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following 5% bonds aggregating \$53,500 offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 2891—were awarded to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, for a premium of \$50.00, equal to a price of 100.09, a basis of about 4.98%.
 \$40,000 special assessment bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due \$4,000 on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1940 incl.
 13,500 city's portion bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1929. Due \$1,500 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1938 incl.

The following is an official tabulation of the bids received:

Bidder—	\$40,000		\$13,500	
	Int. Rate.	Prem.iums.	Int. Rate.	Prem.iums.
x W. L. Slayton & Co.....	5%	\$38.00	5%	\$12.00
Otis & Co.....	5%	30.00	5%	2.10
Herrick & Co.....	5 1/4%	360.00	5 1/4%	53.00
First Citizens Corp.....	5 1/4%	(\$353)	5 1/4%	---
Ryan, Sutherland & Co.....	5 1/4%	225.00	5 1/4%	59.00
Braun, Bosworth & Co.....	5 1/4%	240.00	5 1/4%	41.00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis.....	5 1/4%	(\$278)	5 1/4%	---
Detroit & Security Trust Co.....	5 1/4%	106.00	5 1/4%	35.00
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc.....	5 1/4%	(\$138)	5 1/4%	---
Guardian Trust Co.....	5 1/4%	(\$98)	5 1/4%	7.00
Seasongood & Mayer.....	5 1/4%	21.00	5 1/4%	---
Provident Savings & Trust Co.....	5 1/4%	404.00	5 1/2%	17.55

x Successful bidders. * Total premium for both issues.

COLUMBIA, Richland County, S. C.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$65,000 issue of street improvement bonds that was jointly purchased by J. H. Hillsman & Co., Inc., and the Citizens & Southern Co., both of Atlanta, as 5 3/4%—V. 129, p. 2891—is in denominations of \$1,000. Prin. and int. (A-8015) payable in New York City.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported)

Actual values.....	\$100,000,000.00
Assessed values, 1928.....	19,586,070.00
Total bonded debt (including this issue).....	2,576,000.00
Less: Water Bonds.....	\$711,000.00
Sinking Fund.....	87,292.06
Street Improvement Bonds payable primarily from special assessments.....	182,000.00
Net Debt.....	1,595,707.94
Population: 1920 Census, 37,524.	

COLUMBIA COUNTY (P. O. Hudson), N. Y.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The Marine Trust Co., of New York, is offering an issue of \$125,000 4 1/2% County Hospital bonds for public investment at prices to yield 4.30 to 4.20%, according to maturity. The bonds are dated Nov. 15 1929 and mature \$5,000 on Nov. 15 from 1934 to 1958 incl. Award was made on Nov. 7 at a price of 101.48, a basis of about 4.37%.—V. 129, p. 3198.

Financial Statement.

Bonded debt.....	\$1,431,500.00
Bonds issued.....	125,000.00
County Hospital Bonds.....	125,000.00
Debt of County, including bonds issued.....	\$1,556,500.00
Assessed values:	
Real property including special franchises.....	\$37,272,199.00
Personal property.....	111,085.00

COLUMBUS, Franklin County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$489,900 coupon or registered improvement bonds offered on Nov. 21—V. 129, p. 2716—were awarded as 4 1/4% to a syndicate composed of Kean, Taylor & Co., and Ames, Emerich & Co., both of New York and the Wells-Dickey Co., of Minneapolis, for a premium of \$10, equal to a price of 100.02, a basis of about 4.49%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature on March 1, as follows: \$48,900 in 1932 and \$49,000 from 1933 to 1941 incl.

The following other bids submitted were for 4 1/4% bonds:

Bidder.....	Premium.
Continental Illinois Co., Chicago.....	\$5,392.00
Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., Chicago.....	5,346.00
Detroit & Security Trust Co., Toledo.....	4,168.00
Chatham-Phenix Corp., New York.....	4,061.28
Braun, Bosworth & Co., Toledo.....	3,763.00
Northern Trust Co., Chicago.....	3,365.00
Dewey, Bacon & Co., New York.....	3,135.36
Harris, Forbes & Co., New York.....	2,984.00
Halsey, Stuart & Co., Chicago.....	2,964.00
R. L. Day & Co., New York.....	2,645.46
Seasongood & Mayer, Cincinnati.....	2,563.00
M. M. Freeman & Co., Philadelphia.....	1,562.79
Otis & Co., Cleveland.....	688.00
Estabrook & Co., New York.....	492.00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo.....	343.00
A. C. Allyn & Co., New York.....	293.95

COMPTON UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles) Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, until 2 p. m. on Dec. 2, for the purchase of a \$225,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1940 to 1954 and \$15,000, 1955 to 1959 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable at the County Treasury. No bids are to be under 5% or less than par. A certified check for 3% of the bonds, payable to the order of the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, must accompany the bid. The official offering notice contains the following information: Compton Union High School District has been acting as a high school district under the laws of the State of California continuously since July 1 1900. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said high school district for the year 1929 is \$38,896,595, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$1,064,826.40. Compton Union High School District includes an area of approximately 29.27 square miles, and the estimated population of said high school district is 50,000.

CONWAY, Faulkner County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of 5 1/4% street improvement bonds has recently been purchased at a price of 98.25 by the Bankers Trust Co., of Little Rock.

COWLITZ COUNTY (P. O. Kelso), Wash.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$115,119.23 issue of coupon refunding bonds that was awarded at par to the State of Washington, as 4 3/4% bonds—V. 129, p. 3198—is dated Nov. 15 1929. Due in 10 years and optional after 1 year. Int. payable on J. & J. 1.

CRANFORD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cranford), Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds offered on Nov. 6—V. 129, p. 2716—were awarded as 5s to Lehman Bros., and Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., both of New York, as follows: \$323,000 assessment bonds sold for a premium of \$226.10, equal to a price of 100.07, a basis of about 4.99%. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$25,000, 1930 and 1931. \$30,000, 1932 to 1939, incl., and \$33,000 in 1940.

127,000 improvement bonds (\$128,000 offered) sold for a premium of \$1,896, equal to a price of 101.49, a basis of about 4.86%. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1936, incl., \$5,000, 1937 to 1955, incl., and \$4,000 in 1956.

Both issues are dated Oct. 1, 1929 and are being reoffered by the purchasers for public investment at prices to yield 5.50 to 4.60%, according to maturity. The offering notice states that the bonds are direct and general obligations of the township, which has an assessed valuation of \$18,189,874 and a total bonded debt of \$1,214,347.

CRANFORD TOWNSHIP, Union County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—C. A. Preim & Co., of New York, privately purchased an issue of \$180,000 6% temporary improvement bonds, dated Dec. 1 1929 and due on Dec. 1 1930. The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 5.50%. The township reports an assessed valuation of \$18,189,874, compared with a total bonded debt, this issue included, stated to be \$1,214,347.

DALLASTOWN, York County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The Christ Ewan Lutheran Church of Dallastown recently purchased an issue of \$6,500 4 1/4% coupon street improvement bonds at par and accrued interest. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$500. Payable in 1942. Interest payable on Jan. and July 1.

DAUGHERTY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. New Brighton, R. F. D. No. 1), Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis E. Klein, Secretary of the Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 6, for the purchase of \$10,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Dated Mar. 1 1930. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on Mar. 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl. A certified check for \$200, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

DAWSON SPRINGS, Hopkins County, Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—At the general election held on Nov. 5—V. 129, p. 2891—the voters approved two issues of bonds aggregating \$11,500 by what was said to be more than a 2 to 1 majority. The issues are as follows: \$6,500 for a fire truck and \$5,000 for street improvement.

DAYTON, Campbell County, Ky.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until Nov. 18, by Frank J. Staab, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of incinerator bonds.
 (These bonds were voted on Nov. 5—V. 129, p. 3198.)

DAYTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery County, Ohio.—\$850,000 BONDS VOTED.—At the general election held on Nov. 5—V. 129, p. 2716—the voters approved the proposition to issue \$850,000 in bonds for school building construction and improvement purposes by a favorable vote of 14,739 to 10,184. Maturity of bonds set at 15 years.

DEER LODGE COUNTY (P. O. Anaconda), Mont.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—We are now informed that the \$50,000 issue of highway bonds that was sold as 5s, at par—V. 129, p. 3198—was awarded to a local investor and not to the State, as previously reported.

DE KALB COUNTY (P. O. Auburn), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,774 4 1/4% highway improvement bonds offered on Nov. 20, V. 129, p. 3044, were awarded to the City National Bank of Auburn for a premium of \$5, equal to a price of 100.05. The bonds mature semi-annually on Jan. and July 15. The Farmers Loan & Trust Co. of Columbia City, bid par and accrued interest for the issue.

DELAWARE, State of (P. O. Dover)—HIGHWAY BONDS TO BE REDEEMED.—Attention is called to the official advertisement appearing on the last page of this section dealing with the proposed redemption on

Jan. 1 1930 of various highway bonds, dated Jan. 1 1921 and due on Jan. 1 1961. Interest rate 4 3/4%. Payment of the bonds and the interest due thereon will be made at the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware, in Dover.

DELAWARE COUNTY (P. O. Media), Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 coupon county bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 3044—were awarded as 4 3/4% to M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, for a premium of \$95,000, equal to a price of 100.119, a basis of about 4.24%. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$16,000, 1930 to 1958, incl., and \$36,000 in 1959.

The successful bidders are re-offering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 4.15%. The following other bids were received for the issue:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes Guaranty Co. of New York and Cambridge Trust Co. (Chester).

DOVER (P. O. Bay Village, R. F. D.) Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—C. L. Hopkins, Village Clerk, states that no bids were received for the \$7,700 issue of 5 1/2% park improvement bonds offered for sale on Oct. 3, V. 129, p. 1774. The bonds are dated April 1 1929 and mature \$770 on April 1 from 1931 to 1939, incl.

DRAPER, Sawyer County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—A \$5,000 issue of 6% semi-annual street bonds was recently purchased at par by the Winter State Bank, of Winter. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due in from 1 to 5 years.

DUNDEE, Monroe County, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election has been called for Dec. 16 to permit the voters to pass on a proposal to issue \$44,000 in bonds to provide for a new filtration plant.

EAST CHICAGO, Lake County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 5% improvement bonds offered on Nov. 13—V. 129, p. 2891—were awarded to the City Securities Corp., of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$57,000, equal to a price of 100.25, a basis of about 4.94%. The bonds are dated June 1 1929 and mature on June 1 1934. The following other bids were received:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Premium, Par. Includes Peoples State Bank, Crown Point and Kent, Grace & Co., Chicago.

EAST DETROIT, Macomb County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$73,000 special assessment sewer bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 129, p. 3198—were awarded to the Sinking Fund at a price of par. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature annually as follows: \$6,000, 1931, \$8,000, 1932, \$9,000, 1933, \$11,000, 1934, \$12,000 in 1935 and \$14,000 in 1936.

EAST GRAND RAPIDS, Kent County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The First National Co. of Detroit, and the Detroit & Security Trust Co., both of Detroit, jointly, have purchased \$505,000 5 and 6% improvement bonds, dated Nov. 15 1929 and maturing serially from 1930 to 1949, incl. Included in the purchase were \$133,393.84 water works bonds, \$42,176.56 water extension bonds, \$10,000 sewer disposal plant extension bonds, and \$8,460 sewer construction bonds, which were offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3199.

EAST HARTFORD, Hartford County, Conn.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—B. J. Van Ingen & Co. of New York, are offering an issue of \$380,000 4 3/4% coupon or registered school bonds for public investment at prices to yield 5.00 to 4.35%, according to maturity. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due annually from 1931 to 1959 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (May and Nov. 1) payable in gold at the East Hartford Trust Co., East Hartford. Legality to be approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York. The bonds are said to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of New York, Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Financial Statement (As Officially Reported Oct. 15 1929.) Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Includes Assessed valuation, 1928; Total bonded debt; Less: Sinking fund; Water bonds; Net bonded debt; Population (1920 census); Present population (estimated).

ELMDALE CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Abilene), Taylor County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$12,000 issue of school bonds has been purchased at par by the State Department of Education.

ELMSFORD, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,000 coupon Fire bonds offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3044—were awarded as 5 1/4% to Edmund Seymour & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.04, a basis of about 5.24%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature \$1,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1942, incl.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc.; Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo; Farson, Son & Co.

EL PASO, El Paso County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that sealed bids will be received by G. R. Daniels, City Auditor, until Dec. 20, for the purchase of the \$550,000 issue of road bonds voted on Nov. 2—V. 129, p. 3044—Int. rate is not to exceed 5%. Due in not to exceed 30 years from issuance.

EVANSVILLE, Vanderburg County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The City Securities Corp., of Indianapolis, on Nov. 15 purchased an issue of \$50,000 5% coupon park improvement bonds at a price of par and a premium of \$103,000, equal to a price of 100.20. The bonds are dated Nov. 15 1929. Coupon, denom. \$1,000. Due in equal annual installments on Oct. 15, first maturity in 1931. Interest payable on the 15th day of May and Oct.

EVERETT SCHOOL DISTRICT, Mich.—BOND ELECTION.—At a special election to be held on Nov. 23 (to-day) the voters will vote on a proposition to issue \$82,000 in bonds to finance the construction of an addition to the present school building.

FARMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Farmerville) Union Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by P. L. Read, Secretary of the Parish School Board, until 10 a. m. on Jan. 7, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due from 1931 to 1960 incl. B. A. Campbell, of New Orleans, and some other recognized bond attorney will furnish the purchaser with legal approval. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the President of the Parish School Board, is required.

FAYETTE COUNTY (P. O. Washington, C. H.), Ohio.—TEST LEGALITY OF BOND ISSUE.—The Middletown "Journal" of Nov. 12 reports that a bond for \$180,000, voted at the election held on Nov. 5, is said to be illegal as a result of the failure of the county board of elections to publish a proclamation from the sheriff announcing the election. The legal status of the issue, the report states, is to be determined by the county courts.

FORT WORTH, Tarrant County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$800,000 issue of 4 3/4% semi-annual improvement bonds offered for sale on Nov. 19 V. 129, p. 2892—was jointly awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, and the First National Co., of Fort Worth, for a premium of \$3,711, equal to 100.46, a basis of about 4.72%. The issues are divided as follows: \$250,000 fire protection; \$250,000 main arterial thoroughfare; \$150,000 airport and \$150,000 street improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due from 1934 to 1969, incl.

FRANKFORT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 3 (P. O. Frankfort), Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 5 1/4% school bonds offered on Nov. 15—V. 129, p. 3199—were awarded to the Trust Co. of Buffalo. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature \$1,000 on Nov. 1 from 1932 to 1953, incl.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Brookhaven), Miss.—BOND ELECTION.—On Nov. 20 the voters will pass upon a proposition calling for the issuance of \$12,000 in bonds for school construction purposes, in a school district of the above county to be named Consolidated School District No. 5.

FRANKLIN COUNTY (P. O. Brookville) Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Frank G. Blitz, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 1 p. m. on Dec. 2, for the purchase of \$6,571.80 5% Springfield Township highway improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 31 1929. Denom. \$328.59. Due \$328.50 on July 15 1930, \$328.59 on Jan. and July 15 from 1931 to 1939 incl. and \$328.59 on Jan. 15 1940. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 15) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A transcript of the proceedings incident to the issuance of the bonds will be furnished to the purchaser without charge.

FRANKLIN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Muskingum County, Ohio.—PROTEST ELECTION RESULT.—The Zanesville "Signal" of Nov. 11 states that a petition asking for a recount of the ballots cast for and against the \$290,000 bond issue voted on at the general election held on Nov. 5—V. 129, p. 3199—was filed with the Muskingum County supervisors of election on Nov. 9. The Board, however, is said to be without authority to act in the matter, as the law under which the petition was filed does not become effective until Jan. 1. It is believed that the situation will be brought to the court of records for adjustment. The proposal is said to have been approved by a vote of 424 "for" to 343 "against." The measure required a 55% majority vote for approval.

FREEDOM, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—P. M. Fletcher, Borough Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 3 p. m. on Nov. 21, for the purchase of \$10,000 4 3/4% coupon street improvement bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on July 1 from 1943 to 1952, incl. A certified check for \$300 payable to the order of the Borough Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds are offered subject to the approval of the Department of Internal Affairs.

GALLIPOLIS, Gallia County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,950 6% sewerage improvement bonds offered on Oct. 17—V. 129, p. 2265—were awarded at par and accrued interest to the Commercial and Savings Bank, of Gallipolis. The bonds are dated Oct. 25 1929 and mature on Oct. 25, as follows: \$350 in 1930, and \$400 from 1931 to 1934 inclusive.

GENESSEE COUNTY (P. O. Flint), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$43,200 6% drainage bonds offered on Nov. 5—V. 129, p. 2892—were awarded at a price of par to the First National Bank of Flint. The bonds mature annually from 1931 to 1935, incl. The \$82,500 special assessment road bonds offered on the same day were awarded as 5 1/4% to the First National Bank, of Flint, at 100.006, a basis of about 5.25%.—V. 129, p. 3044, 3199.

GILESPIE COUNTY (P. O. Fredericksburg), Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$220,000 issue of road, series B bonds offered on Nov. 11—V. 129, p. 2892—was not sold as no bids were received, according to Herman Usener, County Judge.

GIRARD, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—R. L. Evans, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 M. (central standard time) on Dec. 6, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$9,000: \$6,000 storm and sanitary sewer construction bonds. Denom. \$1,200. Due \$1,200 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1934 incl. A certified check for \$150 is required. 3,000 sanitary sewer construction bonds. Denom. \$600. Due \$600 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1934 inclusive. A certified check for \$100 is required.

Both issues are dated May 1-1929 and are payable as to principal and semi-annual int. (April and Oct. 1) at the First National Bank, Girard. Checks should be made payable to the order of the City Treasurer.

GREAT SCOTT (P. O. Kinney), Saint Louis County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—A \$15,000 issue of 5% semi-annual funding bonds has recently been purchased at par by the Miners National Bank, of Eveleth.

GREENVILLE, Mercer County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$60,000 4 1/4% coupon Garbage Incinerator and Sewage Disposal Plant bonds offered on Nov. 15—V. 129, p. 2717—were not sold as no bids were received. J. M. Hittle, Borough Secretary. The bonds are dated Mar. 15 1929 and mature on Sept. 15 from 1931 to 1958 incl.

GRIFFITH, Lake County, Ind.—PRICE PAID.—Kent, Grace & Co. of Chicago, paid par plus a premium of \$16, equal to a price of 100.05, for the \$32,000 5% drain construction bonds sold in V. 129, p. 3199. Basis of about 4.99%. The bonds are dated Oct. 10 1929 and mature as follows: \$1,000, July 10 1930; \$1,000, Jan. and July 10 1931 to 1945, inclusive, and \$1,000 on January 10 1946.

HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Noblesville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Cyde Pettijohn, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 3, for the purchase of \$2,600 4 3/4% highway improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 3 1929. Due semi-annually on Jan. and July 15 in from 1 to 10 years.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—G. R. Morehart, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 9, for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/4% bonds aggregating \$24,150: \$16,650 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$1,650 in 1931, \$2,000, 1932 to 1938, incl., and \$1,000 in 1939. 7,500 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$500 in 1931, and \$1,000 from 1932 to 1938, incl.

Both issues are dated Oct. 1 1929. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for \$250, for each issue, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, will be furnished the purchaser. Bids will also be considered for bonds to bear an interest rate other than the one stated above, stated in multiples of 1/4 of 1%.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$11,500 road bonds offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3044—were awarded to the First Citizens Corp., of Columbus, as 5 1/4%, for a premium of \$104.00, equal to a price of 100.90, a basis of about 5.09%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929 and mature as follows: \$500 in 1931, \$1,000, 1932 to 1936, incl., and \$2,000 from 1937 to 1939, incl. An official tabulation of the bids received follows:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Inc.; Buckeye-Commercial Savings Bank; First-Citizens Corporation; The Herrick Company; Ohio Bank & Savings Co.; Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co.; Ryan, Sutherland & Co.; Seasongood & Mayer; W. L. Slayton & Co.

HARROLD INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Harrold), Wilbarger County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$60,000 issue of school building bonds has been purchased by an unknown investor.

HASTINGS, Dakota County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,000 issue of 5% coupon water works system bonds offered for sale on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3044—was awarded at par to Mr. Davis Kirk of Minneapolis. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from 1931 to 1942, incl. No other bids were received.

HAWAII, TERRITORY OF (P. O. Honolulu).—PUBLIC OFFERING BY SYNDICATE.—The \$1,945,000 issue of 4 3/4% public improvement bonds that was purchased by a syndicate headed by Lehman Bros., of New York, at 101.5299, a basis of about 4.62%.—V. 129, p. 3200—is now being re-offered for investment at prices to yield from 4.75 to 4.40%, according to maturity. The bonds are due from 1934 to 1958. The offering notice states that these bonds have virtually the same status as United States Government issues, enjoying as complete exemption from taxation as United States Government Liberty 3 1/2%. They are acceptable by the Treasury

Department at their market value, but not exceeding par, as security for United States Government deposits, and are also eligible it is averred to secure deposits of Postal Savings Funds. They are said to be a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in a number of states.

The assessed valuation of the Territory of Hawaii is \$414,972,056 and its net bonded debt amounts to \$28,455,376.

HEMPSTEAD UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 12 (P. O. Lynbrook), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Louis S. Jones, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8.15 p.m. on Dec. 3, for the purchase of \$61,000 coupon or registered school bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, to be stated in a multiple of 1-10th or ¼ of 1%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1958 incl., and \$3,000 in 1959. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the Bank of Malverne, in Malverne. A certified check for \$1,200, payable to Frank Price, District Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York.

HENDRICKS COUNTY (P. O. Danville), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,433.48 6% coupon ditch construction bonds offered on Nov. 2—V. 129, p. 2717—were awarded at a price of par to Mr. Lee Sadler, a local investor. The bonds are dated Sept. 15 1929 and mature on Dec. 15, as follows: \$140, from 1930 to 1938 incl., and \$173.48 in 1939. The County Auditor states that the \$4,472.57 ditch construction bonds offered on the same day were not sold.

HIGHLAND PARK (P. O. Dallas), Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$75,000 issue of 5% serial public library bonds scheduled to be offered for sale on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 3200—was registered on Nov. 9.

HUNTINGTON COUNTY (P. O. Huntington), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,200 5% George W. Young et al road improvement bonds offered on Nov. 6—V. 129, p. 2718—were awarded to Frank H. Lahr, of Huntington, for a premium of \$36.00, equal to a price of 100.39, a basis of about 4.93%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature \$460 on July 15 1931, \$460, Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$460 on Jan. 15 1941.

IOWA CITY, Johnson County, Iowa.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p.m. on Nov. 19, by E. B. Raymond, City Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$44,666.40 issue of street improvement bonds.

IRVINGTON, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 3045—were awarded as 4¼s to a syndicate composed of B. J. Van Ingen & Co., and M. F. Schlater & Co., both of New York, and the Chancellor Trust Co. of Irvington, as follows:

\$655,000 improvement bonds of 1929 (\$656,000 offered) sold for a premium of \$1,690, equal to a price of 100.25, a basis of about 4.72%. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$30,000, 1930 to 1936 incl.; \$35,000, 1937 to 1942 incl.; \$40,000, 1943 to 1947 incl., and \$35,000 in 1948.

640,000 school bonds of 1929 (\$645,000 offered) sold for a premium of \$5,820, equal to a price of 100.90, a basis of about 4.66%. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$20,000, 1930 to 1950 incl.; \$25,000, 1951 to 1958 incl., and \$20,000 in 1959.

Both issues are dated Dec. 1 1929. The purchasers will re-offer the bonds for public investment on Nov. 25 at prices to yield 5.00 to 4.50%, according to maturity.

JAMESTOWN, Chautauqua County, N. Y.—BONDS AND CERTIFICATES SOLD.—The following issues of registered bonds and certificates of indebtedness aggregating \$190,070.87 offered on Nov. 15—V. 129, p. 3045—were awarded as 5s to the Union Trust Co., of Jamestown, at a price of 100.32, a basis of about 4.95%:

\$96,664.83 paving certificates. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$11,164.83 in 1930, and \$9,500 from 1931 to 1939, incl.

50,000.00 reconstruction paving bonds. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1939, incl.

29,682.69 sewer bonds. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$2,682.69 in 1930, and \$3,000 from 1931 to 1939, incl.

13,723.35 paving bonds. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$4,723.35 in 1930, and \$1,000 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

All of the above issues are dated Dec. 1 1929.

JIM WELLS COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT No. 1 (P. O. Alice), Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$160,000 issue of 5 or 5¼% semi-annual road bonds offered on Nov. 12—V. 129, p. 3045—was not sold. It is reported that the bonds may now be awarded at private sale.

JIM WOLFE CREEK DRAINAGE DISTRICT (P. O. Senatobia),—Tate County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$23,000 issue of 6% drainage bonds offered for sale on Nov. 4—V. 129, p. 2718—was awarded to local investors. Due serially in from 1 to 20 years.

KENOSHA, Kenosha County, Wis.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. C. Laughlin, Director of Finance, until 2 p. m. on Dec. 6, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of 5% coupon school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 12 1929. Due \$10,000 from Dec. 12 1930 to 1949, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer, Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, will furnish the legal approval. A \$2,000 certified check, payable to the City, is required.

Assessed valuation for the year 1928 ----- \$72,265,340
Estimated actual value taxable property ----- 110,000,000
Total bonded debt including this issue ----- 3,121,000
There is an unfunded debt, other than the bond debt ----- 181,700
Waterworks bonds, included in total debt, shown above ----- 321,000
Population, 1920, 40,000; estimated now, 60,000.
Tax rate, 29 mills.

KENTUCKY, STATE OF (P. O. Frankfort).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ben Johnson, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, until 10 a. m. on Dec. 10, for 5% bonds to be issued and sold by said Commission under the provisions of Chapter 172 of the Acts of the General Assembly of Kentucky of 1928, for the acquisition, either by purchase or construction, of toll bridges, the estimated cost of which is \$11,667,000.

The terms and conditions of the sale of the bonds, the security for the payment thereof, and the conditions upon which the bonds to be sold will be based, are set forth in a prospectus, which, together with the printed form upon which all bids must be made, will be furnished upon application to the undersigned.

Bids will not be considered unless accompanied by an unconditional certified check on a bank or trust company, considered by the Commission to be financially responsible, payable to the order of the Treasurer of Kentucky, for one (1%) per cent. of the par value of the amount of bonds bid for, but not to exceed \$100,000. Award or rejection of bids will be made on the date above stated for the receipts of bids, or within two days thereafter; and the checks of unsuccessful bidders thereupon will be returned immediately. Checks of the successful bidder or bidders will be held uncashed as security for the performance of the bid or bids; but, in the event any successful bidder shall fail to comply with the terms, covenants and conditions of the bid, the check may then be cashed and the proceeds thereof retained as and for full check may then be cashed and the proceeds thereof retained as and for full check. Whenever such terms, covenants and conditions shall have been complied with as to any issue of bonds, or when it shall be found impossible by the State Highway Commission to issue and deliver any particular issue of the bonds, the check will be returned upon the substitution of a similarly certified check for the same amount less one (1%) per cent. of the principal amount of the bonds previously delivered to and paid for by the purchaser, or found impossible by the Commission to issue and deliver.

Bridge layouts, plans and traffic surveys for each of the bridges may be examined at the offices of the State Highway Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky; and engineers' estimates of cost of each bridge and other information, including copies of Congressional permits, the Act under which said bonds will be issued and sold, and the opinion of the Court of Appeals of Kentucky sustaining the constitutionality and validity of said Act will be furnished to prospective bidders upon application to the Chairman of the State Highway Commission, Frankfort, Kentucky.

Each bid must be enclosed in a sealed envelope indorsed "Bid for Kentucky Bridge Bonds," and delivered to the Chairman of the State Highway

Commission at Frankfort, Kentucky, while the Commission is in session, and no bid will be received after the hour and date first above stated, and no bid shall be withdrawn after said hour and date.

KING COUNTY (P. O. Seattle), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 17 by W. W. Shields, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$500,000 issue of bridge bonds.

LA GRANGE, Oldham County, Ky.—BONDS VOTED.—At the general election held recently, the voters approved a proposition calling for the issuance of \$30,000 in bonds for a new water works system.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The following statement is issued in connection with the scheduled sale on Dec. 2 of two issues of 6% improvement bonds, aggregating \$117,538.24, notice and description of which appeared in V. 129, p. 3200.

Financial Statement.	
Estimated value of taxable property	\$190,000,000.00
Last assessed valuation for taxation	124,500,000.00
Total bonded debt (incl. this issue)	4,183,318.79
Special assessment debt (incl. in total bonded debt)	2,282,762.68
Total floating (general obligation) debt	2,101,903.08
Tax rate	4.86
County population (1920), 28,627; population now, 35,000.	

LAUDERDALE COUNTY (P. O. Meridian), Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 3 by the Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of school bonds.

LAUREL, Jones County, Miss.—PRICE PAID.—The \$100,000 issue of 5¼% semi-annual funding bonds that was purchased by the Hibernia Securities Co., of New Orleans—V. 129, p. 2893—was awarded at par. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due \$5,000 from Sept. 1 1930 to 1949, incl.

LAUREL, Jones County, Miss.—BOND ELECTION.—Dec. 10 has been set as the day upon which the voters will be asked to authorize the issuance of \$420,000 in bonds to be used for various civic improvements. If the bonds are approved they will bear interest at not exceeding 5¼%.

LEGGETT CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Magnolia), Pike County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of 6% school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 7—V. 129, p. 2266—was awarded to Mr. H. M. Brumfield, of Magnolia, for a premium of \$265.50, equal to 101.77.

LETCHER, Sanborn County, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Town Clerk, until 7 p. m. on Nov. 25, for the purchase of a \$12,500 issue of 5% municipal auditorium bonds. Denom. \$250. Dated Dec. 2 1929. Due on Dec. 1 1949. Prin. and annual int. payable at the First National Bank of Letcher. A certified check for 10% is required.

LILLINGTON, Harnett County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of 6% coupon water bonds offered for sale on Oct. 1—V. 129, p. 2114—was awarded at par to R. L. Durfee & Co., of Toledo. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$500 from Oct. 1 1932 to 1961, incl.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY ACQUISITION AND IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 103 (P. O. Los Angeles), Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, until 2 p. m. on Nov. 25, for the purchase of an \$8,307.59 issue of 7% improvement bonds. Denoms. \$500 and \$100 and one for \$107.59. Dated Nov. 4 1929. Due from Nov. 4 1931 to Nov. 4 1940, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the County Treasury. A certified check for 5% of the bonds, payable to the Chairman of Supervisors, is required. The statement of offering sets forth that: The attention of the bidder is hereby directed to the Acquisition and Improvement Act of 1925, as amended, to the Resolution of Intention in the matter of said Acquisition and Improvement District No. 103 of the County of Los Angeles and to all proceedings had thereunder.

LOUDON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. South Charleston), Kanawha County, W. Va.—BOND ELECTION.—A special election will be held on Dec. 10 in order to pass upon a proposed bond issue of \$450,000 to be used for school building and equipment purposes. The said bonds bear int. at not exceeding 5¼%, payable semi-annually. Due serially from Jan. 1 1931 to 1950, incl. The following statement accompanies the election notice:

That it appears to the Board of Education, and the Board of Education doth accordingly find that the valuation of the taxable property in Loudon District, as shown by the last assessment thereof for State and county taxation purposes, is \$18,447,696; that the indebtedness of said Loudon District is nothing and that therefore, bonds in the sum of \$450,000 may be issued without exceeding any constitutional or statutory limitations.

That the Board of Education be, and it is hereby authorized to lay annually upon the assessed valuation of all the taxable property within said Loudon District, a levy sufficient to provide funds for the payment of the annual interest upon said bonds, as it accrues semi-annually, and the principal thereof at maturity; for which purposes a levy of approximately (25) twenty-five cents on the one hundred dollar valuation, based upon the last prior assessment of said property for State and county purposes, will be required.

LOUISIANA, State of (P. O. Baton Rouge).—BONDS REOFFERED BY PURCHASERS.—The \$5,000,000 issue of road, series B bonds that was purchased by a syndicate composed of Lehman Bros., Stone & Webster & Blodgett, Inc., Kountze Bros., the Old Colony Corp., Kean, Taylor & Co., Estabrook & Co., Rogers Caldwell & Co. and Ames, Emerick & Co., all of New York, the Mississippi Valley Trust Co., of St. Louis, and R. H. Moulton & Co., of Los Angeles, and two others, as 5s, at 100.82, a basis of about 4.91%—V. 129, p. 3201—is now being for public subscription by the above purchasers at prices to yield from 5.00 to 4.70%, according to maturity. The offering notice contains the following statement:

"These bonds are issued for Highway purposes and in the opinion of counsel are direct and general obligations of the State of Louisiana, and the full faith, credit and resources of the State are pledged for their payment. Ad valorem taxes on real and personal property may be levied within the limits imposed by law.

"The Constitutional amendment and Act No. 1 of the Special Session of the Legislature of 1928 specifically provides that a one cent per gallon tax on gasoline, benzine, naphtha and other motor fuels shall be levied and the proceeds applied as the primary fund for the payment of principal and interest of said bonds as long as any of the bonds authorized remain outstanding. As a limit on the amount of highway bonds to be issued by the State, it is provided that no additional bonds shall be issued for state highways under this legislation unless the one cent per gallon tax for the last fiscal year is adequate to provide for the annual amount of principal and interest of the proposed bonds as well as bonds outstanding."

McMULLEN COUNTY (P. O. Tilden), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$45,000 issue of 5¼% courthouse bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on Nov. 12. Due serially.

MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mount Clemens), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Bert Englebrecht, County Drain Commissioner, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (eastern standard time) on Nov. 23, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds aggregating \$34,000:

\$18,000 Jenerous Ave. lateral drain bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933 to 1939, incl.; and \$3,000 in 1940. A certified check for \$800 is required.

10,500 Weiland Park lateral drain bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$500, 1931; \$1,000, 1932 to 1939, incl.; and \$2,000 in 1940. A certified check for \$500 is required.

5,500 Republic Ave. lateral drain bonds. Due on May 1, as follows: \$500, 1932, and \$1,000 from 1933 to 1937, incl. A certified check for \$150 is required.

All of the above bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and will bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, payable on May and Nov. 1. Checks should be made payable to the order of the County Drain Commissioner. The legal opinion will be furnished by Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit.

MACOMB COUNTY (P. O. Mount Clemens), Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD TO BE REOFFERED.—The Clerk of the Board of County Road Commissioners states that the \$10,000 issue of highway improvement bonds offered on Nov. 12—V. 129, p. 3045—was not sold, and is to be reoffered shortly.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Madisonville), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Nov. 23, by W. L. Robinson, County Judge, for the purchase of an issue of \$175,000 5% semi-annual road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 10, 1929. Due serially in 40 years. A certified check for 2% must accompany the bid.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Marshall), N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Dec. 10 by J. Will Roberts, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, for the purchase of an issue of \$180,000 6% semi-annual bond anticipation notes. Denom. \$5,000. Dated Dec. 1, 1929. Due on Dec. 1, 1930. The legal approval of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn of New York, will be furnished. A certified check for 2%, payable to the County, must accompany the bid.

MALVERN, Chester County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Philadelphia, recently purchased an issue of \$12,000 4 1/4% coupon bonds, registerable as to prin., for a premium of \$493.92, equal to a price of 104.11, a basis of about 4.43%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 1 1949. Prin. and semi-annual int. (May and Nov. 1) payable at the National Bank of Malvern. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia. The purchasers are re-offering the obligations for public investment priced to yield 4.35%.

Financial Statement—

Assessed valuation (1929).....	\$1,387,650
Bonded debt (incl. this issue).....	42,000
Population (est.).....	1,800.

MANASQUAN, Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Anne B. Applegat, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 3, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$64,400:

- \$22,000 6% improvement bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Sept. 1 from 1930 to 1951, incl.
- 22,000 6% improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Dec. 15, as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1934, incl., and \$2,000 in 1935.
- 20,400 6% improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000, one bond for \$400. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1935, incl., and \$400 in 1936.

Interest payable on M. & S. 1. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Borough Collector, must accompany each proposal.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$9,450 6% city's portion street improvement bonds offered on Nov. 13—V. 129, p. 2719—were awarded to the Farmers Savings & Trust Co., of Mansfield, for a premium of \$276.60, equal to a price of 102.92, a basis of about 5.39%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature on April 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1939 incl., and \$450 in 1940.

MARIETTA, Washington County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 coupon street improvement bonds, property owners' portion, offered on Nov. 1—V. 129, p. 2424—were awarded to the Davies-Bertram Co., of Cincinnati, as 5 3/4%, for a premium of \$121.00, equal to a price of 100.55, a basis of about 5.14%. The bonds are dated April 1 1929 and mature on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1937 incl., and \$3,000 in 1938 and 1939.

MARION COUNTY (P. O. Knoxville), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$130,000 issue of coupon annual primary road bonds offered for sale on Nov. 14—V. 129, p. 2894—was awarded to the Carleton D. Beh Co., of Des Moines, as fs., for a premium of \$1,305, equal to 101.003, a basis of about 4.80%. Due \$13,000 from May 1 1935 to 1944, incl. Optional after May 1 1934.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—NO BIDS.—O. H. Weber, County Auditor, states that no bids were received on Oct. 19 for the \$5,986.72 6% ditch bonds offered for sale.—V. 129, p. 2267. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929 and mature annually on Sept. 1 from 1930 to 1939 incl.

MASSILLON, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Lester S. Lash, City Auditor will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 6, for the purchase of \$36,000 5% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due \$4,500 on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1938, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the State Bank, in Massillon. A certified check for 3% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Successful bidder to pay for the printing of the bonds.

MILWAUKEE, Milwaukee County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—Of the two issues of bonds aggregating \$550,000, offered for sale on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 3201—a block of \$430,000 of the total amount was awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago as follows:

\$230,000 4% grade crossing abolition bonds, for a premium of \$51, equal to 100.022, a basis of about 3.99%. Due on July 1 as follows: \$17,000, 1931 to 1936 and \$16,000, 1937 to 1944, all incl.	
200,000 5% ire department bonds, for a premium of \$7,346, equal to 103.673, a basis of about 4.53%. Due \$10,000 from July 1 1930 to 1949.	

BONDS RE-OFFERED BY PURCHASERS.—The above bonds are now being offered to the public for investment at the following prices: 4% bonds are to yield from 4.50 to 4.25%, depending on maturity, while the 5% are to yield from 4.50 to 4.30%. These bonds are reported to be legal in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The following is the complete official tabulation of the bidders and their bids:

Bids Received—	Premium.
Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Chicago (successful bidder)—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	\$7,346.00
\$230,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$17,000, 1931 to 1936; \$16,000, 1937 to 1944).....	51.00
Foreman National Corporation, Chicago—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	55.10
210,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$15,000, 1931 to 1944).....	
Continental Illinois Co., Chicago—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	55.00
210,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$15,000, 1931 to 1944).....	
First Union Trust & Savings Bank and The Detroit Co., Chicago—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	50.00
200,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$25,000, 1931 to 1934; \$10,000, 1935 to 1944).....	
Dewey, Bacon & Co., New York—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	6,200.00
154,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$11,000, 1931 to 1944).....	300.00
175,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$25,000, 1931 to 1937).....	400.00
125,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$25,000, 1940 to 1944).....	425.00
First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee, and National City Co., N. Y.—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	311.25
175,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$25,000, 1931 to 1937).....	
Guaranty Co., N. Y.; Bankers Co., N. Y., and Marshall & Ilsley Bank, Milwaukee—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	39.05
155,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$10,000, 1931 to 1943; \$25,000, 1944).....	
Bancamerica Bank Corp., New York—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	175.00
150,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$25,000, 1931 to 1936).....	
Eldredge & Co., New York—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	5,640.00
150,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$25,000, 1931 to 1936).....	Par
140,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$10,000, 1931 to 1944).....	Par
Halsey-Stuart & Co., Chicago—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	4,820.00
125,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$25,000, 1931 to 1935).....	425.00
Estabrook & Co., New York; Milwaukee Company and Northern Trust Co., Chicago—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	Par
125,000 4% grade crossing bonds (\$25,000, 1931 to 1935).....	5,647.00
Roosevelt & Sons, New York—	
\$200,000 5% Fire Department bonds.....	
350,000 4% grade crossing bonds.....	} Brokerage fee \$4,812.50

MIDLOTHIAN, Ellis County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5 1/2% bonds, aggregating \$65,000 offered for sale on Oct. 25—V. 129, p.

2572—have since been sold at par to W. G. Davis, of Dallas, the contractor. The issues are divided as follows: \$45,000 sewer and \$20,000 water works extension bonds. Due serially in 40 years.

MILAN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Milan), Telfair County, Ga.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Nov. 30, by J. H. Hunt, Secretary of the Board of Education, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of school bonds.

MILESBERG, Center County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$8,000 5% coupon Reservoir construction bonds has been sold to a group of local investors. The bonds are dated October 1 1929. Denoms. \$200 and \$100. Due in 1949. Interest payable on April and Oct. 1. Bonds may be redeemed at any time.

MINGO JUNCTION VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Jefferson County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 coupon school building construction bonds offered on Nov. 15—V. 129, p. 3201—were awarded as 5s to W. L. Slayton & Co., of Toledo, for a premium of \$388.65, equal to a price of 100.19, a basis of about 4.98%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929 and mature on Sept. 1, as follows: \$8,000, 1930 to 1945, incl., and \$9,000 from 1946 to 1953, incl.

MISSISSIPPI, State of (P. O. Jackson).—BOND SALE.—The \$190,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-annual improvement bonds offered for sale on Nov. 12—V. 129, p. 3046—was awarded at par to C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago. Dated Apr 1 1929. Due from Oct. 1 1936 to 1953, incl.

MITCHELL COUNTY (P. O. Osage), Iowa.—BOND ELECTION.—The county supervisors have called a special election for Dec. 6, in order to pass judgment on a proposed bond issue of \$1,100,000 for primary road construction.

MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile), Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by E. C. Doody, Clerk of the Board of Revenue and Road Commissioners, until Dec. 18, for the purchase of a \$3,325,000 issue of highway bonds.

NAMPA, Canyon County, Ida.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7.30 p. m. on Nov. 25, by F. M. Ruce, City Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of semi-annual bonds aggregating \$50,000, as follows: \$30,500 airport and \$19,500 park bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Due in 20 years. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid. (A similar bond issue was sold on Sept. 4—V. 129, p. 1952.)

NEW CONCORD, Muskingum County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—S. D. Cox, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12m. on Dec. 16, for the purchase of \$5,210.08 5 1/2% special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec 1, as follows: \$710.08 in 1931, \$1,000, 1932 to 1934, incl., and \$500 from 1935 to 1937, incl. Interest payable on June and Dec. 1. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. Any one desiring to do so may present a bid or bids for such bonds based upon their bearing a different rate of interest than specified; provided, however, that when a fractional interest rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or a multiple thereof.

NEWELL TOWNSHIP (P. O. Danville), Vermilion County, Ill.—BONDS NOT SOLD TO BE REOFFERED.—The \$100,000 5 1/2% road bonds offered on Nov. 9—V. 129, p. 3046—were not sold. The bonds mature on Nov. 15, as follows: \$7,000, 1931, \$8,000, 1932, \$9,000, 1933, \$10,000, 1934 to 1936, incl., \$11,000, 1937 and 1938, and \$12,000 in 1939 and 1940. The issue will be reoffered for sale shortly.

NEW HAMPSHIRE, State of (P. O. Concord).—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The following statement is published in connection with the sale on Nov. 13 of \$1,770,000 4 1/4% coupon bonds to a syndicate headed by the Old Colony Corporation, of Boston, at a price of 100.45, a basis of about 4.43%.—V. 129, p. 3202.

Liabilities (Bonded debt).	
Bond series 1873, due July 1 1879, overdue interest ceased.....	\$500.00
Bonds, State Hospital Loan, 3 1/4%; Due July 1 1927, overdue, interest ceased.....	3,000.00
Due July 1 1929.....	85,000.00
War loan bonds series, 1918: Due July 1 1930 to 1935, \$75,000 annually 4 1/4% \$450,000; due July 1 1936, \$50,000.....	\$500,000.00
New Hampshire Industrial School Bonds 4%: Due June 1 1930, \$25,000; due June 1 1931, \$25,000.....	50,000.00
Laconia, N. H., Armory Bonds 4%: Due June 1 1932, \$30,000; due June 1 1933, \$30,000.....	60,000.00
New Hampshire State Hospital Nurses' Home Bonds 4%: Due June 1 1934, \$35,000; due June 1 1935, \$35,000; due June 1 1936, \$50,000; due June 1 1937, \$50,000.....	170,000.00
Laconia State School Bonds 4%: Due June 1 1937, \$50,000; due June 1 1938, \$50,000.....	106,000.00
Franconia Notch Bonds 4%: Due July 1 1929 to July 1 1948, annually, \$10,000.....	200,000.00
New Hampshire Flood Bonds 4 1/4%: Due May 14 1930, \$400,000; due May 14 1931, \$400,000; due May 14 1932, \$400,000; due May 14 1933, \$400,000.....	\$1,600,000.00
Total funded debt.....	\$2,774,500.00
Floating debt.....	100.00
Trust fund and liabilities.....	1,186,841.52
Total liabilities July 1 1929.....	\$3,961,441.52
Total assets July 1 1929.....	\$1,826,750.90
Net debt, July 1 1929.....	\$2,134,690.62
Total.....	\$3,961,441.52
Assessors' valuation April 1 1929.....	\$622,976.904
Savings bank deposits.....	222,745.435
Insurance capital.....	6,285,000
Valuation of Public Utilities Corp. assessed by State Tax Commission.....	51,569,217
Total.....	\$903,576,556

NILES, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$6,662.50 5% bonds issued for the purpose of providing a fund for the purchase of a street sweeper offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3202—was awarded to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, for a premium of \$2. The bonds are dated April 1 1929 and mature on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1931 and 1932, and \$2,662.50 in 1933.

NORTH HEMPSTEAD COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 9 (P. O. Williston Park), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Sydney I. Brothers, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 18, for the purchase of \$30,000 coupon or registered school bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. The bonds are dated Dec. 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 15 from 1933 to 1947 incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & D.) payable in gold at the First National Bank, Mineola, or at the National Park branch of the Chase National Bank, in New York. A certified check for 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 New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

NORTH PELHAM, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Frederick W. Hartig, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 3, for the purchase of \$35,000 coupon or registered paving bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in a multiple of 1/10th or 1/4 of 1%. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1946, incl., and \$1,000 from 1947 to 1949, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & D. 1) payable in gold at the Pelham National Bank, in Pelham. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished the purchaser.

NORTHWEST TOWNSHIP, Williams County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$3,200 5% road improvement bonds offered on Nov. 11—V. 129, p. 2894—were awarded to Charles R. Shirkey, of Montpelier, Ohio, at par plus a premium of \$51.00, equal to a price of 101.59, a basis of about 4.43%.

The bonds are dated Sept. 10 1929 and mature \$320 on Mar. & Sept. 10 from 1930 to 1934, incl.

NORWOOD, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The City Auditor states that the sinking fund is to take over a block of \$100,000 improvement bonds.

NUECES COUNTY (P. O. Corpus Christi), Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Nov. 9—V. 129, p. 2573—the voters gave their approval to the proposed issuance of \$2,500,000 in road improvement bonds. It is reported that the State Highway Department will add \$717,000 in state aid funds to this amount.

NUTLEY, Essex County, N. J.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—Dewey, Bacon & Co., of New York, are offering \$432,000 5½% assessment bonds for public investment, at prices to yield 5.00, 4.85%, according to maturity. The bonds are dated Nov. 15 1929 and mature on Nov. 15, as follows: \$40,000, 1930 to 1935 incl.; \$42,000, 1936, and \$50,000 from 1937 to 1939 incl. These bonds were sold on Nov. 12 at a price of 100.10, a basis of about 5.48% V. 129, p. 3202.

NYACK, Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—William P. Bugbee, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 2, for the purchase of \$20,000 coupon or registered water bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Dec. 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 1) payable in gold at the Rockland County Trust Co., Nyack. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser.

NYACK, Rockland County, N. Y.—CERTIFICATE SALE.—The \$5,000 certificates of indebtedness offered on Oct. 21—V. 129, p. 2720—were awarded as 5½s to the Nyack National Bank. The certificates mature \$2,000 on July 1 from 1930 to 1933, incl.

OAK GROVE, West Carroll Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Dec. 2, by Mrs. D. B. Fiske, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of public improvement bonds.

OAK PARK, Oakland County, Mich.—NO BIDS.—Fred B. Yehle, Village Clerk, states that no bids were received on Nov. 7 for the \$31,000 6% lateral sewer bonds offered for sale—V. 129, p. 3046. The bonds are dated Aug. 1 1929 and mature on Aug. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931, \$8,000, 1932, \$1,000, 1937, \$11,000 in 1938 and \$1,000 in 1939.

OCONTO COUNTY (P. O. Oconto), Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 4¼% sanatorium, poor home and asylum, series A bonds offered for sale on Oct. 24—V. 129, p. 2405—has since been purchased by Hill, Joiner & Co., of Chicago. Due in 20 years.

OWSLEY COUNTY (P. O. Booneville), Ky.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Dec. 7, by H. C. Combs, County Commissioner, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 6% semi-annual court house building and equipment bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec 1 1949. Bids below par cannot be accepted. A \$500 certified check must accompany the bid.

PENSACOLA, Escambia County, Fla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$200,000 issue of 5% semi-annual funding bonds offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3203—was not sold as no satisfactory bid was received. Dated Dec. 1 1928. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1929 to 1943 and \$5,000, 1944 to 1953, all incl.

PERRYSBURG, Wood County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$8,510 5½% special assessment street improvement bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 2894—were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo, for a premium of \$19.00, equal to a price of 100.22, a basis of about 5.45%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature on Nov. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1937 incl., and \$1,510 in 1938.

The following other bids were received:
Bidder— Int. Rate. Premium.
First Citizens Corp., Columbus..... 5½% \$16.50
Perryburg Banking Co., Perrysburg..... 6% 25.25

PERTH AMBOY, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph E. Hornsby, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Nov. 27, for the purchase of \$800,000 tax revenue bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, expressed in multiples of 1-100 of 1%. Dated Dec. 3 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 3, 1930. Prin. and int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for is required.

PHELPS, Ontario County, N. Y.—BOND ELECTION.—At a special election to be held on Dec. 20 the voters will pass on a proposal to issue \$63,000 in bonds to provide for improvements to the present water works system.

PORTLAND, Multnomah County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Geo. R. Fink, City Auditor, until 11 a. m. on Nov. 29, for the purchase of a \$53,000 issue of 4½% semi-annual assessment collection bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. A certified check for 5% is required.

PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$140,000 5% grade elimination bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 129, p. 2895—were awarded to Otis & Co., of Cleveland, for a premium of \$2,200, equal to a price of 101.50, a basis of about 5.86%. The bonds are dated June 1 1929 and mature as follows: \$5,000, 1931 and 1932; \$4,000, 1933; \$5,000, 1934 and 1935; \$4,000, 1936; \$5,000, 1937 and 1938; \$4,000, 1939; \$5,000, 1940 and 1941; \$4,000, 1942; \$5,000, 1943 and 1944; \$4,000, 1945; \$5,000, 1946 and 1947; \$4,000, 1948; \$5,000, 1949 and 1950; \$4,000, 1951; \$5,000, 1952 and 1953; \$4,000, 1954; \$5,000, 1955 and 1956; \$4,000, 1957; \$5,000, 1958 and 1959; and \$4,000 in 1960. Talmadge Edwards, City Auditor, states that the \$125,168.20 property portion street, alley and sewer bonds scheduled to have been sold on the same day were withdrawn.

POSEY COUNTY (P. O. Mount Vernon), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Casey J. Martin, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Nov. 30, for the purchase of \$4,000 5% Martin Denbo, Black Township highway construction and improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 20 1929. Denom. \$200. Due \$200 on July 15 1931; \$200, Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940 incl., and \$200 on Jan. 15 1941.

PROVIDENCE, Providence County, R. I.—BOND SALE.—The following 4¼% bonds aggregating \$3,000,000 offered for sale on Nov. 20—V. 129, p. 3046—were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Chase Securities Corp., the Equitable Trust Co., of New York, the Detroit Co., Inc., L. F. Rothschild & Co., and Barr Bros. & Co., all of New York, at a price of 99.113, a basis of about 4.35%:
\$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 1939 incl.
500,000 highway bonds. Due \$50,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1939 incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929. The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for public subscription at prices to yield 4.75 to 4.20%, according to maturity. The bonds are said to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. A detailed statement of the financial condition of the city appeared in—V. 129, p. 3046. The following is an official tabulation of the bids received:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes entries for Chase Securities Corp., L. F. Rothschild & Co., Barr Bros. & Co., Industrial Trust Co., The National City Co. of New York, Bankers Co. of New York, Old Colony Corp., Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Dewey, Bacon & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co., Amos, Emerich & Co., Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co., Arthur Perry & Co., Boston, First National Bank of New York, R. W. Pressprich & Co., Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, Kean, Taylor & Co., Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., Arthur Perry & Co., R. L. Day & Co., New York, Estabrook & Co., Roosevelt & Son, Emanuel & Co., Guaranty Co. of New York, Continental Illinois Co., Eldredge & Co., Stone & Webster & Blodget, Inc.

* Accepted tender.

POWESHIEK COUNTY (P. O. Montezuma), Iowa.—CERTIFICATES NOT SOLD.—The \$35,000 issue of 5% annual road construction anticipation certificates offered on Nov. 15—V. 129, p. 3203—was not sold as no bids were received. Dated Nov. 15 1929. Due on Dec. 31 1931.

We are informed by J. R. McDonald, County Treasurer, that the County has made arrangements to handle \$25,000 of the offering and the remainder will be sold to anyone interested, over the counter.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 5% William Doll et al, White Post Township road construction bonds offered on Nov. 7—V. 129, p. 2721—were awarded to Breed, Elliott & Harrison, of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$33.50, equal to a price of 100.239, a basis of about 4.95%. The bonds are dated Oct. 15 1929 and mature as follows: \$700 on July 15 1931, \$700, Jan. and July 15, 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$700 on Jan. 15 1941.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Winamac), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Ralph E. Wilson, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 12, for the purchase of \$6,618.90 6% ditch improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denoms. \$750, one bond for \$618.90. Due on June 1, as follows: \$618.90 in 1931, and \$750 from 1932 to 1939 incl. Interest payable on June and Dec. 1.

PURDON ROAD DISTRICT No. 2 (P. O. Corsicana), Navarro County, Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Dec. 9, by Clay Nash, County Judge, for the purchase of an issue of \$135,000 5% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Apr. 1 1928. Due on Apr. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 and 1932; \$3,000, 1933 and 1934; \$4,000, 1935 to 1939; \$5,000, 1940 to 1950; \$6,000, 1951 to 1956; \$7,000, 1957 and 1958, all incl. Prin and int. (A. & O.) payable at the Seaboard National Bank in New York City. Bids will be received based on delivery for cash at Corsicana. A \$1,000 certified check must accompany the bid. (This report supplements that given in V. 129, p. 3203.)

RAMSEY COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10 (P. O. St. Paul, Como Station), Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,500 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on Oct. 10—V. 129, p. 2115—was awarded at par to local investors. Dated Oct. 1 1929.

RENFROW, Grant County, Okla.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$6,000 issue of semi-annual not exceeding 6% electric light system bonds offered on Nov. 12—V. 129, p. 3203—was not sold. Due \$500 from 1934 to 1945, incl.

RHEA COUNTY (P. O. Dayton), Tenn.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Nov. 12, the voters authorized the issuance of \$150,000 in bonds to refund the floating indebtedness by a count of 581 "for" to 355 "against." At the same time a city election on the proposed issuance of \$50,000 in refunding bonds was also carried by a large majority.

RILEY COUNTY (P. O. Manhattan), Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$10,000 issue of 4¼% semi-annual road bonds offered for sale on Nov. 8—V. 129, p. 3047—was awarded to the Central Trust Co., of Topeka, at a price of 98.62, a basis of about 5.03%. Due \$1,000 in from 1 to 10 years.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—REAL ESTATE VALUATIONS FOR 1930—TAX RATE.—Real estate valuations in Rochester for 1930 tax purposes total \$627,929,811, an increase of \$13,836,834 over the valuation for 1929, according to the Nov. 20 issue of the Rochester "Democrat". "The tax rate for 1930 will be \$25.76 for each \$1,000 valuation, compared with \$25.72 for this year. The tax levy for 1930 is \$16,751,420.75, according to Comptroller Clarence E. Higgins. With the regular rate \$25.76 a thousand, it is nearly the same as last year, as predicted by City Manager Stephen B. Story. The pension rate is \$12.166 a thousand for 1930. Franchise valuations for 1930 are \$21,967,876, which is \$16,264 less than last year. The total valuation for tax purposes is \$650,783,605, which includes real, franchise, personal and property with pension exemptions."

ROYERSFORD, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 4½% coupon bonds offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3047—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons of Philadelphia, at a price of 101.431, a basis of about 4.39%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and mature \$10,000 on Oct. 1 in 1939, 1949 and in 1959. M. M. Freeman & Co., also of Philadelphia, the only other bidders, offered 100.72 for the issue.

The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 4.35%.

Financial Statement. Assessed valuation (1929) \$2,800,000. Real valuation (est.) 8,000,000. Bonded debt (incl. this issue) 30,000. Sinking fund 5,500.

Net debt 24,500. Present population (est.), 4,000.

RUTHERFORD, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—H. B. Hand & Co., of Newark, and M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, jointly, on Nov. 19 were awarded \$353,000 bonds of the \$356,000 coupon or registered improvement issue offered for sale—V. 129, p. 3203—as 5s, for a premium of \$3,642.40, equal to a price of 101.03, a basis of about 4.88%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature on Dec. 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1930 to 1938 incl.; \$20,000, 1939 to 1948 incl., and \$18,000 in 1949. The following other bids were submitted:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Bds. Bid For, Price Bid. Includes entries for B. J. Van Ingen & Co., Kean, Taylor & Co., and H. L. Allen & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co. and Graham, Parsons & Co., jointly, Lehman Bros. and Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., jointly.

ST. LANDRY PARISH GRAVITY DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Opelousas), La.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,500 issue of coupon drainage bonds offered for sale on Oct. 1—V. 129, p. 2116—was awarded to Mr. J. F. Schell, of Washington, as 6s, at par. Denom. \$250. Dated Oct. 1, 1929. Due in 30 years.

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—The proposal to issue \$220,000 in bonds to finance the installation of a water works system voted on at the general election held on Nov. 5—V. 129, p. 2722—was defeated.

SAN FRANCISCO (City and County), Calif.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$4,000,000 issue of 4½% Hetch Hetchy water bonds offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 2895—was not sold as no bids were received. Dated July 1 1928. Due \$100,000 from 1933 to 1957, incl. It is reported that the sale of these bonds is guaranteed by an agreement entered into with the Bank of Italy, N. T. & S. A., of San Francisco.

SAYREVILLE, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 129, p. 3047—were awarded as 5½s, as stated herewith: \$184,000 water bonds (\$187,000 offered) sold to Prudden & Co., of New York, for a premium of \$3,177, equal to a price of 101.72, a basis of about 5.33%. Due on Dec. 10, as follows: \$6,000, 1930 to 1959 incl. and \$4,000, in 1960.

38,000 general improvement bonds sold to the South River Trust Co., of South River, for a premium of \$475.00, equal to a price of 101.25, a basis of about 4.38%. Due on Dec. 10, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 and 1931 and \$1,000 from 1932 to 1955 incl.

Both issues are dated Dec. 10 1929. Below is a list of the bids submitted for the bonds. All tenders for the \$38,000 issue were for the total amount of bonds offered.

Table with columns: Bidders, Int. Rate, Bonds Bid For, Water Gen. Impt. Bonds. Includes entries for A. V. O'Brien Co., Rapp and Lockwood, Prudden and Co., First Nat. Bank So. River, So. River Trust Co., C. A. Preim Co.

ST. PAUL, Ramsey County, Minn.—BOND SALE.—The \$1,000,000 issue of coupon or registered general improvement bonds offered for sale on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 2895—was jointly awarded to the Chase Securities Corp., and Barr Bros. & Co., both of New York, as 4 3/8s, at a price of 101.389, a basis of about 4.38%. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due from Nov. 1 1930 to 1959, incl.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above bonds are now being offered by the purchasers for public subscriptions at prices to yield from 4.75 to 4.25%, according to the maturities. The offering circular states that these bonds are issued for general improvement purposes and are a legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut.

The following is an official list of the bids received:

Name of Bidder	Amount	Rate of Interest	Premium
Chase Securities Corp., Barr Bros. & Co., and Guardian Detroit Co.	\$1,000,000	6 1/2%	*\$13,890.00
Continental Illinois Co., and Foreman National Corp.	1,000,000	4 1/2%	13,097.00
M. M. Freeman & Co., Inc., and Drake-Jones Co.	1,000,000	4 1/2%	11,830.00
First Union Trust & Savings Bank, Northern Trust Co., and First Wisconsin Co.	1,000,000	4 3/4%	10,321.00
Guaranty Co. of New York, Bankers Co. of New York, First Minneapolis Co., and First St. Paul Co.	1,000,000	4 1/2%	10,190.00
Ames, Emerich & Co., Stone, Webster & Blodgett, the Detroit Co., and Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc.	1,000,000	4 1/2%	8,900.00
National City Co.	1,000,000	4 1/2%	350.00
Harris Trust & Savings Bank	1,000,000	4 1/2%	8,397.00
R. L. Day & Co., and Kalman & Co.	1,000,000	4 1/2%	8,311.00
Roosevelt & Son	1,000,000	4 1/2%	5,987.00
Wells-Dickey Co., and Eldredge & Co.	1,000,000	4 1/2%	5,560.00
Halsey, Stuart & Co., and Bancamerica-Blair Corp.	1,000,000	4 1/2%	3,690.00
Lehman Bros., Kean, Taylor & Co., Stern Bros., and American Nat. Co.	1,000,000	4 1/2%	2,225.00
Old Colony Corp., and Estabrook & Co. The Equitable Trust Co. of N. Y., First National Co. of Detroit, Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, and the First National Bank of St. Paul	1,000,000	4 1/2%	670.00

* Awarded bonds.

SCOTIA, Schenectady County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Howard B. Toll, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 3, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$150,500:

\$140,000 water bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$600. Due \$5,600 on Aug. 1 from 1934 to 1958, incl.
 10,500 fire department bonds. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Due on Aug. 1 as follows: \$2,500 in 1930 and \$2,000 from 1931 to 1934, incl.
 Both issues are dated Aug. 1 1929. Bidders to name rate of interest not in excess of 5%, stated in a multiple of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%. Principal and semi-annual interest (Feb. and Aug. 1) payable in gold at the Glenville Bank, Scotia. Bids must be for the total amount of bonds offered. Single rate of interest to apply to all of the bonds. Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for \$3,000, payable to the order of the Village. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. These are the bonds for which the bids listed below were rejected.—V. 129, p. 3046.

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid.
Marine Trust Co., Buffalo	4.90%	100.799
Barr Bros. & Co., New York	4.90%	100.3066
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo	4.90%	100.2895

Financial Statement, Nov. 1 1929.

Assessed valuation 1929	\$11,967,575.00
Actual valuation	15,000,000.00
Total bonded debt incl. this issue	938,600.00
Water bonds in above	261,700.00
Bonds for unpaid assessments (April 15 1929)	373,696.27
Floating debt	32,948.12
Tax rate 1929 per \$1,000	\$9.20
Population (est.) 6,500. Village incorp. 1904.	

SENECA FALLS, Seneca County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John C. Humphrey, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. on Dec. 2, for the purchase of \$30,000 paying bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, payable semi-annually. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1936, incl., and \$2,000 in 1937. A certified check for \$500, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

SEVEN HILLS (P. O. Brecksville, R. F. D. No. 3), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—Adolph Goellner, Village Clerk, states that no bids were received on Nov. 7 for the \$20,000 issue of 6% improvement bonds offered for sale.—V. 129, p. 2722. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and mature as follows: \$1,250 on July 1 1931, \$2,500, Jan. and July 1 1932 to 1938, incl., and \$1,250 on Jan. 1 1939.

SHELBY COUNTY (P. O. Shelbyville), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Henry Booher, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 2, for the purchase of \$14,640 4 3/4% Brandywine Township road improvement bonds. Dated Nov. 15 1929. Denom. \$732.00. Due \$732 on July 15 1931, \$732, Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$732 on Jan. 15 1941. Int. payable on Jan. and July 15.

SOLON VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BONDS DEFEATED.—H. E. Gildard, Clerk of the Board of Education, states that the voters at the general election held on Nov. 5—V. 129, p. 2896 rejected the proposal to issue \$65,000 in bonds for school building construction and improvement purposes.

SOUTH EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—Jessie M. Klumph, Village Clerk, reports that no bids were received on Nov. 20 for the \$242,300 6% road improvement bonds offered for sale.—V. 129, p. 2722. The bonds are dated April 1 1929 and mature on Oct. 1, as follows: \$24,300, 1930, \$24,000, 1931 to 1937, incl., and \$25,000 in 1938 and 1939.

SOUTH JERSEY PORT DISTRICT (P. O. Camden), Camden County, N. J.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—Harris, Forbes & Co., of New York, are offering \$100,000 4 1/2% series A (Camden) Marine Terminal bonds for public investment priced to yield 4.60%.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Old Colony Corporation, and the First National Bank of Boston, both of Boston, jointly, on Nov. 21 purchased an \$800,000 temporary loan at a 4.27% discount. The loan is due on April 22 1930. The following other bids were received:

Bidder	Discount
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$11.00)	4.59%
Curtis & Sanger	4.65%

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The First Stamford National Bank, on Nov. 19 purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan at a 4.70% discount, plus a premium of \$7.00. The loan is dated Nov. 19 1929 and mature on Mar. 14 1930.

STURGIS, St. Joseph County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$85,000 coupon Sewage Disposal Plant bonds offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3203—were awarded as 5s to the Sturgis National Bank, for a premium of \$1,113.50 equal to a price of 101.31, a basis of about 4.86%. The bonds are dated Nov. 15 1929 and mature as follows: \$3,000, 1932 to 1937, incl., \$4,000, 1938 to 1941, incl., \$5,000, 1942 to 1944, incl., and \$6,000 from 1945 to 1950, incl.

The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Premium
Citizens State Bank of Sturgis	5%	\$944.00
Detroit & Security Trust Co.	5%	901.00
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc.	5%	745.00
John Nuveen & Co.	5%	337.00
Spitzer, Rorick & Co.	5 1/4%	327.00

SUFFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Riverhead), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 coupon or registered highway bonds offered on Nov. 20—V. 129, p. 3204—were awarded as 4 1/2s to Dewey, Bacon & Co., of New York, for a premium of \$4,040, equal to a price of 101.01, a basis of about 4.38%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature on Dec. 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1930 to 1939, incl., and \$25,000 from 1940 to 1949, incl.

SUPERIOR, Douglas County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 5 1/2% school refunding bonds offered for sale on Nov. 15—V. 129, p. 3047—was awarded to the Milwaukee Co., of Milwaukee, for a premium of \$1,630, equal to 101.63, a basis of about 5.29%. Dated Jan. 3 1930. Due \$5,000 from Jan. 3 1931 to 1950, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer.

SYRACUSE, Onondaga County, N. Y.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—J. M. Morgan & Co., of New York and the First Trust & Deposit Co., of Syracuse jointly, are reported to have purchased on Nov. 20 a \$700,000 temporary loan, bearing 4.61% interest. The loan is dated Nov. 21 1929 and is payable on May 21 1930.

SYRACUSE GARDENS WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Liverpool), Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$48,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3048—were awarded as 5s to Batchelder, Wack & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.123, a basis of about 4.99%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature \$3,000 on Nov. 1 from 1934 to 1949, incl. The following other bids were received:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid.
Dewey, Bacon & Co., New York	5 1/4%	100.88
A. C. Allyn & Co., New York	5 3/4%	101.177
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. (Buffalo)	5 3/4%	100.476
First Trust & Deposit Co., Syracuse	5 3/4%	101.789

TAMA COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Iowa.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Nov. 27, by William H. Lauderdale, County Treasurer, for the purchase of a \$72,000 issue of 5% annual certificates. Denom. \$1,000 and \$200. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 31, as follows—\$45,000 in 1930 and \$27,000 in 1931. Sealed bids will be received up to the hour of calling for open bids. These certificates are being issued in anticipation of the Secondary Road Construction Fund. A certified check for \$2,160 must accompany the bid.

TECUMSEH, Pottawattomie County, Okla.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by Henry C. French, City Clerk, until 7 p. m. on Nov. 19, for the purchase of two issues of bonds aggregating \$136,000, as follows: \$129,500 water works system and \$6,500 sanitary sewer system bonds.
 (The above bonds were unsuccessfully offered on Sept. 10—V. 129, p. 2116.)

TEXAS, State of (P. O. Austin)—BONDS REGISTERED.—The following small issues of bonds were registered by the State Comptroller during the week ending Nov. 16:

- \$1,000 4% Montgomery County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 15 bonds. Due serially.
- 4,000 5% Navarro County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 11 bonds. Due serially.
- 3,500 5% Karnes and DeWitt Counties Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 34 bonds. Due in 20 years.
- 2,000 5% Ellis County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 27 bonds. Due serially.
- 6,000 5% Motley County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 4 bonds. Due serially.
- 8,000 5% Lamar County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 48 bonds. Due in 40 years.
- 560 5% Bowie County Cons. Sch. Dist. No. 10 bonds. Due in 20 years.
- 550 5% Brown County, road series E bonds. Due serially.

TRAVIS COUNTY (P. O. Austin), Tex.—WARRANT SALE.—The \$600,000 issue of 5% semi-annual court house and jail warrants offered for sale on Oct. 8—V. 129, p. 1781—was awarded to Mr. H. E. Wattinger, of Austin, the contractor. Due from Jan. 15 1931 to 1956, inclusive.

TROY, Pike County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of 6% funding bonds is reported to have recently been purchased at a price of 101.15 by the General Securities Corp., of Birmingham.

TROY, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas J. Halpin, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Nov. 29, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 1/2% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$240,000:

- \$150,000 New Public School Building No. 12 bonds. Due \$7,500 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1949, incl.
- 60,000 Department of Public Safety bonds of 1939. Due \$3,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1949, incl.
- 30,000 Public School improvement bonds of 1929. Due \$1,500 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1949, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 1) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. Bids must be for the total amount of bonds offered. Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for \$5,000, payable to the order of the City. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser without charge.

Financial Statement, Nov. 1 1929.

General debt	\$4,496,495
Water debt	1,420,800
Sinking fund	\$12
Certificate of indebtedness for harbor and dock and public improvements (temporary loan)	1,253,000
Real estate assessed valuation for 1929	68,896,954
Franchise assessed valuation for 1929	3,245,492
Personal assessed valuation for 1929	30,000
Total assessed valuation for 1929	72,245,032
Population (1920 census)	72,013

TUCKAHOE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—J. C. McDonnell, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 25, for the purchase of \$56,500 coupon or registered general improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000, 1931, one bond for \$500. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$9,500, 1930, \$8,000, 1931, \$6,000, 1932, \$4,000, 1933, \$3,000, 1934 to 1937, incl., \$2,000, 1938 to 1945, incl., and \$1,000 in 1946. Rate of interest is not to exceed 6%, to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Tuckaehoe. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished.

TULSA COUNTY (P. O. Tulsa), Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—On Dec. 10 a special bond election will be held on a proposed issue of \$500,000 for improvements to the county fair properties.

VAN ZANDT COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Tex.—BOND REGISTERED.—A \$50,000 issue of 5% road, series G bonds was registered on Nov. 13 by the State Comptroller. Due serially.

WACO, McLennan County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$75,000 issue of 5% sewage disposal and sanitary sewer bonds was registered on Nov. 13 by the State Comptroller. Due from 1930 to 1959, incl. (These bonds were sold on Oct. 1—V. 129, p. 2427.)

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. Williamsport), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,200 5% road improvement bonds offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 2896—were awarded to J. F. Wild, Co. of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$115, equal to a price of 100.75, a basis of about 4.86%. The bonds are dated Oct. 7 1929 and mature \$760 on Jan. and July 15 from 1932 to 1941, incl.

The following other bids were submitted:

Bidder	Premium
City Securities Corp.	\$101.00
Thomas D. Sheerin & Co.	5.00
Campbell & Co.	51.50
Inland Bank & Trust Co.	82.50
Fletcher Savings & Trust Co.	46.00

WASHTENAW COUNTY (P. O. Ann Arbor), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$29,500 Assessment Road District No. 25 bonds and the \$18,000 Assessment Road District No. 24 bonds, both issues aggregating \$47,500, offered on Nov. 20—V. 129, p. 3204—were awarded as 5 1/2s to the Ann

Arbor Savings Bank, of Ann Arbor, for a premium of \$128.00, equal to a price of 100.26, a basis of about 5.65%. The bonds mature annually in from 1 to 5 years. The following other bids were received:

Bidder	Int. Rate.	Premium.
Strahanan, Harris & Oatis, Inc.	5 3/4%	\$76.00
Braun, Bosworth & Co.	6%	249.00

WAYNESBURG, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$7,875 6% street improvement bonds offered on Oct. 19—V. 129, p. 2427—were awarded at par and accrued interest to the Waynesburg Bank, of Waynesburg. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929 and mature annually.

WEST CHESTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. West Chester), Washington County, Iowa.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$45,000 issue of 4 3/4% school bonds that was reported sold at a price of 100.55—V. 129, p. 3204—was purchased by the White-Phillips Co., of Davenport. Due in 20 years. Basis of about 4.71%.

WEST HAVEN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. West Haven), New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Irville A. May, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Nov. 26, for the purchase of \$250,000 4 1/4% coupon school building and refunding bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$10,000 on Dec. 1 from 1931 to 1955, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & D. 1), payable at the First National Bank of Boston, in Boston. Legality will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

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Last grand list for town of West Haven, Conn. (with which the West Haven School District is co-terminous)	\$60,931,712.00
Net debt of town of West Haven, Conn.	362,896.27
Total debt of West Haven School District	1,508,000.00
Total debt of town of West Haven and West Haven School District	1,870,896.27
Population estimated, 28,000.	

WESTMORELAND COUNTY (P. O. Greensburg), Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Garfield A. McDonald, County Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 12, for the purchase of \$400,000 4% road bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$100,000 in 1940 and 1945, and \$200,000 in 1950. A certified check for 2% of the total bid, payable to the order of the County Comptroller, must accompany each proposal. Sale of the bonds, subject to the approving opinion of Moorhead & Knox, of Pittsburgh.

WEST SENECA (P. O. Ebenezer), Erie County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Peter Mildenerger, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 9 p. m. on Nov. 25, for the purchase of \$42,500 coupon or registered paving bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5%, expressed in a multiple of 1-10th or 1/4 of 1%. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000 and \$500. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1930 to 1937, incl., \$5,000, 1938, and \$5,500 in 1939. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the Seneca National Bank, West Seneca. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

WILMINGTON, New Castle County, Del.—BIDS REJECTED.—All of the bids received on Nov. 18 for the purchase of the \$160,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered sinking fund bonds offered for sale—V. 129, p. 3048—were rejected.

WINDOM, Cottonwood County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7:30 p. m. on Nov. 25, by the City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$16,000 issue of storm sewer bonds. Due \$2,000 from Dec. 31 1934 to 1941, inclusive.

WINSTON-SALEM, Forsyth County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$950,000, unsuccessfully offered on Nov. 14—V. 129, p. 3205—were jointly awarded on Nov. 15 to Lehman Bros. and R. W. Pressprick & Co., both of New York, and Caldwell & Co., of Nashville, as 5s, at a price of 100.46, a basis of about 4.96%. The issues are divided as follows:

\$600,000 general improvement bonds. Due from Apr. 1 1932 to 1963, incl. 210,000 street improvement bonds. Due from Apr. 1, 1932 to 1949, incl. 140,000 water bonds. Due from Apr. 1 1932 to 1969, incl.

BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above bonds are now being re-offered for public subscription by the purchasers at prices to yield from 5.00% on the 1932-35 maturities to 4.75% on the 1950-69 maturities.

WISE COUNTY (P. O. Decatur), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$50,000 issue of 5 1/2% road and bridge funding bonds was registered on Nov. 12 by the State Comptroller. Due serially.

WOODLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Woodland), Yolo County, Calif.—RATE BASIS.—The \$51,000 issue of coupon school bonds that was purchased by the National Bankitaly Co., of San Francisco, at a price of 101.78—V. 129, p. 3205—bears interest at 5%, giving a basis of about 4.76%. Dated Oct. 7 1929. Due \$3,000 from 1930 to 1946, incl.

YAKIMA COUNTY (P. O. Yakima), Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by F. T. Briggs, County Auditor, until 2 p. m. on Nov. 25, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of drainage improvement district No. 43 bonds. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1930.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$800,000 bond anticipation notes sold to Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, of New York, bear interest at 4.97%, and were sold at par plus a premium of \$11.00. The notes are dated Nov. 20, 1929 and mature on June 12, 1930.

YOUNGVILLE, Lafayette Parish, La.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$21,000 issue of not to exceed 6% semi-annual village bonds offered on Oct. 22—V. 129, p. 2117—has not as yet been sold. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due from Oct. 1 1930 to 1959 incl.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BEVERLEY TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to W. Wood, Township Treasurer, Rockton, will be received until Dec. 2, for the purchase of an issue of \$13,054 improvement bonds, to bear 5% interest and to mature in 20 installments.

CAP DE LA MADELEINE, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—R. Morrisette, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Nov. 25, for the purchase of \$132,000 5% improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denoms. \$500 and \$100. Due serially in 10 years. Payable at Montreal, Quebec. Three Rivers and Cap de la Madeleine.

COCHRANE, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,000 5% improvement bonds offered on Nov. 11—V. 129, p. 2896—were awarded to Dymont, Anderson & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 96.11, a basis of about 5.39%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and are payable in 20 equal annual installments. The following other bids were received:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Harris, Mackeen & Co., Toronto	85.25
Gairdner & Co., Ltd.	84.643
C. H. Burgess & Co., Toronto	94.30
Bell, Gouinlock & Co., Toronto	92.25

DALHOUSIE, N. B.—BOND SALE.—The \$108,000 issue of 5 1/4% water bonds of 1929 offered on Oct. 23—V. 129, p. 2575—were awarded to the Eastern Securities Co., Ltd., of St. John, at a price of 96, a basis of about 5.78%. The bonds are payable as to both principal and interest in 30 years at the Royal Bank of Canada in Dalhousie.

DARTMOUTH, N. S.—OTHER BIDS.—The following is a list of the other bids received on Nov. 4 for the three issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$27,500 sold to J. C. Mackintosh & Co., of Halifax, at a price of 97.13, a basis of about 5.23%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature on Nov. 1 1949.—V. 129, p. 3205.

Bidder	Rate Bid
Johnston & Ward	97.05
Nova Scotia Trust Co.	97.05
City of Halifax	96.9271

EAST WHITBY TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 5 1/4% bridge bonds offered on Nov. 15—V. 129, p. 3205—were awarded to C. H. Burgess & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 98.84, a basis of about 5.60%. The bonds are dated Dec. 10 1929 and mature \$2,091.98 annually. Payable at the Royal Bank of Canada in Oshawa.

EDMONTON, Alta.—BOND ELECTION.—An unofficial report states that the rate-payers will shortly pass on the matter of issuing \$92,500 filtration plant bonds and \$65,000 water works extension bonds. Both issues aggregate \$157,500.

HALTON COUNTY (P. O. Milton), Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5 1/4% road improvement bonds offered on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 3205—were awarded to J. L. Graham & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 99.63, a basis of about 5.53%. The bonds are due in 20 years. Interest payable semi-annually.

HAMILTON, Ont.—BIDS REJECTED.—All bids submitted recently for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 5% bonds of the Hamilton Separate School Board were rejected, reports the "Monetary Times" of Toronto of Nov. 15. The bonds are said to mature in 20 years.

KINGSTON, Ont.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Dec. 2 to permit the rate-payers to pass on an \$80,000 railway debenture by-law and a \$75,000 grain elevator debenture by-law, according to report.

MORIN HEIGHTS, Que.—NO BIDS.—O. E. Seale, Secretary-Treasurer states that no bids were received on Nov. 15 for the \$9,500 5% improvement bonds offered for sale.—V. 129, p. 3049. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature serially in from 1 to 10 years. Payable at Morin Heights.

ONTARIO (Province of)—TO SELL \$30,000,000 BONDS.—An Associated Press dispatch of Nov. 21 to the New York "Times" of the following day states that J. D. Montieth, Provincial Treasurer, has estimated the amount of long-term bonds to be issued by the province in a few months at \$30,000,000.

PORT ARTHUR, Ont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$150,000 5 1/4% general hospital bonds is said to have been sold to the Bank of Montreal, at a price of 98.17, a basis of about 5.12%. The bonds mature in 30 years. The following is a list of other bids received:

Bidder	Rate Bid
Wood, Gundy & Co.	97.00
J. L. Graham & Co.	97.10

SASKATCHEWAN SCHOOL DISTRICTS, Sask.—DEBENTURES SOLD AND AUTHORIZED.—The following is a list of the debentures reported sold and authorized by the Local Government Board from No. 2 to the 9th, according to the Nov. 15 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto:

Deb. Sold: School Districts: Clarkville, \$2,500, 7 1/2%, 15 years, to Waterman & Waterbury; King Edward, \$1,600, 6 1/2%, 5 years, to Regina Public School Sinking Fund; and Etaples, \$800, 6%, 8 years, to A. Taylor, Zehnerl. Village of Edam, \$1,800, 7%, 15 years, locally.

Deb. Authorized: School Districts: Rabbit Ridge, \$2,000, 8%, 10 installments.

Town of Estevan, \$11,500, 6%, 10 years.

TORONTO TOWNSHIP, Ont.—BONDS AUTHORIZED.—The Nov. 15 issue of the "Monetary Times" of Toronto states that the council has approved a \$22,000 bridge debenture by-law and a \$25,000 hydro-electric debenture by-law. Both issues aggregate \$47,000.

VANCOUVER, B. C.—BOND ELECTION.—An election will be held on Dec. 11 to permit the rate-payers to pass on a proposition to issue \$2,800,000 bridge bonds, according to report.

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NOTICE OF REDEMPTION.

HIGHWAY BONDS.

STATE OF DELAWARE.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT pursuant to the provisions of Chapter 63, Volume 29, Laws of Delaware, under authority of which the above bonds were issued, the State of Delaware has elected to pay off and redeem on JANUARY 1, 1930, one Loan of the outstanding issues of 4 1/2 per cent Highway Bonds in the hands of the public at one hundred and five per centum of the principal debt, together with January 1, 1930, coupon.

Payment of said redemption price will be made at the Farmers Bank of the State of Delaware, Dover, Delaware, upon presentation and surrender thereof of all bonds elected to be redeemed with all unmatured coupons attached.

The following are the bonds that have been called for redemption on January 1, 1930.

STATE HIGHWAY LOAN OF 1921.

Dated Jan. 1, 1921—Due Jan. 1, 1961—4 1/2% All of \$1,000.00 denomination.

Numbers 1 to 375, inclusive.
Numbers 501 to 1460, inclusive.
Numbers 1462 to 1465, inclusive.
Numbers 1486 to 1600, inclusive.

INTEREST WILL CEASE to accrue from and after January 1, 1930, on all of the above-described bonds, which have been called for redemption.

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