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The Financial Situation.

The feature in the financial markets this week overshadowing all others has been the gold outflow. This has reached unexpectedly large dimensions. The Federal Reserve statement shows exports for the week ending Wednesday night of \$10,977,000, of which \$9,269,000 went to France and \$1,341,000 to Sweden. In addition, \$6,000,000 more gold was earmarked for foreign account, making a combined loss of nearly \$17,000,000. But this comprises only a part of the heavy export shipments of the metal. In the two days since Wednesday further takings, very heavy in amount, have been reported, two shipments for London alone, aggregating \$21,000,000, having been announced, these constituting the first takings on British account since May 1928. Last week, it will be recalled, an export of \$5,005,000 to Switzerland was reported, and for the month of November the export movement of the metal was reported by the New York Federal Reserve Bank at \$30,000,000, of which \$14,500,000 went to France, \$5,010,000 to Poland, and \$10,002,000 to Switzerland. Further large exports of the metal appear in prospect, and on Thursday the stock market was deeply disturbed by the heavy outflow and a severe break in prices was caused thereby.

In very great measure the heavy outflow of the metal is simply a rectification of the foreign exchanges after the recent collapse of the stock market, and is normal and natural. For a period of nearly two years the great speculation on the Stock Exchange, with the inordinately high interest rates to which it led, acted to draw capital and funds to New York from all parts of the world and held foreign exchange rates at figures which served to denude foreign centers of their supplies of the metal, even to the danger point. The draft on foreign stocks of the metal was a twofold one. In the first place, the spectacular rise in Stock Exchange prices,

so long continued, acted as a lure and a bait, tempting foreign speculators and investors to take a part in the speculation with the idea of sharing in the certain profits which appeared in prospect; and, in the second place, the high rates of interest prevailing here as a result of the speculation acted as a magnet for attracting floating supplies of capital and bankers' balances to this market. Now that the unbridled speculation is a thing of the past, and that interest rates have concurrently declined, the speculator has withdrawn from our market, taking his capital and his funds with him, while the drop in interest rates, in turn, has removed the inducement for holding idle capital and bankers' balances here, since better returns on the money can be obtained abroad. In such a state of things the gold movement is inevitably reversed and the foreign exchanges are all turning against New York, after having so long been strongly in favor of this center.

The steady reduction in the discount rates of the different European banks is a part of the same rectification process. This week the Bank of England has further reduced its rate, this time cutting it to 5%. It will be recalled that on Oct. 31 the Bank marked its rate down from 6½% to 6%, and on Nov. 21 found it possible to make a further reduction to 5½%, which has now been followed by this week's further step in lowering the rate to 5%. This is one of the beneficial effects resulting from the bursting of the speculative bubble on the Stock Exchange. At the same time, other European central banks have also further lowered their discount rates, one of these having been the Rigsbank of Sweden, which on Thursday reduced from 5½% to 5%, and another instance being the reduction by the National Bank of Austria on Monday from 8% to 7½%—all these coming on top of the long series of reductions announced during the month of November.

The United States has an overabundance of the metal, and there is nothing to be alarmed about in the present heavy export shipments, provided the movement is allowed to proceed in accord with economic law; that is, provided economic law is allowed to have free play, undisturbed by extraneous influences of any kind. Unfortunately, our Federal Reserve Banks are again injecting themselves into the situation, and it is the menace from that direction that the stock market scents and which has been the occasion for this week's renewed depression on the Stock Exchange. Let the student take up the Federal Reserve statements of this week and see what they reveal. Through their open market operations the Reserve Banks are again pursuing the policy that they pursued with such disastrous results in 1927. They are again adding heavily to their holdings of both United States Government securities and of bankers' acceptances when there is not the slightest

occasion for so doing. The member banks are now very rapidly reducing their borrowing at the Federal Reserve Banks, but the latter are seeking to offset this by adding to their holdings of Government securities and to their holdings of acceptances. This is done with a view to keeping about the same amount of Reserve credit outstanding regardless of the action of the member banks. The present week member bank borrowing at the Reserve institutions has been reduced in amount of over \$103,000,000, the discount holdings of the 12 Reserve Banks having fallen from \$872,310,000 Dec. 4 to \$768,922,000 Dec. 11. This is as it should be. The banks now have little or no need of borrowing at this time, inasmuch as brokers' loans, according to the Stock Exchange monthly figures, have been reduced in amount of over four billion dollars. Obviously Reserve credit should be reduced accordingly, and if this were done there could never be the least menace from an outflow of the metal, for if the movement should proceed to extremes, economic law would come in to work a natural cure. The money market and the foreign exchanges would quickly bring about the needed readjustment.

But it is evidently again Federal Reserve policy to thrust out unneeded Reserve credit. This week, as against the \$103,000,000 reduction in member bank borrowing, the holdings of Government securities have been increased in amount of \$31,790,000, these holdings having risen from \$355,144,000 to \$386,934,000, and the purchases of acceptances have simultaneously been enlarged in amount of \$65,322,000. In other words, the acceptance holdings and the Government securities holdings combined have during the past week been expanded in the sum of \$97,112,000, at a time when the member banks by reducing their borrowings have indicated a diminished need of Reserve credit in amount of over \$103,000,000.

These acceptance purchases and holdings of Government securities represent Reserve credit forced out at the instance of the Reserve Banks themselves, and therein lies the danger. What justification can be urged for keeping, by the voluntary action of the Reserve Banks themselves, the same amount of Reserve credit employed as before when speculative loans, as just pointed out, have been reduced in amount of over \$4,000,000,000, and trade also is declining even if as yet only in a moderate way, thereby curtailing the demand for bank credit on mercantile account. There can be no doubt that in such a state of things and at such a time, the policy of keeping huge amounts of unneeded Reserve credit afloat serves to accelerate the outflow of the metal. The gold movement is not permitted to have its natural, normal influence by acting as a check upon itself.

When, in 1927, the Reserve Banks embarked upon their easy money policy and in pursuance therewith increased their holdings of United States Government securities from \$253,896,000 May 11 1927 to \$627,403,000 Jan. 4 1928, while at the same time running up their holdings of acceptances from \$183,217,000 June 22 1927 to \$387,131,000 Jan. 4 1928, it was done with the deliberate purpose, as now admitted, of forcing an export of gold on the benevolent theory that the extra gold would be of help to Europe in easing its path to a resumption of gold payments. Are we to assume that the Reserve Banks are engaged in another attempt to force gold out of

the country? We imagine the Reserve Banks, if now charged with such a purpose, would vehemently deny the allegation. And yet such is unquestionably the working of the policy they are pursuing in keeping Reserve credit outstanding for which there is no call in trade through large purchases of Government securities and bankers' acceptances.

As it happens, the huge outflow of the metal is now exercising a disturbing effect. This week's renewed decline on the stock market, which, be it remembered, is no longer in an inflated condition, indicates how the financial markets are viewing the matter. There can be no doubt that if this feeling persists trade and industry are destined for further recession, whereas what is needed is an injection of confidence in the business world so that industrial activity shall, as nearly as possible, be fully maintained and unemployment of the laboring population be kept down to a minimum. In this sense, Reserve policy is directly in conflict with the purpose and endeavors of President Hoover in the numerous conferences he has had with leaders in the industrial, agricultural, financial, and banking world, and the plans he has set in motion for giving effect to his endeavors. For this reason alone Federal Reserve policy should be changed, if for no other. Federal Reserve credit should only go out, and should only remain out, in response to the needs of trade as reflected by direct borrowing on the part of the member banks. The open market operations of the Federal Reserve Banks are a meddlesome interference with the natural functioning of the Federal Reserve System and should be discontinued for the benefit of all concerned. The fact that the holdings of United States Government securities this week are \$386,934,000 against only \$135,704,000 on Oct. 23, and that the acceptance holdings at \$321,840,000 compare with only \$65,976,000 on July 10 tells plainly the story of the meddlesome interference that is going on. This is a repetition of what was done in 1927. What would be most helpful now would be the adoption of a hands off policy by the Federal Reserve.

One of the incidental benefits arising from the release of credit so long tied up in stock speculation is the more favorable terms upon which government, both Federal and municipal, is able to conduct its borrowing. New York City on Wednesday disposed of \$65,000,000 of 4½% corporate stock and serial bonds, and was able to place the whole on an interest basis of 4.351%. Last May the city offered \$52,000,000 of short-term corporate stock and then felt constrained to make the coupon rate as high as 5¼%, and disposed of the issue at an interest cost of 4.8065%. However, the city has not yet got back to the point where, as was the case in 1927 and the early portion of 1928, a coupon rate of only 4% sufficed, the city being able to realize a premium even at that rate. As one instance of the kind, on May 11 1927 the city marketed \$42,000,000 of 4% corporate stock due in 1977 on an interest basis of only 3.938%, and also placed \$17,600,000 of 4% serial bonds on a basis of 3.935%.

The Secretary of the Treasury the present week also had marked success with his offering of \$325,000,000 "or thereabouts" of nine months' certificates of indebtedness bearing only 3⅛%, but wholly tax-exempt—that is, free of the surtaxes as well as the normal income tax imposed by the Federal Gov-

ernment. Aggregate subscriptions reached \$722,522,500, of which \$351,640,500 were allotted. No less satisfactory was the outcome of the Secretary's offering of \$100,000,000 of the new Treasury bills bearing no interest, but sold on a discount basis. The tenders for these bonds closed yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock. This was the first offering of bills on a discount basis, and the tenders aggregated \$223,901,000. The highest bid was 99.310, equal to an interest basis of $2\frac{3}{4}\%$, and the lowest bid accepted was 99.152, equivalent to $3\frac{3}{8}\%$. The total accepted was \$100,000,000, at an average price of 99.181. The experiment thus proved an unqualified success.

This week's return of brokers' loans calls for little comment. After the long series of decreases in these loans that has been in progress since the panic, the loans the present week show a slight increase, the total having risen from \$3,392,000,000 Dec. 4 to \$3,425,000,000 Dec. 11, at which figure, however, comparison is with no less than \$5,176,000,000 a year ago on Dec. 12 1928. In this week's increase the loans "for account of others" have not participated, the amount of these having further declined from \$1,921,000,000 to \$1,909,000,000. On the other hand, the loans made by the reporting member banks in New York City for their own account have risen from \$792,000,000 to \$806,000,000, and the loans made for account of out-of-town banks have risen from \$680,000,000 to \$710,000,000.

The character of the changes in the statements of the Federal Reserve Banks themselves has already been indicated in the remarks in the earlier portion of this article. The discount holdings of the 12 Reserve institutions (which item reflects the borrowing on the part of the member banks) have been reduced from \$872,310,000 Dec. 4 to \$768,922,000 Dec. 11. On the other hand, the acceptance holdings have been increased from \$256,518,000 to \$321,840,000 and the holding of Government securities from \$355,144,000 to \$386,934,000. The final result is that the aggregate of Reserve credit outstanding, as reflected by the total of bill and security holdings of all kinds, remains very nearly as large as a week ago, the comparison being between \$1,491,299,000 Dec. 11 and \$1,502,670,000 Dec. 4.

The indicated yield of cotton from this year's crop, based on the December estimate of the Department of Agriculture, shows a slight reduction from the November report. The loss is mainly due to the smaller yield now indicated for Mississippi, Louisiana and Oklahoma, though the two Carolinas likewise contribute something to the reduction. On the other hand, there is some increase in Georgia and in some of the States of smaller production compared with the earlier report. The December estimate places the yield at 14,919,000 bales, which is 90,000 bales less than that indicated a month earlier. Production last year was 14,478,000 bales. Going back 10 or a dozen years, there have been only two years, 1925 and 1926, in which the cotton crop of the United States has been larger than that now indicated for this year, and the difference in favor of this year, excepting 1928 alone, was very marked for the greater part of that period.

The Department estimates production at 155.3 pounds per acre, which compares with 152.9 pounds per acre last year. A month ago the indicated yield

was placed at 154.1 pounds per acre. The Department now makes its revised estimate of the area available this year for harvest and places it at 45,981,000 acres. Last year the area picked was 45,341,000 acres. The area abandoned this year was 3.3% of that in cultivation. For some of the States of large production there is no change in the estimate of yield between the past two months. These States include Texas, Arkansas and Alabama.

Production for Texas remains at 3,950,000 bales compared with 5,106,000 bales harvested last year. If the estimate for that State this year is correct, less than 140,000 bales remain to be ginned to the end of the present season, whereas a year ago ginnings from Texas from Dec. 1 to the end of the season footed up more than 700,000 bales. Last month ginnings from Texas amounted to 673,000 bales, compared with 537,000 bales ginned in November 1928. Total ginnings this year on the entire crop to Dec. 1 were 12,857,971 bales, against 12,560,154 bales a year ago. Ginnings during November were 1,968,600 bales, compared with 2,397,700 in November last year. The latest estimate for the crop this year indicates additional ginnings of 2,161,000 bales to the end of the season, whereas a year ago the ginnings were 1,918,000 bales to the close.

The stock market has had another bad turn this week. The tone was well maintained on Saturday and Monday, with the course of prices, though somewhat irregular, yet, on the whole, higher. U. S. Steel and other steel properties, along with the copper shares, were all taken in hand and moved upward. Monday afternoon somewhat of a reactionary tendency developed, but this seemed to be the result mainly of profit taking sales, which are customary and natural after a rise of several days in the market. On Tuesday a new demonstration of strength was staged on the testimony given the day before by Owen D. Young as President of the Radio Corp. of America on the subject of the unification of communication services of all kinds, in the course of which he cited facts and figures with reference to the Radio Corporation and the International Tel. & Tel., which were given a favorable construction, and under the influence of which substantial advances were established in the stocks mentioned as well as a number of others, such as American & Foreign Power, American Can, General Electric, U. S. Steel, the motor shares, as well as some others, though there was, nevertheless, a considerable body of stocks which recorded losses at the end of the day. On Wednesday more or less irregularity was again in evidence, with the losses and gains pretty nearly evenly distributed, though with the market, on the whole, displaying reactionary tendencies and with nervousness decidedly in evidence.

On Thursday this nervousness became greatly intensified under the continued heavy outflow of gold, and when it was announced that two shipments of gold to London aggregating \$21,000,000 had been decided upon, the market suffered a bad break and prices tumbled in violent fashion, the weakness permeating the entire shares list, with American Tel. & Tel. down $9\frac{1}{4}$, American & Foreign Power 10, American Can $8\frac{1}{2}$, Anaconda down 3, Atchison $6\frac{3}{8}$, U. S. Steel $10\frac{3}{4}$, New York Central 4, Auburn Auto 22, General Electric 12, North American $10\frac{3}{8}$, and so on through almost the entire list. On Friday the weakness was again in evidence, though as the day

advanced some recovery ensued. Money continued to show pronounced ease, the call loan rate on the Stock Exchange ruling unchanged at $4\frac{1}{2}\%$ on every day of the week.

The volume of trading has been moderately large. On the New York Stock Exchange the sales at the half-day session on Saturday were 3,002,560 shares. At the full-day session on Monday they were 5,018,050 shares; on Tuesday they were 3,647,480 shares; on Wednesday, 3,897,300 shares; on Thursday, 4,504,860 shares, and on Friday 4,386,960 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales on Saturday were 937,200 shares; on Monday they were 1,347,700 shares; on Tuesday, 940,000 shares; on Wednesday, 892,900 shares; on Thursday, 1,145,400 shares, and on Friday, 1,179,200 shares.

As a result of the break the latter part of the week prices are quite generally lower. United Aircraft closed yesterday at $48\frac{1}{2}$ against $45\frac{1}{8}$ on Friday of last week; American Can at 118 against $122\frac{3}{8}$; United States Industrial Alcohol at $138\frac{1}{2}$ against 147; Commercial Solvents at $30\frac{7}{8}$ ex-div. against $32\frac{1}{4}$; Corn Products at $94\frac{5}{8}$ against 98; Shattuck & Co. at 42 against $40\frac{7}{8}$; Columbia Graphophone at $33\frac{1}{8}$ against $38\frac{1}{2}$; Brooklyn Union Gas at 140 against $153\frac{3}{4}$; North American at 95 against $102\frac{3}{4}$; American Water Works at $92\frac{3}{8}$ against $105\frac{1}{4}$; Electric Power & Light at 47 against 47; Pacific Gas & Elec. at $52\frac{5}{8}$ against $56\frac{7}{8}$; Standard Gas & Elec. at $119\frac{3}{4}$ against $130\frac{1}{4}$; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 98 against $103\frac{3}{4}$; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 74 against $80\frac{1}{4}$; Public Service of N. J. at $78\frac{7}{8}$ against 84; International Harvester at $81\frac{7}{8}$ against $87\frac{5}{8}$; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at $102\frac{5}{8}$ against $104\frac{3}{8}$; Montgomery Ward & Co. at $60\frac{1}{2}$ against $58\frac{7}{8}$; Woolworth at 76 against $79\frac{1}{4}$; Safeway Stores at $119\frac{1}{4}$ against 126; Western Union Telegraph at 201 against $201\frac{3}{4}$; Amer. Tel. & Tel. at $222\frac{1}{2}$ against $230\frac{3}{4}$, and Int. Tel. & Tel. at $76\frac{3}{4}$ against $77\frac{5}{8}$.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 259 against 279 on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 30 against $32\frac{1}{2}$; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 118 against $122\frac{1}{2}$; Radio Corp. at $44\frac{7}{8}$ against 43; General Electric at 235 against 254; National Cash Register at $74\frac{1}{2}$ against $84\frac{7}{8}$; International Nickel at 31 against $33\frac{1}{8}$; A. M. Byers at 91 against $91\frac{1}{2}$; Timken Roller Bearing at $77\frac{7}{8}$ against $79\frac{1}{8}$; Warner Bros. Pictures at $42\frac{3}{4}$ against $42\frac{7}{8}$; Mack Trucks at $75\frac{1}{4}$ against $74\frac{1}{2}$; Yellow Truck & Coach at $14\frac{3}{4}$ against $11\frac{7}{8}$; Johns-Manville at $124\frac{1}{2}$ against 135; National Dairy Products at $50\frac{1}{8}$ against $53\frac{5}{8}$; National Bellas Hess at 13 against $14\frac{1}{2}$; Associated Dry Goods at $33\frac{7}{8}$ against $33\frac{7}{8}$; Lambert Co. at 100 against 104; Texas Gulf Sulphur at $56\frac{1}{2}$ against $58\frac{3}{8}$, and Kolster Radio at $6\frac{3}{8}$ against $6\frac{1}{2}$. Just a few stocks have dropped to new low levels for the year. These are shown in the following:

STOCKS MAKING NEW LOWS FOR THE YEAR.

Railroads—
Int. Rys. of Central Amer. ctf. s.
Minn. St. Paul & S. S. Marie pref.
Norfolk Southern.
Seaboard Air Line.
Wabash pref. B.
Industrial and Miscellaneous—
Abfibi Power & Paper.
American Beet Sugar.
Blumenthal & Co. pref.
Botany Consol. Mills class A.
Butterick Co.
Cavanagh-Dobbs.
Celotex pref.
Century Ribbon Mills pref.
Chickasha Cotton Oil.

Railroads (Cont.)—
Crex Carpet.
Cuba Cane Sugar pref.
Cuban-American Sugar.
Cuban-American Sugar pref.
Curtiss-Wright.
Eitington-Schild pref.
Eitington-Schild common.
Fashion Park Assn. pref.
Fashion Park Assn. common.
Gotham Silk Hosiery pref.
Grant (W. T.).
Hoe (R.) & Co.
Kaufmann Department Stores.
Kelly-Springfield Tire 8% pref.
McCrorry Stores class B.

Indus. & Miscell. (Cont.)—
Nat. Air Transport.
Nat. Bellas Hess pref.
North German Lloyd.
Oil Well Supply.
Park Utah Consol. Mines.
Pathe Exchange.
Pet Milk.
Pitts. Terminal Coal pref.
Rhine Westphalia Elec. Power.

Indus. & Miscell. (Concl.)—
Schulte Retail Stores.
Schulte Retail Stores pref.
Shubert Theatre.
Telautograph Corp.
Trico Products.
United Electric Coal.
U. S. Leather prior pref.
Van Raalte.
White Sewing Machine pref.

The steel shares held up fairly well. United States Steel closed yesterday at 172 against $171\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Youngstown Sheet & Tube closed at bid 106 against $107\frac{1}{2}$; Bethlehem Steel at $94\frac{1}{2}$ against 95, and Republic Iron & Steel at $77\frac{3}{4}$ against 80. The motor stocks displayed greater strength than the rest of the list. General Motors closed yesterday at $41\frac{3}{4}$ against $40\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at $54\frac{1}{4}$ against $52\frac{3}{8}$; Chrysler at $35\frac{1}{2}$ against $33\frac{3}{4}$; Packard Motors at $16\frac{1}{8}$ against $14\frac{3}{4}$; Hudson Motor Car at $51\frac{1}{8}$ against $49\frac{3}{4}$, and Hupp Motors at $21\frac{3}{8}$ against $19\frac{3}{4}$. In the rubber group Goodyear Rubber & Tire closed yesterday at 71 against $72\frac{1}{4}$ on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 48 against $46\frac{7}{8}$; United States Rubber at $28\frac{5}{8}$ against 29, and the preferred at $51\frac{1}{2}$ against $54\frac{3}{8}$.

Railroad stocks are lower. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at $81\frac{1}{4}$ against $83\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; New York Central at $175\frac{1}{2}$ against $178\frac{1}{2}$; Erie RR. at 63 against $65\frac{1}{4}$; Delaware & Hudson at $174\frac{3}{4}$ against 173; Baltimore & Ohio at $118\frac{1}{4}$ against 118; New Haven at $113\frac{7}{8}$ against $113\frac{3}{8}$; Union Pacific at $219\frac{3}{4}$ against 227; Southern Pacific at 123 against 123; Missouri Pacific at $89\frac{5}{8}$ against 85; Kansas City Southern at 81 against $84\frac{7}{8}$; St. Louis Southwestern at 63 against $66\frac{3}{4}$; St. Louis-San Francisco at $111\frac{1}{2}$ against $112\frac{1}{8}$; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at $47\frac{1}{2}$ against $43\frac{1}{4}$; Rock Island at $118\frac{1}{4}$ against 122; Great Northern at 98 against 101, and Northern Pacific at 93 against 94.

The oil shares have been slightly depressed. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 66 against $67\frac{3}{4}$ on Friday of last week; Simms Petroleum at 26 against 27; Skelly Oil at 33 against $33\frac{7}{8}$; Atlantic Refining at $40\frac{1}{8}$ against $42\frac{1}{4}$; Pan American B at $60\frac{1}{2}$ against 62; Phillips Petroleum at 38 against $39\frac{3}{8}$; Texas Corp. at $56\frac{5}{8}$ against $58\frac{3}{4}$; Richfield Oil at $28\frac{1}{2}$ against $29\frac{3}{8}$; Standard Oil of N. Y. at $34\frac{5}{8}$ against $35\frac{1}{2}$, and Pure Oil at $23\frac{1}{4}$ against $24\frac{1}{4}$.

The copper group, after early strength, moved lower again the latter part of the week. Anaconda closed yesterday at $77\frac{1}{2}$ against $78\frac{3}{8}$ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at $58\frac{1}{2}$ against $60\frac{3}{4}$; Calumet at $31\frac{1}{2}$ against 33; Andes Copper at bid $34\frac{1}{2}$ against 35; Inspiration Copper at 31 against 31; Calumet & Arizona at 88 against 91; Granby Consolidated Copper at 57 against 57; American Smelting & Refining at $74\frac{1}{8}$ against $76\frac{1}{4}$, and U. S. Smelting & Refining at $36\frac{1}{4}$ against 39.

European stock markets have been quiet and irregular this week, with alternating periods of strength and depression that left all exchanges at the close yesterday somewhat lower than they were a week ago. A bright spot, not only for London but for Paris and Berlin as well, has been the unexpected lowering of the Bank of England discount rate Thursday from $5\frac{1}{2}$ to 5%. Local troubles in the several markets have prevented this decision of the Bank from exercising much effect. In London it developed on the same day that losses in connection with the Henry Horne fiasco will be huge, and the market, moreover, was still under the in-

fluence of an announcement by directors of the Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., Wednesday, that dividends would be omitted on both preference and ordinary shares. As the Royal Mail is the world's largest shipping combination, all shares in this group were weak on the announcement. In Berlin the market has been depressed by the unfavorable political outlook and several sharp criticisms from high quarters of the Government's financial procedure. The Paris market also has been affected to some extent by political developments, but perhaps more by a natural hesitation following the severe movements of recent weeks.

The London Stock Exchange was firm at the opening Monday as week-end reports from New York appeared favorable, but scattered liquidation soon developed and the market turned irregular. The gilt-edged list was slightly easier. Royal Mail shares were strong for a time, but the rally was not maintained. Tuesday's session at London was described as "dismal," with gilt-edged securities inactive and lower, while most other sections of the market also drooped. Anglo-American favorites sold off with the rest and there was no sign of support from any direction. The Royal Mail statement on Wednesday produced a sharp reaction in these and other shipping shares. Some improvement occurred, however, among gilt-edged securities and a few of the international stocks also made progress. The announcement of the discount rate reduction Thursday stimulated the gilt-edged issues, and this tendency was aided by heavy gold shipments from New York. Royal Mail shares recovered slightly after a further severe drop, while the revelations of the Henry Horne losses caused a sharp recession in British Cement Products shares. International issues followed an uncertain trend. The London market turned downward as a whole yesterday, with gilt-edged issues joining international stocks and others in minor losses.

The Paris Bourse began the week with a brisk show of strength, but this was succeeded in the middle of Monday's session by dullness and hesitation. Buying ceased and prices dropped off as profit-taking developed. Trading was again slow Tuesday, and the market was left largely to professional traders with the result that it fluctuated upward and downward in see-saw fashion. The public, according to Paris reports, preferred to await the outcome of a struggle in the Chamber of Deputies between the Tardieu Government and the Left Opposition. With Premier Tardieu's financial reforms well received in the Chamber, prices on the Bourse steadied Wednesday and the selling of previous sessions ceased. Business, however, showed little improvement. Trading dropped off even further Thursday, both the public and professional traders refraining from buying and selling. Prices receded slowly, but the losses were not important. The trend at Paris was again easier in yesterday's session.

Little interest was manifested by investors and speculators in the proceedings on the Berlin Boerse, Monday, and an exceedingly small volume of business was done in the session. A sharp downward movement took place in textile stocks because of apprehensions of reduced annual dividends, but the market otherwise was uninteresting. Tuesday's session at Berlin was listless and depressed, with Reichsbank shares almost the only exception to the general weakness. Textile shares were again heavily

sold. Uncertainty over the political situation affected the Boerse Wednesday and stocks again turned weak after early firmness. Many rumors were circulated of political alignments against the Coalition Cabinet, and the position of the Government was considered weak. Artificial silk shares rallied to some extent, but the gains were not maintained. The atmosphere on the Boerse improved markedly Thursday as the result of an optimistic speech by the industrialist, Privy Councilor Duisberg. Reichsbank shares were much sought and advanced 12 points. The improvement spread slowly throughout the list, and was much aided by the reduction in the Bank of England discount rate. The better tone was maintained yesterday and prices again advanced.

An important step toward Unnited States membership in the Permanent Court of International Justice at The Hague was taken Monday, when Jay Pierrepont Moffat, Charge d'Affaires of the American Legation at Berne, formally signed the three protocols involved in American entry. The action was taken at Geneva under the express authority of President Hoover, who had declared in his message to Congress last week that such a step would be taken. Before this nation becomes an active member of the Court, however, the protocols must be ratified by all adherents. The United States was the last of the great nations to sign the new protocols recently prepared at Geneva, only the small States of Abyssinia, Albania and Lithuania having previously failed to do so. It is believed that the signatures of these three countries will now be affixed very shortly. Ratification will then be sought by the Parliaments or imperial councils of all member nations, and only in the event of unanimous acceptance of the protocols will the United States become a member. It is already indicated that action on the matter by the United States Senate may be delayed for a long time, as President Hoover will probably allow considerable time to elapse before submitting the question to the Senate. There is every likelihood, however, that Senate action will be favorable, when taken, as the protocols were expressly designed to overcome reservations previously made by the Senate.

Three protocols were signed by Mr. Moffat in behalf of this Government, of which the first was the original Court statute of 1920. The United States is the 54th nation to attach its signature to this document. The other documents now signed are the Root protocol for meeting the Senate's reservations to the Statute, and the protocol containing amendments to the original statute. Both protocols were drawn up last April by the Committee of International Jurists of which Elihu Root was a member, and they were adopted at a conference of World Court members in Geneva Sept. 14. The Root protocol makes American consent necessary before an advisory opinion on questions in which America has or claims an interest can be requested of the World Court judges by the League of Nations. Under this formula, the United States will participate in the preliminary debates on such questions either directly or indirectly on an equal footing with the nations regularly represented in the League of Nations Council or Assembly. It will remain for the United States to devise the machinery of such participation. As an additional safeguard, more-

over, it is provided that if the Court finally gives an advisory opinion from which the United States dissents, the adhesion of this nation to the Court may terminate "without prejudice."

Announcement that the signature of the United States to the documents was about to be attached was made by the State Department in Washington last Sunday. The Department made public at the same time a letter from President Hoover to Secretary Stimson authorizing the necessary arrangements for the signature and enclosing full powers for Mr. Moffat to act for the United States. This letter was in reply to a lengthy communication from Mr. Stimson to the President, dated Nov. 18, reviewing the efforts of the United States Government toward the adjustment of international disputes through judicial means, and ending with the recommendation that our diplomatic representatives in Switzerland be authorized to sign the protocols. In this letter, also made public last Sunday, Mr. Stimson carefully reviews the implications of the Senate reservations, and declares that in his opinion the Court, by its procedure in the past, had already safeguarded the United States with respect to rendering it amenable to an advisory opinion. The procedure necessary under the new Protocol of Adherence is reviewed in detail, and Mr. Stimson adds: "It seems to me that the dangers which seemed to inhere in the rendering of advisory opinions by the Court at the time the question was last presented to this Government in 1926 have now been entirely removed, both by the action of the Court itself, and by the provisions of these new protocols. The objections which caused the Senate reservations have been met. Advisory opinions can no longer be a matter of secret procedure but must follow the forms and receive the safeguards of all formal court proceedings in contentious cases." In a statement made at Geneva Monday by Mr. Moffat, in behalf of Secretary Stimson, the appreciation of the United States Government was expressed to the members of the Court who have signed the protocol of American accession "for their friendly endeavors to meet the objections set forth in the reservations of the United States."

Intensive study of naval data has been undertaken in Washington by the American delegates to the five-power naval limitation conference which is to begin in London Jan. 21 1930. Preparations also were continued in London, Tokio, Paris and Rome for the meeting, and conversations were carried on among all the governments in an effort to settle as many problems as possible before the actual conference gets under way. There was little to indicate this week that the great problems of the Japanese demand for a 70% ratio of American strength in 10,000 ton cruisers, and the Italian demand for parity with France were nearer settlement. Official circles in Paris were depicted in several dispatches as none too optimistic regarding the outcome of the conference. Most of the delegates to the conference have already been selected by the respective Governments, and the Japanese representatives are due to arrive in Washington early next week for preliminary discussions with American officials. It was indicated in Rome reports dated Sunday that the Italian delegation will be composed of Foreign Minister Grandi, Minister of the Navy Admiral Sirrianni, Admiral Acton, who participated in the Washington

conference, and Ambassador Bordanaro, whose post is at London. Paris dispatches of Wednesday stated that Premier Tardieu, Foreign Minister Briand and Marine Minister Leygues will probably represent France.

The importance of the Japanese demands for a higher ratio of cruiser strength than was accepted by Tokio on battleships in the 1921 Washington conference was indicated Tuesday by the appointment of William R. Castle, Jr., to be special Ambassador to Japan during the period of the conference in London. It was made known at the White House that Mr. Castle will return to his present duties as Assistant Secretary of State when the armaments conference ends. "Mr. Castle has had especial familiarity with the factors which will enter into the London discussions, and this was stressed with the announcement of his nomination," a Washington report to the New York "Times" said. The appointment made an excellent impression in Tokio, reports from that capital said. The step was viewed as an indication of President Hoover's consideration of Japan's point of view and his desire to maintain close consultation with Japan through an envoy intimately acquainted with his policy. Geneva reports have indicated that the question of the conflict in dates of the League Council meeting and the naval conference meeting has at last been resolved. The naval meeting was inadvertently fixed for Jan. 21, notwithstanding previous selection of Jan. 20 as the date for the League Council conference in Geneva. Since the foreign ministers of the important European States will have to attend both meetings, a change was necessary, and it now appears that the Italian suggestion for advancing the date of the League meeting one week has been adopted. The League Council, accordingly, will meet Jan. 13, giving the members time to finish their discussions before the naval conference begins.

Numerous official and unofficial discussions were again carried on in Europe this week as necessary preliminaries to the second conference of governments at The Hague, which is to meet Jan. 3 for the purpose of settling remaining questions and adopting the new Young plan of German reparations payments. An international jurists' committee met in Brussels Tuesday and took up the task of coordinating the reports of the various subcommittees that have formulated operating sections of the plan. This meeting is the final official gathering before the second Hague conference. The jurists are to draw up a set of international treaties which will embody the new plan and which are to be adopted at The Hague next month. As many disputatious points were left unsettled by the predecessor subcommittees on the Bank for International Settlements, deliveries in kind, and payments by non-German defeated States, it is believed the jurists' committee also will find it necessary to refer portions of the prospective treaties back to the conference of governments. No public statements are to be issued by the jurists, who expect to complete their labors within two weeks. Jean Marx, one of the Belgian delegates on the Reparations Commission, was chosen chairman of the jurists' gathering at the initial session.

Much comment was caused over the last week-end by the detailed statement in which Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank and head of

the German experts, protested against measures which he considers likely to change the intentions of the plan and eventually endanger its success. Dr. Schacht rebuked the German Government for its failure to deal with the internal financial and economic situation, and also warned the reparations powers against encroachments on the letter and spirit of the Young plan as it was drawn up at Paris. The German Government was galvanized into immediate action by this statement and a reform program was promptly placed before the Reichstag. The Cabinet in Berlin issued a reply last Saturday to Dr. Schacht, in which it was intimated that the Reichsbank President was motivated by political considerations. The German press, however, gave almost unanimous support to Dr. Schacht. In France these developments were followed with amazement, and the belief was generally expressed that the Reichsbank head issued the statement to further his own political ambitions.

Great uncertainty continues to prevail regarding the settlement of the reparations problem in the Eastern European countries. Small progress was made on this question at the recent meeting in Paris of representatives from the Balkan States. Rumania refused to accept a settlement suggested by the great powers unless the optants question between Hungary and Rumania were included in the general settlement. Hungarian authorities declined resolutely to meet this demand, and a complete deadlock has been the sequel. It was reported in a Budapest dispatch of Sunday to the New York "Times" that representatives of England, France and Italy were making efforts to adjust this matter. A statement was issued by the Hungarian Premier, Count Bethlen, in which it was charged that "the recent requests of the powers" are an open breach of the Treaty of Trianon. "Hungary's foreign policies must consist of honest fulfillment of the peace treaties," Count Bethlen said. "No one can order us to accept further tasks than are provided there." Further indignation at the reparations demands made on Hungary was expressed in the Upper House in Budapest Wednesday, and a resolution was adopted approving the Government's stand on the questions of reparations and the optants. As against this, however, it was indicated in Prague Wednesday that the Little Entente States of Czechoslovakia, Rumania and Yugoslavia had decided to make a common declaration on the subject of Eastern reparations at The Hague conference. "The Little Entente will refuse to sign the Young plan until Hungary gives guarantees that it will carry out its international obligations," a dispatch to the "Times" said. The question at issue between Hungary and Rumania centers largely around the Rumanian contention that sums due to Hungarian optants for seized lands must be set off against the amount due from Hungary to Rumania as reparations. Bulgaria also is objecting to the arrangements suggested at Paris recently, and active discussions are being carried on in London between British officials and two Bulgarian Ministers who journeyed to the British capital for the purpose.

There were few developments this week to indicate the course of the important conversations now going on among the larger Western European powers concerning the divisions of the German reparations payments which is to be the subject of the discussion at the coming Hague conference. In the light of

the developments at the first Hague meeting in August and the subsequent inability of the Bankers' Committee to incorporate German payments in their trustee deed, it is assumed by observers that the question of the demands by Chancellor Snowden of Britain for additional unconditional annuities is still open. Although the demands were conceded in part at The Hague, it appeared afterward that the question of the larger unpostponable payments to Britain remained in doubt. In a Paris report of Dec. 6 to the New York "Herald Tribune" it was remarked that the events of the past few weeks have revealed new obstacles to the adoption of the Young plan and the formation of the Bank for International Settlements. "Some of these obstacles are now the subject of energetic private conferences in London, Paris and elsewhere between banking officials, and few, if any, of them have yet been surmounted," the dispatch said. It was again declared in a Paris report of Dec. 11 to the New York "Times" that an extremely active exchange of notes and visits is being carried on among all the foreign ministries of Europe in an effort to reach some agreement before the second Hague conference. "Considerable progress has been made during the past two weeks, particularly between France and England," this report said, "but there remains the outstanding difficulty of what is to be done about the situation between Hungary and those who have claims against her."

A steadily mounting toll of marine and land casualties was occasioned over the last week-end by winds of hurricane force that lashed the coasts of England, France, Holland and Spain. The storm raged with only brief respites for more than four days, whipping the English Channel into fury and sending numerous ships to the bottom with a loss of life estimated at more than 150. Winds blew through Channel ports in gusts that reached 108 miles an hour at times, piling up tempestuous seas and playing havoc with shipping. Even the largest liners were forced to heave to for hours at a time and wait out the worst of the winds, while smaller vessels sent out wireless calls for help by the dozens. Sea and air traffic between England and France was completely suspended last Sunday. The winds were accompanied by heavy rains which flooded the Thames Valley and now threaten a repetition of the disastrous floods of 1928 in London, when the Thames overflowed the embankments and caused great damage. In some of its upper reaches the river ran three miles wide this week, where normally the banks are only 300 feet apart. Many towns and villages in the low-lying districts have been partly inundated. The worst of the flood is expected to reach the tidal section of the Thames next week, and as the full moon will then also cause unusually high tides there is much apprehension of further disastrous floods in the London area.

Political machinations in Poland caused a prompt fall of the Warsaw Cabinet late last week, only a single day after the Sejm or Diet reassembled to consider the budget and other Government measures. The opening of the Sejm was delayed more than a month by incidents on Oct. 31, when Marshal Joseph Pilsudski, Minister of War and dictator of Poland, appeared in the Sejm building attended by about 80 members of his famous "Colonel" group. M. Daszynski, Marshal of the Sejm, refused to pro-

ceed with the session in the presence of the armed officers, and a decree was finally issued by President Moscicki postponing the meeting. When the Deputies reassembled Dec. 5, M. Daszynski referred briefly to the occurrence that caused the delay and then appealed to the Parliament to set to work straightening out the country's finances and change the Constitution to make it more workable. Following this opening address, Finance Minister Matuszewski made a short speech on the budget for next year. A speaker for the Opposition then presented a motion of no-confidence against the Government, which other speakers for both the Right and the Left opposition parties supported heartily, but a vote was put off until the following day.

After a long debate on Dec. 6, in which Premier Switalski and four of his Ministers participated, the motion of lack of confidence was sustained by the wide margin of 246 votes to 120. M. Switalski thereupon conferred at length with Marshal Pilsudski, and at noon last Saturday he presented the resignation of his Government to President Moscicki. Conferences with leaders of the Sejm parties were immediately begun by the President for the formation of a new Cabinet. "President Moscicki," a Warsaw dispatch of Dec. 7 to the New York "Times" said, "to-day called on Marshal Pilsudski whose decision will, of course, be final." The Cabinet crisis continued all this week, with reports from German sources indicating that the delay was occasioned by serious illness of Marshal Pilsudski. "Whatever the outcome of the crisis may be," a dispatch to the "Times" said, "economic circles maintain that it is for the country's good that the suspense is ended at last. The political uncertainty, a state of no peace and no war between the Government and the Sejm, was considered worst of all, worse than an avowed dictatorship or the weakest Parliamentary Government would be. Now there is hope at last that the prolonged crisis has passed."

A month of bargaining between the fifteen political parties represented in the new Czechoslovakian Parliament elected at the end of October was concluded last Saturday, making possible the formation of a Bourgeois-Socialist Cabinet under Premier Franz Udrzal. The new Cabinet will consist of 12 Czechs, two Slovaks and two Germans. Dr. Edouard Benes, who has been Foreign Minister ever since the founding of the republic, will continue to hold that post. The only new Ministers are Dr. Franz Matousek, Trade; Jan Dostalek, Public Works; Bohumir Pradac, Agriculture, and Dr. Ludwig, Social Welfare. The Parliamentary representation of the coalition, according to a Prague dispatch to the New York "Times," comprises 46 Czech and 16 German Agrarians, 25 members of the Clerical Czech People's party, 14 National Democrats, and 12 members of the Czech Business party, who compose the bourgeois bloc, as well as 43 Czech and 21 German Social Democrats and 32 Czech National Socialists, who make up the Socialist bloc. It is thus more of a Socialist Government than the one which preceded it, and for the first time since the founding of the Czechoslovakian State contains German Social Democrats.

An undercurrent of political unrest, long prevalent in Haiti, came suddenly to the surface last week in the form of strikes in the customs offices,

labor agitation in the cities of Port au Prince and Cape Haytien, and finally in an encounter at Aux Cayes between a marine patrol and a band of 1,500 Haitians from the interior. United States marine forces, which have been in Haiti since 1915, quickly mastered the situation and quiet conditions were restored early this week. The encounter in Aux Cayes was a bloody one, however, in which five Haitians were killed and 20 wounded, while one marine was hurt in a hand-to-hand struggle with the leader of the band. The band of Haitians in which these casualties occurred was encountered by marines on the outskirts of Aux Cayes last Saturday, according to an Associated Press dispatch from Port au Prince. The body of men, carrying clubs, machetes and stones, demanded that they be permitted to enter the city to join strikers there, and when told that the strike was over and the city back at work, they demanded that two leaders enter it to determine the facts. This was permitted, the report continued, but when the leaders returned and confirmed the news that the strike was over the information was greeted with curses and jeers. The band then "advanced on the marines, throwing stones and surrounding the patrol." After firing three volleys over the heads of the advancing men without effect, the marines opened effective fire with machine guns and automatic rifles, scattering the band in all directions.

Reports of trouble in Haiti have been current for several weeks, but they were not at first considered of unusual importance. Starting with a few students, the unrest spread to colleges and professional schools, according to Washington reports. In sympathy, employees in government departments then went on strike, and on one occasion clerks in the Customs House at Port au Prince engaged in general disorders before walking out. The unrest, it was explained, "took on a political character through the encouragement of leaders who have been opposed to the government of President Borno." The failure of the latter for a long time to declare himself out of the Presidential race was believed to have contributed to the political phase of the situation, but he announced early last week that he would not stand for re-election, receiving thereupon the congratulations of the United States Department of State. With disorders assuming a more threatening aspect, Colonel Richard Cutts, brigade commander of United States Marine Corps forces in Haiti, issued a proclamation on Dec. 4 declaring martial law in force in Port au Prince and Cape Haytien. Patrols of marines and of the Garde d'Haiti, which is controlled by the marines, maintained order in these cities without trouble.

Cognizance of the serious situation in Haiti was promptly taken by the Administration in Washington last week, and 500 marine reinforcements were ordered dispatched from Norfolk, Va., to Port au Prince, while the cruiser Galveston was ordered to sail from Guantanamo to Jacmel. Secretary of State Stimson issued a statement late Dec. 6 reviewing the developments, and it was made known at the same time that President Hoover would send a special message to Congress on the following day concerning the relations of the United States with the West Indian republic. It was recalled, in connection with the message promised by Mr. Hoover, that he had referred in his message to Congress on Dec. 3 to the difficult situation in Haiti and sug-

gested the dispatch of a commission to that country to "study the matter in an endeavor to arrive at some more definite policy than at present." An Administration spokesman pointed out, according to Washington dispatches, that the present American occupation of Haiti is by virtue of the Treaty of 1915 between the United States and Haiti. The object of this treaty, as expressed in the preamble, is to remedy the condition of the Haitian revenues and finances, to maintain the tranquillity of the republic, and to carry out plans for the economic development and prosperity of the people.

President Hoover's message on the Haitian situation was sent to Congress last Saturday. "I feel," Mr. Hoover said in this communication, "that it is most desirable that the commission mentioned in my message of Dec. 3 be constituted and sent to Haiti without delay and I, therefore, request the Congress to authorize the immediate sending of such a commission and to appropriate for this purpose \$50,000. It is my intention to include one or two members from each House of Congress on this commission." The President also summarized the developments in Haiti up to the time his message was prepared and he revealed that the American High Commissioner in Port au Prince had asked that additional marines be kept in readiness so that American lives can be protected. American representatives in Haiti were praised by the President as having shown great ability and devotion, with signal results in improvement of the material condition of the people. "Yet our experience has revealed more clearly than was seen at first the difficulties of the problem," the message said, "and the entire situation should be reviewed in the light of this experience. Since the dispatch of my message disturbances in Haiti emphasize the importance of such an investigation and determination of national policies in the immediate future."

Quiet conditions were rapidly restored throughout Haiti last Sunday. The cruiser "Galveston," with its regular marine detachment of 50 men, arrived at Jacmel early on that day and found the city quiet. News of the prompt dispatch of marine reinforcements from the United States was published in the chief cities, and it was said this contributed to the feeling of stability. "Under the martial law," an Associated Press report of Sunday said, "there has been established no censorship in any form on the press, and the usual flexible censorship of cable and telephone communications has not been added to. Three opposition papers have voluntarily suspended publication, although encouraged by Commander Cutts to continue." Subsequent reports also were satisfactory, indicating that orderly conditions prevailed throughout the country, and President Hoover therefore gave orders Tuesday that the 500 marine reinforcements sent from Norfolk be diverted to Guantanamo, where they will still be within easy distance of Haiti. This action also was taken upon recommendations of American officials in Port au Prince, who said there was no present need for the reinforcements. The situation cleared further Wednesday, and officials ordered the release of 98 political prisoners, including 26 who were arrested as instigators of the street demonstrations last week. Reassuring statements were issued by Haitian leaders, and it was urged that the martial law be again lifted.

One of the most confused and uncertain situations in all the recent history of China has been occasioned in that country by a widespread and ever-growing revolt of military Provincial Governors against the Nanking Nationalist Government. The Nanking leaders, who organized the Kuomintang, swept northward from Canton three years ago and finally effected a degree of unification of the entire land. Chiang Kai-shek, as the chief military figure of that advance, was made President of the new regime at Nanking, and an able program of reform was announced. Since the unification was effected, revolts against the central regime at Nanking have been almost a weekly occurrence, but heretofore they have yielded to the methods of military force or pecuniary reward adopted by Nanking. In the current movement many Provincial Lords, or Tuchuns, appear to have combined against Nanking, and the result remains in doubt, although Nanking forces at last reports seem to have won several significant victories. Military leaders have shifted their allegiance in recent weeks with breath-taking speed. In a Shanghai cable of last Saturday to the New York "Times" it was indicated, however, that many of the leaders in the populous central provinces had joined in opposition to President Chiang Kai-shek, and it was stated, moreover, that they had requested the support of a Southern faction conducting an attack against the Southern stronghold of Canton. The important Wuhan cities, 600 miles up the Yangtze, were threatened and Nanking itself was considered in danger. Loyal forces in Canton were able to beat off the invaders in that area Wednesday, and on Thursday it was reported that the drive against Nanking also had been halted. Government forces were next concentrated for defense of Hankow, while officials made great efforts toward conciliation of the rebellious factions. The fighting so far has not been considered decisive.

Foreigners in the interior Yangtze River cities were considered in great peril as the fighting developed, and steps for their protection were taken by several governments. Seven American destroyers and the United States cruiser "Pittsburgh" sailed from Manila Monday for Chinese ports. In London, Foreign Secretary Arthur Henderson revealed on the same day that measures had been taken for the immediate dispatch of naval reinforcements to Nanking. He declared also that preparations had been made for evacuation of women and children from the Chinese capital. Japanese vessels also proceeded up the Yangtze to protect foreign interests and nationals. In the native section of Shanghai military law was proclaimed as the result of an attempt by rebels to capture the Lunghwa arsenal. A tight censorship on news from the interior was quickly established by the Nationalist authorities, and reports have accordingly been unreliable. President Chiang Kai-shek issued statements declaring that he will fight to his dying breath and adding that the present crisis is a step which the revolution must undergo to achieve success. The sole point on which the rebels were said to be in agreement, however, was their demand for the removal of Chiang from office.

As already stated, the Bank of England on Thursday reduced its rate of discount from 5½%, the rate in effect since Nov. 21, to 5%. The Rigsbank of Sweden the same day also reduced from 5½% to 5%.

the lower rate, however, not becoming effective until Friday (Dec. 13). The Austrian National Bank on Monday marked its rate down from 8% to 7½%. Rates continue at 7% in Germany and Italy; at 5½% in Denmark, Norway 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 4 13/16@4 7/8% against 4 13/16% on Friday of last week, and for long bills 4 13/16% against 4¾@4 13/16% the previous Friday. Money on call in London yesterday was 4 1/8%. At Paris open market discounts remain at 3½%, and in Switzerland at 3¼%.

The Bank of England rediscount rate was this week reduced to 5% from 5½%. The latter rate was in effect since Nov. 14 on which date it was reduced from 6%. The Bank's return for the week ended Dec. 11 shows a gain of £3,165,209 in gold holdings, but as this was attended by an expansion of £4,072,000 in circulation, reserves dropped £907,000. The Bank now holds £137,434,418 of gold in comparison with £157,191,056 a year ago. Public deposits increased £857,000 while other deposits fell off £1,646,599. The latter consists of bankers accounts and other accounts which decreased £547,901 and £1,098,698 respectively. The reserve ratio is 31.23% compared with 31.86 last week and 37.90% last year. An increase of £235,000 was shown in loans on Government securities and a decrease of £55,385 in those on other securities. Other securities include "discounts and advances" which dropped £795,001 and "securities" which rose £739,616. Below we give a comparison of the various items for five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1920.		1923.		1927.		1926.		1925.	
	Dec. 11.	Dec. 12.	Dec. 12.	Dec. 13.	Dec. 14.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 15.	Dec. 16.	Dec. 16.	Dec. 16.
Circulation.....	365,158,000	374,820,000	374,820,000	137,248,625	139,888,670	144,153,115				
Public deposits.....	8,860,000	7,628,000	8,721,037	11,145,568	10,718,512					
Other deposits.....	94,471,617	104,147,000	101,841,787	108,098,352	118,294,806					
Bankers' accounts.....	58,072,562									
Other accounts.....	36,399,055									
Govt. securities.....	60,663,855	59,106,000	41,348,992	28,877,539	48,367,526					
Other securities.....	28,297,956	28,195,000	54,744,306	76,313,338	78,126,585					
Disc't & advances.....	8,827,605									
Securities.....	19,470,351									
Reserve notes & coin.....	32,274,000	42,369,000	32,410,069	31,954,317	20,398,640					
Coin and bullion.....	137,434,418	157,191,056	149,908,694	152,092,987	144,801,755					
Proportion of reserve to liabilities.....	31.23%	37.90%	29.31%	26.81%	15 3/4%					
Bank rate.....	5%	4 1/4%	4 1/4%	5%	5%					

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

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the first week of December shows an increase in gold and bullion of 4,301,000 marks, bringing the total of the item up to 2,244,633,000 marks. Total gold in the corresponding week last year amounted to 2,652,142,000 marks and two years ago were 1,861,022,000 marks. Bills of exchange and checks decreased 119,893,000 marks during the week while deposits abroad remained unchanged. Notes in circulation reveal a contraction of 232,443,000 marks, reducing the total of the item to 5,358,580,000 marks, as compared with 4,554,910,000 marks last year. Advances and other assets register decreases of 107,647,000 marks and 21,590,000 marks respectively. An increase is shown in Reserve in foreign currency of 1,561,000 marks and in notes on other German banks of 8,146,000 marks, while investments show a slight decline namely 4,000 marks. Silver and other coin and other daily maturing obligations declined 793,000 marks and 6,642,000 marks, while other liabilities increased 3,166,000 marks. A comparison

of the various items of the Bank's return for the past three years is shown below:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.			Status as of		
	Dec. 7 1929.	Dec. 7 1928.	Dec. 7 1927.	Dec. 7 1929.	Dec. 7 1928.	Dec. 7 1927.
Assets—						
Gold and bullion.....Inc.	4,301,000	2,244,633,000	2,652,142,000	1,861,022,000		
Of which depos. abr'd.....	Unchanged	149,788,000	85,626,000	77,248,000		
Res've in for'n curr.....Inc.	1,561,000	399,027,000	177,970,000	278,521,000		
Bills of exch. & checks.....Dec.	119,893,000	2,866,785,000	2,101,369,000	2,392,236,000		
Silver and other coin.....Dec.	793,000	94,238,000	85,932,000	49,547,000		
Notes on oth. Ger. bks.....Inc.	8,146,000	11,361,000	16,009,000	15,846,000		
Advances.....Dec.	107,647,000	57,082,000	57,325,000	42,303,000		
Investments.....Dec.	4,000	92,558,000	92,339,000	93,430,000		
Other assets.....Dec.	21,590,000	665,230,000	539,944,000	502,483,000		
Liabilities—						
Notes in circulation.....Dec.	232,443,000	5,358,580,000	4,554,910,000	4,043,680,000		
Oth. daily mat. oblig.....Dec.	6,642,000	438,532,000	440,743,000	500,071,000		
Other liabilities.....Inc.	3,166,000	329,420,000	272,850,000	325,456,000		

In its statement for the week ended Dec. 7, the Bank of France reveals an increase of 323,154,721 francs in gold holdings. The total of gold now amounts to 41,131,408,572 francs, the highest figure ever recorded in the history of the Bank. Both credit balances abroad and bills bought abroad show gains of 61,000,000 francs and 38,000,000 francs respectively. French commercial bills discounted record a large decline, namely 1,220,000,000 francs. A decrease appears in note circulation of 868,000,000 francs, reducing the total of the item to 67,290,947,680 francs which compares with 61,826,066,435 francs of the corresponding week last year. Advances against securities increased 198,000,000 francs while creditor current accounts declined 948,000,000 francs. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past two weeks as well as for the corresponding week last year:

BANK OF FRANC'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.		Status as of	
	Dec. 7 1929.	Dec. 30 1929.	Dec. 7 1929.	Dec. 8 1928.
Gold holdings.....Inc.	323,154,721	41,131,408,572	40,808,253,851	31,638,805,210
Credit bal. abr'd.....Inc.	61,000,000	7,167,846,540	7,106,846,540	14,094,864,537
French commercial bills discounted.....Dec.	1,220,000,000	9,390,754,270	10,610,754,270	1,588,292,173
Bills bought abr'd.....Inc.	38,000,000	18,754,509,993	18,716,509,993	18,815,143,621
Adv. agt. secur.Inc.	198,000,000	2,669,651,838	2,471,651,838	2,269,901,773
Note circulation.....Dec.	868,000,000	67,290,947,680	68,158,947,680	61,826,066,435
Cred. curr. acct.Dec.	948,000,000	20,027,902,216	20,975,902,216	19,175,855,169

Money rates in the New York market were a shade firmer this week than in previous sessions, notwithstanding the continued world-wide tendency of rates to lower levels. The difference in New York was scarcely noticeable, as it consisted chiefly of diminished offerings of call loans in the unofficial market at concessions from official rates, and in a slight tightening of time loans. As against this, the New York market took due cognizance of the lowering of the discount rates of both the Bank of England and the Bank of Sweden this week from 5½ to 5%. Note also was taken of the cut in the rediscount rate of the Atlanta Federal Reserve Bank from 5 to 4½%, making the fifth American Reserve institution to establish the latter figure in the current movement. Demand loans on the Stock Exchange were quoted this week at 4½% for all transactions. Slight concessions were made in the unofficial "Street" market Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, with a little money available at times at 4%. In the two previous weeks, outside loans were frequently offered as low as 3%.

Much interest was displayed in the Treasury offering of \$325,000,000 3 1/8% nine months' certificates. Books were closed with great rapidity on this issue, but subscriptions, nevertheless, totaled \$722,552,500. Brokers' loans this week reversed their downward trend, an advance of \$33,000,000 being reported for the week ended Wednesday night in the statement

of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York. Of prime interest to money brokers were the heavy gold shipments of the week now ending. The report of the New York Reserve Bank for the week ended Wednesday night showed gold exports of \$10,977,000, and imports of \$430,000, while gold held ear-marked for foreign account increased \$6,002,000. Vessels sailing yesterday and to-day, however, will carry further great amounts of gold, London alone taking \$21,000,000.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, all loans on every day of the week have again been at 4½%, this including renewals. Time money has continued dull, with the quoted rates for loans of all dates at 4¾@5% on every day of the week. Most transactions were of loans for 90 days and four months at 5%. Dealings in commercial paper in the open market were very light. Rates for names of choice character maturing in four to six months have continued to rule at 5%, while names less well known have commanded 5¼@5½%, with New England mill paper quoted at 5¼%.

The market for prime bankers' acceptances has been unusually active the present week. A goodly number of bills has been available and the supply has been quickly absorbed, with the Federal Reserve Bank an active purchaser both on its own account and for its foreign correspondents. Prices have remained unchanged. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council continue at 4⅛% bid and 4% asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 days; 4% bid and 3⅞% asked for 90 days; 4⅛% bid and 4% asked for 120 days, and 4¼% bid and 4⅛% 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 also remain the same as follows:

	SPOT DELIVERY.					
	—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	4¼	4½	4¼	4½	4¼	4
	—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills.....	4	3¾	4½	4	4½	4
	FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.					
Eligible member banks.....						4¼ bid
Eligible non-member banks.....						4¼ bid

On Dec. 9 the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta reduced its rediscount rate on all classes of paper of all maturities from 5% to 4½%, effective Dec. 10. 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 Dec. 13.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston.....	4½	Nov. 21 1929	5
New York.....	4½	Nov. 15 1929	5
Philadelphia.....	5	July 26 1928	4½
Cleveland.....	5	Aug. 1 1928	4½
Richmond.....	5	July 13 1928	4½
Atlanta.....	4½	Dec. 10 1929	5
Chicago.....	4½	Nov. 23 1929	5
St. Louis.....	5	July 19 1928	4½
Minneapolis.....	5	May 14 1929	4½
Kansas City.....	5	May 6 1929	4½
Dallas.....	5	Mar. 2 1929	4½
San Francisco.....	4½	Dec. 6 1929	5

Sterling exchange has been irregular but firm and frequently in demand at rates close to the shipping points for gold from New York to London. The out-

standing news of importance relating to sterling exchange this week is the reduction of the Bank of England rate to 5% from 5½%, an increase in the bank's gold holdings of £3,165,209, and two shipments of gold on Thursday from New York to London aggregating \$21,000,000. These gold shipments from New York were made after the New York Federal Reserve Bank's official report of the gold movement for the week had been compiled. This is the first outward movement of gold to London since May 1928. It is generally believed that these will be the only shipments at the present time. It is reported that the Bank of England arranged these shipments through the Midland Bank of London at a price slightly above the open market rate for gold before the Bank rate was cut. In this way the metal was secured on a more favorable exchange basis than is now possible. The "Wall Street Journal" said in comment on the reduction in the Bank of England's rate of rediscount: "Conditions in the domestic money market make it unlikely that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will follow the Bank of England in reducing the rediscount rate, at least until after the year-end. Should the local bank rate be reduced to 4% now, it would be difficult to regard it as other than an artificial move to ease credit further and assist the Bank of England in recouping some of its gold stock."

The reduction in the Bank of England rate had been hoped for by English business men and the advance in sterling exchange and gold exports to London from New York have removed former difficulties in the way of reduction. The sharp improvement during the past two weeks in favor of London in the sterling-franc rate and the consequent cessation of the gold flow from London to Paris have also been contributing factors in the lowering of the rate. The reduction to 5% brings the Bank of England rate to the lowest level since Feb. 7 1929, when the rate was raised from 4½% to 5½%. Subsequently the rate was raised a full per cent to 6½% on Sept. 26, when continued gold exports had materially weakened the Bank of England's position. With the collapse of speculation on the New York stock market and the coincident easing of credit in New York, sterling began to strengthen with the result that the Bank rate was lowered by ½% on Oct. 31 and by another ½% on Nov. 21. In Monday's trading sterling exchange sold as high as 4.88½, the highest point on the present movement. As noted above, the Bank of England shows an increase in gold holdings for the week ending Dec. 12 of £3,165,209, the total standing at £137,434,418. This compares with £157,191,056 a year ago. The increase in gold holdings does not include the above-mentioned \$21,000,000 that is now being shipped from New York. The London gold holdings will be further strengthened immediately by Australian shipments. The Commonwealth Bank of Australia recently decided to sell \$20,000,000 in gold to the Bank of England. On Saturday the Bank of England received £364,377 in sovereigns from abroad, and on Monday received £556,000 in sovereigns and sold £18,899 in gold bars. On Tuesday the Bank bought £244,800 in gold bars and received £2,644 in sovereigns. On Wednesday the Bank received £1,010,800 in sovereigns, sold £5,118 in gold bars and exported £22,000 in sovereigns. On Thursday the Bank sold £24,034 and bought £1,435 in gold bars. On Friday the Bank received £1,000,000 in

sovereigns from abroad, exported £2,000 in sovereigns, sold £18,872 in gold bars and bought £7,400 in bars.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Dec. 5-Dec. 11, inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$430,000, of which \$197,000 came from Argentina and \$233,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries. Exports totaled \$10,977,000, of which \$9,269,000 was shipped to France, \$1,341,000 to Sweden, \$139,000 to Mexico, \$108,000 to Germany, \$60,000 to England, and \$60,000 to Java. The Reserve Bank also reported an increase of \$6,002,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Dec. 11, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK DEC. 5-DEC. 11, INCLUSIVE.

Imports.	Exports.
\$197,000 from Argentina	\$9,269,000 to France
233,000 chiefly from other Latin American countries	1,341,000 to Sweden
	139,000 to Mexico
	108,000 to Germany
	60,000 to England
	60,000 to Java
\$430,000 total	\$10,977,000 total
<i>Net Change in Gold Earmarked for Foreign Account.</i>	
Increase \$6,002,000	

Canadian exchange continues at a discount, though less unfavorable to Montreal than the rates prevailing for a long time until a week ago. On Saturday last Montreal funds were quoted $\frac{1}{8}$ of 1% discount; on Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at 15-16; on Thursday at 13-16 of 1%, and on Friday at 27-32 of 1% discount. The discount on Montreal funds is largely due to the constantly growing unfavorable commodity export balance in favor of the United States as against Canada and is due possibly in some degree to the fact that the Canadian banks consider it unadvisable to attempt to correct the discrepancy through the shipment of gold from Ottawa. Sir Charles Gordon, President of the Bank of Montreal, said at a recent meeting of the shareholders of the bank:

"There never was a time in the history of Canada when business as a whole has been at a higher peak than during the year under review or when the developed resources of our wealth were more wide and varied than they are to-day, and never a time when the earning power of our people was sustained in so many channels of production."

Referring to day-to-day rates, sterling exchange on Saturday last was firm. Bankers' sight was 4.87 $\frac{5}{8}$ @4.87 $\frac{1}{8}$, cable transfers 4.88 $\frac{1}{4}$ @4.88 5-16. On Monday sterling moved up sharply. The range was 4.87 23-32@4.88 for bankers' sight and 4.88 5-16@4.88 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers. On Tuesday sterling continued in demand. The range was 4.87 13-16@4.88 for bankers' sight and 4.88 $\frac{3}{8}$ @4.88 15-16 for cable transfers. On Wednesday the market eased off slightly. Bankers' sight was 4.87 11-16@4.87 15-16 and cable transfers 4.88 3-16@4.88 5-16. On Thursday sterling continued to show a slightly easier tone. The range was 4.87 17-32@4.87 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 4.88 1-32@4.88 $\frac{1}{8}$ for cable transfers. On Friday there was further slight easing; the range was 4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$ @4.87 $\frac{3}{4}$ for bankers' sight and 4.88@4.88 3-32 for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.87 $\frac{5}{8}$ for demand and 4.88 1-16 for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$, sixty-day bills at 4.83 1-16, ninety day bills at 4.81 3-16, documents for payments (60 days) at

4.83 1-16, and seven-day grain bills at 4.86 11-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.87 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The Continental exchanges continue firm although irregular and on balance fractionally easier than last week. Bankers say that there has been heavy selling of dollars in Paris, Berlin and other European markets. This sale of dollars would in itself be sufficient to account for the firmer quotations for sterling and the Continental currencies. French interests continue to withdraw balances from this side, transferring them to London and Paris, a factor making for firmness in exchange on Paris. As noted above, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York accounts for a shipment of \$9,269,000 gold to Paris and bankers say that further shipments are in prospect. This is more likely to be the case since the sterling-franc rate has moved more in favor of London and it would seem that for the time being at least the Paris gold takings in London may come to an end. If sterling exchange remains firm, especially with respect to the franc, the additional gold which seems likely to be imported into France between now and the year-end will doubtless be drawn exclusively from New York. The reasons for the constant repatriation of French capital are various. The peasant is hoarding notes, since there is no gold coin current, and the only short-term Treasury paper subscribable is National Defense bonds (paying 4% and running for two years). It is alleged also that activity in business has demanded more funds for investment and working capital and that householders want more money for daily expenses. Undoubtedly heavy taxation has exerted its influence, proof whereof lies in the Treasury's large balances abroad and at home. More recently events in Wall Street have caused a return tide of money to Paris. Much of the French Treasury balances, it is believed, will be withdrawn from London and New York on account of the decision of the French Government to set aside \$280,000,000 for public works projects. This is expected to produce a substantial movement of gold to France. It is believed that the metal could be readily moved from New York with the franc at 3.93 $\frac{3}{4}$, figuring the interest rate at 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ %. A rate of 3.93 15-16 or 3.94% would be needed, figuring the interest rate at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % to 5%. The Bank of France statement for the week ended Dec. 6 shows a further heavy increase in gold holding of 323,000,000 francs, bringing the total to 41,131,000,000 francs, which compares with 31,638,000,000 francs a year ago. Present holdings are highest in the record of the Bank. The Bank's ratio of reserves is also at record high, standing at 47.10%, which compares with 39.06% a year ago and with the legal requirement of 35%.

German marks, though firm, have receded from the higher levels of a week ago. Mark exchange is dull in New York and bankers report heavy sales of dollars in the German centres. However, marks are sufficiently firm to foreshadow the probability of an outward flow of gold from New York to Berlin. An element of firmness in exchange on Berlin is seen in the disposition to increase American loans to German business. Now that the Bank of England has reduced its discount rate, bankers are strongly of the opinion that the Reichsbank will yield to demands of business interests in Germany and reduce its official rate of rediscount.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.92 on Friday of this week, against 123.98 on Friday of

last week. In New York sight bills on the French center finished at $3.93\frac{5}{8}$, against $3.93\frac{5}{8}$ on Friday a week ago; cable transfers at $3.93\frac{7}{8}$, against $3.93\frac{7}{8}$, and commercial sight bills at $3.93\frac{1}{4}$, against $3.93\frac{3}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at $13.99\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and at $14.00\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against $13.99\frac{1}{2}$ and $14.00\frac{1}{2}$. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.94 for checks and 23.95 for cable transfers, in comparison with $23.94\frac{1}{4}$ and $23.95\frac{1}{4}$ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at $5.23\frac{3}{8}$ for bankers' sight bills and at $5.23\frac{5}{8}$ for cable transfers, against $5.23\frac{3}{8}$ and $5.23\frac{5}{8}$ 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 $2.96\frac{5}{8}$, against $2.96\frac{5}{8}$; on Bucharest at $0.60\frac{3}{4}$, against $0.60\frac{1}{4}$; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25, and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at $1.30\frac{1}{4}$ for checks and at $1.30\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against $1.29\frac{3}{4}$ and $1.30\frac{1}{8}$.

Exchange on the countries neutral during the war is generally firm, the Scandinavian units showing especial firmness. The strongest of the neutral currencies is that of Sweden, which ruled this week around 26.98 for cable transfers, as compared with dollar parity of 26.80. This is also the parity of the Norwegian and Danish krone. Exchange on Norway finished this week at 26.81 and exchange on Copenhagen at 26.84 for cable transfers. The Bank of Sweden has reduced its rate of rediscount to 5% from $5\frac{1}{2}$ %. As the Scandinavian countries are inclined to work in unison in economic matters, it would seem probable that Denmark and Norway may also reduce their rediscount rates from $5\frac{1}{2}$ % to 5%. As noted above, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York accounts for a shipment of \$1,341,000 in gold to Sweden. New York bankers are inclined to believe the shipment to be in the nature of a special transaction. Swedish crowns have been strong in this market for some time, the highest rate quoted has been 27.00. It is generally estimated that a rate of 27.01 to 27.02 is necessary in order to show even a small profit and 27.04-5 is necessary for a substantial gain on a gold transaction. It is possible, however, that the necessary foreign exchange transaction was made in Stockholm. In this case a greater profit could be shown, since there is a wider market for dollars at Stockholm than for crowns in New York. Holland guilders continue firm although trading has been dull. Spanish pesetas have been irregular and inclined to sag owing to speculative transactions, taking place generally in European markets. The Spanish Government has announced that it will issue on Jan. 1 a 350,000,000 gold peseta internal loan in the form of 10-year 6% tax-free treasury bonds redeemable at par. Premier Primo de Rivera said in a recent statement that the future of Spain is cloudless and the settlement of the acute question of the exchange rate necessitates only calm and serenity, and that when the exchange rate is settled Spain will be considered one of the strongest and sanest of all nations financially.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at $40.33\frac{1}{4}$, against $40.23\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at $40.35\frac{1}{4}$, against $40.35\frac{1}{2}$, and commercial sight bills at $40.29\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.29. Swiss francs closed at $19.42\frac{1}{2}$ for bankers' sight bills and at $19.43\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.43 and 19.44 a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.82 and cable transfers at 26.84, against

26.82 and 26.84. Checks on Sweden closed at $26.96\frac{1}{2}$ and cable transfers at $26.98\frac{1}{2}$, against $26.94\frac{1}{2}$ and $26.96\frac{1}{2}$; while checks on Norway finished at 26.79 and cable transfers at 26.81, against $26.80\frac{1}{2}$ and $26.82\frac{1}{2}$. Spanish pesetas closed at 13.84 for checks and at 13.85 for cable transfers, which compares with 13.92 and 13.93 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges continue dull. Sharp weakness has been displayed by Brazilian milreis during the past few days. The decline has been accompanied by reports from Brazil that official support has been withdrawn, although no official statement has been issued. However, apparently much weight is given to the fact that the Bank of Brazil, controlled by the Federal government, discontinued on Saturday the selling of exchange. This action is interpreted to mean that President Luis has been forced to abandon the stabilization plan and efforts to maintain a stable rate for milreis. The decline in the milreis is due largely to low coffee prices in the New York market, together with the decrease in coffee exports from Santos, giving Brazil an unfavorable trade balance. Bankers entertain the opinion that there are grave possibilities of further decline in milreis. It is thought that President Washington Luis will take every possible measure to save the stabilization scheme in some form rather than permit a resumption of speculation in milreis. The Argentine peso has been firmer. Argentina has been shipping gold steadily to New York and London. Argentina has shipped more than \$10,000,000 in gold to New York since the beginning of October and nearly \$72,000,000 since the first of the year. Argentina's gold stock has been reduced from \$607,000,000 on Dec. 31 1928 to about \$496,000,000 on Sept. 30, the last official figure available. Industrial strikes at the ports, the poor agricultural year, with a considerable decline in practically all classes of exports and a constant increase in imports, have been the chief factors in the weakness of the peso in world markets. Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 41.30 for checks, as compared with 41 3-16 on Friday of last week, and at 41.35 for cable transfers, against $41\frac{1}{4}$. Brazilian milreis finished at 11.47 for checks and at 11.50 for cable transfers, against 11.72 and 11.75. Chilean exchange closed at 12 3-16 for checks and at $12\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 12.15 and 12.20; Peru at 3.94 for checks and at 3.95 for cable transfers, against 3.94 and 3.95.

The Far Eastern exchanges continue dull, with uncertainty greatly increased on account of the intensification of political and warring factors in China. The silver units are also easier owing to the low prevailing prices of silver. Japanese yen are firm owing to the elimination of all uncertainties as to the removal of the gold embargo. It is thought that any momentary fractional ease in the yen can be linked with the disturbance to Japanese business arising from perplexing Chinese conditions. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday 48 15-16@ $49\frac{1}{8}$, against $48\frac{7}{8}$ @ $49\frac{1}{8}$. Hongkong closed at $42\frac{7}{8}$ @ $43\frac{1}{8}$, against $42\frac{7}{8}$ @43 1-16; Shanghai at $54\frac{5}{8}$ @ $54\frac{7}{8}$, against $54\frac{5}{8}$ @55 1-16; Manila at 50, against 50; Singapore at 56 7-16@ $56\frac{5}{8}$, against 56 7-16@ $56\frac{5}{8}$; Bombay at $36\frac{1}{2}$, against $36\frac{1}{2}$, and Calcutta at $36\frac{1}{2}$, against $36\frac{1}{2}$.

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 DEC. 7 1929 TO DEC. 13 1929, INCLUSIVE.

Table with columns: Country and Monetary Unit, Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York Value to United States Money, Dec. 7, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, Dec. 11, Dec. 12, Dec. 13. Rows include Europe (Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, etc.), Asia (Chefoo, Hankow, Shanghai, etc.), and various Americas (Canada, Cuba, Mexico, etc.).

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.

Table with columns: Saturday, Dec. 7; Monday, Dec. 9; Tuesday, Dec. 10; Wednesday, Dec. 11; Thursday, Dec. 12; Friday, Dec. 13; Aggregate for Week. Rows show dollar amounts for each day and the weekly total.

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:

Table with columns: Banks of, Dec. 11 1929, Dec. 13 1928. Rows list banks like England, France, Germany, Spain, Italy, etc., with columns for Gold, Silver, and Total bullion amounts.

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

The Outbreak in Haiti.

The recent outbreak of disorder in Haiti, coming as it did as a complete surprise to the whole country, may well have seemed to President Hoover a painful development. In his message to Congress, on Dec. 3, Mr. Hoover had referred to the continued presence of Marines in Nicaragua, Haiti and China, had declared that "in the large sense we do not wish to be represented abroad in such manner," and had expressed the hope that the American forces in Nicaragua and China might soon be materially reduced in numbers. Regarding Haiti he said: "In Haiti we have about 700 Marines, but it is a much more difficult problem, the solution of which is still obscure. If Congress approves, I shall dispatch a commission to Haiti to review and study the matter in an endeavor to arrive at some more definite policy than at present." There is nothing in these words to indicate anything save a friendly and deeply interested attitude on the part of the President toward the anomalous Haitian situation, yet within a few hours after the reading of his message a revolt of dangerous proportions was reported to have broken out, the Marines had been obliged to use their arms, apparently in self-defense, some lives had been lost and considerable damage done to property, and additional Marines and a cruiser were shortly on their way to aid in restoring order.

Mr. Hoover, of course, is in no way personally responsible for the present unhappy situation in Haiti, and even partisan criticism can hardly in fairness urge that he ought, in the first few months of his Administration, to have gone exhaustively into the situation and proposed such changes in the system of American control as would have removed any causes of complaint. Mr. Hoover inherited the Haitian problem from the Coolidge Administration, which inherited it from the Harding Administration, to which it had been passed on by the Wilson regime. The present American occupation of Haiti dates from 1915, when a treaty was concluded between the United States and the then Haitian Government for the purpose, it was stated, of remedying the condition of Haitian finances, maintaining peace in the country, and facilitating the execution of plans for the economic development of the country and the social improvement of its people.

The ratification of the treaty by the Haitian Senate was not entirely voluntary. Following a violent outbreak in July 1915, in which President Sam and some 200 political prisoners were killed, an American naval force under Admiral Caperton took control of Haiti and restored order. Opposition in the Haitian Senate to the treaty with the United States which had shortly been proposed was overcome, as Admiral Caperton reported, "by exercising military pressure at propitious moments in negotiations." On Nov. 10 the Admiral was directed by Josephus Daniels, Secretary of the Navy, to arrange with President Dartiguenave for a meeting of the Haitian Cabinet, and to state, "on your own authority," that "there is a strong demand from all classes for immediate ratification and that treaty will be ratified Thursday," and to express his confidence that "if the treaty fails of ratification . . . my Government has the intention to retain control in Haiti until the desired end is accomplished, and that it will forthwith proceed to the complete pacification of Haiti so as to insure internal tranquillity neces-

sary to such development of the country and its industry as will afford relief to the starving population now unemployed." The Haitian Senate ratified the treaty the next day, and ratification by the American Senate followed in May 1916.

Under the treaty the United States undertook to aid in the development of agriculture and mineral and commercial resources, and to place the finances on a sound basis. A General Receiver, to be appointed by the President of Haiti upon the nomination of the President of the United States, was provided for "who shall collect, receive and apply all customs duties on imports and exports," together with a Financial Adviser, also nominated by the United States, "who shall devise an adequate system of public accounting, aid in increasing the revenues and adjusting them to the expenses, inquire into the validity of the debts of the Republic, enlighten both Governments with reference to all eventual debts, recommend improved methods of collecting and applying the revenues, and make such other recommendations to the Minister of Finance as may be deemed necessary for the welfare and prosperity of Haiti." In addition to the usual provisions for giving effect to the policy just indicated, the treaty further provided that "should the necessity occur, the United States shall lend an efficient aid for the preservation of Haitian independence and the maintenance of a government adequate for the protection of life, property and individual liberty." An armed constabulary, under the direction of officers chosen from the American Marine Corps or the Navy, was also constituted.

The political history of Haiti under the American occupation has been far from happy, and sporadic insurrections have several times occurred. President Dartiguenave, who was elected to succeed President Sam, was recognized by the United States only on condition that the treaty of 1915 should be ratified. A "cacao" revolt in 1919 was put down by American Marines, the leader of the revolt, Charlemagne Peralte, being shot and killed by Marines in the Haitian constabulary acting in disguise. A Senate investigating committee reported that 1,500 persons were killed during the revolt. President Borno, who succeeded President Dartiguenave in 1922, was chosen by the Council of State, a body which, with the approval and support of the American military authority in the country, has virtually displaced the Parliament, no parliamentary elections having been held since 1917. President Borno has announced his intention to retire next April, and the Department of State at Washington is reported to have congratulated him upon that decision, but the Council of State which will choose his successor, if parliamentary elections are not restored, is a body which Borno himself appointed. The Department of State was reported on Thursday as disclaiming any right on the part of the United States under the treaty to supervise the election if one is held.

Criticism of American policy in Haiti has been frequent and outspoken ever since the events of 1915 gave the United States its present status there. It is conceded that under American administration there has been marked improvement in public health, in roads, and in commerce, and that the finances of the country have been reorganized and competently directed. Outbreaks of serious disorder have gradually lessened. It is urged, on the other hand, that

the American policy has been from the beginning fundamentally wrong in that it has kept Haiti virtually under military government (a technical condition of martial law has prevailed there for long periods although not actually applied in practice), and that no serious effort has been made to encourage the development of civil government, with regular and honest elections and the usual forms of legislative procedure. The fact that some 85% of the population is classed as illiterate obviously puts a serious obstacle in the way of the development of self-government, but it is nevertheless insisted that the high percentage of illiteracy might have been much reduced if a proper civil administration had been set up and maintained, and that in any case the 15% or so of the literate Haitians, constituting a kind of social aristocracy, ought by all means to have been won over to friendliness for the United States, since it is upon them, if the military control is withdrawn, that the administration of the country would chiefly fall. In the tangled mass of charges and counter-charges with which the Haitian question is surrounded, the one thing regarding which there appears to be no dispute is that the Haitian people, as far as they are articulate, appear to be hostile to the present form of American administration.

The insurrection that has just been put down was short-lived, and Mr. Hoover showed a conciliatory temper by refraining from any spectacular display of naval or military force. A report on Friday that the revolt was threatening to affect the neighboring State of Santo Domingo is to be taken with reservations. The commission of inquiry which Mr. Hoover has recommended, however, and which it is to be hoped Congress will authorize without delay, cannot be organized and set at work too soon. If the circumstantial allegations of abuse of military authority and ill-treatment of the natives which have been made public in the American press from time to time for several years have any foundation, the facts should be ascertained as quickly as possible and the abuses remedied once for all; while if the allegations are groundless or essentially so, the Marines and their officers should be cleared of the blame which it has been endeavored to fasten upon them. It would be regrettable if the people of Haiti, after fourteen years of American supervision, must still be adjudged unfit for any important measure of self-government, but if such is the case the United States should know of it beyond any reasonable possibility of debate. There is no question that American administration in Haiti has been somewhat under a cloud, or that the continuance of military government in that country is deeply resented in Central and South America, but the situation itself is at the moment too confused to justify either a final judgment or the detailed formulation of a new policy. It is to be hoped that Mr. Hoover may get his commission, and that the commission may lose no time in going to the bottom of the whole matter. There is every reason to believe that Mr. Hoover will act promptly once he has the facts in his possession.

Popular Liberty and Free Banking.

Adverting again to the admirable article in the "Saturday Evening Post" for Nov. 9 on "The Branch Banking Problem," by former Comptroller of the Currency Henry M. Dawes, upon which we com-

mented in our issue of Nov. 23, we take the following striking paragraphs: "We have had a banking system, to a wonderful degree, consistent with our form of government, geographical conditions and the temperament of our people. This is a vital requisite of banking. So far as its mechanical operation is concerned, it has, in recent years, to a degree never before attained, possessed flexibility and the power to expand and contract with the needs of commerce—not to an ideal degree, but better than any other system ever has. It has preserved local self-government in banking and has furnished as great co-ordination and efficiency as could be claimed for a highly concentrated system." . . . "There are three schools of banking which could be generally described by the terms 'unit,' 'chain,' and 'branch.' The unit and branch schools are in direct opposition in theory and practice. The advocates of both are opposed to chain banking. The tremendous increase in chain banking and syndicate banking is generally considered as a precursor of branch banking, and as a method of getting control of unit institutions with the intention of eventually consolidating them into a branch system. This will be stoutly denied by some of the organizers of these syndicates. However that may be, the element of centralized control and absentee ownership is equally present in both, and the broad issue is between the branch and syndicated banks and the co-ordinated unit system which now operates through the Federal Reserve."

We think too much cannot be said in favor of the preservation of the present "unit" system of banking. We have repeatedly urged it, and find in the succinct and comprehensive article of Mr. Dawes a stimulation to continue in our efforts. We are convinced, as is he, that these insidious changes in the practice of banking are tending to rob the people of their liberty. If the free issue of local credit is ever stopped, by consolidation of huge banking integers with hundreds of obedient branches throughout the country, it is difficult to see how the Government, for its own preservation, can fail to institute and exercise control that will be little short of actual governmental banking. In such an event, nothing can prevent the issue from becoming political, with the consequent disruption of business, and a prolonged contest over the membership of Congress that will impinge upon the very principles and structure of our republican institutions. In the past, from other approaches, the changes have been rung on the evils of "monopoly," but when the so-called monopoly holds in its grasp the free issue of credit and its natural and free distribution at the call of "business," initiative and enterprise in production will become enslaved to a Government that is a tyrant over the individual and citizen.

If this be true, there is nothing in the present outlook of industry and trade that so frowns upon what we are perhaps too often pleased to delight in as progress. It is a significant feature of the period of "speculation" through which we have just passed that there has been no political outcry over the scarcity of "money." Nor has there been any real dissatisfaction over the freedom of credit in the great centers of banking. If anything, credit has been too abundant—and from sources outside banking has thrust itself into a peculiar and prolonged craze for "speculation" in stocks. This has had little to do with practical banking—though the easy money policy of the Federal Reserve Board

unquestionably contributed to growth of the mania that raged like a fever to its ultimate collapse. On the other hand, if we can imagine a governmental control of actual banking so rigid as to prevent the natural issue of credit through trade and industry, we must at once perceive the fatal possibilities of parent banks and branches directed by Federal statutes and bureaucratic methods.

The time to prevent this is now, and the power lies in the hands of the people. In saying this we are not unmindful that the owners of stock in the small bank have the right to sell their interests to a "holding company" and thus contribute to the establishment of the chain or branch system. But these stockholders are not the depositors at large, and it is these citizens, by their fealty to the unit independent banks who can retard and possibly prevent the growth of these new and dangerous systems. If, as pointed out, they perceive the limitations placed upon the free issue of local credit and the inevitable throttling of initiative and enterprise (the unit bank correspondent system being now in a flourishing condition and entirely adequate and effective) they may see it as a personal and public duty to stand by their independent banks. Credit in its nature is protean. Corporate credits in the form of stocks and bonds have become a part of universal business. But it is necessary, especially to the wellbeing of the individual, merchant, and farmer, that banks as fountains of credit exist and function *according to the needs of communities.*

Much is made over the failure of small banks. Investigation will show that conditions of war's aftermath were the cause and not the nature of these banks themselves, and only a portion of the failures due to inherently bad management. No justification lies in this for a radical change in the banking system. To give up a free popular system under which a country has enormously prospered for a new system in which communities would be forced to derive their business life from alien powers in the hands of bureaucracy would be exchanging life for death. All this is becoming well understood. But public opinion, the arbiter of destiny, must make itself felt if this recent movement is to be stayed.

There is one feature in the process that has not been sufficiently stressed. States, counties, municipalities, school and road districts have funds of their own. They employ local banking institutions as their depositaries. Often extra security in the form of bonds or bonded guaranty is required to cover these deposits in addition to the strength of the local depositary. Under the present unit correspondent system these funds are immediately and directly available for local needs, but under a branch banking system the return of these deposits depends upon the option of the controlling powers; that is, lies in the will of the parent bank and not in the will of the local unit bank. In other words, the States, counties and municipalities are placing their tax-funds in alien hands outside their own jurisdiction and subject to the general conduct of the parent bank of which the branch is but a menial agency, and they are doing this directly. Will the people endorse this form of concentration, this plan of centralization? It behooves them to think seriously on this sequence. It behooves them to know that they are thus lending their tax-power to tie their own hands.

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

In reviewing the earnings of United States railroads for the month of September, we pointed out that they had proved a distinct disappointment in the relatively slight gains they disclosed as compared with the corresponding month in 1928. Our tabulations now for the month of October are a still greater disappointment in that they show an absolute decrease in earnings, both gross and net, as compared with the same month the previous year, albeit the falling off is relatively small. In this we are referring to the grand totals of the revenues covering the entire country. In the case of many separate roads and systems, especially in the western half of the country, the losses are quite heavy, making the disappointment still keener and calling for a study and analysis of the results in order to arrive at the reason or reasons for the unfavorable outcome. Our tabulations show that the gross earnings for the month of October the present year fell \$9,890,014, or 1.61%, below the total for October last year, and as this was attended by a slight increase in expenses, namely \$2,293,358 or 0.57%, the net earnings, before the deduction of the taxes, show a diminution in the sum of \$12,183,372, or 5.63%. It should be added that October is the first month of the current calendar year in which either gross or net earnings have recorded any decrease from the figures of the preceding year. The grand totals for the month this year and last are shown in the table which follows:

Month of October—	1929.	1928.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (—).	
Miles of road (181 roads)---	241,622	241,451	+171	+0.07%
Gross earnings-----	\$607,584,997	\$617,475,011	-\$9,890,014	-1.61%
Operating expenses-----	403,249,056	400,955,698	+2,293,358	+0.57%
Ratio of expenses to earnings	66.36%	64.93%	+1.43%	
Net earnings-----	\$204,335,941	\$216,519,313	-\$12,183,372	-5.63%

In seeking to account for the poorer exhibit on this occasion, it is obvious that the panic in the stock market could have played no part in reducing revenues, inasmuch as this did not develop until towards the close of the month and time, of course, is needed to reflect even partial effects on trade and business, and therefore on the traffic and revenues of the country's transportation lines. But at least one point of difference between the comparisons for September and those for October deserve to be pointed out. In September the disappointment followed because the relatively slight gains of the present year came after severe losses in two successive previous years, that is, 1927 and 1928. On the other hand, this year's October losses come after very substantial gains in 1928, marking an important difference. In a word, in October we are comparing with greatly improved results in the preceding year, whereas in September the exact reverse was the case and that is a point which must be borne in mind in considering the slight setback witnessed the present year. In commenting upon the favorable showing made for the month of October a year ago we were prompted to say that at length we had a monthly exhibit of railway earnings which was quite uniformly of a favorable nature—a statement showing improved results over the same month of 1927 in gross earnings and net earn-

ings alike, and improved results likewise for all the different sections of the country and for all the leading groups therein, as well as nearly all the several roads with only a few minor exceptions. And moreover, we added that it was many a long month since it had been possible to make such a broad and unqualified statement as to the character of the exhibit.

The fact that the gains then recorded represented in part a recovery of what the roads, speaking of them collectively, had lost in the same month of 1927, did not alter the significance of the showing, as it indicated in any event a marked change for the better and furthermore was in sharp contrast with the experience in preceding months for a long time past. As one reason for the improvement, we pointed out that October 1928 had had a distinct advantage in the circumstance that the month had contained only four Sundays, whereas October 1927 had had five, giving the roads an extra working day. This advantage, it is proper to say, was retained in October the present year.

As to the other advantages enumerated as having then been enjoyed, the point of importance is how many of them existed and were retained the present year. The country then was on a rising tide of activity and prosperity, which continued to swell and to broaden all through 1929 until, it may be said, the autumn of the current year, when a slight recession occurred. The activity in 1928 found chief reflection in the iron and steel trade, in the automobile industry and a greatly enlarged output of coal, and, as it happened, there was also at that time an unusually heavy movement of grain to market. This latter was *not* repeated the present year, but instead a great shrinkage in the grain movement occurred, and this latter would appear to have been the most potent cause of the falling off in traffic and revenues the present year.

In brief, there was a slight slackening of trade activity in October 1929 as compared with October 1928, and in addition there was a tremendous contraction on Western roads in the movement of grain to market from the primary shipping points. The production of steel ingots in the United States in October 1929 is estimated at 4,511,650 tons as against 4,649,968 tons in October last year, showing a relatively slight decrease, while the make of iron, according to the figures of the "Iron Age" was actually somewhat larger, being placed at 3,588,118 tons for October 1929, against 3,373,806 tons in October 1928, and comparing with only 2,784,112 tons in October 1927. Also the automobile output was a little, though not much, smaller, the production of motor vehicles in the United States as reported to the Department of Commerce having been 379,942 for October 1929 as against 397,284 in October 1928, but comparing with only 219,682 in October 1927. Coal production, as far as bituminous is concerned, would appear to have been substantially the same as in the previous year and the statement is true also of the anthracite output. In October last year a great revival in the bituminous coal trade was a distinctive feature, the product in that month aggregated 51,176,000 tons, which compared with only 43,827,000 tons in October 1927. For October the present year, the bituminous output is estimated at 51,235,000 tons. The anthra-

cite product is put at 8,332,000 tons in October 1929, as compared with 8,400,000 tons in October 1928.

Altogether these various statistics indicate only a slight falling off in railroad traffic as a whole and this view finds confirmation in the statistics of carloading for the country as a whole. For the four weeks of October the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association reports the loading of revenue freight at 4,677,375 cars, as against 4,703,882 cars, in the four weeks of 1928, but comparing with only 4,464,872 cars in the corresponding four weeks of 1927. These last mentioned figures cover railroad tonnage of every kind, of course, including grain, and in the grain movement a tremendous shrinkage occurred.

The contrast between the relatively slight grain movement the present year and the exceptionally heavy movement last year is one of the most noteworthy on record. Last year all the conditions favored a large grain movement. The present year, on the other hand, virtually all the conditions were adverse and served to retard the movement of grain from the farm to the primary markets. In the Northwest, moreover, the spring wheat crop suffered a partial failure and this played its part in reducing shipments to market. In addition there was a comparatively light export demand for wheat, besides which grain prices ruled very low, making farmers inclined to hold back their wheat. Furthermore the new Federal Farm Loan Board by its readiness to make advances on grain under proper conditions at relatively high prices encouraged farmers in the process of holding back the grain. An analysis of the grain figures for the month is furnished in a separate paragraph further along in this article, but as indicating the extent of the shrinkage which occurred we may note here that for the four weeks ended Oct. 27 the aggregate of the grain receipts at the Western primary markets was only 74,025,000 bushels, as against no less than 122,847,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of 1928.

This great contraction in the grain movement, along with the low prices ruling for grain and the reduced yield of spring wheat in the Northwest, all tending to lower the consuming capacity of the farming population, while serving directly to diminish railroad tonnage, must be accepted as explaining the large and quite general losses in the earnings of Western roads, more especially as comparison was, as already noted, with exceptionally heavy receipts in the corresponding period last year. In the Northwest we find the Milwaukee & St. Paul reporting \$1,289,471 decrease in gross and \$1,095,566 decrease in net; the Great Northern \$4,284,860 decrease in gross and \$2,817,562 in net; the Northern Pacific \$2,371,179 in gross and \$2,014,197 in net; the "Soo" \$1,564,960 in gross and \$1,231,569 in net, with the Chicago & North Western and the various other roads in that part of the country also showing larger or smaller decreases.

As we pass further South in the Western half of the country the comparisons get better, but numerous losses nevertheless appear, some for quite considerable amounts. The Burlington & Quincy suffered a decrease of \$705,556 in gross and of \$239,629 in net. The Union Pacific reports \$254,965 loss in gross, with \$201,936 gain in net, and the Southern Pacific \$92,048 loss in gross with \$236,704 gain in net. In the Southwest the comparisons are quite good and a number of substantial gains appear, though the Atchi-

son falls \$136,649 behind in gross and \$389,738 behind in net. The Rock Island enlarged its gross by \$529,909 and its net by \$435,625. The St. Louis-San Francisco has added \$499,833 to gross and \$58,644 to net; the Missouri Pacific \$788,125 to gross and \$598,762 to net. On the other hand, the Texas & Pacific, which in previous years by reason of the oil developments in Northern Texas enjoyed really phenomenal gains, for October the present year has suffered a loss of \$794,636 in gross and of \$378,957 in net. The International & Great Northern also falls heavily behind, having lost \$302,061 in gross and \$195,874 in net. The Missouri-Kansas-Texas shows \$286,683 decrease in gross, but has converted this into an increase in net of \$180,060.

Southern roads, too, are many of them again doing poorly, unfavorable weather conditions being in some instances responsible for this. The roads running through and connecting with Florida are once more suffering contraction of their revenues, following a long series of decreases in preceding years. Thus the Atlantic Coast Line shows \$777,901 decrease in gross and \$521,968 decrease in net, following \$258,043 decrease in gross with \$397,087 increase in net in October 1928 and \$1,354,379 decrease in gross and \$782,279 decrease in net in October 1927. The Florida East Coast shows \$120,356 decrease in gross and \$194,890 decrease in net, after \$133,901 decrease in gross with \$74,062 increase in net in October 1928, and \$998,087 decline in gross and \$495,376 decline in net in 1927; and the Seaboard Air Line is obliged to report \$367,685 decrease in gross and \$378,631 in net, following \$51,424 decrease in gross and \$15,549 decrease in net in 1928, and \$580,090 shrinkage in gross and \$146,866 in net in 1927. Numerous other instances of the same kind might be mentioned. The Louisville & Nashville loses \$650,192 in gross and \$663,416 in net, after \$458,480 decrease in gross with \$252,017 increase in net in 1928, and \$7,381 increase in gross with \$9,228 decrease in net in October 1927. The Southern Ry. this time has suffered with the rest and reports a loss of \$282,957 in gross and of \$503,687 in net, following \$247,157 gain in gross and \$125,314 gain in net last year and \$369,807 loss in gross and \$101,885 loss in net in 1927.

In the East the New England roads all give a good account of themselves, the New Haven, for instance, having enlarged its gross by \$1,045,720 and its net by \$369,561. The great East and West trunk lines show somewhat irregular results. The Pennsylvania RR. has bettered its gross of last year by \$2,630,641 and its net by \$755,353. On the other hand, the New York Central shows only \$588,707 gain in gross with \$161,073 loss in net. This is for the Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, the gain in gross is reduced to \$43,348 and the loss in net raised to \$1,179,738. The Baltimore & Ohio shows \$317,542 increase in gross with \$741,196 decrease in net and the Erie has \$82,602 gain in gross with \$139,020 loss in net. The Lehigh Valley has lost \$375,154 in gross and \$322,147 in net; the Delaware Lackawanna & Western \$232,537 in gross and \$78,893 in net, and the Delaware & Hudson reports \$70,797 decrease in gross with \$39,363 increase in net. In the following we show all changes for the separate roads or systems for amounts in excess of \$100,000, whether increases or decreases, and in both gross and net:

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

Table with columns for Increase, Decrease, and various road names like Pennsylvania, N Y N H & Hartford, Missouri Pacific, etc.

a These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is an increase of \$43,348.

PRINCIPAL CHANGES IN NET EARNINGS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1929.

Table with columns for Increase, Decrease, and various road names like Norfolk & Western, Pennsylvania, Missouri Pacific, etc.

a These figures merely cover the operations of the New York Central itself. Including the various auxiliary and controlled roads, like the Michigan Central, the "Big Four," &c., the result is a decrease of \$1,179,738.

When the roads are arranged in groups or geographical divisions, according to location, the showing is in accord with the explanations already made. In the Eastern District we find an increase in gross with a decrease in net and with the New England region standing alone in showing an improvement in gross and net alike.

Table showing Gross Earnings and Net Earnings by District and Region for 1929 and 1928, with columns for Inc. (+) or Dec. (-), \$, and %.

NOTE.—We have changed our grouping of the roads to conform to the classification of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, and the following indicates the confines of the different groups and regions:

- EASTERN DISTRICT. New England Region.—This region comprises the New England States. Great Lakes Region.—This region comprises the section on the Canadian boundary between New England and the westerly shore of Lake Michigan to Chicago, and north of a line from Chicago via Pittsburgh to New York. Central Eastern Region.—This region comprises the section south of the Great Lakes Region, east of a line from Chicago through Peoria to St. Louis and the Mississippi River to the mouth of the Ohio River, and north of the Ohio River to Parkersburg, W. Va., and a line thence to the southwestern corner of Maryland and by the Potomac River to its mouth. SOUTHERN DISTRICT. Pocahontas Region.—This region comprises the section north of the southern boundary of Virginia, east of Kentucky and the Ohio River north to Parkersburg, W. Va., and south of a line from Parkersburg to the southwestern corner of Maryland and thence by the Potomac River to its mouth. Southern Region.—This region comprises the section east of the Mississippi River and south of the Ohio River to a point near Kenova, W. Va., and a line thence following the eastern boundary of Kentucky and the southern boundary of Virginia to the Atlantic. WESTERN DISTRICT. Northwestern Region.—This region comprises the section adjoining Canada lying west of the Great Lakes region, north of a line from Chicago to Omaha and thence to Portland and by the Columbia River to the Pacific. Central Western Region.—This region comprises the section south of the Northwestern region, west of a line from Chicago to Peoria and thence to St. Louis, and north of a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Mexican boundary to the Pacific. Southwestern Region.—This region comprises the section lying between the Mississippi River south of St. Louis and a line from St. Louis to Kansas City and thence to El Paso and by the Rio Grande to the Gulf of Mexico.

As already indicated, Western roads in October the present year suffered a heavy contraction of their grain traffic as compared to the same month a year ago. It is proper to state, however, that the movement last year was of very exceptional proportions, the wheat receipts in particular being heavy. This year in October, while the volume of corn and oats moved was substantially larger than a year ago, the movement of wheat, barley and rye was on a greatly reduced scale. In other words, the receipts of wheat at the Western primary markets for the four weeks ended Oct. 27 1929 were only 34,503,000 bushels, as against 78,280,000 bushels in the corresponding four weeks of 1928; the receipts of corn 17,053,000 bushels, as compared with 11,191,000 bushels; the receipts of oats 14,510,000 bushels, as compared with 12,611,000 bushels; of barley 4,964,000 bushels, as against 14,784,000, and the receipts of rye 2,995,000, against 5,981,000 bushels. For the five cereals, combined, the receipts at the Western primary markets for the four weeks of Oct. 29 were no more than 74,025,000 bushels, as against 122,847,000 bushels last year. The details of the Western grain movement in our usual form are set out in the subjoined table:

Table titled WESTERN FLOUR AND GRAIN RECEIPTS, showing 4 Wks. End. Oct. 27, Flour (bbls.), Wheat (bush.), Corn (bush.), Oats (bush.), Barley (bush.), and Rye (bush.) for various locations like Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Louis, Toledo, Detroit, Peoria, Duluth, Minneapolis, Kansas City, Omaha & Indianapolis, St. Joseph, Wichita, and Total all.

The Western livestock movement, too, was on a reduced scale as compared with October last year. At Chicago the receipts comprised only 20,634 carloads, as against 21,668 carloads in October 1928; at Kansas City 11,217 carloads, as against 11,713 carloads, though at Omaha the receipts were 8,702 carloads, against 8,162 cars.

Coming now to the cotton movement in the South, this was somewhat smaller than in the month a year ago. Gross shipments overland in October the present year aggregated 84,965 bales, as against 91,536 bales in 1928; 61,212 bales in 1927; 253,309 bales in 1926; 266,354 bales in 1925, and 214,250 bales in 1924. The receipts at the Southern outports during October 1929 were 2,314,730 bales, against 2,421,886 bales in October 1928, and 1,764,018 bales in 1927.

RESULTS FOR EARLIER YEARS.

As already explained, while for October 1929 our tabulations show \$9,890,014 loss in gross and \$12,183,372 loss in net for the railroads of the United States as a whole, this comes after very notable improvement in October 1928 when our tabulations registered no less than \$36,755,850 gain in gross and \$35,437,734 gain in net. On the other hand this improvement in part was a recovery of losses sustained in October 1927, when the roads fell \$23,440,266 behind in gross and \$13,364,491 behind in net as compared with 1926. Carrying the comparisons further back we find that the 1927 decreases followed increases in 1926 not materially different from the 1927 losses, the 1926 gains having been \$18,043,581 in gross and \$13,361,419 in net. In the year before, too, that is 1925, the record was one of increases in gross and net alike—\$18,585,008 in gross and \$12,054,757 in the net; this was notwithstanding the heavy losses then suffered by the anthracite carriers on account of the strike then carried on in the anthracite regions, but at least, as far as the gross earnings are concerned, the 1925 gain was little more than a recovery of the loss sustained in October 1924, a year when industrial activity was at a low ebb because of the then pending Presidential election. In other words, in October 1924 there was a loss in gross of \$15,135,757 as compared with 1923. In the net, there was no falling off in October 1924, but rather an improvement in the considerable sum of \$26,209,836, due to the great curtailment of operating expenses then effected as a result of increasing efficiency of operations.

As a matter of fact, improvement in net results has been a distinctive feature of the returns in virtually all the years (barring only 1927 and 1929) since the abandonment of Government operations and the return of the roads to private control, just as in the period preceding net results had been growing steadily worse, year by year. In October 1923 our compilations showed \$37,248,224 gain in gross, and \$20,895,378 gain in net. It is true that if we go back still another year, to 1922, we find that gross earnings then increased only \$13,074,292, following a tremendous loss in the year preceding (1921), when trade was extremely depressed, and this was attended by an augmentation in expenses of \$30,758,244, leaving, therefore, an actual loss in the net for the month in that year of \$17,683,952. On the other hand, however, the fact should not escape attention that in October 1921 a prodigious saving in expenses had been effected—dire need having forced the utmost economy and compelled the elimination of every item of outlay that could be spared or deferred for the time being. Owing to this great saving in expenses there was a substantial addition to the net in 1921 in face of the enormous contraction in the gross revenues. In brief, the decrease in the gross in October 1921 reached the huge sum of \$105,922,430, but this was attended at the time by a saving

in expenses in amount of no less than \$128,453,510, yielding a gain in the net of \$22,531,080. Of course, a genuine basis for the great cut in expenses in 1921 existed in the huge antecedent increases in expenses. In addition, also, the carriers had the advantage of a 12% reduction in the wages of railroad employees made by the Railroad Labor Board effective July 1 1921.

As indicating the extent of the antecedent rise in operating costs, it is only necessary to say that expenses kept mounting in very pronounced fashion for a number of successive years, owing to repeated advances in wages and the growing cost of operations generally. So much was this the case that even the big advances then made in railroad rates—passenger and freight—did not suffice to absorb the constant additions to the expenses. The experience in that respect of the carriers in October 1920 furnishes a capital illustration of the truth of this remark. The roads had then just been favored with a new advance in rates, calculated to add \$125,000,000 a month to their gross earnings, and accordingly our tabulations then showed an increase in gross earnings in amount of \$130,570,938, or 25.94%; but unfortunately, \$115,634,417 of this was consumed by augmented expenses, leaving only \$14,936,521 gain in the net earnings, or 14.49%. This growth in the expenses had added significance in view of the huge rise in operating costs in preceding years. Thus in October 1919 our tables showed \$18,942,496 increase in gross, accompanied by \$21,136,161 increase in expenses, leaving actually \$2,193,665 loss in net. In October 1918, owing to the first great advance in passenger and freight rates made by the Director-General of Railroads under Government control, gross earnings registered a gain in the large sum of \$106,956,817, or 28.30%, but expenses moved up in amount of \$122,450,404, or 47.97%—causing a loss in net of \$15,493,587, or 12.63%. In October 1917 the situation was much the same. The gross at that time increased \$43,937,332, but expenses ran up in amount of \$50,267,176, leaving net smaller by \$6,329,844. In the following we furnish a summary of the October comparisons of gross and net for each year back to 1906. For 1910, 1909 and 1908 we use the Inter-State Commerce totals, but for the preceding years we give the results just as registered by our own tables each year—a portion of the railroad mileage of the country being then unrepresented in the totals because of the refusal at that time of some of the roads to report monthly figures for publication.

Year.	Gross Earnings.			Net Earnings.		
	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).	Year Given.	Year Preceding.	Inc. (+) or Dec. (-).
	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$
1906	143,336,728	128,494,525	+14,842,203	51,685,226	46,826,357	+4,858,869
1907	154,309,199	141,032,238	+13,276,961	46,983,606	50,847,903	-3,864,297
1908	232,230,451	250,426,583	-18,196,132	88,534,455	83,358,002	+5,176,453
1909	261,117,144	232,556,223	+28,560,921	104,163,774	88,803,236	+15,360,538
1910	263,464,605	260,821,546	+2,643,059	93,612,224	104,101,228	-10,489,004
1911	260,482,221	259,111,859	+1,370,362	93,836,492	91,725,725	+2,110,767
1912	293,738,091	258,473,408	+35,264,683	108,046,804	93,224,776	+14,282,028
1913	299,195,006	300,476,017	-1,281,011	97,700,506	110,811,359	-13,110,853
1914	269,325,292	298,066,118	-28,740,826	87,666,694	95,674,714	-8,010,020
1915	311,179,375	274,091,434	+37,087,941	119,325,551	89,244,989	+30,079,562
1916	345,790,896	310,740,113	+35,050,783	130,861,148	119,063,024	+11,798,124
1917	389,017,309	345,079,933	+43,937,376	125,244,540	131,574,384	-6,329,844
1918	484,824,750	377,867,933	+106,956,817	107,088,318	122,581,905	-15,493,587
1919	508,023,854	489,081,358	+18,942,496	104,003,198	106,196,863	-2,193,665
1920	633,852,568	503,281,630	+130,570,938	117,998,825	103,062,304	+14,936,521
1921	534,332,833	640,255,263	-105,922,430	137,928,640	115,397,560	+22,531,080
1922	545,759,206	532,684,914	+13,074,292	120,216,296	139,900,248	-17,683,952
1923	586,328,886	549,080,662	+37,248,224	141,922,971	121,027,593	+20,895,378
1924	571,405,130	586,540,887	-15,135,757	168,750,421	142,540,685	+26,209,836
1925	590,161,046	571,576,038	+18,585,008	180,695,428	168,640,671	+12,054,757
1926	604,052,017	586,008,436	+18,043,581	193,990,813	180,629,394	+13,361,419
1927	582,542,179	605,982,445	-23,440,266	180,919,048	194,283,539	-13,364,491
1928	616,710,737	579,954,887	+36,755,850	216,822,015	181,084,281	+35,737,734
1929	607,584,997	617,475,011	-9,890,014	204,335,941	216,519,813	-12,183,372

Note.—In 1906 the number of roads included for the month of October was 91; in 1907, 88; in 1908 the returns were based on 231,721 miles; in 1909 on 238,955 miles in 1910 on 241,214 miles; in 1911 on 236,291 miles; in 1912 on 237,217 miles; in 1913 on 243,690 miles; in 1914 on 244,917 miles; in 1915 on 248,072 miles; in 1916 on 246,683 miles; in 1917 on 247,048 miles; in 1918 on 230,184 miles; in 1919 on 232,192 miles; in 1920 on 231,429 miles; in 1921 on 235,228 miles; in 1922 on 233,872 miles; in 1923 on 235,608 miles; in 1924 on 235,189 miles; in 1925 on 236,724 miles; in 1926 on 236,654 miles; in 1927 on 238,828 miles; in 1928 on 240,661 miles, and in 1929 on 241,622 miles.

The New Capital Flotations During the Month of November and for the Eleven Months Ending with November

The panic on the Stock Exchange played havoc with financing of every description, and, accordingly, there is little to say in regard to the new capital flotations during November beyond noting that the aggregate of the new issues brought out was extremely small. With values on the Stock Exchange shrinking at a frightful rate, the time was obviously highly unpropitious for the offering of new securities, and bankers and investment houses hence confined themselves to the bringing out of issues previously arranged for or to receiving subscriptions on offerings previously announced; indeed, in not a few instances rights to subscribe were entirely withdrawn because the drop in prices on the Stock Exchange had deprived them of any value and in other cases the dates of the subscriptions were deferred in order to give those to whom they were offered more time in which to raise the cash required to make the subscription payments.

Our tabulations, as always, include the stock, bond, and note issues by corporations, by holding, investment and trading companies of one kind or another, and by States and municipalities, foreign and domestic, and also farm loan emissions. The grand total of the offerings of securities under these various heads during November aggregated no more than \$297,369,025, which, with the single exception of August 1928, is the smallest total for any month of any year since that for July 1923. In sharp contrast the new offerings in October, when the total had already begun to dwindle because of Stock Exchange conditions, footed up \$877,617,670, while in September, when all records of monthly totals for new capital issues were broken, the new flotations mounted to \$1,614,744,164. In August the new offerings footed up \$868,424,671; in July they were \$939,885,041 and in June \$789,707,377. In May the new financing was also of very exceptional magnitude aggregating no less than \$1,511,714,703, several offerings of huge size having in that month swelled the total to unexampled dimensions (the most prominent of these having been the offering of \$101,660,500 of new common stock by the United States Steel Corporation to its shareholders at \$140 per share, involving \$142,324,700; the offering of \$108,250,550 Anaconda Copper Mining stock at \$55 per share of \$50, and representing therefore \$119,075,605, and \$219,000,000 American Tel. & Tel. conv. debentures), as a result of all of which the financing was brought to a figure that had never previously been even closely approached up to that time. In April the total of the new financing footed up \$816,329,711. In March the total was \$1,047,473,452; in February \$1,019,431,752, and in January \$1,065,575,103. In December 1928 the offerings aggregated \$1,178,659,551, or far in excess of any previous monthly total prior to that time.

No foreign government issues of any kind were floated in the New York market during November this year, and in fact only a single foreign corporate issue, for less than \$25,000,000. The total of the corporate issues, including the foreign corporate issue referred to, was no more than \$202,131,309, which compares with \$760,629,487 of corporate issues, foreign and domestic, in November last year. But though the corporate issues were so heavily reduced they retained the same characteristics as in all preceding months, that is the preponderating portion of the whole consisted of stock, as distinguished from bond and note issues. The total of the domestic corporate financing for the month aggregated no more than \$177,992,970 and of this only \$51,260,000 consisted of bonds and notes, while \$122,673,570 comprised common stock issues and \$4,059,400 consisted of preferred stock.

The grand total of new financing of all kinds for the month, including municipal bond awards, at \$297,369,025 compares with \$963,043,269 for November of last year.

Shrinkage in the municipal bond awards which for the month the present year were only \$84,092,716, as against \$171,281,282 in the corresponding month of last year accounts for a part of the falling off. As to this diminution, however, in municipal financing it deserves to be noted that the amount last year included \$55,000,000 of bonds placed by the City of New York. The present year New York City had to defer its financing until December, \$65,000,000 of new bonds having been disposed of this very week. The City had originally advertised for bids for \$60,000,000 of new bonds to be opened on October 30, but was obliged to postpone the sale until the present week on account of the panic in the stock market.

The tendency to make bond issues and preferred stocks palatable by according to the purchaser rights to acquire common stock is noted again in November, although in this month applying entirely to offerings of relatively small size. There were only two offerings of \$1,000,000, or more, in November with provisions of this nature. These issues were:

ISSUES FLOATED IN NOVEMBER WITH CONVERTIBLE FEATURES OR CARRYING SUBSCRIPTION RIGHTS OR WARRANTS.

- \$3,000,000 **Glenn L. Martin Co.** conv. 6s Nov. 1 1934, convertible into shares of common stock at rate of 50 shares for each \$1,000 of notes at any time prior to maturity or earlier redemption.
- 1,000,000 **Merchants Finance Corp. (Calif.)** conv. 6½s A Nov. 1 1944, convertible into common stock at any time (except during 3 days immediately prior to date upon which same may be called for redemption) on basis ranging from 15 shares to 8 shares of common stock for each \$1,000 of notes.

Investment Trusts played only a very minor part in the new capital flotations during November. This is in sharp contrast with the state of things in previous months when they were conspicuously prominent in emitting new securities. As investment trusts and holding and trading companies obviously differ so sharply from new financing of other descriptions we have again made computations to indicate their contributions to the grand totals of the new capital issues for the month, even though the amount this time is quite insignificant. It is desirable also to have the record in that respect complete for the eleven months since Jan. 1 by the inclusion of the November figures. In our detailed analysis of the corporate financing given at length each month in tabular form these security offerings by investment trusts and holding and trading companies are grouped under the designation "Miscellaneous." For the month of November, out of a grand total of \$202,131,309 of corporate financing, domestic and foreign, \$33,893,400 consisted of corporations thus classed as miscellaneous, and we find that only \$3,435,000 of this comprised financing done by investment trusts and holding and trading companies. On the other hand, out of a total of \$9,620,613,679 of new corporate issues brought out during the eleven months of the present year ending with November, \$3,459,344,878 consisted of corporations classified as "Miscellaneous," and out of this latter no less than \$2,443,418,380 comprised issues brought out by investment trusts and holding companies. In the following we show the figures for each of the eleven months separately and also indicate what portion of the financing by these investment trusts and holding companies was in the shape of bonds and notes and what portion consisted of stock issues:

FINANCING BY INVESTMENT TRUSTS AND TRADING AND HOLDING COMPANIES DURING FIRST ELEVEN MONTHS OF 1929.

1929.	Long Term Bonds & Notes.	Short Term Bonds & Notes.	Stocks.	Grand Total.
January	\$ 9,000,000	\$	\$ 256,645,500	\$ 265,645,500
February	21,500,000		175,814,050	197,314,050
March	47,000,000		102,963,088	149,963,088
April	1,500,000		98,256,500	99,756,500
May			90,356,200	90,356,200
June	9,000,000		76,853,724	85,853,724
July	20,250,000		201,761,290	222,011,290
August	4,000,000		481,735,612	485,735,612
September	2,250,000		640,897,100	643,147,100
October		1,000,000	199,200,316	200,200,316
November			3,435,000	3,435,000
	a114,500,000	1,000,000	b2,327,918,380	2,443,418,380

a Includes \$26,000,000 Canadian. b Includes \$1,925,000 Canadian.

Before going into our analysis of the corporate flotations during November, it is to be noted that, in addition to the announcements made during October of the withdrawal or extension of the date of subscription rights, additional cases of extension of rights appeared during November. There were also several instances of proposed financing being deferred for the present in view of the existing unfavorable conditions. These included proposed stock offerings by American Founders Corp., Quincy Mining Co. and Powdrell & Alexander, Inc. and an offering of debentures by First Cincinnati Corp. Among the additional issues on which the subscription dates have been extended are: Trans-America Corp. capital stock, extended from Jan. 4 1930 to March 15 1930; Bucyrus-Erie Co. common stock, extended from Dec. 2 to Dec. 30; Exide Securities Co. capital stock, extended from Dec. 16 to Jan. 15 1930; Monroe Chemical Co. common stock, extended from Nov. 14 to Jan. 14 1930; Pacific Associates, Inc., extended from Nov. 5 to Jan. 5 1930, and Northwest Bancorporation common stock, extended from Nov. 15 to Dec. 16.

The offering of 400,000 units of Federal Neon System, Inc., comprising one share of class A stock and one share of common stock at \$25 per unit, which was publicly advertised during November has been withdrawn from sale and consequently does not appear among our November flotations.

FURTHER FEATURES OF NOVEMBER FINANCING.

Going further into the details of the corporate offerings during November, we find that industrial and miscellaneous financing dominated the corporate group, though in less degree than in October. In that month the industrial and miscellaneous issues aggregated \$597,678,219, or close to 80% of the corporate total of \$757,254,097, while in November such issues declined to \$109,838,794, or little more than 50% of the corporate aggregate of \$202,131,309. Railroad offerings at \$65,783,820 for November show an increase over October's total of \$57,220,000. Public utility financing totaled only \$26,508,695 during November as against \$102,355,878 reported for October.

Total corporate offerings, foreign and domestic, during November were, as already stated, \$202,131,309, and of this amount stock issues, all domestic, accounted for \$126,732,970 long-term bonds and notes, including \$24,138,339 foreign, aggregated only \$41,958,339, while short-term bonds and notes, all domestic, amounted to \$33,440,000. The refunding portion was \$15,338,250, or about 7½% of the total. In October the amount for refunding was \$33,088,000, or only about 5% of the total. In September it was \$306,592,000, or about 20%; in August, \$25,045,000, or less than 4%; in July, \$59,291,141, or not quite 7%; in June, only \$16,222,217, or less than 3%; in May, on the other hand, the refunding portion was no less than \$390,847,640, or nearly 30% of the total. This established May as the largest month on record in respect to amount raised for refunding. In April the amount for refunding was \$134,171,779, or over 18% of the total; in March it was only \$58,327,000, or about 6¼% of the total; in February the refunding portion took \$122,393,350, or over 13% of the total, while in January the amount for this purpose was \$142,547,192, or nearly 15% of the total. In November 1928 the refunding portion was \$58,574,220, or less than 8% of the total. There were no large refunding issues during November 1929.

The total of \$15,338,250 raised for refunding in November (1929) comprised \$9,200,000 new long-term to refund existing long-term; \$1,200,000 new short-term to refund existing long-term; \$400,000 new short-term to refund existing short-term; \$4,417,250 new stock to retire existing long-term obligations, and \$121,000 new stock to replace existing stock.

There were no foreign government or farm loan offerings, and only one foreign corporate issue during November. This was for \$24,138,339, consisting of 1,049,493 Kreuger &

Toll Co. (Sweden) American certificates representing participating debentures, priced at \$23 per certificate.

The largest individual corporate issue during November was \$35,669,900 New York Central RR. Co. capital stock, offered at par (\$100). There were two other railroad offerings of interest, namely: \$20,000,000 New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. Co. 3-year 6s, Oct. 1 1932, priced at par, and \$8,000,000 Minneapolis St. Paul & Sault Ste. Marie RR. Co. 1st ref. 5½s B, 1978, issued at 97½, to yield 5.65%.

Industrial and miscellaneous financing was featured by the following: 600,000 shares Home Insurance Co. (New York) capital stock (par \$10) offered at \$35 per share, involving \$21,000,000; 249,737 shares Grigsby-Grunow Co. common stock, offered at \$40 per share, involving \$9,989,480; 64,000 shares J. I. Case Co. common stock (par \$100), offered at \$150 per share, involving \$9,600,000, and 103,333 shares General Asphalt Co. common stock, offered at \$50 per share, aggregating \$5,166,650.

The public utility group included only one offering of impressive size, namely: \$21,177,200 Detroit Edison Co. capital stock, offered at par (\$100).

There were two offerings of securities during November which we have not included in our totals of new financing. One of these was \$3,500,000 Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp. coll. trust 5s, 1978, which did not represent new financing by the company. The other offering was \$28,500,000 Middle West Preferred & Common Stock Syndicate serial discount notes excluded because the issue was for the purpose of financing deferred payments on certain subscriptions for Middle West Utilities Co. stock, which was taken into our total of new capital flotations during the month of September. See page 3700.

The following is a complete summary of the new financing—corporate, State and city, foreign government, as well as farm loan issues—for November and for the 11 months ending with November:

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING.

	1929.		
	New Capital.	Refunding.	Total.
MONTH OF NOVEMBER—	\$	\$	\$
Corporate:			
Domestic—			
Long-term bonds and notes	8,620,000	9,200,000	17,820,000
Short term	31,840,000	1,600,000	33,440,000
Preferred stocks	4,059,400	—	4,059,400
Common stocks	118,135,320	4,538,250	122,673,570
Canadian—			
Long-term bonds and notes	—	—	—
Short term	—	—	—
Preferred stocks	—	—	—
Common stocks	—	—	—
Other foreign—			
Long-term bonds and notes	24,138,339	—	24,138,339
Short term	—	—	—
Preferred stocks	—	—	—
Common stocks	—	—	—
Total corporate	186,793,059	15,338,250	202,131,309
Foreign Government	—	—	—
Farm Loan Issues	—	—	—
War Finance Corporation	—	—	—
Municipal, States, Counties, Cities, &c.	83,164,728	927,988	84,092,716
Canadian	8,600,000	600,000	9,200,000
United States Possessions	1,945,000	—	1,945,000
Grand total	280,502,787	16,866,238	297,369,025
11 MONTHS ENDED NOV. 30—			
Corporate:			
Domestic—			
Long-term bonds and notes	1,788,092,340	489,409,260	2,277,501,600
Short term	185,562,700	45,537,500	231,100,200
Preferred stocks	1,497,577,661	177,681,540	1,675,259,201
Common stocks	4,238,138,840	578,805,552	4,816,944,392
Canadian—			
Long-term bonds and notes	255,550,000	—	255,550,000
Short term	—	—	—
Preferred stocks	10,400,000	—	10,400,000
Common stocks	18,163,900	—	18,163,900
Other foreign—			
Long-term bonds and notes	185,398,339	2,000,000	187,398,339
Short term	1,617,283	10,432,717	12,050,000
Preferred stocks	103,837,200	—	103,837,200
Common stocks	32,408,847	—	32,408,847
Total corporate	8,316,747,110	1,303,866,569	9,620,613,679
Foreign Government	68,250,000	—	68,250,000
Farm Loan Issues	—	—	—
War Finance Corporation	—	—	—
Municipal, States, Counties, Cities, &c.	1,122,120,993	11,377,049	1,133,498,042
Canadian	38,212,000	9,600,000	47,812,000
United States Possessions	4,340,000	—	4,340,000
Grand total	9,549,670,103	1,324,843,618	10,874,513,721

In the elaborate and comprehensive tables on the succeeding pages we compare the foregoing figures for 1929 with the corresponding figures for the four years preceding, thus affording a five-year comparison. We also furnish a detailed analysis for the five years of the corporate offerings, showing separately the amounts for all the different classes of corporations.

Following the full-page tables we give complete details of the new capital flotations during November, including every issue of any kind brought out in that month.

SUMMARY OF CORPORATE, FOREIGN GOVERNMENT, FARM LOAN AND MUNICIPAL FINANCING FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR FIVE YEARS.

Table with columns for 'MONTH OF NOVEMBER.', '1929.', '1928.', '1927.', '1926.', and '1925.', each with sub-columns for 'New Capital.', 'Refunding.', and 'Total.' Rows include Corporate, Canadian, Other Foreign, and Foreign Government.

CHARACTER AND GROUPING OF NEW CORPORATE ISSUES IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER FOR FIVE YEARS.

Large table with columns for 'MONTH OF NOVEMBER.', '1929.', '1928.', '1927.', '1926.', and '1925.', each with sub-columns for 'New Capital.', 'Refunding.', and 'Total.' Rows are grouped by industry: Long Term Bonds and Notes, Stocks, and Total corporate securities.

DETAILS OF NEW CAPITAL FLOTATIONS DURING NOVEMBER 1929.

LONG-TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING LATER THAN FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 8,000,000	Railroads— Reimburse treasury for acquiring bonds pledged as collateral-----	97 1/2	5.65	Minneapolis St Paul & Sault Ste. Marie RR. Co. 1st Ref. Mtge. 5 1/2s B., 1978. Offered by Dillon, Read & Co.; National City Co.; Lane, Piper & Jaffray, Inc.; First Minneapolis Co., and First St. Paul Co.
500,000	Public Utilities— Acquisitions; capital expenditures-----	98	6.25	Texas Consumers Water Co. 1st M. 6s A, 1939. (Each bond carries 2 warrants [detachable after Oct. 1 1930] as follows: (1) a warrant 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 to purchase after Oct. 1 1930 and on or before Feb. 15 1931, ten shares of Trans-Mississippi Corp. common stock for each \$1,000 of bonds at \$15 per share.). Offered by Metcalf, Cowgill & Co., Inc., Chicago.
24,138,339 (1,049,493)	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Acquisitions and additions cts.)-----	23	---	Kreuger & Toll Co. (Sweden) American Cdfs. representing Partic. Debs. Offered by company to holders of American Cdfs. representing Partic. Debs. Underwritten by Lee, Higginson & Co.; Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; National City Co.; Brown Bros. & Co.; Dillon, Read & Co.; Clark, Dodge & Co., and The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh.
200,000	Acquisitions, additions, &c-----	100	6.00	Electric Products Co. Deb. 6s, 1931-39. (Each debenture carries a non-detachable stock purchase warrant entitling holder to purchase at any time before expiration date of such warrant 20 shares of common stock at \$50 per share.). Offered by Central National Co., Cleveland.
300,000	General corporate purposes-----	100	6.50	(A. J.) Krank Co. Deb. 6 1/2s A, 1931-44. Offered by First St. Paul Co., and First Minneapolis Co.
24,638,339	Land, Buildings, &c.— Improvements to property-----	100	6.00	Corporation of the Catholic Bishop of Seattle 1st M. 6s, 1940-49. Offered by Ballargeon, Winslow & Co.
105,000	Real estate mortgage-----	100	6.00	Del Rio Apts. (Detroit) Guar. 1st M. 6s, 1931-39. Offered by Guaranty Trust Co. of Detroit.
75,000	Finance sale of property-----	100	6.00	(Edward J.) Fox (Detroit) 1st M. 6s, 1939. Offered by Union Trust Co., Detroit.
100,000	Provide funds for loan purposes-----	100	6.00	Hibernia Mtge. Co., Inc. 1st Coll. Tr. 6s E, 1932-35. Offered by Hibernia Sec. Co., Inc., New Orleans.
130,000	Improvements to property-----	100	6.00	Meadow Brook Country Club (Mich.) 1st M. 6s, 1939. Offered by Union Trust Co., Detroit.
115,000	Finance construction of building-----	100	6.00	Medico Bldg. Corp. (New Orleans) 1st M. 6s, 1930-41. Offered by Hibernia Securities Co., Inc., New Orleans.
250,000	Retire existing debt; improvem'ts-----	100	6.00	Metropolitan Land Co. 1st M. 6s, 1939. Offered by Union Trust Co., Detroit.
3,900,000	Acquire land; construct hotel-----	96	7.00	(The) Park Plaza (St. Louis) 1st M. 6 1/2s A 1941. Offered by Greenebaum Sons Investment Co.
300,000	Refunding-----	100	5.50	Regis College (Denver, Colo.) 1st M. 5 1/2s, 1930-39. Offered by Lafayette-South Side Bank & Trust Co., St. Louis.
700,000	Real estate mortgage-----	100	5.50	St. Vincent's Hospital (Indianapolis) 1st M. 5 1/2s, 1930-39. Offered by Mercantile-Commerce Co., St. Louis.
750,000	Finance construction of building-----	100	5.50	School Sisters of Notre Dame (Milw.) 1st M. 5 1/2s B, 1934-43. Offered by First Wisconsin Co., and Paine, Webber & Co., Milwaukee.
935,000	Finance construction of apartm'ts-----	100	6.00	Sixty-Ninth & Crandon Apts. (Chicago) 1st M. 6s 1932-41. Offered by Garard Tr. Co., Chicago.
300,000	Improvements to property-----	100	6.00	Syndicate Properties, Inc. 1st M. 6s, 1939. Offered by Union Trust Co., Detroit.
110,000	Finance construction of hotel-----	100	6.00	(The) Wheatland Hotel (Liberal, Kans.) 1st M. 6s, 1931-39. Offered by The Guarantee Title & Trust Co., Wichita, Kans.
7,820,000	Miscellaneous— Fund current borrowings-----	100	6.50	Merchants Finance Corp. (Calif.) Conv. 6 1/2s A, 1944. (Convertible from Nov. 1 1929 to Oct. 28 1944 at option of holder into common stock on basis ranging from 15 shares to 8 shares of common stock for each \$1,000 of notes.). Offered by California Securities Co., and Howard G. Rath Company, Los Angeles.

SHORT TERM BONDS AND NOTES (ISSUES MATURING UP TO AND INCLUDING FIVE YEARS).

Amount.	Purpose of Issue.	Price.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$ 20,000,000	Railroads— Acq. stk. of Wheeling & L. E. Ry.-----	100	6.00	New York Chicago & St. Louis RR. Co. 3-Year 6s, Oct. 1 1932. Offered by Guaranty Co. of N. Y.; Lee, Higginson & Co.; Harris, Forbes & Co., and Dillon, Read & Co.
600,000	Public Utilities— Acquisitions-----	99	7.05	Canadian American Public Service Corp. (Del.) 1-Year Coll. Trust 6s, Aug. 15 1930. Offered by Hambleton & Co., Inc., N. Y.
150,000	Retire debt of subsidiary, impts., &c-----	100	6.00	Municipal Telephone & Utilities Co. 1st Llen Coll. Trust Conv. 6s, Oct. 1 1930. (Each bond carries common stock purchase warrants entitling holder to purchase class A common stock at \$25 per share in ratio of 40 shares for each \$1,000 of bonds held to and including Oct. 1 1930.) Offered by Municipal Utility Investment Co., Kansas City, Mo.
500,000	Refunding; other corp. purposes-----	99 1/2	6.52	Republic Service Corp. 1-Year Conv. 6s, Dec. 1 1930. (Convertible at any time on or before Nov. 1 1930 at option of holder into 1st Llen Coll. Trust Series A 5% Bonds at a conversion price of \$92, the difference to be settled in cash.) Offered by Baker, Young & Co., Boston.
200,000	Acquisitions; capital expenditures-----	---	6.50	Texas Consumers Water Co. 6% Notes, Sept. 1 1930-Feb. 15 1931. Offered by Metcalf, Cowgill & Co., Inc., Chicago.
1,450,000	Other Industrial & Mfg.— General corporate purposes-----	100	7.00	Industrial Brownholst Corp. 3-Year Conv. 7s, Nov. 1 1932. (Convertible at any time before maturity into common stock at \$20 per share.) Offered by Harris, Small & Co., Detroit.
3,000,000	Complete new plant; wkg. capital-----	97	6.70	The Glenn L. Martin Co. Conv. 6s, Nov. 1 1934. (Convertible into common stock at rate of 50 shares for each \$1,000 of notes at any time prior to maturity or earlier redemption.) Offered by Otis & Co. and Baltimore Trust Co.
3,500,000	Land, Buildings, &c.— Real estate mortgage-----	100	6.50	Broadway & Lawrence Block (Chicago) 1st M. 6 1/2s, Nov. 15 1931. Offered by Huszagh, Musson & Co., Chicago.
1,200,000	Refunding-----	100	6.00	Comstock Investment Co. 1st M. 6s, Nov. 30 1932. Offered by Detroit Co. and First National Co. of Detroit, Inc.
3,500,000	Finance construction of building-----	100	5.75	Market Street National Bank (Phila.) 1st Guaranteed 5 1/2s A, Nov. 1 1934. Offered by Philadelphia Co. for Guaranteeing Mortgages.
90,000	Provide funds for loan purposes-----	100	6.00	Mortgage Investment Corp. 1st Coll. Trust 6s, Nov. 1 1930-34. Offered by Bank of Commerce & Trusts, Richmond, Va.
1,425,000	Real estate mortgage-----	100	5.50	975 Park Ave. (N. Y. City) Guaranteed 1st M. 5 1/2s, Oct. 1 1934. Offered by New York Title & Mortgage Co., N. Y.
100,000	Provide funds for loan purposes-----	100	6.00	Notling First Mortgage Corp. 1st Coll. Trust 6s, BB, Nov. 1 1930-34. Offered by Frederick E. Notling & Co., Inc., Richmond, Va.
6,990,000	Miscellaneous— General corporate purposes-----	---	7.00	Argent Financial Corp. Secured 6 1/2s, April 15 1930-31. Offered by company.
1,000,000	Fund current borrowings-----	100	6.00	Farmer & Ochs Co. of N. Y. 5-Year Coll. Trust 6s, B, Nov. 1 1934. Offered by Stein Bros' & Boyce, Baltimore.
1,500,000				

STOCKS.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue and by Whom Offered.
\$ 1,761,600	Railroads— Capital expenditures-----	2,113,920	60	---	Bangor & Aroostook RR. Common stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
35,669,900	Improvements, expansion, &c-----	35,669,900	100 (par)	---	New York Central RR. Co. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
		37,783,820			
*30,000 shs	Public Utilities— Acquisitions-----	375,000	12 1/2	---	Associated Telephone Utilities, Inc., Common stock. Offered by F. N. Kneeland & Co., Inc., Chicago.
*16,500 shs	New equipment, extensions, &c-----	330,000	20	---	Bridgport Gas Light Co. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
21,177,200	Retire floating debt-----	21,177,200	100 (par)	---	Detroit Edison Co. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*15,000 shs	Retire debt of subs'dy; impts., &c-----	375,000	25	---	Municipal Telephone & Utilities Co. Class A common stock. Offered by Municipal Utility Investment Co., Kansas City, Mo.
*153,433shs	Extensions; construction-----	2,301,495	15	---	Providence Gas Co. capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
		24,558,695			
*20,000 shs	Motors and Accessories— Finance increased production-----	310,000	15 1/2	---	Van Blerck Motors, Inc., capital stock. Offered by Frear & Co., New York.
	Other Industrial & Mfg.— Working capital-----	412,500	165	---	Boss Mfg. Co. (Kewanee, Ill.) Common stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
250,000	Working capital; other corp. purp-----	9,600,000	150	---	(J. I.) Case Co. Common stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
6,400,000	Working capital-----				Chamberlain Corp. (Waterloo, Iowa) Conv. Class A stock. (Convertible into Common stock share for share at any time up to 5 days before redemption date.) Offered by Studebaker Securities Co., Chicago; Harry H. Polk & Co., Des Moines, and Commercial National Co., Waterloo, Iowa.
112,500	Working capital-----				Chamberlain Corp. (Waterloo, Iowa) Common stock. Offered by Studebaker Securities Co., Chicago; Harry H. Polk & Co., Des Moines, and Commercial National Co., Waterloo, Iowa.
2,250 shs	Working capital-----	281,250	5 shs. A and 1 sh. com. for \$125 b	---	Chamberlain Corp. (Waterloo, Iowa) Common stock. Offered by Studebaker Securities Co., Chicago; Harry H. Polk & Co., Des Moines, and Commercial National Co., Waterloo, Iowa.

Par or No. of Shares.	Purpose of Issue.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
	Other Indus. & Mfg. (Con.)—				
\$		\$		%	
*30,000 shs	Additional capital	1,500,000	50	---	Dow Chemical Co. Common stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*10,215 shs	Expansion	663,975	65	---	Dry Ice Holding Corp. (N. Y.) capital stock. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
*249,737shs	Acquisitions; other corp. purposes	9,989,480	40	---	Grigsby-Grunow Co. Common stock. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
360,000	General corporate purposes				Tex-O-Kan Flour Mills Co. 7% Cum. Pref. stock. (Each unit carries a detachable warrant to purchase on or before Jan. 1 1932 four shares of common stock at \$12½ per share.) Offered by Mercantile Securities Corp., Dallas, Texas.
*14,000 shs	General corporate purposes	504,000	1 sh. Pref. and 4 shs. com. for \$140.		Tex-O-Kan Flour Mills Co. Common stock. Offered by Mercantile Securities Corp., Dallas, Texas.
		22,951,205			
	Oil—				
*103,333shs	Retire bonds & pref. stock, &c	5,166,650	50	---	General Asphalt Co. Common stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
*20,000shs	Development of business	120,000	6	---	McNabb Oil & Refining Co. Class A Common stock. Offered by R. W. Blackett, Inc., Denver.
		5,286,650			
	Land, Buildings, &c.—				
3,299,400	Devel. of real est. holdings, &c	4,399,200	3 shs. Pref. & 1 sh. Class A for \$40.		Paramount Investment Corp. 7½% Cum. Pref. stock. Offered by Lawrence & Co., Los Angeles.
*109,980shs	Devel. of real est. holdings, &c				Paramount Investment Corp. Class A Common stock. Offered by Lawrence & Co., Los Angeles.
50,000	Finance purchase of houses	50,000	100	6.00	Garfield Realty Co. 6% Pref. stock. Offered by the Peoples State Bank, Indianapolis.
		4,449,200			
	Miscellaneous—				
1,000,000	Additional capital	1,000,000	10 (par)	---	Connecticut General Life Insurance Co. Capital Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
300,000	Additional capital	1,200,000	40	---	Equitable Casualty & Surety Co. Capital Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
150,000	Fund contracts, other corp. purp	150,000	50 (par)	---	Field Investment Corp. (Minneapolis) 7% Cum. Pref. Stock. Offered by company.
*120,000shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes	3,000,000	25	---	First Cincinnati Corp. Class A Non-Voting Stock. Offered to stockholders of First Investment & Securities Corp., Cincinnati.
*5,000shs	Provide funds for invest. purposes	125,000	25	---	First Cincinnati Corp. Class B Voting Stock. Purchased by First Investment & Securities Corp., Cincinnati.
77,500wrts	Provide funds for invest. purposes	310,000	4	---	First Cincinnati Corp. Warrants. (To subscribe for 77,500 shares of class A stock at \$25 per share, good for 5 years). Purchased by First Investment & Securities Corp., Cincinnati.
*107,780shs	Expansion, general corp. purp	3,233,400	30	---	(W. T.) Grant Co. (Del.) Common Stock. Offered by company to stockholders; underwritten.
6,000,000	Expansion of activities	21,000,000	35	---	Home Insurance Co. (N. Y.) Capital Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
500,000	Additional capital	500,000	5 (par)	---	Independence Fire Insurance Co. Capital Stock. Offered by company to stockholders.
200,000	Working capital	280,000	1 sh. pref. & 1 sh. com. for \$35.	---	Mutual System Corp. 6% Cum. Pref. Offered by Calumet Investment Co., Seattle.
*8,000shs	Working capital				Mutual System Corp. Common stock. Offered by Calumet Investment Co., Seattle.
*17,000shs	Working capital	595,000	35	---	Thrift Foundation, Inc. Common Stock. Offered by Colfax Phillips, Inc., N. Y.
		31,393,400			

ISSUES NOT REPRESENTING NEW FINANCING.

Par or No. of Shares.	(a) Amount Involved.	Price per Share.	To Yield About.	Company and Issue, and by Whom Offered.
\$	\$		%	
28,500,000	28,500,000	---	5-6	Middle West Preferred & Common Stock Syndicate Serial Discount Notes, due monthly Dec. 20 1929 to Aug. 20 1930. Offered by Hill Joiner & Co., Inc.
3,000,000	3,000,000	Market to yld. 5.40		Postal Telegraph & Cable Corp. Coll. Tr. 5s, 1953. Offered by National City Co.
	31,500,000			

* Shares of no par value.

a Preferred stocks of a stated par value are taken at par, while preferred stocks of no par value and all classes of common stock are computed at their offering pr. ces.

b Part of this offering represents stock acquired from individuals.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.

Friday Night, December 13 1929.

The main feature of trade just now is the retail holiday business. It has been favored by seasonable weather, although in this section temperatures have risen noticeably within the last 24 hours. For the most part, however, weather conditions have been favorable for the usual Christmas trade. In fact the retail trade is said to be the best in two months. Snows and rains and cold weather have tended to stimulate business in footwear, including of course rubber. But the returns of the wholesale and jobbing trade have made no very satisfactory showing of late and the tendency is towards a still further decrease as the time for taking inventories draws near. The general tendency of commodity prices has been lower. The coal trade is naturally stimulated by the wintry weather. There is a strike in the soft coal region. Some falling off is noticed in carloadings. There is more or less curtailment in the cotton textile industry, but it would seem that it is at times somewhat exaggerated. Raw cotton has declined a quarter of a cent, owing partly to the fact that the government estimate on the 9th inst. of 14,919,000 bales was larger than had been expected. It was only 90,000 bales under the previous months' estimate of 15,009,000 bales. The report caused a good deal of selling for a time, but later prices steadied under a falling off in offerings and a steady trade demand. From present appearances the technical position of cotton is rather strong. There is an investigation of cotton exchanges being conducted by a committee of the United States Senate. It has a tendency to interfere with cotton trading. A suggestion that the Farm Board increase the loans on cotton, if necessary, one cent a pound at a time up to a maximum of 20 cents is criticized as uneconomic. Of course it would tend to stimulate cotton raising and in the end do the South more harm than good. Certainly the tendency would be to reduce prices. They are now three cents lower than a year ago.

Wheat has declined 7 cents owing to a disappointing export demand and to the fact that for the time being Argentine with its crop deficiency has been discounted. The visible supply moreover is not decreasing as rapidly as had been

expected. On the other hand the exportable surplus of Argentine is in some cases estimated at only 100,000,000 bushels or less. If that is even approximately correct it would seem that the American export business in wheat must before long increase and perhaps materially. Corn has declined, but only very moderately, for December deliveries have been small and December ends the week practically unchanged. Other months have dropped 1¼ to 2 cents, or in other words have not been greatly influenced by the depression in wheat. Latterly the weather in the corn belt has not been favorable for moving the crop. Moreover, it is pointed out that hogs and cattle are selling at prices high enough to stimulate feeding demand for the farm, though the total amount of live stock is smaller than last year. Rye has dropped about as much as wheat under the influence of a decline in that grain especially as rye is still ignored by exporters. Carlot deliveries are authorized by to-morrow and thereafter. That told. Oats declined a couple of cents, but have shown relative steadiness for the most part and it seems would have advanced but for the decline in other grain. Sugar has advanced 7 to 11 points under the stimulus of a better demand from refiners who held aloof for a time. From now on purchases must it seems be made moreover for the most part from the Cuban Single Selling Agency, the supply of uncontrolled sugar according to report having largely given out. Prompt Cuban raws have advanced accordingly to 2 1-16c. c. & f., a rise of ½c. for the week. Trade houses and Wall Street have been good buyers of January and March sugar and December notices have been promptly stopped. Rio coffee has dropped over a cent owing largely to declining rates of exchange in Rio and Santos. Santos coffee has fallen over 1½ cents under the baneful effect of depressed exchange and rumors afloat at one time that the Brazilian government would abandon attempts to stabilize prices. Later in the week there was greater steadiness from the fact that the market had become speculatively short here. There was considerable covering. The financial conditions in Brazil, however, are not regarded as at all satisfactory. The impression is that Brazil needs further financial assistance.

Rubber declined slightly on the December delivery, but ends unchanged for the week on other months. Rubber has been a narrow trading affair with current statistics to all appearance a bar to any marked advance, at this time. Rubber is plentiful enough and at this time consumers are not apt to be large buyers. Hides have been declining in a small market. The shoe production according to the last report, however, was the largest on record.

November chain and mail order sales show a normal gain if allowance is made for new stores. Some of the older mail order concerns show an increase in November of 19½% as compared with the same month last year while for 11 months the increase is 27.7%. Chain store sales in November increased 13.4% over last year and for 11 months 15%. Chain and mail order stores combined increased in November 16% over last year, and for 11 months 20%. Copper has been for the most part quiet and there is some reduction in the output in the Far Northwest. There is a fair demand for wearing apparel. Luxuries, take them for all and all, sell less readily than they did a year ago. The Pacific Coast has had welcomed rains in its northern and central sections and they have had a tendency to help trade, though more rain is needed. At the end of the week the feeling in the steel trade is described as rather more cheerful. There is an impression that trade will improve in the new year now so near at hand. A fair business is reported in rails and cars and also in structural and implement steel. Prices as a rule have shown little or no change. In pig iron the trade has been light and under the influence of competition prices it is understood have now and then been shaded.

Cotton goods have sold with some difficulty unless prices were eased. Some print cloths have been reduced it is said ½c. in certain quarters while in others old prices have been maintained. Fine goods have been in fair demand. Leading denims have been reduced to 15c. on 28-inch, 2.20 yard white back and to 19¼c. on 36-inch white back for January-March delivery. These are the lowest prices quoted for many months past. Seasonal lines of finished cottons were in fair demand, and washed goods for the spring trade have sold very well. In woolens and worsteds there has been only a moderate trade. A large majority of men's wear mills have decided to maintain listed prices on all re-orders and new business for the spring of 1930. Broad silks were quiet. Raw silk was dull and lower.

The stock market during the week has been irregular. On the 12th inst. prices declined with brokers' loans showing an increase for the first time in eight weeks. It was \$33,000,000 which was no great matter, but to some seemed a hint that speculative rather than investment buying had to a large degree brought about the recent rise in prices. Gold exports also counted against the market. The Bank of England rate of discount marked down was ½ of 1% to 5½%. No reduction was made by the Federal Reserve Bank. Money remained at 4½%. To-day stocks closed higher with rather less trading. Early in the day there were a good many declines. The transactions aggregated 4,386,960 shares. Money remained at 4½%. About \$3,500,000 more gold was shipped to England. The Reserve banks are putting new credits into the market and next Monday the fourth quarterly income taxes are due. But for the time being the stock market is largely a professional affair. Sterling exchange was steady.

Mills manufacturing cotton duck are reported to be planning widespread curtailment of production during the early part of next year, starting probably about the middle of January. There is more or less curtailment at the cotton mills of the Carolinas. Bradford, England cabled that rather than accept wage reductions 1,300 operatives at Saddleworth have decided to cease work. Czechoslovakia spinning mills which use American cotton, after extended negotiations, it is stated, finally succeed in making a price arrangement which now binds the owners of 85% of Czech cotton spindles. Automotives Industries said that a continuation of the return to operating schedules by a number of factories, following seasonal shutdown for inventory, and further widespread indication that next year holds good promise for the automobile industry, were among the major developments in the automotive world during the last week. Automotive executives who have been studying the situation with extreme care look for a return to normalcy early in the year and expect large buying to begin within the first three months of 1930.

F. W. Woolworth & Co's sales for November amounted to \$26,159,770, an increase of 6.1% over November 1928. Sales for the 11 months of this year amounted to \$258,880,-

493, an increase of 7% over the corresponding period last year. The S. S. Kresge Co's sales for November were \$14,021,371, an increase of 7.5% over November 1928. Sales for the 11 months of this year were \$132,069,096, an increase of 7.8% over the corresponding period last year. Some 175 woolen mills have agreed not to cut prices.

The weather has been colder here most of the week, and it began to snow on the morning of the 11th inst., but it proved to be only a passing flurry. It became very cold at night. The temperature here on the 11th inst. was 13 degrees at 9 p. m. after touching 35 at 8.20 a. m. At Boston it was 14 to 22; Chicago, 32 to 36; Cincinnati, 38 to 42; Cleveland, 28 to 32; Detroit, 20 to 26; Kansas City, 42 to 52; Milwaukee, 30 to 34; St. Paul, 20 to 26; Montreal, zero to 4 above; Omaha, 32 to 36; Philadelphia, 30 to 36; Portland, Me., 10 to 20; Portland, Ore., 38 to 44; San Francisco, 54 to 60; Seattle, 36 to 42; St. Louis, 52 to 68; Winnipeg, 6 below to 12 above. New York State and New England had cold weather on the 12th inst. and snow fell here for a time. At Albany it was zero; at Syracuse only 3 above; at Owl's Head, N. Y., on the northern edge of the Adirondack Mountains 30 below zero. Boston reported 7 above zero; South Merrimac, N. H., 12 below; Springfield, Vt., 26 below; and South Londerderry, Vt., 30 below. At South Merrimac, N. H. the cold was so severe that schools were ordered closed. At Quebec it was 8 below; the ice bridge between the Island of Orleans and the mainland formed a fortnight earlier than usual.

On the 12th inst. Chicago had 32 to 42; Cincinnati, 36 to 64; Cleveland, 28 to 52; Kansas City, 40 to 46; Milwaukee, 30 to 40; Minneapolis, 26 to 34; Montreal, 4 below to 2 above; Omaha, 32 to 36; Philadelphia, 18 to 32; Portland, Me., 6 to 20; San Francisco, 56 to 64; Seattle, 36 to 40; St. Louis, 56 to 68; Washington, 26 to 28; Winnipeg, 12 to 24. To-day it was mild here with temperatures 36 to 43 degrees and it began to rain to-night. The forecast was for rain to-night and to-morrow and warmer to-night.

Bank of America, N. A., on Influence on Business of Stock Market Break—Part of Slowing Down Attributed to Feeling of Caution.

Appraising the influence upon business of the recent stock market break, The Bank of America N. A., in its current review of conditions issued on Monday, declares that already there are indications that early predictions of its effect were overdrawn. "Unquestionably so drastic a liquidation in the securities markets could not take place without widespread reflection in all basic lines of industry, and, more immediately, in the retail trade of the country," the bank holds. "A part of the recent slowing down in commercial activity is evidently to be attributed to a feeling of caution, a desire to await developments before making important commitments, and this reaction is in itself a safeguard."

The review notes that a minor recession in business activity had been in progress for nearly two months before liquidation in the stock market set in. The two main factors in this recession were a decline in building operations and the fact that manufacturers had over-estimated the market for automobiles. Because of the wide ramifications of the building and automobile industries and because their activity had contributed so largely to the high level of prosperity in recent years, the bank points out, even a slight decline in operations of these industries has far-reaching effects. The review continues:

"Present unsatisfactory conditions, however, are self-corrective. According to a recent survey the decline in building operations has already served to reduce the amount of empty space throughout the country. The closing down of the automobile plants has kept the supply of unsold cars down to manageable proportions. In no industry are unsold stocks of goods large enough to be a serious consideration in the present situation."

The bank believes that some adjustments will have to be made by those whose business has been supported mainly by trade dependent on stock market profits. It adds:

"Purchases of luxuries and of high-priced goods and properties which were being paid for out of profits made in the stock market—in other words, out of capital appreciation regarded as fixed income have naturally come to an end. This class of trade, however, although in the past few years it has shown a very appreciable increase, represents but a comparatively small proportion of the country's business. In basic lines, while business is dull, very few cancellations are reported."

Continuing its discussion of general business conditions, the bank says:

"Prospects are that the principal agricultural products will be marketed at a reasonable profit if no serious artificial obstacles are interposed in the way of the workings of the laws of supply and demand."

"Lower interest rates cannot fail to have a beneficial effect upon commercial projects. Money for short term commercial loans was available at a relatively low rate during the past two years even in times of greatest stringency in the collateral loan market. The high return which has been demanded on long-term borrowings, however, naturally placed a definite limit upon the carrying out of such larger projects as could not be expected to show results for a considerable period of time. An increase in such undertakings is to be anticipated now. A tendency in this direction is indicated in the advance in prices and consequent decline in yields of high-grade investment bonds.

"The present low level of money rates will doubtless serve to stimulate the movement of gold from this country which is already in progress. The outflow of gold, however, is not expected to stand in the way of a resumption in foreign lending, which was interrupted by the rise in money rates in this market."

Prediction for 1930 of Col. Leonard P. Ayres of Cleveland Trust Co.

Col. Leonard P. Ayres, Vice-President of the Cleveland Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio, in presenting his annual business forecast before the Cleveland Chamber of Commerce on Dec. 10, stated, according to the Cleveland "Plain Dealer," that the greatest single burden which American business must bear this winter and during 1930 will be to make good a shrinkage of \$4,500,000,000 in brokers' loans that took place in the last two months. This tremendous figure represents the losses sustained in the recent stock market debacle, Col. Ayres pointed out. It must be paid from savings accounts and bank deposits by unsuccessful market speculators, he said, to match dollar for dollar the winnings of the successful market speculators, says the "Plain Dealer," which gives as follows Col. Ayres's predictions for 1930:

Short term interest rates will probably have a downward trend as we enter the early months of 1930, changing to a rising one before the close of the year, with average levels well below those of 1929 but not below those of 1927.

Production of automobiles and trucks in the United States and Canada in 1930 will probably fall below that of 1929 by more than 500,000 but not by more than 1,000,000 units.

The total value of building construction in 1930 will probably not differ from that of 1929 by more than 5%.

Stock prices in the closing months of 1930 will probably be well above the levels of the closing months of 1929, but still below the recent high levels.

Total output of iron and steel in 1930 will probably be distinctly less than in 1929.

It seems unlikely that the cost of living will change much in 1930.

The average wholesale prices of non-agricultural commodities in 1930 will probably be less than in 1929 but not by more than 5%.

It is likely that there will be more unemployment in the early months of 1930 than in the corresponding months of 1929, but with conditions improving as the year advances.

Average industrial wage rates will probably not differ in 1930 by more than 3% from the 1929 average.

Costs of building will probably not change greatly in 1930, but the trend is likely to be a declining one.

The net profits of industrial corporations in 1930 will probably be distinctly less than in 1929.

The total of our tourist travel abroad will decline.

Col. Ayres summarized his conclusions as follows:

Summary—The year 1930 promises a poor start and a good finish for business; more bond flotations and fewer bank mergers; more trust investments and fewer investment trusts; renewed speculation with decreased tribulation; reduced profit margins and fewer margin calls; neither so many shocks to the nervous system nor so many warnings by the Reserve System.

November Construction Record Shows Falling Off—F. W. Dodge Corporation's Review of Building and Engineering Activity in the 37 States East of the Rocky Mountains.

During the month of November, construction contracts were awarded to the extent of \$391,012,500 in the 37 States east of the Rocky Mountains, according to F. W. Dodge Corp. These States include about 91% of the total construction volume of the country. The decline from the October total (\$445,642,300) was a little more than \$54,000,000, or 12%. The decrease from the November 1928 total (\$471,482,200) was about \$80,000,000, or 17%. The New York and Northern New Jersey District and the Northwest were the only two districts showing increases over the October 1929 and November 1928 records. The November construction record brought the amount of new building and engineering work started in the 37 States since the first of this year up to \$5,437,922,400 as compared with \$6,195,529,800 for the corresponding period of last year, the decrease being 12%. The Dodge Corp. adds:

Analysis of the past month's building record showed the following active classes of work: \$113,522,800, or 29% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$101,769,200, or 26%, for commercial buildings; \$72,361,100, or 19%, for public works and utilities; and \$39,673,900, or 10%, for industrial construction.

New work reported in the contemplated stage in the 37 Eastern States amounted to \$720,301,000. This total represents a loss of 10% from the amount reported in the preceding month and a drop of 23% from the amount reported in November of 1928.

New York State and Northern New Jersey.

Building and engineering contracts awarded during November in New York State and Northern New Jersey amounted to \$167,347,400. The above

figure, when compared with the preceding month's record, represents a noted increase of 60% and when compared with the total for November of last year shows an increase of 24%. These increases were due largely to increased construction in the commercial, public work and utilities, and residential classes. Included in the month's construction record were the following items of note: \$69,217,400, or 41% of the total, for commercial buildings; \$41,706,400, or 25%, for residential buildings; \$25,402,300, or 15%, for public works and utilities; and \$9,224,000, or 6%, for hospitals and institutions.

The first eleven months' construction total for this district was \$1,352,084,700, as compared with \$1,675,976,100 for the corresponding period of last year, the drop being 19%.

Contemplated new work reported in New York State and Northern New Jersey during the past month reached a total of \$230,434,700. This total represents a drop of 20% from the preceding month, but showed an increase of 16% over the November figure of last year.

The New England States.

The total volume of construction contracts let in the New England States during November amounted to \$24,147,900, as compared with \$40,040,700 for October of this year and \$30,638,100 for the corresponding month of 1928. Analysis of the November building record showed the following active classes of work: \$9,073,700, or 38% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$7,832,800, or 32%, for industrial buildings; \$3,057,500, or 13%, for commercial buildings, and \$1,563,000, or 6%, for educational construction.

New construction started in this district since the first of this year amounted to \$382,436,400, representing a loss of 17% when compared with the same period of last year.

During the past month there was \$29,409,600 worth of new work reported in contemplation. This total compares with \$37,632,300 for the preceding month and \$34,088,800 for the corresponding month of last year.

The Middle Atlantic States.

The Middle Atlantic States (Eastern Pennsylvania, Southern New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, District of Columbia and Virginia) had \$41,363,000 in awarded contracts for new building and engineering work. The above figure was 20% below the preceding month's record and a 24% loss was recorded from the corresponding month of last year. The following were the most prominent classes of work during the month: \$13,992,100, or 34% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$7,060,100, or 17%, for educational buildings; \$6,326,500, or 15%, for public works and utilities, and \$5,607,000, or 14%, for commercial construction.

Total contracts awarded for the first eleven months of this year amounted to \$650,110,400, which compares with \$735,710,700, the amount contracted for during the corresponding period of last year.

New York reported as contemplated in the Middle Atlantic States for November amounted to \$81,561,100 as against \$72,835,300 for the preceding month, an increase of 12%, but when compared with the November total of last year there was a drop of 53%.

The Pittsburgh District.

For the month of November the Pittsburgh District (Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Ohio and Kentucky) had \$26,751,500 in contracts awarded for new construction as compared with \$77,619,300 for the preceding month and \$60,367,800 for the corresponding month of 1928. Last month's building record included the following important classes of work: \$7,542,800, or 28% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$6,478,700, or 24%, for public works and utilities; \$4,815,900, or 18%, for commercial construction, and \$3,239,300, or 12%, for industrial plants.

The November contract total brought the amount of new construction started since the first of this year up to \$658,203,500, representing a slight decrease of 4% from the same period of 1928. The total for 1928 was \$684,321,900.

Contemplated projects as reported during November in this district amounted to \$135,338,300. This total represents increases of 85% and 31% over the preceding and corresponding month's totals, respectively.

The Central West.

A total amount of \$86,303,100 was contracted for in new building and engineering work during November, in the Central West (Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Wisconsin, Southern Michigan, Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Nebraska). A comparison made shows that the above total was off 27% from the preceding month and a 37% drop was recorded from the corresponding month's record for 1928. Among the types of building which were most active in the month's total were the following: \$30,299,800, or 35% of all construction, for residential buildings; \$20,631,100, or 24%, for public works and utilities; \$13,282,300, or 15%, for commercial construction, and \$7,194,800, or 8%, for industrial plants.

New construction started in the Central West during the past 11 months has reached a total of \$1,584,483,100, which represents a decrease of 13% from the corresponding period of last year. The total for last year was \$1,814,315,400.

New work reported as contemplated last month in this district amounted to \$168,462,800 as compared with \$218,614,300 for October of this year and \$349,695,900 for November of last year.

The Northwest.

New building and engineering work started last month in the Northwest (Minnesota, the Dakotas, and Northern Michigan) reached a total of \$9,967,300. This figure was more than twice the amount contracted for during the preceding month (an increase of 132%), and showed an increase of 73% over the November figure of 1928. The following were the most active classes in the November construction total: \$4,423,400, or 44% of all construction, for industrial buildings; \$3,245,600, or 33%, for public works and utilities; \$1,056,200, or 11%, for residential buildings, and \$562,700, or 6%, for commercial construction.

The first 11 months' construction total for the Northwest was \$87,637,600, which shows a substantial increase of 15% over the corresponding period of last year.

Contemplated new work as reported during November for this district amounted to \$18,137,500. This figure was 56% ahead of the amount reported in October, and there was a still greater increase of 66% recorded over the total for November of last year.

The Southeastern States.

November construction contracts in the Southeastern States (the Carolinas, Georgia, Florida, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Arkansas, and Louisiana) amounted to \$22,194,100. A comparison made shows this amount was off 32% from the preceding month's total, and a drop of 25% was noted from the November total of 1928. Analysis of November building record included the following active classes: \$7,177,400, or 32% of

all construction, for residential buildings; \$5,403,800, or 24%, for public works and utilities; \$3,622,400, or 16%, for industrial plants, and \$2,528,800, or 11%, for commercial construction.

Total building and engineering work started in this territory since the first of this year has reached a sum of \$517,237,800, representing a slight decrease of 2% from the total for the corresponding period of last year.

New work contemplated during the past month in the Southeastern States amounted to \$43,029,900. This figure shows a drop of 38% from the amount contemplated in October of this year, but there was an increase registered over the November total of 1928 amounting to 2%.

Texas.

The State of Texas had \$12,933,200 in awarded contracts for new building and engineering work during November. The above figure was 34% less than the total for the preceding month and there was a 33% decrease from the total for November of last year. Included in last month's building record were: \$3,549,800, or 27% of all construction, for public works and utilities; \$2,697,600, or 21%, for commercial buildings; \$2,674,400, or 20%, for residential construction, and \$1,588,900, or 12%, for industrial plants.

During the past 11 months there was \$205,728,900 in contracts awarded for new construction. This is a slight drop of 4% over the amount contracted for during the first 11 months of 1928.

Contemplated projects as reported last month in this State reached a total of \$13,927,100 as compared with \$31,027,700 for the preceding month and \$19,181,100 for the corresponding month of last year.

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Still Declining.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Nov. 30 totaled 837,107 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on Dec. 10. Owing to the observance of Thanksgiving Day, this was a reduction of 113,173 cars under the preceding week. The total for the week of Nov. 30 was also a reduction of 63,449 cars under the corresponding week in 1928. It likewise was a reduction of 81,380 cars under the corresponding week in 1927, but in making this comparison, consideration must be given to the fact the same week two years ago did not contain a holiday, Thanksgiving Day having fallen in the previous week. Details are outlined as follows:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of Nov. 30 totaled 302,871 cars, 33,339 cars below the same week last year and 36,772 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight amounted to 219,949 cars, a reduction of 6,220 cars under the same week in 1928 and 36,632 cars below the same week two years ago.

Coal loading amounted to 180,539 cars, an increase of 1,417 cars above the same week in 1928 and 22,343 cars above the same week in 1927.

Forest products loading totaled 48,589 cars, 9,859 cars below the same week in 1928 and 12,529 cars under the corresponding week in 1927.

Ore loading amounted to 9,438 cars, a decrease of 1,745 cars under the same week in 1928 and 306 cars below the corresponding week two years ago.

Coke loading amounted to 11,258 cars, an increase of 1,048 cars above the corresponding week last year and 2,227 cars over the same week two years ago.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 38,698 cars, a reduction of 14,893 cars under the corresponding week last year and 11,242 cars under the same period in 1927. In the western districts alone, grain and grain products loading amounted to 26,707 cars, a reduction of 9,052 cars under the same week in 1928.

Live stock loading totaled 25,765 cars, 142 cars above the same week last year but 8,469 cars below the corresponding week in 1927. In the Western Districts alone, live stock loading amounted to 19,799 cars, an increase of 605 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. All districts also reported reductions under the same week in 1927 except the Pochontas, which showed an increase.

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
Five weeks in November	4,891,835	5,144,208	4,741,390
Total	49,448,796	48,072,852	48,379,016

New York State Factories Make General Employment Reductions in November.

Widespread seasonal losses in November offset September and October gains in employment in representative New York State factories. November generally marks the first reduction in employment after the peak of fall production in October, according to Industrial Commissioner Frances Perkins. Declines characterized November of the last three years but the curtailment was greater this year. The Commissioner's survey, issued Dec. 9, continues:

These statements and those following are based upon monthly reports to the Department of Labor from over 1500 factories in New York State. They represent the different industries located all over the State and employ approximately one-third of all factory workers in the State.

Employment Above Last Two Years.

Two per cent more workers held factory jobs this November than in the same month for either 1928 or 1927. This improvement over the last

two years resulted from good gains in the spring, sustained employment during the summer and widespread advances in September. October marked the fall peak of employment when factory workers numbered more than at any time since November 1926.

The downward movement of November affected almost every industry and locality in the State. New York City cut forces more than up-State. Of the industry groups, the food, clothing and leather groups, which make greater seasonal changes, suffered the heaviest reductions.

Metals Losing Widely.

Losses in most of the metals caused the metal group to record a bigger drop than usual. Last year the group gained in November. The automobile and parts factories continued to make widespread severe cuts. General losses occurred in silverware and jewelry, brass, copper and aluminum, and sheet metal and hardware. Good gains in a few plants sent the railroad equipment and repair shops upward as well as shipbuilding and instrument and appliance firms. All of the other metals moved downward irregularly, some firms leading with large cuts.

Seasonal Slackening in Clothing and Food.

Widespread losses marked the end of the active season in the clothing and allied industries. Only the silk and silk goods factories reported a good general gain. Large cuts occurred in all leather goods, men's and women's clothing, millinery and cotton goods. The food industries were somewhat duller this month than usual at this time of year. Only the meat and dairy producers increased help. Severe lay-offs marked the canning, beverage and candy firms. Among the other industries, only glass firms, piano, other musical instrument and miscellaneous wood producers, pulp and paper plants, and miscellaneous paper goods makers reported general advances.

13-Month Calendar Adopted for 1930 by Sears-Roebuck

According to a Chicago dispatch, Dec. 10, to the New York "Times," a test of the 13-month calendar will be made by Sears, Roebuck & Co. beginning Jan. 2. The dispatch states:

This company, with its thousands of employees, will use the new calendar for its internal affairs for a year or more to determine its value in the business world.

Sears, Roebuck & Co. thus joins the ranks of several hundred others in the United States which already have adopted the 13-month calendar by which to control their internal affairs. George K. Eastman is a leading exponent of the new calendar.

Adoption of the 13-month calendar will necessitate a readjustment of the company's payrolls, but in no way will it interfere with external business, an official declared.

He pointed out that their calendar will begin with the first Thursday of 1930, and thus each fourth Thursday thereafter will be dated the 2nd.

Cleveland Federal Reserve Bank Finds Falling Off in Activity of Seasonal Nature.

According to the Dec. 1 "Monthly Business Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland "analysis of the state of general business during October and early November throughout the Fourth Cleveland District shows that, while there has been a falling-off in activity in many lines from the peak levels attained earlier in the year, much of it was of a seasonal nature. Operations in most lines accordingly continue to compare favorably with those of a year ago," says the Bank, which further comments as follows:

Of the 19 indexes of Fourth District business only three were lower in October than in the same month of 1928, these being residential building contracts, cement production and chain drug store sales. In addition to these, there was a decline in automobile passenger car production (which adversely affected steel output, especially in this District), tire production and in furniture store sales. All other major industries in October were at least on a par with 1928.

Retail distribution continues in good volume. Department store sales were 5.4% larger in October than a year ago and reports indicate that November business has compared favorably with preceding years. Wholesale firms shows an increase in October and for the first ten months in all lines except shoes.

Bituminous coal production in the District in October exceeded 1928 by 5.9% and for the first ten months of 1929, 14.1% more coal had been produced than in the same period of 1928. Coal shipments at Lake Erie ports so far this year, have been 15% larger than a year ago. Iron ore receipts at Lake Erie ports were slightly ahead of 1928 in October, but for the year-to-date have exceeded last year by 28%.

Net earnings of various concerns throughout the District were considerably higher in the third quarter than they were a year ago, but showed a decline, partly seasonal, from the second quarter of this year.

General manufacturing concerns, except those directly dependent upon the automobile industry for the bulk of their orders, are operating at levels which are above last year. Textile factories are busy; makers of men's and women's apparel are producing in good volume; shoe production in October was the highest ever reported for that month; paper concerns note some improvement; railway and electrical equipment factories are busy and paint manufacturers have enjoyed a good year. Motor accessory and machine tool plants are running on reduced schedules. Reports indicate that early November operations generally have shown no marked changes, other than seasonal, from a year ago.

Retail and wholesale trade is surveyed as follows by the Bank:

Retail Trade.

The volume of retail distribution throughout the Fourth District was "good" during October. Sales of 60 department stores showed an increase from 1928 of 5.4%. The largest gains were reported in Pittsburgh, Akron, Cleveland and Toledo; Wheeling was the only city to report a smaller volume than a year ago.

For the first ten months, sales were 3.4% larger than they were last year and here again, Wheeling is the only city showing a decline. Stocks of goods are generally lower this year. Accounts receivable for all stores were 11% larger than they were a year ago, but collections have also

issued at twenty regularly reporting cities of the Sixth Atlanta District for the construction of buildings within their corporate limits decreased approximately one-third in October compared with the month before, was less than half the total for October a year ago, and was smaller than had been reported for any month since December 1921." In its "Monthly Review," Nov. 30, the Bank also says:

Permits issued in October at these twenty cities amounted to \$3,814,858, a decrease of 33.1% compared with the total for September, and a decline of 56.1% compared with the total for October 1928. Increases over October a year ago were reported at Montgomery, Miami, Pensacola, Alexandria and Nashville, and also at Miami Beach. Decreases were shown at other reporting cities. The index number for the twenty cities for October was 33.9, compared with 50.7 for September, and with 77.3 for October 1928, based upon the monthly average for the three-year period 1923 to 1925 inclusive as represented by 100. Index numbers for Federal Reserve Bank and Branch cities of the district are shown on the last page of this Review.

The cumulative total of permits issued at these twenty cities during the ten months of 1929 amounts to \$66,811,114, a decrease of 26.3% compared with the total of \$90,707,657 for the corresponding period of 1928.

According to statistics compiled by the F. W. Dodge Corporation, the total volume of building and construction contracts awarded in the 37 states east of the Rocky Mountains during October amounted to \$445,642,300, an increase of \$240,000 over the September total, but smaller by 25% than the volume reported for October 1928. In October \$137,690,300, or 31% of all construction, was for residential buildings; \$85,116,400, or 19%, was for public works and utilities; \$67,732,600, or 15%, was for commercial buildings, and \$60,863,700, or 14%, was for industrial plants. For the ten months of 1929 contract awards have amounted to \$5,046,909,900 a decrease of 12% compared with the total of \$5,724,047,600 for the same period of last year.

Contracts awarded in the sixth district during October amounted to \$17,433,760, showing a further decline compared with preceding months, and a decrease of 51.7% compared with October 1928. Because of larger totals reported for other months, however, the total of contract awards in the sixth district for the ten months of the year show an increase of 5.7% over the same period of last year.

In the table are shown building permits issued in October at reporting cities of the district, compared with the corresponding month a year ago.

	October 1929.		October 1928.		Percentage Change in Value.
	Number	Value.	Number	Value.	
Alabama—Anniston	26	\$30,150	23	\$64,450	-53.2
Birmingham	355	428,991	592	1,200,442	-64.3
Mobile	84	54,285	100	202,432	-73.2
Montgomery	193	143,198	229	137,250	+4.3
Florida—Jacksonville	379	284,000	381	532,086	-46.6
Miami	458	352,100	290	147,466	+138.8
Orlando	60	34,585	114	78,150	-55.4
Pensacola	210	93,341	117	67,821	+37.6
Tampa	232	106,605	330	281,288	-62.1
*Lakeland	13	4,750	14	7,150	-33.6
*Miami Beach	97	549,760	47	188,215	+192.1
Georgia—Atlanta	321	947,196	398	1,756,028	-46.1
Augusta	158	55,287	869	78,774	-29.8
Columbus	40	45,380	55	97,883	-53.6
Macon	94	104,375	182	109,180	-4.4
Savannah	100	64,155	60	216,255	-70.3
Louisiana—New Orleans	136	364,547	227	1,740,853	-79.1
Alexandria	62	78,005	83	65,936	+18.3
Tennessee—Chattanooga	459	220,940	369	520,268	-57.5
Johnson City	9	11,500	14	17,375	-33.8
Knoxville	79	116,878	251	1,105,694	-89.4
Nashville	224	279,040	262	274,590	+1.6
Total 20 cities	3,679	\$3,814,858	4,946	\$8,694,161	-56.1
Index number		33.9		77.3	

* Not included in totals or index numbers.

Seasonal Increases in Trade During October in Its District Indicated by Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

In its District summary the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta states that "seasonal increases in trade and improved agricultural prospects are indicated in statistics for October compiled by this bank and received from various other sources." The Bank, in its Nov. 30 "Monthly Review," goes on to say:

The November 1 estimates by the United States Department of Agriculture indicate a cotton crop in the six states of the Sixth Federal Reserve District larger by 120,000 bales than was indicated by the October estimates, and 26% greater than the 1928 crop in these states. November estimates for some of the other principal crops also increased over those for October, and most crops except white potatoes and fruits are larger than those of last year.

Sales of merchandise at both retail and wholesale in this district during October increased seasonally to the highest levels so far this year, which is usual. Retail sales by 42 department stores increased an average of 23.6% over September but were 1% less than in October last year. Sales by reporting wholesale firms in the district increased 4.4% in October over September, and were at the highest level in two years. Debits to individual accounts at 26 reporting cities of the district increased 20.2% over September and were 4.8% greater than in October 1928. Savings deposits declined and were 8.1% less than a year ago. Loans and investments of weekly reporting member banks in selected cities declined a little more than 10 million dollars between October 9 and November 13, and discounts for member banks by the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta declined slightly during this period, but holdings of government securities increased about 5.4 millions. Demand deposits of all member banks in the district increased in September over August, but time deposits decreased, and both were less than at the same time last year. Commercial failures increased in number but decreased in liabilities compared with September and both the number and liabilities were less than for October last year. Building permits at 20 reporting cities, and contracts awarded in the district as a whole, declined in October compared with preceding months, and both were less than half as large as in October 1928. Building permits for the 20 reporting cities were at the lowest level reported for any month since December 1921. Consumption of cotton in the cotton-growing states increased in October over September and was greater than a year

ago, and production of cotton yarn by reporting mills also increased over both of those months, but output of cotton cloth was slightly less than in October 1928. Output of coal in Alabama was slightly smaller, but in Tennessee a little larger, than at the same time last year, and production of pig iron in Alabama increased over September but was a little below the level in October last year.

Details of conditions in retail and wholesale trade are furnished as follows by the Bank:

Retail Trade.

Retail distribution of merchandise in the sixth district, as reflected in sales figures reported confidentially to the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta by representative department stores located throughout the Sixth District, increased seasonally in October to the highest level so far this year, but were slightly less than in October a year ago. Stocks of merchandise increased over those a month earlier, but continued smaller than at the same time last year.

October sales by 42 reporting department stores in the district increased an average of 23.6% over those in September, all but five of these stores sharing in the seasonal increase. Compared with the corresponding month a year ago, increases reported at Atlanta, Chattanooga and Nashville were slightly more than offset in the district average by decreases reported from Birmingham, New Orleans and other cities, and total sales averaged one per cent less than in October 1928. Cumulative sales from Jan. 1 through to Oct. 31 have been greater at Atlanta, but smaller at other reporting points, than during the corresponding period of last year, and the district average for this cumulative period is a decrease of 1.6%. The strike of street railway operatives in New Orleans continues to affect business adversely at that point. Stocks of merchandise on hand at the end of October averaged 5.9% larger than a month earlier, but were 3.4% smaller than at the same time a year ago. The rate of stock turnover was slightly more favorable for October, but less for the ten months of the year, than in corresponding periods last year. Accounts receivable increased 8.8% in October over September, and 2.6% over October 1928, and collections increased 23.1% over September, and were 1.9% larger than a year ago. The ratio of collections during October to accounts receivable and due at the beginning of the month for 32 firms was 32.8%; for September this ratio was 28.5%, and for October last year 33.1%. For October the ratio of collections against regular accounts for 32 firms was 34.7%, and the ratio of collections against installment accounts for 9 firms was 18.9%.

Wholesale Trade.

The volume of wholesale trade in the Sixth District as reflected in sales figures reported confidentially to the Federal Reserve Bank by 121 wholesale firms in eight different lines of trade increased seasonally in October to the highest level in two years. Wholesale trade declines to the low level for the year in midsummer and beginning in July increases to the high peak for the year usually in October. The combined sales of all reporting wholesale firms in October were 4.4% greater than in September, and 2.8% larger than in October a year ago. Seasonal increases over September are shown in all of these lines of trade except dry goods, and six of the lines showed increases over October last year, but sales of groceries and stationery were somewhat lower. Increases over the preceding month, and over the corresponding month last year, are shown in combined figures of stocks on hand, accounts receivable and collections, as indicated in the table.

October 1929 Compared with—	Sept. 1929.	Oct. 1928.
Sales	+ 4.4	+2.8
Stocks on hand	+ 3.7	+0.2
Accounts receivable	+ 3.6	+5.3
Collections	+16.7	+4.0

Seasonal Expansion in Trade in Dallas Federal Reserve District During October—Heavy Rainfall Helps Growing Crops—Building Operations.

The trade situation in the Dallas Federal Reserve District reflected improvement during the month, says the December 1 Monthly Business Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas, which also has the following to say:

The sales of department stores in larger cities evidenced a further seasonal increase of 17% as compared to the previous month and were 2% larger than in October 1928. Wholesale distribution was in larger volume than in the previous month and some lines of trade showed an increase over a year ago. Reports from some sections, however, indicate that consumer demand is being reduced by reason of the smaller returns from crops and that merchants are adhering more closely to conservative buying policies. Debits to individual accounts at larger centers reached a new high record in October, being 19% larger than in September and 8% above those for October last year.

The commercial failure record in the Eleventh District which has shown a relatively favorable trend during the current year, while more unfavorable in October than in the previous month, continued to reflect an improvement over the corresponding month last year. During the first ten months of the current year, the number of defaults has shown a decline of 22% as compared to the same period in 1928 and the indebtedness involved has fallen off 29%.

The daily average deposits of member banks in this District rose from \$892,636,000 in September to \$900,260,000 in October but continued to run below those of a year ago reflecting the reduced agricultural income. While Federal Reserve Bank loans to member banks declined from \$34,112,983 on September 30 to \$25,825,752 on November 15, most of the reduction occurred during the last four days of the period. Loans to country banks have shown a steady decline since the middle of August but those to banks in reserve cities have fluctuated widely and have remained at a level considerably higher than a year ago.

Construction activity reflected a substantial improvement in October, the valuation of building permits issued at principal cities being 30% larger than in the previous month and 17% greater than in the same month last year. The production and shipment of cement, likewise, reflected large increases over both periods. The production, shipments, and new orders for lumber, while showing an improvement over the previous month, were on a smaller scale than a year ago.

Regarding the beneficial effect on the growing crops of heavy rains the Bank states:

The heavy general rainfall which relieved the drouthy conditions in many sections and provided needed moisture for growing crops was an important development in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District during

the past thirty days. The additional moisture greatly benefited that portion of small grain crops already sown and will enable farmers to complete seeding operations and to proceed with preparation of the soil for next year's crops. As a result of the additional moisture and favorable temperatures prevailing during October some of the feed and minor crops showed a higher prospective yield on November 1 than a month earlier. It should be borne in mind, however, that, according to the November 1 report of the Department of Agriculture, the indicated yield of three of the District's important crops—cotton, corn, and grain sorghums—is considerably below the 1928 production and is having the effect of greatly reducing the farmer's income for the current year. The rains, likewise, improved the physical condition of the District's ranges and livestock but the condition figure is still noticeably below that of a year ago.

As to building operations in the Dallas Federal Reserve District we quote the following from the Review:

Building.

A substantial increase over both the previous month and the same month last year was shown in the valuation of building permits issued at principal cities in the Eleventh Dallas District in October. The valuation of building permits issued at these centers aggregated \$8,389,467 as against \$6,465,678 in September and \$7,161,407 in October 1928. It will be observed that five cities showed increases and seven cities showed decreases as compared to both the previous month and the same month last year, while two cities reflected declines from September but increases as compared to October 1928. A decline of 1.2% was shown in the total for the ten months of the current year as compared to the same period of 1928.

BUILDING PERMITS.

	October 1929.		October 1928.		Inc. or Dec.	September 1929.		Inc. or Dec.
	No.	Valuation	No.	Valuation		No.	Valuation	
Amarillo	70	\$181,187	48	\$96,446	+87.9	53	\$69,165	+162.0
Austin	89	193,305	86	216,480	-10.7	102	220,083	-12.2
Beaumont	159	174,081	181	313,800	-44.5	167	186,140	-6.5
Corpus Christi	129	82,701	71	121,650	-32.0	78	282,245	-70.7
Dallas	368	1,655,474	226	552,651	+199.6	303	768,367	+115.5
El Paso	133	245,780	98	160,502	+53.1	111	264,977	-7.2
Fort Worth	258	1,132,641	345	851,001	+33.1	231	1,411,397	-19.8
Galveston	169	98,854	205	105,286	-6.1	161	99,363	-5
Houston	470	3,267,646	445	3,225,073	+1.3	530	1,622,689	+101.4
Port Arthur	135	229,841	105	51,189	+349.0	105	213,665	+7.6
San Antonio	423	596,080	320	822,885	-27.6	376	806,040	-26.0
Shreveport	308	190,309	304	433,304	-56.1	232	313,909	-39.5
Waco	33	321,526	33	104,980	+206.3	40	119,110	+169.9
Wichita Falls	71	20,312	56	106,160	-80.9	27	88,548	-77.1
Total	2,815	\$8,389,467	2,523	\$7,161,407	+17.1	2,576	\$6,465,678	+29.8

	10 Months, 1929.		10 Months, 1928.		Inc. or Dec.
	No.	Valuation.	No.	Valuation.	
Amarillo	511	\$1,592,575	815	\$2,748,214	-42.1
Austin	885	2,775,521	760	2,275,396	+22.0
Beaumont	1,739	2,390,487	1,712	3,228,739	-26.0
Corpus Christi	733	1,920,659	812	4,945,803	-61.2
Dallas	2,996	8,712,857	3,199	7,027,344	+24.0
El Paso	1,142	2,961,253	812	1,435,448	+106.3
Fort Worth	3,001	10,460,555	3,824	11,854,481	-11.8
Galveston	1,829	3,530,854	1,987	2,350,750	+50.2
Houston	4,665	27,196,595	5,111	28,317,266	-4.0
Port Arthur	1,327	2,563,662	1,182	1,768,341	+45.0
San Antonio	3,663	14,398,450	3,420	13,057,339	+10.3
Shreveport	2,643	3,197,439	2,628	3,738,186	-14.5
Waco	434	2,369,622	328	1,890,327	+25.4
Wichita Falls	380	955,539	521	1,449,681	-34.1
Total	25,948	\$85,026,068	27,111	\$86,087,265	-1.2

Changes in Automobile Prices—New Models.

The Buick Motor Co., a General Motors subsidiary, has added from \$25 to \$75 on both Buick and Marquette cars. The 1930 cars cost more; therefore the increase, it is stated.

The new Cadillac 16-cylinder car will be shown for the first time at the National Automobile Show to be held in the Grand Central Palace beginning Jan. 4. It will be called the Cadillac V-16.

The Olds Motor Works, a division of the General Motors Corp., has increased prices of the Viking \$100 on all models.

The addition of a convertible coupe on the Chrysler "70" chassis was announced to-day by J. W. Frazer, General Sales Manager of the Chrysler Sales Corp. at Detroit. With this model now in production the line includes seven body styles. The new Chrysler is long and low and has the appearance of a roadster.

The Studebaker Corp. will start production this month on a new Erskine for introduction at the New York Automobile Show on Jan. 4. The new car, known as the "Dynamic New Erskine," will be larger, and more powerful and is priced under \$1,000. Large body dimensions and a longer wheelbase of 114 inches will be adopted. There also will be a new radiator design and smart line treatment emphasized by a tri-lateral belt.

A. R. Erskine, President of the Studebaker Corp. said that unsold cars in the hands of dealers in the United States were lower on Dec. 1 than at any time in more than five years. Unsold cars at the factory, he said, were also lower than at any time for more than four years.

The Paper and Pulp Industry in October.

According to identical mill reports to the American Paper and Pulp Association from members and co-operating organizations, paper production in October registered an increase of 12%, as compared with September 1929, and an increase of 7% over October 1928. Paper production for ten months

ending October 1929, showed an increase of 7% over the same period of 1928. The Association's survey Dec. 10 continues:

The October production for all individual grades, excepting newsprint, felts and building, bag and wrapping papers, registered an increase over October 1928 output. Uncoated book paper production showed an increase of 20% over October 1928, writing 13%, hanging 11%, tissue 10% and paperboard 9%. Production of wrapping paper decreased in October 1929, as compared with October 1928, by 10%, bag paper 5%, felts and building paper 2% and newsprint less than 1%.

Shipments of all grades in October 1929, excepting felts and building, bag and wrapping papers, increased over October 1928, the total shipment being 7% above the total of last year.

Paperboard, wrapping, bag, tissue and hanging papers, registered decreases in inventory at the end of October 1929, as compared with September 1929. As compared with October 1928, paperboard, felts and building and hanging papers, showed increases in inventory. The total stocks on hand for all grades was 2% below September 1929, and 2% below that of October 1928.

Identical pulp mill reports for October 1929 indicated that the total production of all grades of pulp was 2% greater than October 1928.

During October 1929, 8% more bleached sulphite pulp, 8% more soda pulp and 3% more kraft pulp was consumed by reporting mills than in October 1928. The total shipments to outside markets of all grades of pulp in October 1929 were 9% higher than the total for October 1928.

All grades of pulp, excepting news grade sulphite, bleached sulphite and mitscherlich sulphite, showed decreases in inventory at the end of October, as compared with the end of September 1929. As compared with October 1928, all grades excepting bleached sulphite, easy bleaching sulphite, and kraft pulp, registered decreases in inventory.

REPORT OF PAPER OPERATIONS IN IDENTICAL MILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1929.

Grade.	Production, Tons.	Shipments, Tons.	Stocks on Hand End of Month, Tons.
Newsprint	122,009	122,040	26,573
Book (uncoated)	101,293	100,387	40,649
Paperboard	238,738	242,310	59,815
Wrapping	50,774	53,362	47,075
Bag	15,977	15,977	5,053
Writing	33,464	32,687	39,064
Tissue	14,693	14,997	7,500
Hanging	6,991	7,691	4,636
Felts and building	6,360	6,287	2,762
Other grades	29,598	29,405	16,572
Total, all grades	619,897	625,143	249,699

REPORT OF WOOD PULP OPERATIONS IN IDENTICAL MILLS FOR THE MONTH OF OCTOBER 1929.

Grade.	Production, Tons.	Used During Month, Tons.	Shipped During Month, Tons.	Stocks on Hand End of Month, Tons.
Groundwood	79,900	91,761	3,529	57,695
Sulphite news grade	42,077	37,221	4,612	6,422
Sulphite bleached	28,813	25,922	2,702	3,068
Sulphite easy bleaching	3,213	2,936	328	776
Sulphite mitscherlich	7,618	5,898	1,447	956
Sulphate pulp	31,167	26,999	4,596	5,589
Soda pulp	25,443	16,753	9,142	3,928
Pulp, other grades	62	---	34	130
Total, all grades	218,293	207,490	26,390	78,564

Lumber Orders Continue Below Production.

Lumber orders received at 842 leading hardwood and softwood mills during the week ended Dec. 7 were 77% of current production, a figure at which they have been for the previous two weeks, according to reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association. Shipments were 81% of production, compared with shipments representing 92% a week earlier. These mills gave total production as 352,922,000 feet, while 833 mills a week earlier gave production as 334,904,000 feet. Unfilled softwood orders at 518 mills on Dec. 7 were the equivalent of 20 days' production, the same equivalent reported by 499 mills a week earlier. Compared with last year, 420 identical softwood mills reported production as 2% less, shipments 18% less and orders 16% less than for the same week a year ago. For hardwoods, 195 identical mills reported production 8% less, shipments 24% less and orders 38% less than for the week a year ago.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Dec. 7 1929 by 648 softwood mills totaled 247,056,000 feet, or 22% below the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 252,163,000 feet, or 20% below production. Production was 314,856,000 feet.

Reports from 220 hardwood mills give new business as 25,677,000 feet, or 33% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 34,148,000 feet, or 10% below production. Production was 38,066,000 feet. The Association's statement goes on to say:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 518 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 945,236,000 feet on Dec. 7 1929, or the equivalent of 20 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year—300-day year—and may be compared with unfilled orders of 499 softwood mills on Nov. 30 1929, of 993,572,000 feet, the equivalent of 20 days' production.

The 352 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 710,780,000 feet, on Dec. 7 1929, as compared with 825,921,000 feet for the same week a year ago. Last week's production of 420 identical softwood mills was 253,687,000 feet, and a year ago it was 259,043,000 feet; shipments were respectively 193,891,000 feet and 237,435,000; and orders received 191,615,000 feet and 228,398,000 feet. In the case of hardwoods, 195 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 33,076,000 feet and

35,934,000; shipments, 30,424,000 feet and 39,774,000, and orders 23,241,000 feet and 37,291,000.

West Coast Movement.

The West Coast Lumbermen's Association wired from Seattle that new business for the 224 mills reporting for the week ended Dec. 7 totaled 131,044,000 feet, of which 37,034,000 feet was for domestic cargo delivery, and 25,598,000 feet export.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 160 mills reporting, shipments were 12% below production, and orders 12% below production and about the same as shipments.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association, of Portland, Ore., reported production from 73 mills as 8,547,000 feet, shipments 26,886,000 and new business 29,720,000 feet.

The California White and Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association, of San Francisco, reported production from 16 mills as 14,073,000 feet, shipments 9,780,000, and orders 10,221,000 feet.

CURRENT RELATIONSHIP OF SHIPMENTS AND ORDERS TO PRODUCTION FOR THE WEEK ENDED DEC. 7 1929 AND FOR 49 WEEKS TO DATE.

Table with 5 columns: Association, Production M Ft., Shipments M Ft., P. C. of Prod., Orders M Ft., P. C. of Prod. Rows include Southern Pine, West Coast Lumbermen's, Western Pine Manufacturers, California White & Sugar Pine, Northern Pine Manufacturers, No. Hemlock & Hardwood (softwoods), Northern Carolina Pine, California Redwood, Softwood total, Hardwood Manufacturers Inst., Northern Hemlock & Hardwood, Hardwoods total, Grand total.

The Northern Pine Manufacturers Association of Minneapolis, Minn., reported production from nine mills as 1,509,000 feet, shipments 4,722,000 and new business 2,672,000.

The Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 26 mills as 2,231,000 feet, shipments 1,152,000 and orders 1,061,000.

The North Carolina Pine Association of Norfolk, Va., reported production from 125 mills as 10,930,000 feet, shipments 11,367,000 and new business 10,233,000.

The California Redwood Association of San Francisco reported production from 15 mills as 8,713,000 feet, shipments 7,541,000 and orders 5,300,000.

Hardwood Reports.

The Hardwood Manufacturers Institute of Memphis, Tenn., reported production from 194 mills as 33,502,000 feet, shipments 30,642,000, and new business 22,955,000.

The Northern Hemlock & Hardwood Manufacturers Association of Oshkosh, Wis., reported production from 26 mills as 4,564,000 feet, shipments 3,506,000, and orders 2,722,000.

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. 30

1929, orders and shipments were 23.25% and 7.53%, respectively, below production, which amounted to 154,406,156 feet for that period. The Association's statement follows:

WEEKLY REPORT OF PRODUCTION, ORDERS AND SHIPMENTS.

223 Mills report for week ended Nov. 30 1929. (All mills reporting production, orders and shipments for last week.)

Production 154,406,156 feet (100%)
Orders 118,505,017 feet (23.25% under production)
Shipments 142,771,963 feet (7.53% under production)

COMPARISON OF CURRENT AND PAST PRODUCTION AND WEEKLY OPERATING CAPACITY (307 IDENTICAL MILLS).

(All mills reporting production for 1928 and 1929 to date.)
Actual production week ended Nov. 30 1929 174,539,939 feet
Average weekly production 48 weeks ended Nov. 30 1929 205,152,001 feet

WEEKLY COMPARISON (IN FEET) FOR 223 IDENTICAL MILLS—1929.

(All mills whose reports of production, orders and shipments are complete for the last four weeks.)

Table with 4 columns: Week Ended, Nov. 30, Nov. 23, Nov. 16, Nov. 9. Rows include Production, Orders, Domestic cargo, Export, Local, Shipments, Domestic cargo, Export, Local, Unfilled orders, Domestic cargo, Export.

112 IDENTICAL MILLS.

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

Table with 4 columns: Week Ended Nov. 30 1929, Average 48 Weeks Ended Nov. 30 1929, Average 48 Weeks Ended Dec. 1 1928. Rows include Production (feet), Orders (feet), Shipments (feet).

DOMESTIC CARGO DISTRIBUTION WEEK ENDED NOV. 25 '29 (115 Mills)

Table with 5 columns: Orders on Hand Begin'n'g Week Nov. 23 '29, Orders Received, Cancellations, Shipments, Unfilled Orders Week Ended Nov. 23 '29. Rows include Washington & Oregon (97 Mills), California, Atlantic Coast, Miscellaneous, Total Wash. & Oregon, Brit. Col. (18 Mills), California, Atlantic Coast, Miscellaneous, Total Brit. Columbia, Total domestic cargo.

Production Sales and Shipment of Cotton Cloth in November.

Statistical reports of production, sales and shipments of standard cotton cloths during the month of November, 1929, were made public Dec. 9 by The Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York. The figures cover a period of five weeks. Production during the five weeks of November amounted to 345,146,000 yards, or at the rate of 69,029,000 yards per week.

Stocks on hand at the end of the month amounted to 431,426,000 yards, representing an increase of 19.0% during the month.

Unfilled orders on Nov. 30 were 342,232,000 yards, representing a decrease of 13.5% during the month.

These statistics on the manufacture and sale of standard cotton cloths are compiled from data supplied by twenty-three groups of manufacturers and selling agents reporting through the Association of Cotton Textile Merchants of New York and The Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc.

Production Statistics, November, 1929.

The following statistics cover upwards of 300 classifications or constructions of standard cotton cloths, and represent a very large part of the total production of these fabrics in the United States.

NOVEMBER 1929 (FIVE WEEKS).

Table with 2 columns: Item, Value. Rows include Production was 345,146,000 yards, Sales were 222,911,000 yards, Ratio of sales to production 64.6%, Shipments were 276,377,000 yards, Ratio of shipments to production 80.1%, Stocks on hand Nov. 1 were 362,657,000 yards, Stocks on hand Nov. 30 were 431,426,000 yards, Change in stocks increase 19.0%, Unfilled orders Nov. 1 were 395,698,000 yards, Unfilled orders Nov. 30 were 342,232,000 yards, Change in unfilled orders decrease 13.5%.

Cottonseed Oil Production During November.

On Dec. 12 the Bureau of the Census issued the following statement showing cottonseed received, crushed and on hand and cottonseed products manufactured, shipped out, on hand, and exports during the month of November 1929 and 1928:

COTTONSEED RECEIVED, CRUSHED, AND ON HAND (TONS).

Table with columns: State, Received at Mills* Aug. 1 to Nov. 30 (1929, 1928), Crushed Aug. 1 to Nov. 30 (1929, 1928), On Hand at Mills Nov. 30 (1929, 1928). Rows include Alabama, Arizona, Arkansas, California, Georgia, Louisiana, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, and All other states.

* Includes seed destroyed at mills but not 41,606 tons and 21,972 tons on hand Aug. 1 nor 40,286 tons and 36,046 tons reshipped for 1929 and 1928, respectively.

COTTONSEED PRODUCTS MANUFACTURED, SHIPPED OUT, AND ON HAND.

Table with columns: Item, Season, On Hand Aug. 1, Produced Aug. 1-Nov. 30, Shipped Out Aug. 1-Nov. 30, On Hand Nov. 30. Rows include Crude oil (pounds), Refined oil (pounds), Cake and meal (tons), Hulls (tons), Linters (running bales), Hull fiber (500-lb. bales), Grabbots, motes, &c. (500-lb. bales).

* Includes 4,021,958 and 12,028,550 pounds held by refining and manufacturing establishments and 4,136,570 and 38,526,100 pounds in transit to refiners and consumers Aug. 1 1929 and Nov. 30 1929 respectively.

a Includes 5,506,926 and 3,011,751 pounds held by refiners, brokers, agents, and warehousemen at places other than refineries and manufacturing establishments and 9,727,216 and 10,276,770 pounds by transit to manufacturers of lard substitute, oleomargarine, soap, &c., Aug. 1 1929 and Nov. 30 1929 respectively.

b Produced from 575,948,357 pounds of crude oil.

EXPORTS OF COTTON SEED PRODUCTS FOR THREE MONTHS ENDING OCT. 31.

Table with columns: Item, 1929, 1928. Rows include Oil crude, pounds; Refined, pounds; Cake and meal, tons of 2,000 pounds; Linters, running bales.

Fur Credit Sales Drop \$19,000,000 According to President of American Fur Merchants Association—Decrease of 13% in Five Years—330 Failures in 1929.

From the New York "Times" of Dec. 11, we take the following:

Credit sales by members of the American Fur Merchants' Association, Inc., during 1929 will run about \$19,000,000 under the average for the past five years, Milton A. Herzig, retiring President, reported last night at the annual membership meeting of that body at the Fur Merchants' Club. This, he added, represents a decrease of 13% for the period.

Mr. Herzig further reported that, with the December sales estimated, those for the current year would run about \$8,000,000, or 6%, under those for 1928. The respective totals he placed at \$130,000,000 and \$138,000,000. Average sales for the five years, 1925 to 1929, inclusive, were \$149,000,000. Members' credit sales last month were \$4,163,000, the smallest volume for any month during the five-year period mentioned.

Mr. Herzig also brought out in his report that from Jan. 1 to Nov. 30 this year there had been 330 failures in the fur industry, of which 222 occurred in this city. The total liabilities were \$12,093,251, of which \$9,023,308 was represented by local failures. Total "association liabilities," he explained, were \$3,797,421. Compared with total 1929 liabilities to Nov. 30, Mr. Herzig showed those for the same period last year to have totaled \$13,582,748. "Association liabilities" for the 1928 period were \$5,411,179. The ratio of losses to sales in the first 11 months of this year was about 3%, against 4.2% for the same months of 1928.

Revised by-laws were voted on at the meeting the principal change providing that three actuaries of the association in the future should establish the ratings of buyers of furs on credit in place of the 22 members who formerly did this work.

J. H. Bleistein was elected President to succeed Mr. Herzig. Other officers elected were A. N. Leventhal, Julius Morris and Louis A. Cohen, Vice-Presidents; Alfred Eisenbach, Treasurer, and Nathan Berlin, Secretary. Nine directors also were elected.

Activity of Wool Weaving Industry During October

The Wool Institute, Inc. reports under date of Dec. 6 that the combined totals of the volume of production and billings reported for October 1929 by the Menswear and Womenswear Mills increased in comparison with the totals for September 1929. The Institute also says:

All groups with the exception of the Womenswear Worsteds Mills reported increases in both production and billings; the increases in volume shown by individual mills in that group being offset by the figures of mills reporting decreases.

Stocks of menswear and womenswear woolen goods declined. Menswear and womenswear worsteds stocks increased, and combined stocks increased 1% above the September 30th total.

Totals for identical mills, all groups, for the month of October 1929, compared with the same period in 1928, indicated a 3% increase in production. A decrease of 2% in billings is attributed to abnormal weather conditions during October 1929.

October Activity.

(Linear Yardage of Combined Groups Adjusted to a 6-4 Basis.) Table with columns: Production, Billings, Stock on hand, Value of billings. Values are in yards.

Tobacco Growers Counseled to Adopt Co-operative Selling—Farm Board Cannot Assist Them as Individuals, Vice-Chairman Stone of Board Says.

Tobacco buying power is concentrated, and tobacco producers will never get what they are entitled to until they concentrate their selling power, stated James C. Stone, Vice-Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, in response, Nov. 29, to inquiries from tobacco growers of Kentucky and Tennessee as to how they can avail themselves of the provisions of the agricultural marketing act. The "United States Daily" of Nov. 30 reports this, and adds:

Assistance of the Federal Farm Board, should the tobacco producers decide to organize co-operative marketing associations, was pledged in Mr. Stone's statement, which follows in full text:

As the time is drawing near to the opening of the tobacco markets of Kentucky and Tennessee, many tobacco growers are writing me, as the tobacco representative on the Federal Farm Board, asking how the tobacco growers of that section can receive aid under the agricultural marketing act recently passed by Congress.

Under the provisions of the law, the Federal Farm Board is directed to work through co-operative marketing associations and other farmer-owned and farmer-controlled organizations, which make it impossible for the Board to deal directly with individual farmers. If the growers of tobacco in Kentucky and Tennessee are satisfied with the selling system they have, they need no aid, but if they are not satisfied, it will be necessary for them to organize co-operative marketing associations under the terms and provisions of the Capper-Volstead Act and the agricultural marketing act, which will place them in a position where the Farm Board can render assistance.

It is my opinion that the farmer's principal trouble is lack of trading power. The buyers of his commodity are now so organized that the buying power of their group is concentrated into the hands of a few, and tobacco producers will never get what they are entitled to until they concentrate their selling power to meet the conditions already adopted by the buying group. This can be done if the growers decide that they need a better system of selling and will get together as business men and first agree upon what they want, and then fight to get it and then fight to keep it, realizing that the organization is theirs and that it will not succeed unless they, themselves, see to it that it is honestly and efficiently managed.

Ready to Assist.

Co-operative organizations are not price-fixing organizations but are merchandising organizations, and no price should be asked by a co-operative marketing association that is not primarily based upon the law of supply and demand under existing conditions.

Whenever the tobacco producers of Kentucky and Tennessee feel that it is to their interest to organize sound co-operative marketing associations the Federal Farm Board stands ready to assist in every way it can because the members of the Board are representing the agricultural interests of this country and it is their duty to help all farmers who are willing to help themselves.

Petroleum and Its Products—Further Recession in Crude Output—Proration Plans Progress in California—Oklahoma City Pool Shows Heavy Increase.

Although further recessions occurred in crude petroleum production for the week ending Dec. 7, the situation in Oklahoma was not considered satisfactory. The Oklahoma City pool recorded a daily gain of 16,850 barrels. Production cuts in other Oklahoma fields offset the Oklahoma City pool to some extent, but the State as a whole showed a daily average increase of 6,200 barrels. Figures for the entire country indicate that average production for the week ended Dec. 7 fell off 7,605 to 2,630,550 barrels daily. California figures showed a decrease of 5,700 barrels daily. This is an indication that proration plans are achieving results in the flush California fields, with the exception of Santa Fe Springs. At this field the situation is complicated by the fact that several companies are reported to be evading their part in the conservation movement.

A newly considered factor in the conservation movement is the feeling of production companies toward their field workers. Executives are anxious to devise some method by which they may avoid the discharge of field men when drilling operations are curtailed in observance of the State-wide conservation movement. Some companies are adopting the five-day week plan.

Despite the result of conservation in the United States, the total new crude supply reached a daily average of 2,908,121 barrels for the week ending Dec. 7, as compared with 2,819,914 barrels daily in the previous week. This was due to a sharp increase in imports of crude oil, amounting to almost 96,000 barrels more each day.

During the past week there have been no appreciable changes in prices of crude petroleum at any of the country's fields.

Table with columns for location and price per barrel. Locations include Bradford, Pa., Corning, Ohio, Cabell, W. Va., Illinois, etc.

CRUDE RUNS TO STILL, GASOLINE AND GAS AND FUEL OIL STOCKS WEEK ENDED DEC. 7 1929. (BARRELS OF 42 GALLONS.)

Table with columns for District, P. C. Potential Capacity Report, Crude Runs to Still, P. C. Oper. of Total Capacity Report, Gasoline Stocks, Gas and Fuel Oil Stocks. Rows include East Coast, Appalachian, Indiana, Illinois, Kentucky, etc.

x Revised. Due to addition of 70,000 barrels of gasoline stocks in California. 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."

REFINED PRODUCTS—EASTERN GASOLINE MARKETS QUIET—PRICES UNCHANGED—BURNING OILS NOW QUITE ACTIVE—UPWARD TENDENCY SEEN—KEROSENE PRICES STEADY—SHELL EASTERN PETROLEUM PRODUCTS ENTERS WASHINGTON, D. C., FIELD.

Eastern gasoline markets were quiet and unchanged during this week, with demand down somewhat but nevertheless on a normal basis, a drop being expected at this time of the year.

Kerosene prices are unchanged, but the steady increase in consumption indicates that the basic soundness of this division of the refined market may lead to higher quotations before or shortly after the turn of the year.

Shell Eastern announced that it plans to supplement the policies and service facilities of the Penn Oil Co. with the enormous resources and facilities of the Shell organization.

The only price change of note during the week was made on Dec. 9 when kerosene was cut 1c. per gallon to 12c. tank wagon throughout Ohio by the Standard Oil Co. of Ohio.

Table for Gasoline, U. S. Motor, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery. Lists prices for NY, West Texas, Chicago, New Orleans.

Table for Gasoline, Service Station, Tax Included. Lists prices for New York, Atlanta, Baltimore, Boston, Buffalo, Chicago.

Table for Kerosene, 41-43 Water White, Tankcar Lots, F.O.B. Refinery. Lists prices for NY, North Texas.

Table for Fuel Oil, 18-22 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal. Lists prices for New York, Diesel.

Table for Gas Oil, 32-36 Degree, F.O.B. Refinery or Terminal. Lists prices for New York.

Weekly Refinery Statistics for the United States. According to the American Petroleum Institute, companies aggregating 3,503,400 barrels, or 95.2% of the 3,678,700 barrel estimated daily potential refining capacity of the plants operating in the United States during the week ended Dec. 7 1929 report that the crude runs to stills for the week show that these companies operated to 59.4% of their total capacity.

Crude Oil in United States Slightly Lower.

The American Petroleum Institute estimates that the daily average gross crude oil production in the United States for the week ended Dec. 7 1929 was 2,630,550 barrels, as compared with 2,638,200 barrels for the preceding week, a decrease of 7,650 barrels.

Table for DAILY AVERAGE PRODUCTION (Figures in barrels). Columns for Week Ended—, Dec. 7 '29, Nov. 30 '29, Nov. 23 '29, Dec. 8 '28. Rows for Oklahoma, Kansas, Panhandle Texas, etc.

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 Dec. 7 1929 was 1,554,000 barrels, as compared with 1,553,850 barrels for the preceding week.

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

Table for production figures of certain pools. Columns for Week Ended—, Dec. 7, Nov. 30. Rows for Oklahoma, Allen Dome, Asher, Bowlegs, etc.

Changes Announced in Board of American Petroleum Institute.

It is announced that C. M. Fuller (of the Richfield Oil Co.), Oscar Sistro (of the Standard Oil Co. of California), and

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

Table showing stocks of crude petroleum held in the United States by location of storage (e.g., East coast, Gulf coast, Rocky Mountain) and by field of origin (e.g., Appalachian, Kentucky, Illinois). Includes sub-sections for refinery, pipe-line, and tank-farm stocks.

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

Table showing monthly and total imports and exports of crude petroleum in barrels for October 1929, September 1929, and January-October 1929.

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

Table showing indicated deliveries of crude petroleum to domestic consumers by district (e.g., Appalachian, Michigan, Gulf Coast) for October 1929, September 1929, and January-October 1929.

NUMBER OF WELLS COMPLETED.

Table showing the number of wells completed for oil, gas, and dry holes in October 1929, September 1929, and October 1928.

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

Table showing monthly shipments of California oil through the Panama Canal to eastern ports, categorized by crude oil and refined products (gasoline, kerosene, etc.).

STOCKS HELD BY REFINING COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES OCT. 31 1929.

Table showing stocks held by refining companies in the United States as of October 31, 1929, categorized by product type (Gasoline, Kerosene, Fuel Oils, Lubricants) and region (East coast, Appalachian, etc.).

Table showing stocks held by refining companies in the United States as of October 31, 1929, categorized by product type (Wax, Coke, Asphalt, etc.) and region (East coast, Appalachian, etc.).

i Approximately 2,500,000 barrels gas oil and fuel oil transferred to unfinished oils. k East of California. l Includes 3,167,000 barrels tops.

Further Drop in Output and Shipments of Portland Cement—Inventories Higher.

The Portland cement industry in Nov. 1929, produced 14,036,000 barrels, shipped 11,205,000 barrels from the mills, and had in stock at the end of the month 18,213,000 barrels, according to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce.

In the following statement of relation of production to capacity the total output of finished cement is compared with the estimated capacity of 165 plants at the close of Nov. 1929, and of 159 plants at the close of Nov. 1928.

Table titled 'RELATION OF PRODUCTION TO CAPACITY' showing production percentages for Nov. 1928, Nov. 1929, Oct. 1929, Sept. 1929, and Aug. 1929.

The statistics above presented are compiled from reports for November from all manufacturing plants except two for which estimates have been included in lieu of actual returns.

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY DISTRICTS, IN OCTOBER 1928 AND 1929. (In Thousands of Barrels.)

Table showing production, shipments, and stocks of finished Portland cement by district for October 1928 and 1929.

PRODUCTION, SHIPMENTS AND STOCKS OF FINISHED PORTLAND CEMENT, BY MONTHS, IN 1928 AND 1929. (In Thousands of Barrels.)

Table showing monthly production, shipments, and stocks of finished Portland cement for 1928 and 1929.

a Revised. b The inclusion of Wyoming begins with April 1929; of Idaho with June 1929; of Arkansas with September 1929.

ers were being dropped at the rate of 20%. November ingot output at 135,116 gross tons daily was the lowest since December, 1927. It compared with 167,098 tons in October and 164,109 tons last November. The total of 3,513,025 tons for November brought the 1929 figure for 11 months to 51,268,079 tons. This was 1,402,894 tons more than in all 1928, the previous record.

An increase of 38,783 tons, or 1%, in the unfilled tonnage of the Steel Corporation Nov. 30 reflects heavy railroad bookings and curtailment of production. Unfilled orders total 4,125,345 tons, or 450,000 tons more than a year ago.

Steelmaking operations at Chicago and Pittsburgh are at 65%, Youngstown independents are under 50% and Steel Corporation plants there at 60 to 70%. Nineteen open-hearth furnaces out of 37, or three more than on Dec. 1, are active at Buffalo. Steel Corporation subsidiaries are at 65% this week and independents 62%.

A decline in eastern Pennsylvania foundry iron has dropped the "Iron Trade Review" composite of 14 leading iron and steel products 2 cents, to \$35.95, a new low for the year.

Ingot production of the United States Steel Corp. is now down to 65% of theoretical capacity, compared with 68% in the preceding week and 70% two weeks ago, states the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 10. Independent steel companies are running at about 62% on the average, against better than 65% a week ago and 68% two weeks ago.

For the entire industry the average is about 63 1/2%, contrasted with 67% in the previous week and 69% two weeks ago.

In this week last year, the operations of the Steel Corporation came down nearly 2%, to 82%, while independents reduced 3% to 82%, and the average for the industry was down 2 1/2% to 82%.

The "American Metal Market" this week says:

In the late months of each year the U. S. Steel Corp's statement of unfilled obligations is helped by the annual buying movement, deliveries extending over about half of the new year. This year there was early buying of rails. Last year steel conditions were very good and rail buying was not early. October and November showing a net decrease of 25,368 tons in unfilled obligations.

This year, with conditions poor and rail buying early and somewhat heavier than last year, the two months showed an unfilled tonnage increase of 222,764 tons, 183,981 tons in October and 38,783 tons in November. In lines other than rails there undoubtedly was a net decrease in both months.

With reference to the iron market, Rogers Brown & Crocker Bros., Inc., writing under date of Dec. 12, say:

Each week that passes brings improved confidence to the iron and steel trade. It cannot be denied that uncertainty has accentuated the slowing up usual at this season of the year but the impression is general that the new year will usher in improved business. Pig iron prices, not having been "inflated," have been subject to little or no readjustment due to the sudden drop in securities. Since there is little to be looked for in the way of an advance to stimulate future buying, the increased interest for first quarter delivery can only mean actual requirements: that is, low stocks and material needed for orders in hand.

The ferro alloy market has been quiet. Most consumers have now covered their ferro silicon requirements. Contracts for ferro manganese have also been placed, but there is still a large tonnage to be purchased. Interest is also being shown in fluor spar for first half delivery.

There is nothing new to report in connection with the coke market. Metallurgical coke is well contracted for. The demand for domestic fuel fluctuates inversely with the temperature.

Decrease in Bituminous Coal Output Due to Thanksgiving Holiday—Anthracite Production Higher.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the output of bituminous coal for the week ended Nov. 30 1929 was below that for the preceding week, owing to the observance of the Thanksgiving holiday, but slightly exceeded that for the week ended Dec. 1 1928. Production of Pennsylvania anthracite was 65,000 net tons ahead of the week ended Nov. 23 1929, but was 190,000 tons below the figure for the corresponding week last year. The output for the week under review was as follows: Bituminous coal, 9,993,000 net tons; Pennsylvania anthracite, 1,438,000 tons, and beehive coke, 84,200 tons. This compares with 9,906,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,628,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite, and 85,900 tons of beehive coke produced in the week ended Dec. 1 1928, and 10,972,000 tons of bituminous coal, 1,373,000 tons of Pennsylvania anthracite and 85,200 tons of beehive coke in the week ended Nov. 23 1929.

For the calendar year ended Nov. 30 1929 the production of bituminous coal totaled 479,156,000 net tons, as compared with 449,335,000 tons in the corresponding period last year, while output of Pennsylvania anthracite amounted to 68,982,000 tons as against 70,544,000 tons in the week ended Dec. 1 1928. The Bureau's statement follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The total production of soft coal during the week ended Nov. 30 1929, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 9,993,000 net tons, as against 10,972,000 tons in the preceding week. The decrease, 979,000 tons, or 8.9%, was due to the Thanksgiving holiday. The current rate of weekly output closely approximates that of a year ago.

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

Table with columns for Week Ended, Week, Cal. Year to Date, and 1928 data for bituminous coal production.

The total production of soft coal during the present calendar year to Nov. 30 (approximately 283 working days) amounts to 479,156,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

Summary table comparing 1928 and 1929 production figures for soft coal.

As already indicated by the figures above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Nov. 23 amounted to 10,972,000 net tons. This is an increase of 425,000 tons over the output in the preceding week, when working time was curtailed by the partial observance of the Armistice Day holiday. The following table appertains the tonnage by States and gives comparable figures for other recent years.

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

Large table showing estimated weekly production of coal by state for 1929 and 1928, including totals for bituminous coal, anthracite, and total coal.

Total bituminous coal... 10,972,000... Total anthracite... 1,373,000... Total coal... 12,345,000

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

The total production of Pennsylvania anthracite during the week ended Nov. 30 is estimated at 1,438,000 net tons. Despite the fact that all mines were closed down on Thanksgiving Day, production for the week shows an increase of 65,000 tons over the output in the six-day week of Nov. 23. Cumulative production of anthracite for 1929, including the week ended Nov. 30 amounts to 68,982,000 net tons in comparison with 70,544,000 tons during the corresponding period in 1928.

Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons).

Table showing estimated production of Pennsylvania anthracite for 1929 and 1928.

BEEHIVE COKE.

The total production of beehive coke for the country as a whole during the week ended Nov. 30 1929 is estimated at 84,200 net tons. This compares with 85,200 tons in the preceding week and 85,900 tons in the week ended Dec. 1 1928.

Estimated Production of Beehive Coke (Net Tons).

Table showing estimated production of beehive coke for 1929 and 1928.

Bituminous Coal Industry During Coming Year Dependent on Activity of Coal Consuming Industries Says C. E. Bockus at United States Chamber of Commerce Conference.

At the conference in Washington on Dec. 5 of industrial and trade groups, held under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, a statement on the bituminous coal industry was made by C. E. Bockus, President of the National Coal Association. . . . Mr. Bockus stated that it is self evident that bituminous mining industries cannot produce for stocks. . . . Production must wait on orders, whether for domestic or industrial fuel consumers must have so much, and have no use for more, hence the market cannot be stimulated greatly by price reductions." The statement of Mr. Bockus follows:

Thus far in 1929 the output of bituminous coal has been about 30 million tons above the figures for the same period of the preceding year and indicates a production for the calendar year 1930 of about 530 million tons. On the whole the tendency has been towards a slightly better financial showing for this year as compared with last, due to economies in production cost, not increased realization. The bituminous industry is one of small units in comparison with the total. There are now some 5,000 companies, of which, however, only 1,300 produce over 50,000 tons per year, this 1,300 accounting for about 90% of the total output. The largest company produces less than 5% of the total.

Actual maximum demand in the past has been so high as at the rate of 730 million tons a year, hence that capacity had to be maintained as insurance against disaster. With that in mind it will be seen that there is little foundation for the attacks on the industry for excessive overdevelop-

ment. To protect the public properly the mines must operate under a condition that in ordinary times, and especially in seasons when demand is low, shows a large amount of unused capacity.

It is self-evident that bituminous mining companies can not produce for stocks. There is little opportunity for storage at the mine. Production must wait on orders, whether for domestic or industrial fuel consumers must have so much and have no use for more; hence the market can not be stimulated greatly by price reductions.

The degree of activity of the industry during the coming year will depend almost entirely on the degree of activity in coal-consuming industries. An increased production of bituminous coal can only result from (a) growth of coal-consuming industries; (b) replacement of other fuels, and (c) increase in export trade.

Over (a) the mining industry itself has no control and only slight indirect influence.

As to (b), so far as general business activity of the country is concerned, expansion of coal consumption at expense of other fuels would have little importance.

As to (c), in expansion of export coal trade lies hope of some increase in bituminous mine activity. American mines are handicapped by distance from ports of export. The United States Shipping Board has equipped boats and stabilized water rates, and made exceptional and expensive efforts to be helpful. If American producers are to compete in overseas markets with producers of other countries, the cost of moving coal from

mine to port must be reduced. If rates can be reduced without falling below reasonably profitable returns to the railroads, overseas exports can be increased and incidentally railroad tonnage at the same time.

Owing to large number of bituminous mining companies, it is difficult to get any statement as to their aggregate expenditures for 1930. Moreover, many companies have not yet fully formulated their plans for new development.

One hundred and sixty-five companies have stated that they are planning unusual expenditures for replacements or betterments to the amount of over \$44,000,000. This represents only a small percentage of the companies in the industry, but just how much that figure would be increased by including the remaining companies can not be determined. The competitive situation within the industry has been such that the realization has been low. If a slightly better price for the product could be obtained, the purchasing power of the industry would be increased and expenditures for replacements and betterments in various lines would immediately reflect this increased earning power.

The production of bituminous coal in this country is highly developed. The cost of operation has decreased and large expenditures for the mechanization of mines are being incurred to secure a still further reduction. Industry can depend upon the efficient producers of bituminous coal to continue in the future as they have in the past to furnish necessary industrial fuel in any quantity at prices lower than those prevailing in competitive industrial countries.

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve banks on Dec. 11, made public by the Federal Reserve Board, and which deals with the result for the 12 Reserve banks combined, shows a decrease for the week of \$103,400,000 in holdings of discounted bills and increases of \$65,300,000 in holdings of bills bought in open market and of \$31,800,000 in United States securities. Member bank reserve deposits declined \$4,000,000, Government deposits, \$22,000,000, cash reserves \$28,900,000 and Federal Reserve note circulation \$20,200,000. Total bills and securities were \$11,400,000 below the amount reported a week ago. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Holdings of discounted bills increased \$24,900,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York and declined \$39,700,000 at Chicago, \$26,000,000 at Philadelphia, \$12,400,000 at San Francisco, \$10,900,000 at Kansas City and \$9,100,000 at Minneapolis. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market increased \$65,300,000, of United States bonds \$13,000,000, Treasury notes \$10,000,000 and Treasury certificates \$8,800,000.

The principal changes in Federal Reserve note circulation for the week include decreases of \$25,100,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, \$4,400,000 at Chicago and \$3,000,000 at Atlanta, and increases of \$7,000,000 at Philadelphia and \$6,600,000 at Cleveland.

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 3764 and 3765. A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended Dec. 11 is as follows:

	Dec. 11 1929.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-)	
		Week.	Year.
Total reserves	\$ 3,109,867,000	\$ -28,881,000	\$ +364,014,000
Gold reserves	2,964,148,000	-28,818,000	+337,173,000
Total bills and securities	1,491,299,000	-11,371,000	-271,298,000
Bills discounted, total	768,229,000	-103,388,000	-259,430,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obliga's	398,729,000	-26,203,000	-252,066,000
Other bills discounted	370,193,000	-77,185,000	-7,364,000
Bills bought in open market	321,840,000	+65,322,000	-172,483,000
U. S. Government securities, total	386,934,000	+31,790,000	+151,427,000
Bonds	50,971,000	+13,016,000	-2,526,000
Treasury notes	193,374,000	+9,961,000	+77,201,000
Certificates of indebtedness	142,589,000	+8,813,000	+76,752,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	1,918,314,000	-20,156,000	+ 104,594,000
Total deposits	2,425,693,000	-26,990,000	-40,274,000
Members' reserve deposits	2,396,984,000	-4,017,000	-11,983,000
Government deposits	3,310,000	-22,036,000	-26,414,000

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

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

Below is the statement for the New York member banks and that for the Chicago member banks thus issued in advance of the full statement of the member banks, which latter will not be available until the coming Monday. The New York statement, of course, also includes the brokers' loans of reporting member banks. The grand aggregate of these brokers' loans the present week have increased \$33,-

000,000, the total of these loans on Dec. 11 1929 standing at \$3,425,000,000 as compared with \$3,392,000,000 on Dec. 4 1929 and with \$5,176,000,000 on Dec. 12 1928. The high record for these loans was reached on Oct. 2 1929 when the total stood at \$6,804,000,000. This is the first time since Oct. 16 1929 that these loans have increased.

CONDITION OF WEEKLY REPORTING MEMBER BANKS IN CENTRAL RESERVE CITIES.

	New York.		
	Dec. 11 1929.	Dec. 4 1929.	Dec. 12 1928.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 7,909,000,000	\$ 8,035,000,000	\$ 7,057,000,000
Loans—total	5,967,000,000	6,047,000,000	5,252,000,000
On securities	3,023,000,000	3,073,000,000	2,685,000,000
All other	2,944,000,000	2,974,000,000	2,566,000,000
Investments—total	1,943,000,000	1,989,000,000	1,805,000,000
U. S. Government securities	1,105,000,000	1,127,000,000	1,085,000,000
Other securities	838,000,000	862,000,000	720,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	788,000,000	785,000,000	779,000,000
Cash in vault	72,000,000	65,000,000	63,000,000
Net demand deposits	5,773,000,000	5,783,000,000	5,294,000,000
Time deposits	1,212,000,000	1,246,000,000	1,192,000,000
Government deposits	8,000,000	10,000,000	1,000,000
Due from banks	88,000,000	104,000,000	101,000,000
Due to banks	910,000,000	1,012,000,000	957,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	66,000,000	34,000,000	220,000,000
Loans on securities to brokers and dealers	806,000,000	792,000,000	1,045,000,000
For own account	710,000,000	680,000,000	1,794,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks	1,909,000,000	1,921,000,000	2,337,000,000
For account of others			
Total	3,425,000,000	3,392,000,000	5,176,000,000
On demand	2,991,000,000	2,945,000,000	4,601,000,000
On time	433,000,000	447,000,000	575,000,000

Chicago.			
Loans and investments—total	2,032,000,000	2,063,000,000	2,089,000,000
Loans—total	1,638,000,000	1,664,000,000	1,637,000,000
On securities	949,000,000	970,000,000	890,000,000
All other	689,000,000	694,000,000	747,000,000
Investments—total	394,000,000	398,000,000	452,000,000
U. S. Government securities	158,000,000	164,000,000	198,000,000
Other securities	236,000,000	234,000,000	255,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	178,000,000	186,000,000	188,000,000
Cash in vault	17,000,000	16,000,000	20,000,000
Net demand deposits	1,268,000,000	1,287,000,000	1,282,000,000
Time deposits	627,000,000	620,000,000	684,000,000
Government deposits	2,000,000	2,000,000	
Due from banks	127,000,000	136,000,000	153,000,000
Due to banks	297,000,000	315,000,000	334,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	19,000,000	52,000,000	84,000,000

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 Dec. 4:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on Dec. 4 shows decreases for the week of \$211,000,000 in loans and investments, \$176,000,000 in net demand de-

posits, \$38,000,000 in time deposits, \$17,000,000 in Government deposits and \$23,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks.

Loans on securities show no change for the week, while all other loans declined \$160,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$119,000,000 in the New York district, \$13,000,000 in the Chicago district, \$7,000,000 in the Dallas district and \$6,000,000 each in the Philadelphia, Cleveland and Atlanta districts, and increased \$8,000,000 in the San Francisco district.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities declined \$39,000,000 in the New York district and \$53,000,000 at all reporting banks while holdings of other securities increased \$7,000,000 in the New York district and \$2,000,000 at all reporting banks.

The principal changes for the week in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks comprise decreases of \$13,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$9,000,000 in the Boston district, \$7,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$6,000,000 in the Richmond district, and an increase of \$10,000,000 in the Philadelphia district.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended Dec. 4 1929, follows:

	Dec. 4 1929.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since Nov. 27 1929.	Dec. 5 1928.
Loans and investments—total.....	\$ 23,142,000,000	—211,000,000	+952,000,000
Loans—total.....	17,538,000,000	—160,000,000	+1,247,000,000
On securities.....	7,889,000,000	-----	+607,000,000
All other.....	9,649,000,000	—160,000,000	+640,000,000
Investments—total.....	5,604,000,000	—51,000,000	—295,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	2,755,000,000	—53,000,000	—223,000,000
Other securities.....	2,849,000,000	+2,000,000	—72,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve banks	1,766,000,000	+22,000,000	+44,000,000
Cash in vault.....	261,000,000	—4,000,000	—8,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	13,714,000,000	—176,000,000	+203,000,000
Time deposits.....	6,722,000,000	—38,000,000	—109,000,000
Government deposits.....	33,000,000	—17,000,000	+15,000,000
Due from banks.....	1,150,000,000	+60,000,000	—41,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,900,000,000	+98,000,000	—189,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks.....	580,000,000	—23,000,000	—205,000,000

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 Dec. 14, the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

Less pessimism was in evidence although business for the week ended Dec. 6 continued to be dull. The yield outlook of wheat and corn continues to be excellent, although it will be some time yet before the crop will be out of danger. The President has issued a decree, dated Dec. 5, authorizing the Banco de La Nacion to effect discount operations with the Caja de Conversion up to a maximum of 200,000,000 paper pesos. This is favorably considered upon as a step towards improving the flexibility of the National currency credit. The National Government has authorized a bond issue amounting to 70,000,000 paper pesos, as a part of the "Credito Argentino Interno" bond issue amounting to 458,000,000 pesos and authorized by Law No. 1927. The Province of Buenos Aires without the formality of licitation has authorized the issue of external loan bonds amounting to 60,000,000 gold pesos carrying 6½% interest and 1% annual cumulated amortization; also it has authorized the issue of paving bonds. November failure liabilities amounted to 26,000,000 paper pesos, a considerable increase over the previous month, but this increase was due to the large bankruptcies rather than to unfavorable business conditions. Internal taxation revenue during the first 11 months of this year increased 6,500,000 paper pesos over the corresponding period of the previous year, while import and export duties declined 3,000,000 paper pesos.

AUSTRALIA.

The terms offered coal miners last week have been rejected and the strike of nine months duration continues unsettled. Both the Government and private business continue to reduce personnel, and production has been visibly affected. The Federal Ministry proposes the expenditure of £1,500,000 on road construction during the current fiscal year with a view to relieving unemployment. New sources of revenue are being considered in an effort to reduce the estimated Federal deficit. Wool prices continue steady except for the poorer selections.

CANADA.

Effective from Dec. 1, a special rate of \$6.75 per ton has been applied to Alberta coal moved over Canadian railways to Ontario points. This is in accordance with the plan approved last year for an experimental movement between Jan. 15 and July 15 for three years, the date of application having been advanced this year in response to the slack grain movement. Several Canadian newsprint producers are offering 1930 contracts on the basis of \$60 per ton. Some large construction contracts are projected for 1930, according to announcement made during the week. The capacity of British

Columbia hydro-electric generating stations will be almost doubled by developments contemplating additions of 946,000 horsepower at a cost of \$110,000,000. The program to be undertaken by the Bell Telephone Co. of Canada in Ontario and Quebec Provinces will involve an 11% increase in present facilities and an expenditure of \$30,000,000. The Canadian National Railways will spend \$20,000,000 for new equipment, and the British Empire Steel Corporation plans the electrification of all its coal mines. The power plant now under construction at Glace Bay, Nova Scotia, costing \$1,000,000. Building permits issued in Montreal to the end of November represent a valuation of \$44,500,000 and Winnipeg permits during the same period total \$10,700,000. Both figures are larger than the totals for the eleventh month period of last year. The Dominion Board on Tariff and Taxation continued hearings during the week on the iron and steel schedule. Consideration was given to pipes, tubes, wire, springs and chains, also to the various kinds of machinery, notably agricultural and mining machinery and to farm implements. The wholesale price index for the November records a further falling 95.8 as compared with 96.7 recorded in October. Declines extended to grain, live-stock, meats, cotton fabrics, lead and silver. Advances were registered by domestic coal, white pine, copper, eggs and fish. The general trade situation in Quebec and the Maritime Provinces appears satisfactory. In Ontario and the west business is fair. Winnipeg reports a scarcity of canned refugee beans and corn and peaches. Distribution by the Manitoba Farm Co-operative Association of over \$500,000 to members is a favorable factor. Trade Commissioner Harvey E. Sweetser at Toronto reports the announcement on Dec. 3 of reduction averaging about 3% in prices for tires and tubes as the result of the decline in crude rubber prices. One company manufacturing in Canada is reported to be increasing its output by 1,000 tires daily. The \$30,000,000 issue of 6% collateral trust sinking fund bonds of the Beaubarnois Light, Heat and Power Corp., Ltd., offered on Dec. 4, is reported to have been very largely subscribed in Canada.

CHINA.

Disturbed conditions in various regions serve to discourage the general business outlook. A large area north of the Yangtze River in North China seems to be involved, South China is restless, and with delayed settlement of the Manchurian controversy, trade prospects are not bright. Traffic on both the Peking-Hankow and Tientsin-Pukow railways is interrupted, and the only route open between Peking and Shanghai is via Tientsin or Tsingtao by sea. The Peking-Mukden Ry. is functioning normally. Shanghai trade is also feeling the effects of disturbed conditions. Conditions in Honan and Hopei Provinces, which were previously reported improved, are again unsettled as a result of threatened disturbances. Some Shanghai silk filatures have suspended operations because of the general depression in the silk trade, and between 6,000 and 7,000 Chinese silk workers are thus unemployed. Other plans are still operating, with curtailed production, but they expect to close during December and may not reopen until March. Adverse effects upon Manchuria's import trade because of the Sino-Soviet situation are increasingly evident. In addition, all major economic development projects are being held in abeyance. Declared exports from Dairen to the United States during November totaled \$335,000, compared with \$240,000 in November of last year. Principal items in November shipments include: Bean cake meal, 6,180,000 pounds, valued at \$122,000; sheeps' wool, 405,000 pounds, valued at \$102,000; soya bean oil, 1,333,000 pounds, valued at \$81,000; bean cake, 100,000 pounds, \$20,000. Shipments from Mukden to the United States during November aggregated \$70,500, against \$82,000 in that month last year. Principal items shipped in November include: Horse hair, 71,000 pounds, valued at \$44,000, and bristles, 27,000 pounds, valued at \$26,000.

DENMARK.

There were no marked changes in the Danish situation during November. The commercial outlook is promising and business conditions remain generally satisfactory. Steady improvement over last year is noted in the principal industries and in only a few branches may the activity be characterized as weak. The high activity in building is causing some fear that over-expansion may result. Shipping is well occupied. The favorable trend in agriculture continues with increased production, heavy exports and satisfactory prices. Unemployment, although much lower than for the past several years, is slowly increasing due to seasonal causes and at the close of November was estimated at 32,000 compared with 28,000 a month ago. Increasing easiness prevails in the money market. As the discount rates have been lowered in some of the principal money centres of the world, it is expected that a reduction will soon be made in the official Danish discount rate. Turnover on the bourse of late has been small but quotations have been relatively firm. The official wholesale price index for October was 150, a drop of one point, while the quarterly cost of living index for the third quarter declined from 173 to 172. Foreign trade remains above the high level of 1928 for both imports and exports. Compared with the month of September, however, imports during October rose to 176,000,000 crowns from 168,000,000 crowns, while exports including re-exports declined from 154,000,000 crowns to 146,000,000 crowns.

FINLAND.

Finnish industry is generally slack and unemployment increasing; cotton production has been curtailed, wool factories are running three days a week, and the shoe industry is depressed. Both bankruptcies and protested bills are still on the increase. The stock exchange turnover declined, although the index rose. The import and export price indexes declined, as well as foreign shipping. Wholesale business turnover increased slightly. That the financial crisis has been passed and the situation is improving is indicated by the position of the joint-stock banks and the Bank of Finland. Improvement would undoubtedly be more rapid if it were not for the depressing reaction of foreign markets on Finnish economic conditions. Despite the passing of the crisis, the money market continues tight and because of the marked need for cash there is a lively interest in the possibility of securing foreign loans now because of lower rates in America. Both imports and exports increased during October, with a substantial favorable trade balance resulting. Lumber sales at the end of November were estimated at 1,125,000 standards (2,227,500,000 board feet). The plywood, chemical pulp and mechanical pulp markets are normal and remain unchanged. Keen competition in the paper market has caused a slight decline. A tendency toward more normal financial conditions is reflected in a marked increase in the note reserve, a decline in note circulation (which has grown considerably since the end of 1927) to the level of July 1927 and a reduction of rediscounts and home loans by the Bank of Finland to the lowest figure since January. The stock exchange index rose six points during October from 175, the lowest since October 1926; turnover declined to 15,000,000 marks from 18,200,000 marks in September.

INDIA.

All classes of piece goods are selling in smaller volume, particularly in Calcutta, and few retail buyers are in the market at present. During the past week the demand for hessians has improved somewhat, but jute is still inactive at low price levels.

JAPAN.

Paper and rayon industries have decided to curtail production. In view of the business and industrial depression in Japan, it is anticipated that other industries will also restrict production. Bankers believe the year-end settlements will be made without difficulty. The stock market is weak.

MEXICO.

Although basic conditions are improving, business remains spotty. A subsidiary of an American telegraph and telephone company and the Ericsson Telephone Co. are actively engaged in establishing new exchanges and extending long distance lines. The Federal Highway Commission is starting work on highways from Mexico City to Guadalajara and Oaxaca. Mexico's purchasing power has been adversely affected by the estimated reduced production of the corn, bean, winter vegetable and cotton crops. However, Mexico produces a wide variety of agricultural articles, and the remaining crops are reported in a generally satisfactory condition, with favorable indications for an increased yield of certain export crops. The average monthly petroleum production for the first nine months of 1929 was 3,654,500 barrels, August and September having the greatest output with 4,090,607 barrels and 3,943,125 barrels, respectively. The Cia Mexicana de Petroleo, "El Aguila," a Dutch Shell subsidiary, has become the most important producing company in Mexico and is responsible for approximately 30% of the total output.

NETHERLAND EAST INDIES.

The business situation remains unchanged and importers manifest interest in special lines only. There is no improvement in the textile market and the general retail credit situation places an additional burden upon the larger importers. Automotive trade is spotty but generally dull. Despite falling produce prices, export trade continues in large volume. October rubber exports amounted to 23,504 long tons, of which 4,697 were shipped from Java and Madura, 8,295 from Sumatra East Coast, and 10,515 from other rubber producing districts.

NEW ZEALAND.

Holiday business in New Zealand is very active and sales of American specialties, electrical appliances, and novelties are enjoying active demand. Recent rains have been very beneficial to rural sections, greatly improving the seasonal outlook. Wool sales to date have not been entirely satisfactory from the growers' standpoint, because of lower prices for all types as compared with last season. Reduced returns from the wool crop, however, will be offset somewhat by increased returns from butter. Dominion flocks have been increased by more than 2,600,000 head during 1929, bringing the total up to 29,000,000 head. Automotive sales are easing somewhat, and stocks are heavier, with large imports continuing. Building remains active throughout the Dominion, and many old structures are being replaced by modern buildings. Talking pictures have met with complete success.

NORWAY.

Both imports and exports remain well above the level for the past few years with the value of imports for the first 10 months of 1929 reaching 890,800,000 crowns against 843,600,000 crowns in 1928 and exports totaling 633,400,000 crowns compared with 572,800,000 crowns for the previous year. Industries are moderately well employed. The whaling catch so far is much greater than last year, but as prices have not yet been fixed for the season the situation remains somewhat uncertain. There is no improvement in shipping except for a slightly greater employment of small steamers in European trade. Canning of sardines was stopped in the last week of November to avoid overproduction although fishing activity generally is still affected by adverse weather conditions. The ship building industry is well occupied. There is strong demand for chemical pulp while the paper market is rather dull. As a result of the unchanged situation in the mechanical pulp market, production is to be curtailed approximately 30% in 1930. The general banking situation showed no important changes during November. Tightness characterizes the money market although official discount rate was lowered from 6% to 5½% towards the close of the month. No large turnover of stocks was recorded on the Bourse, but quotations show a tendency to decline. Bond quotations remain firm. The credit situation is improving while the retail business has been retarded of late by exceptionally warm weather. Business failures are less than a year ago. The official wholesale price index on Oct. 15 was 152, a drop of two points since Sept. 15.

SWEDEN.

Business conditions in Sweden are exceptionally good. Undoubtedly a number of the leading companies will increase their dividend payments for the year. There seems to be no danger of a decrease in Swedish export trade, at least not in the near future. Unless there occurs a marked decrease in the purchasing power on the part of Sweden's best customers, England, the United States and Germany, business in Sweden should keep on running at the present high level. The official wholesale price index during October dropped from 140 to 138. This is one point below the previous low figure of June this year and 10 points lower than the wholesale price index for Oct. 1928. The index for animal foodstuffs rose from 140 to 141 while the index for vegetable foodstuffs, including grain, flour, sugar and coffee, dropped from 126 to 120.

The Department's summary also contains the following regarding the Island possessions of the United States.

PHILIPPINE ISLANDS.

Gradual improvement continues in the Philippines with slightly stimulated demand in most lines. A somewhat more favorable tone is in evidence in the textile market and buyers are showing more interest in staple lines. The abaca market is very firm as a result of improved demand from practically all foreign markets. High grades, production of which has materially decreased because of poor prices, are now in good demand at increasing prices. Receipts of abaca during the week ended Dec. 2 totaled 23,261 bales and estimates place this week's arrivals at 28,000. Exports last week amounted to 36,502 bales, of which 5,760 went to the United States and 25,228 to the United Kingdom and the Continent. Stocks of abaca at ports on Dec. 2 totaled 196,624 bales. The copra market is strong. Two oil mills are shut down and another is contemplating closing temporarily, due to a shortage of copra, arrivals of which are slow because the rice harvest is in progress. November arrivals at Manila amounted to 253,633 sacks, compared with 411,787 sacks during the same month last year. Arrivals at Cebu to Nov. 23 of this year were 174,714 sacks. To-day's f.o.b. steamer prices for warehouse grade resacado are Manila, 11.20 pesos per picul; Cebu, 11; and Legaspi and Henduga 10.675 pesos.

House Passes Bill Ratifying the Agreement for the Settlement of the French Debt to the United States.

The House of Representatives, on Dec. 12, by a vote of 239 to 100, passed the bill approving the Mellon-Berenger agreement for the settlement of the French debt to the

United States. The bill for the ratification of the agreement was introduced in the House on Dec. 5 by Representative Hawley and reported to the Senate on the same day by Chairman Smoot of the Senate Finance Committee. A favorable report on the bill was ordered by the House Ways and Means Committee on Dec. 10, after the appearance before the Committee on that day of Under-Secretary of the Treasury Mills, who in recommending ratification of the agreement, pointed out that it was ratified by the French Parliament last July and said that "it remains, therefore, for the Congress of the United States to give its approval for this agreement to become effective." In a "Times" dispatch from Washington Dec. 5 it was stated:

The amount of France's indebtedness is fixed by the bill at \$4,025,000,000, which is to be paid in 62 annual installments. Under the terms, France will make payments of \$30,000,000 the first two years following final ratification; \$32,500,000 in each of the two succeeding years, and \$35,000,000 in the fifth year. The amount of the principal installment due the sixth year will be \$1,350,000, the subsequent annual installments increasing until in the sixty-second year of the debt-funding period the installment shall be \$113,694,786.

Included in the total is the sum of \$407,341,027, representing the value of surplus war material purchased by France from the United States. On the credit side the bill shows that since Dec. 15 1922 France has made payments in excess of \$51,000,000.

The debt carries interest ranging from 1 to 3½%, the minimum beginning in 1934 and running until 1940, when the rate begins to ascend. The bill provides that France may make payments in any United States obligations issued after April 6 1917.

Walter E. Edge Takes Up New Post as Ambassador to France.

Walter E. Edge of New Jersey, who recently resigned as United States Senator following his appointment as Ambassador to France, succeeding the late Myron T. Herrick, sailed on Dec. 6 on the Ile de France to take up his new post. The arrival of the new Ambassador at Paris was reported in the cablegrams to the daily papers yesterday (Dec. 13). The nomination of Mr. Edge as Ambassador was confirmed unanimously by the Senate on Nov. 21.

Signing By U. S. of Protocol of Adherence to Permanent Court of International Justice—President Hoover's Letter of Authorization—Secretary Stimson Reviews Action Toward Removal of Objectious to World Court.

The signature of the United States to the protocol of adherence to the World Court—the Permanent Court of International Justice—was affixed on Dec. 9 at Geneva by Jay Pierrepont Moffat, Charge d'Affairs of the United States at Berne, Switzerland. Under date of Nov. 26 President Hoover authorized Secretary of State Stimson to make the necessary arrangements for the signature on behalf of the United States of three protocols incident to its adherence, this letter of the President reading as follows:

Nov. 26 1929.

The Honorable, The Secretary of State,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Secretary: I have received your note of Nov. 18, analyzing the situation created by the almost unanimous signature on the part of the members of the Permanent Court of International Justice to the Protocol of Accession of the United States of America and to the Protocol of Revision of the Statute, and in accordance with the request contained therein I authorize you to make the necessary arrangements for the signature on behalf of the United States on Dec. 9 1929, of

1. The Protocol of Signature of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice.
2. The Protocol of Accession of the United States of America to the Protocol of Signature of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, and
3. The Protocol of Revision of the Statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

For this purpose I am enclosing the full powers authorizing Mr. Jay Pierrepont Moffat, Charge d'Affairs ad interim of the United States at Berne, to sign these documents.

Yours faithfully,

HERBERT HOOVER.

The note addressed by Secretary Stimson to President Hoover on Nov. 18, citing the removal of dangers to and objections on the part of the United States in adhering to the Court stated that "it is now possible for us to assist in the support and development of this judicial agent with out in the slightest degree jeopardizing out traditional policy as a Government, of not interfering or entangling ourselves in the political policies of foreign States or of relinquishing our traditional attitude as a government toward purely American questions with which we are concerned." This note of Secretary Stimson is given further below. With reference to the signing of the documents on behalf of the United States, advices Dec. 9 to the New York "Times" from its Geneva correspondent, Clarence K. Streit, said:

This leaves only the following steps to be accomplished before the United States takes its place in the Court: First, signature of the Root protocol by Abyssinia, Albania and Lithuania, the only 3 of the 53 members of the Court who have not already signed it; second, ratification by the United States of all 3 protocols and ratification of the Root protocol by all 53 members of the Court. The action of the United States at Geneva to-day

is expected here to greatly facilitate the accomplishment of this program. Steps already have been taken to get Abyssinia and Lithuania to sign, and similar steps immediately will be taken with Albania, and it is believed that all three signatures will be obtained without difficulty. Discreet efforts also are being made to get members of the Court, none of whom have yet ratified the Root protocol—many because they wanted to be sure first that America would sign—to hasten their ratifications without awaiting the United States Senate's action. It would not be surprising if Belgium should be the first to ratify.

The three protocols Mr. Moffat signed in the absence of Minister Hugh Wilson are the original court statute of 1920, the Root protocol for meeting the Senate's reservations to the statute, and the protocol containing amendments to the original statute. Both of the protocols were drawn up last April by the jurists' committee of which Mr. Root was a member and adopted by the conference of court members on Sept. 14.

Designed to Facilitate Adherence.

Some amendments in the last-named protocol were designed to facilitate American entry.

The United States is the 54th State to sign the original statute—there was hardly room left on it for Mr. Moffat's signature. It is the 51st to sign the Root protocol and the 49th to sign the amendment protocol. The latter already has been ratified by one State, Belgium.

The only document relating to the Court which the United States did not sign was the optional clause for compulsory jurisdiction of The Hague in all legal disputes which all the other great powers save Japan already have signed, as well as more than 30 other States, and which has been ratified by 19 of them, including one great power, Germany. The page on which the signatures to this far-reaching clause for pacific settlement of disputes appeared being just opposite the page on which Mr. Moffat was to sign the original statute, one of the officials present brought smiles to the gathering by taking pains to warn him not to sign the optional clause by mistake.

The procedure the United States followed in signing all three protocols simultaneously is one Nicholas Politis of Greece, in laying the protocols before the recent League Assembly, suggested—that all Court members follow in order to expedite matters.

Favorable Impression Made.

The fact that the United States adopted the suggestion made a favorable impression here and has helped to remove the bad one left by the failure of America to sign when the other States did. This good impression was increased by the appreciation the United States expressed to the Court members "for their friendly endeavors to meet the objections" of the Senate, in a statement Mr. Moffat made to the Secretary General, Sir Eric Drummond, just before signing. Indeed, the efforts Court members made not only to meet the Senate reservations but facilitate in every way American entry without a parallel in League annals.

To-day's signature, which ended one stage of a long fight over the World Court, was without ceremony. There were present Sir Eric Drummond, who usually is not present for such matters; Juan Antonio Buelo, former Foreign Minister of Uruguay, the head of the secretariat's legal section and in whose office the signature took place; Sanchez Teizdor, a Spaniard in charge of the treaty section of the secretariat, and Arthur Sweetser, the American deputy head of the secretariat's information section. The occasion was signalized only by an informal luncheon Mr. Sweetser gave to Mr. Moffat and to the others present.

Exchange of Notes on Signature.

In announcing that Charge d'Affairs Moffat had signed the protocols at Geneva, the State Department according to Washington accounts Dec. 9 to the New York "Times" gave out the texts of a note from Sir Eric Drummond, Secretary-General of the League of Nations, to the Secretary of State, dated Oct. 7, informing the United States that the documents were ready for signature, and of a note from Mr. Moffat to Sir Eric, dated Dec. 9, expressing through the Secretary-General to the nations members of the Court the "appreciation of the Government of the United States for their friendly endeavors to meet the objections set forth in the reservations of the United States." In giving the text of these notes the "Times" stated:

Sir Eric's note contained a recital of the various steps, hitherto disclosed, that had been taken with reference to the acceptance of the Senate's reservations and clearing the way for American adherence to the Court. Included is a statement written last August by Hugh Wilson, American Minister to Switzerland, which was submitted by Sir Eric to the Geneva conference of nations adhering to the Court, which paved the way for the action of the United States to-day.

Minister Wilson's statement read:

"I thank you for giving me the opportunity of making this statement to the conference. I am informed from a sure source, which I cannot divulge but on which the members of the conference can absolutely rely, that the Secretary of State of the United States of America, after careful consideration, is of opinion that the draft of the protocol drawn up by the committee of jurists would effectively meet the objections set forth in the reservations made by the United States Senate and would constitute a satisfactory basis for the United States to adhere to the protocol and statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, dated Dec. 16 1920.

"After the States signatory to the protocol of signature and the statute of the Permanent Court have accepted the draft protocol, the Secretary of State will request the President of the United States for the requisite authority to sign and will recommend that it be submitted to the Senate of the United States with a view to obtaining its consent to ratification."

Acknowledgement of Our Signing.

The text of the note from Mr. Moffat to Sir Eric follows: I am instructed by the Secretary of State of the United States to acknowledge with appreciation the receipt of your note of Oct. 7 1929, in which you informed him of the action taken with regard to the protocol concerning the accession of the United States to the statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice, as well as the protocol to effect certain amendments in the statute of the Permanent Court.

Note has been taken of the fact that fifty States have up to date signed the protocol of American accession to the Court.

In view of the almost unanimous acceptance of the protocol of accession by the members of the Court, it gives me pleasure to inform you that, at the direction of the President of the United States, I have been instructed to sign on behalf of the United States of America the protocol of signature of the statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice; the protocol of accession of the United States of America to the protocol of signature of the statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice; the protocol of revision of the statute of the Permanent Court of International Justice.

The Secretary of State has requested me to express through you to the members of the Court who have signed the protocol of American accession the appreciation of the Government of the United States for their friendly endeavors to meet the objections set forth in the reservations of the United States.

Stimson Explains Changes in Court.

Secretary Stimson explained orally that, when the Senate shall have ratified them, the documents of adherence would be deposited at Geneva.

One of the changes in the protocol of revision of the Court statutes provides for an increase in the number of judges. Formerly there were eleven

judges and four or five deputy judges. The new arrangement calls for fifteen full judges, only eleven of whom are to sit at the same time.

Mr. Stimson emphasized the value of the provision which is designed to meet Senate objections. It was proposed by S. O. Levinson, a Chicago lawyer, and stipulates that the same rules of procedure which apply in contentious cases should apply to advisory opinions. It means that the rule in a litigated case that no dispute can be submitted to the Court without the consent of both parties also applies to advisory opinions.

The change is embodied in Article 68 of the statutes and, in the opinion of Secretary Stimson, constitutes one of the last nails driven in to fasten the Senate reservations on the old charter.

In any case in which the United States should be a party, he explained, its rights would be protected under Article 68. He pointed out that, if this government were not one of the original disputants in a case, but felt it had a real interest, it could easily attain the status of a disputant by sending a note.

Final Recourse in Withdrawal.

The only remaining possibilities, he added, were the rather intangible class of cases where the United States might believe it had a distant interest. Under such circumstances, he contended, it could express an opinion by virtue of the protocol of adherence, and would merely give notice of a desire to be heard.

Should it be desirable to prevent another government from bringing a question before the court, this could be done by taking a position slightly different from that of other disputants and thus becoming a party to the dispute. Under Article 68 the United States would have a veto in any difference amounting to an issue with any other nation, according to Secretary Stimson, no matter how many countries were involved.

Should the United States, he said, claim an interest in a case which had not assumed the proportions of a dispute, the matter could be discussed under the Court method between the nation seeking to bring it up and the United States with a view to resolving it or determining whether it was of sufficient importance to have the Court consider it. Should the other side still be determined, but the United States unwilling to have the Court take the matter up, this government could dissolve the protocol of adherence and withdraw.

Mr. Stimson said there had been no suggestion by any responsible American officials that the United States endorse the optional clause giving the Court compulsory jurisdiction, and that this question was not before the American Government.

The Washington correspondent of the "Times," Richard V. Oulahan, in addition to supplying the above information underdate of Dec. 9, had the following to say regarding the attitude toward ratification of the protocols by the Senate:

A very strong opinion exists among Republican Senators that, for reasons of party safety, it would be well for the President to withhold the transmission of the documents to the Senate until after the Congressional elections of 1930. Their position is that a campaign, likely to be complicated, will be impregnated with further complexity if the World Court question becomes an issue.

What course President Hoover will take was not disclosed. Secretary of State Stimson declined to comment on the subject.

The impression prevails that, even if the protocols should be transmitted to the Senate soon, they will not be brought forward for consideration for a long period, perhaps until after the Congressional elections.

Such delay is not of great significance, however, as the ratification of the protocols by the Senate would not insure immediate entrance of the United States into the Court. All nations which are members of the Court must approve the protocols providing for American adherence before our entrance is assured.

Still "Irreconcilable."

In spite of the contention of Secretary Stimson in his letter of Nov. 18, to the President, which was made public yesterday, that the provisions of the appropriate protocol for safe-guarding the interests of the United States with respect to advisory opinions of the Court meet the conditions as to advisory opinions laid down in Senate reservation No. 5 the "irreconcilable" element in the Senate is not satisfied. It was clearly indicated to-day that its leaders are still determined to oppose ratification.

Senators Borah of Idaho, Moses of New Hampshire and Johnson of California, all members of the Committee on Foreign Relations, contend that the protocol based on the Root formula does not bar the Court from rendering an advisory opinion in any case in which the United States "claims an interest," as specified in the reservation.

Even the right to withdraw from the Court if an advisory opinion is rendered over a protest that the subject involved is one in which the United States "claims an interest," does not, in the opinion of these Senators, full protect us.

Senator Borah, however, while he has not changed his attitude of opposition, said that he had no objection to the protocols being submitted to the Senate after the tariff bill has been passed. He would regret having them submitted before then.

But, judging from present indications the opposition does not intend to make any protracted fight against the World Court protocols.

The chances are that the irreconcilables will voice dissent without indulging in dilatory tactics, and then permit the matter to come to a vote. Opinion is strong in the Senate that, when a vote is taken, all the protocols will be ratified.

Watson Against Action This Session.

Senator Watson, the Republican floor leader, is on record in opposition to the submission of the protocols to the Senate in the current session. He takes the position that there are too many matters of domestic concern requiring attention and that these questions should not be set aside for consideration of the World Court.

In Senator Watson's opinion, no harm would be done by deferring Senate debate on the Court until the Winter session of next year. That session will not begin until after the elections.

Representative Porter, Chairman of the Foreign Affairs Committee of the House, also refused to recede, on the basis of the protocols, from the position he has held in opposition to the Court.

"I seriously doubt the wisdom of the United States joining the World Court," Mr. Porter said, "unless the reservation of the Senate providing that the Court shall not render any advisory opinion to the League of Nations on any question in which the United States has or claims to have any interest is recognized by the League.

"The present proposal that our Government waive this reservation in consideration of the right to withdraw from the Court is a very poor substitute. We would have the right to withdraw without this provision.

"Prime Minister MacDonald, in a recent speech, expressed the opinion of the overwhelming majority of the American people when he said, in substance, it is perfectly obvious to any one who visits the United States that they have no desire nor do they intend to become entangled in the political mess of Europe.

The following is Secretary Stimson's note to President Hoover dated of Nov. 18, which was not made public until Dec. 9.

The President,

The White House,

My dear Mr. President:

Nov. 18 1929.

There is now awaiting our decision the question of whether this Government shall sign the Protocol of Adherence to the Statute of the World Court, on the conditions set out in the resolution of the United States Senate of Jan. 27 1926, as this resolution was accepted by the recent protocol of Sept. 14 1929, now open for signature in Geneva. Closely involved in this decision is the question whether the United States shall also sign the protocol revising the Statute of the World Court, also dated Sept. 14 1929, and also open for signature at Geneva. This latter protocol provides for certain amendments to the charter statute of the Court which have an important bearing upon the question of our adherence. Practically all of the nations which are signatories to the World Court have already signed these protocols, during the past few weeks in which they have been open for signature, 50 nations having signed the former and 49 the latter. The only nations which have not signed the former to date are Albania, Costa Rica, Ethiopia and Lithuania.

Summary of Considerations Involved.

A brief summary of the considerations involved in this question seems advisable.

For over half a century the United States has taken a leading part in promoting the judicial settlement of international disputes. Not only have its citizens been prominent in advocating such settlement as a substitute for war, but the Government, itself, has participated in many important arbitrations; and our Presidents, as well as our Foreign Ministers, have frequently acted as arbitrators in such disputes between other nations.

In 1899 the American delegation to the first Hague conference was active in securing the establishment of the so-called Permanent Court of Arbitration, which still exists and in which we are members. Our Government, under Mr. Roosevelt, submitted to that body its first case, a controversy between the United States and Mexico.

This so-called Court, however, was but a step in the direction proposed by the American delegation. It is not constituted as a real court, holding regular meetings and sessions. It is a mere panel or list of about 150 names of gentlemen who have been selected by the member States as qualified and available to sit as arbiters in any disputes which may be submitted to them. Whenever a controversy is desired to be referred to it the arbitrators who are to sit are selected by the parties, are called out from their private lives, and the case is then referred to them.

In 1907 the American delegates to the second Hague conference were instructed by President Roosevelt and Secretary of State Root to work for the development of this Court of Arbitration.

"Into a permanent tribunal composed of judges who are judicial officers and nothing else, who are paid adequate salaries, who have no other occupation, and who are devoting their entire time to the trial and decision of international cases by judicial methods and under a sense of judicial responsibility."

Owing to difficulties in agreeing upon the method of selecting the judges, they were unsuccessful then; but such a Court was finally established in 1920 under the name of the Permanent Court of International Justice, commonly referred to as the World Court. Its charter was framed by a group of distinguished jurists in which the United States was represented and it is interesting to remember that the difficulty which had prevented the establishment of the Court in 1907 was solved by the suggestion of the American member, Mr. Root, based upon the analogy of a precedent in the creation of our own Federal Constitution, the so-called Connecticut Compromise.

Although this final movement which established the Court was initiated by the League of Nations, the Court took its existence and became effective not by the action of the League, but under a statute and protocol separately signed by over 50 States, not all of whom are League members. It thus owes its existence to the independent authority of those signatory States.

This Court has now been in existence for over eight years. It has rendered sixteen judgments in controverted cases and has also delivered sixteen advisory opinions on questions which have been submitted to it. Several of these judgments have been rendered in cases which were of great importance and in which bitter international controversies had existed. Both the judgments and the advisory opinions have rendered important service in settling such controversies and, thus, in preserving peace. Confidence in the Court has so developed that its business is rapidly increasing, and one of the chief purposes of the proposed amendments of its charter statute above mentioned is to provide for more continuous sessions and in other respects to increase the importance and efficiency of the tribunal.

Unless a State has signed the so-called "optional clause," granting to the Court compulsory jurisdiction over it in certain classes of legal disputes which it is not proposed in the present protocol that the United States shall sign, the Court can take jurisdiction only over cases which the parties themselves refer to it. It has no power to draw an unwilling suitor before it even if that suitor be a signatory of the Court, and render judgment in respect to such suitor. The Court simply stands ready and available as a carefully chosen and experienced tribunal to which the nations of the world, if and when they choose, can refer their disputes for settlement, without the ordinary delays and difficulties which accompany the selection of arbitrators.

Under the terms of the original charter of the Court, the United States is already a competent suitor to appear before it. The only obligation which we would assume by joining the Court is one which we ourselves have asked for in the Senate's reservations—namely, that we should pay our appropriate share of the expenses of its maintenance. I am informed that the largest contribution by any State has been but little more than \$35,000 a year; and although these expenses will be slightly increased in the future by an increase in the number and salaries of the judges, this obligation in any event will be comparatively trivial.

The only other changes in our present status as suitor which would be effected by our joinder would be to give us new rights and privileges. If we join the Court, we shall be admitted, under the protocol of adherence, to participate on an equality with the other signatory States in the election of the judges of the Court. We should also be assured that no amendment of the charter of the Court could be made without our consent.

Far exceeding the weight of these legal considerations, by joining the Court United States would resume its time-honored place of leadership in the great movement for the judicial settlement of international controversies, and in the future, through its representatives and jurists, exercise its proper influence in the development of the kind of Court which our representative^s proposed to The Hague conference more than thirty years ago.

These considerations were pointed out by my predecessor, Mr. Hughes, in his letter to President Harding on Feb. 17 1923, advising adherence to the Court. On Feb. 24 1923, President Harding submitted to the Senate the proposal of adherence. On Mar. 3 1925, a resolution was passed by the House of Representatives stating that it desired "to express its cordial approval of

the said Court and an earnest desire that the United States give early adherence to the protocol establishing the same," and expressing its readiness to participate in the enactment of such legislation as would necessarily follow such approval.

Senate Reservations.

On Jan. 27 1926, the Senate gave its advice and consent to adherence to the Court upon five reservations. As to the first four of these reservations, no objection has been raised by any of the other signatories of the Court, and they are accepted in toto in the proposed protocol of adherence now before us.

The fifth reservation related to advisory opinions and was as follows: 5. That the Court shall not render any advisory opinion except publicly after due notice to all States adhering to the Court and to all interested States and after public hearing or opportunity for hearing given to any State concerned; nor shall it without the consent of the United States entertain any request for an advisory opinion touching any dispute or question in which the United States has or claims an interest.

As to the first half of this reservation, Article Four of the protocol of adherence now open for signature provides:

The Court shall render advisory opinions in public session after notice and opportunity for hearing, substantially as provided in the now existing Articles 73 and 74 of the rules of the Court.

These rules provide for public hearings by the Court and advisory opinions after notice to all member States or States admitted to appear before the Court (which would cover the case of the United States whether we adhered or not). They provide for an opportunity for argument on the part of all States notified or asking to be heard and for a public delivery of the opinion in open Court.

Removal of One of Chief Dangers.

Furthermore, these rules will be incorporated into the charter statute of the Court in the second protocol revising the original statute, which, as I first pointed out in this letter, is also open for our signature. By thus incorporating these rules, they become irrevocable and permanent; and therefore, if we adhere to the Court, those provisions for notice and public hearing cannot be withdrawn without our consent.

By these provisions one of the chief dangers which has influenced American opinion in its objection to the rendering of advisory opinions by the Court has been removed. America's fear lest the opinion of the Court could be sought by some nations and rendered by the Court in private, and that other nations might thus suddenly find their interests compromised by a decision of the Court on a question in which they are involved, no longer has any foundation.

The Court in rendering advisory opinions must follow substantially the same procedure as is followed in controversies, or as they are termed in the rules of the Court, "contentious cases." It must act in public; it must give general notice of its proposed hearing, in order that any one who is interested may have an opportunity to be heard; and it must hear them.

But the Court and the pending protocol go even further. In April, 1925, the Court was requested to render an advisory opinion in respect to the effect of the treaty of peace between Finland and Russia in reference to the autonomy of Eastern Carolia. When this request came before the Court in January, it was found that Russia, although notified of the pending hearing, refused to take any part in the proceedings.

Thereupon the Court refused to go forward with the matter or to render any advisory opinion, saying that it found it to be:

"Well established in international law that no State can without its consent be compelled to submit its dispute to other States, whether to mediation or to arbitration, or to any other means of pacific settlement. . . . The Court, being a court of justice, cannot even in giving advisory opinions depart from the essential rules guiding their activities as a Court."

By this ruling the Court assimilated its practice in advisory opinions where a dispute was involved between any nations to the same rule provided by its charter to govern contentious cases. It will not act unless the parties to such dispute request it to act.

This rule of conduct laid down by the Court itself will now be made imperative and binding upon it by an amendment in the new proposed protocol of revision which is before us for signature. That protocol contains new Article 68 reading as follows:

In the exercise of its advisory functions the Court shall further be guided by the provisions of the statute which apply to contentious cases to the extent which it recognizes them to be applicable.

The Court, having already recognized this principle of contentious cases to be applicable, is required by this provision in its charter now to forever hereafter act accordingly.

The report of the Committee of Jurists of Sept. 13 1929, recommending these amendments, sets forth the reasons for these amendments as to advisory opinions. The amendments are shown to be general in character, so as to include all nations; they also show that the reason why it is proposed to assimilate the procedure on advisory opinions to the procedure on contentious cases is the fundamental reason that unless both parties to a dispute are present and heard, the opinion will not carry any weight. The report, therefore, makes it clear beyond peradventure that the consent of the disputant nations is required in every case as a pre-condition to the granting of an advisory opinion involving any dispute.

By this ruling and amendment another fear as to advisory opinions is removed. If the United States is involved in any dispute or controversy, to whatever degree, with another country, that matter cannot be brought before the World Court without the consent of the United States, even for the purpose of obtaining an advisory opinion.

It will be noticed that these last considerations fully meet the most important portion of the last half of the fifth reservation of the Senate. They give to the United States what amounts to an absolute veto upon an advisory opinion touching "any dispute * * * in which the United States has an interest."

There remains only that portion of the last sentence in the fifth reservation, which provides that the Court shall not without the consent of the United States, entertain a request for an advisory opinion touching any question in which the United States merely claims an interest and where the claim does not amount to a dispute or controversy. It will be obvious at once that the scope of this remaining clause is necessarily very narrow.

If the United States has an interest in any matter which another nation is seeking to bring up for an advisory opinion which is of so vital a character that the United States would not be satisfied to appear and present its interest to the Court, but desires to shut off all consideration of the Court therefrom by its objection, that matter, in all human probability, will have already attained the character of a dispute or controversy between the two nations, in which case the United States would already have a veto power under the new Article 68 of the Charter Statute, which adopts and enacts the spirit of the Eastern Carolia decision.

Otherwise, we should perforce be brought to assume that the United States under this reservation was seeking rather arbitrarily to interfere with its veto in the affairs of other nations in which it had a very slight interest—a conclusion which is not lightly to be assumed. Therefore, I think it a fair assumption to say that the field covered by this last remaining portion of the fifth reservation is very narrow, and the need for such a prohibition unlikely ever to arise.

Yet this very slight possibility is elaborately guarded against by the new Protocol of Adherence. So anxious have the framers of this protocol been to meet even the most unlikely desires of the United States that they have devoted the major portion of the protocol to providing machinery to meet this contingency.

Advisory opinions can only be rendered by the Court on the request of the Council or the Assembly of the League of Nations. Article 5 of the proposed protocol provides that the Secretary General of the League shall inform the United States of any proposal for obtaining an advisory opinion of the Court which is pending before the Council or the Assembly, with a view to obtaining an exchange of views between the United States and the Council or Assembly as to whether an interest of the United States is affected.

Then when a request for such an opinion actually comes to the Court the Registrar of the Court shall notify the United States and give a reasonable time in which a statement of the United States concerning the request will be received. If necessary, the Court will grant a stay of proceedings in respect to the request for such time as is necessary to enable an exchange of views to take place.

In considering a request for an advisory opinion, if the United States makes objection, there shall be attributed to that objection the same force and effect as attaches to a vote against asking for the opinion given by a member of the Council or the Assembly.

Right of United States to Withdraw.

After all these steps have been taken, if it appears that no agreement can be reached and the request for the opinion is still persisted in, and the United States is willing to forego its objection, the United States can withdraw immediately from the Court "without any imputation of un-friendliness or unwillingness to co-operate generally for peace or good-will."

A mere recital of these precautions makes it apparent how remote the contingency is that the United States will ever be constrained to exercise its right of withdrawal. It may be suggested here that this contingency of withdrawal might place the United States in an awkward or embarrassing position, and thus submit it to moral pressure to permit a question to which it really objects. The real hazard is more likely to be the other way. The influence of the United States is so great, the effect of its mere suggestion of withdrawal would be so embarrassing to the other nations, that there is far more likelihood of their submitting to an ill-founded objection on our part than of their forcing us to withdraw when we really had a legitimate reason for opposition to a question.

If any proof on this point were needed, the extreme consideration which has been shown in this protocol to the objections of the United States and the promptness and unanimity with which the protocol for our adherence to the Court has already been signed by practically all of the nations of the world who are members of the Court would supply it.

Dangers Entirely Removed.

It seems to me, therefore, that the dangers which seemed to inhere in the rendering of advisory opinions by the Court at the time the question was last presented to this Government in 1926 have now been entirely removed, both by the action of the Court itself and by the provisions of these new protocols. The objections which caused the Senate reservations have been met. Advisory opinions can no longer be a matter of secret procedure but must follow the forms and receive the safeguards of all formal court proceedings in contentious cases.

Whenever a dispute to which we are a party is involved no opinion on that dispute can be rendered unless we consent. When we claim an interest, although no dispute exists, we can if we so desire, bring our great influence to bear against the rendering of such an opinion with the same legal standing as if we were a member of the Council or the Assembly of the League of Nations; and, in the extremely unlikely event of our being unable to persuade the majority of the Council or the Assembly that our interest is real and that the request for the opinion should not proceed, we may withdraw from membership in the Court without any imputation of un-friendliness.

The general situation in the world has also changed since 1926 in a way which renders the World Court more vitally important than ever before. Since that date practically all the nations of the world have by the execution of the Pact of Paris renounced war as an instrument of national policy and have solemnly covenanted that:

"the settlement or solution of all disputes or conflicts, of whatever nature or of whatever origin they may be, which may arise among them shall never be sought except by pacific means."

By this event not only has the need of developing judicial means instead of war to settle the inevitable controversies, between nations become more pressing, but it has become even more important to establish and clarify the standards and rules of international conduct by which such controversies can be prevented or minimized.

Never has there been a period in the world's history when there was such an imperative need for the development of international law by an international court. Admitting freely all that must be accomplished toward this end by the quasi-legislative action of international conferences which may meet to discuss and agree upon international compacts and codes, it is nevertheless to the judicial action of a World Court, passing upon the individual controversies which arise between nations, that we must look not only for the application and interpretation of these compacts and codes but for the flexible and intelligent development in this way of all the subsidiary principles and detailed rules which will surely be found necessary in such application.

No people are more familiar with this need than the American people, or have greater reason for confidence in this judicial method of developing the law of conduct between separate States. They have seen their own Supreme Court wisely and flexibly work out the myriad difficult and changing problems which in the course of 140 years have grown out of the compact in which thirteen sovereign States in 1787 agreed to settle their relations by pacific means. And they have seen that Court settle these problems between States with no other power or sanction than the mandate of such a compact and the force of public opinion.

We cannot frankly face the limitations which inevitably inhere in the process of enacting laws or creating public compacts—so evident even in domestic legislation; so certain under the much more difficult conditions of international conferences—without appreciating that in this process of interpretation and application the World Court will perform a vital part in the development of international law. The standards set up by international conferences will hardly be able safely to go beyond the statement of broad general principles; the development of details will necessarily grow out of the application of such principles by the Court. Here, again, to the American brought up under the common law, patiently and intelligently involved by 600 years of judicial decisions, this will be familiar as the method by which a system of law can be most safely, flexibly and intelligently produced.

In this work, protected as they are now protected, advisory opinions rendered on questions before they have ripened into bitter quarrels and wounded pride, can play a most useful part. Such opinions will be rendered with all

the advantages of full argument from opposing interests, but before those interests have settled into dangerous international grievances.

Not only do the records of the World Court show how useful such opinions have already proved to be during the eight years of the Court's existence, in the interpretation of international treaty relations in Europe, but the rather similar form of obtaining declaratory judgments of courts upon domestic legislative questions is becoming a not unfamiliar practice in a number of the United States.

In the great future work of transforming the civilization of this world from a basis of war and force to one of peace founded upon justice, we to-day stand at the threshold. But it is already evident that in this work the World Court is destined to perform a most fruitful and important part.

It is also clear that such an agency is more closely in line with the traditions and habit of thought of America than of any other nation.

United States Not Jeopardizing Traditional Policy.

And, finally, it is now possible for us to assist in the support and development of this judicial agent without in the slightest degree jeopardizing our traditional policy as a government of not interfering or entangling ourselves in the political policies of foreign States or of relinquishing our traditional attitude as a government toward purely American questions with which we are concerned.

Is there any reason why on such terms our government should not join in the support, moral and financial, of such a Court, or why it should not lend its efforts toward the selection of judges who will act in this great work in accordance with the noble traditions of the American judiciary. Or why our government's great power should not be placed in a position where it can influence for good or check against evil in the future development of the Court's charter and work. I think not.

For all of the foregoing reasons I have the honor to advise you that, in my opinion, the United States can now safely adhere to the Permanent Court of International Justice, and to that end, that the American Minister in Berne should be immediately authorized to attach the signature of the United States to both of the protocols above mentioned now open at Geneva for our signature. Inasmuch as the signature of the United States has never been attached to the original protocol of the World Court of 1920, I recommend that he be also authorized to sign that protocol as the formal necessary preliminary to the signature of the United States.

I am, my dear Mr. President, faithfully yours,

HENRY L. STIMSON.

National World Court Committee Formed in New York Under Chairmanship of Everett Colby.

In reporting the formation in New York on Dec. 9 of the National World Court Committee, with Everett Colby, as Executive Chairman of the new organization, the purpose of which is to further the ratification by the Senate of the entry of the United States into the Permanent Court of International Justice, the New York "Times" of Dec. 10 had the following to say:

"The committee's sole aim," said Mr. Colby, "is to support Mr. Hoover and the friends of the Court in the last steps necessary to complete the movement begun when Mr. Harding, by a special message, proposed to the Senate Feb. 24 1923, that the United States should apply for membership in the Court.

"Since the first action taken by the Senate a vast improvement in the situation has spread over the country and few people can now be found who are not favorable to our membership in the Court. The reservations made by the Senate have been accepted by the signatory nations, and it now appears that the movement toward a World Court in which the United States should be a member, which was proposed by this country in 1899 at the first Hague meeting and earnestly advocated by the past six Presidents, endorsed by both political parties in their platforms in 1924, will soon become an established fact.

"Authorities in Washington say that it may prove justifiable to postpone ratification of the protocol until after other nations have ratified it, in which case the President may not refer the protocol to the Senate for some time to come. On the other hand President Hoover may be prepared to recommend it to the Senate at any time in order that it may be ratified before the disarmament conference. The object of our committee is to mobilize the sentiment of the country for the benefit of the Senate."

Succeeds Earlier Group.

A similar committee was formed by representatives of a number of organizations favorable to the participation of the United States at the time of the earlier effort for American membership. Officers of the new committee said last night that practically the same organizations have joined in the present campaign. The membership of these participating organizations is so extensive, the committee announced, that it reaches "every city, town, and nearly every crossroads in the nation."

The offices of the World Court Committee are at 6 East Thirty-ninth Street, in the same building as the offices of the League of Nations Non-Partisan Committee, of which Mr. Colby is also executive committee chairman. Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of the National Committee on the Cause and Cure of Wars and vice-chairman of the World Court Committee said that the two organizations have separate offices, although in the same building, and are entirely separate. At the time of the earlier fight for the entry of the United States into the Court Mr. Colby, as head of the League of Nations Committee, was a foremost advocate of the Court.

Josephine Schain is Secretary of the new organization and Raymond B. Fosdick is Treasurer. The executive committee includes, besides the officers already named, Charles C. Bauer of the League of Nations Association, Philip C. Jessup, Ruth Morgan of the League of Women Voters, Philip C. Nash and Henrietta Roelofs of the Young Women's Christian Association.

Only 577 Unemployed Recorded in France—Country Almost Alone Among Industrial Nations in Having Plenty of Work for Idle.

Under the above head the following from Paris Dec. 7 was published in the New York "Times":

While Great Britain struggles with the problem of how to find work for more than 1,000,000 men and women, and the United States also faces a formidable total of unemployed, France is almost alone among industrial nations in having only 577 unemployed. This total is for Nov. 30 and includes 139 women.

Seventy-five per cent of this small number is within the Paris district. To meet almost a chronic shortage of labor, the French Government has made labor agreements with various European Governments, insuring a

steady flow of workers into the country. From Nov. 25 to Nov. 30 a total of 2,385 foreign workmen entered France, while 654 returned to their homes

Belgian Diamond Merchants to Limit Output.

An Antwerp cablegram Nov. 26 to the New York "Times" said:

At a meeting of diamond merchants and master cutters, attended by more than 1,000 members of the trade, measures were decided on to cope with the present lack of demand for diamonds.

The meeting was stormy, but after an all-night session it was determined to reduce the diamond output by half for the month of December. Diamond cutting works will close down for two weeks after Dec. 7 when another meeting will be held to decide on future measures.

The Amsterdam diamond cutters have agreed to take like precautions. The workers have been informed they will receive part pay during the unemployment period.

During the week there have been serious labor troubles among the diamond workers and police have had to intervene. Several Antwerp diamond firms have been listed among the business failures this week.

Diamond Operators in Dutch Workshops on Three-Day Week Basis.

From the Hague Nov. 27 advices to the New York "Times" stated:

Diamond workshops here have reduced their operations to three days a week as a consequence of the New York stock crashes, which have reduced the American demand for diamonds.

Besides, manufacturers are suffering from uncertainty as to what is going to happen in the American tariff situation and American jewelers hesitate to buy stock in the hope that tariff rates will be lowered.

Diamond Syndicate Suspends Offers of Raw Diamonds to Trade.

The following London advices appeared in the "Wall Street Journal" of Nov. 26:

Diamond Syndicate, due to the present position of the diamond trade, has decided to suspend, for the time being, offers of raw diamonds to the trade.

Bank of Commerce of Warsaw to Increase Capital.

Warsaw (Poland) Associated Press advices Nov. 26 said: The Bank of Commerce has announced that it will increase its capital from 20,000,000 zlotys to 40,000,000 zlotys (\$4,400,000). The increase will be voted at the annual stockholders' meeting Dec. 11.

Aid for Polish Railroads—American Car Company Backs \$20,000,000 10-Year Loan.

From the New York "Times" we take the following Warsaw advices Dec. 8:

What is called Poland's biggest deal yet known has been concluded between the American Standard Steel Car Corp. and the Polish car building firm of Lilpop, Rau & Loewenstein.

The American company will finance credits given by the Lilpop firm to the Polish State-owned railroads to the amount of \$20,000,000 for ten years. The Americans take over a new \$1,000,000 issue of Lilpop's shares.

The aid of Charles S. Dewey, Poland's American financial adviser in the negotiations is hailed by this morning's newspapers.

Turkey to Control Its Foreign Trade—Will Balance the Exports and Imports, Fixing Exchange Rate—Financial Crisis Passes.

Under date of Dec. 6 the New York "Times" reported the following from Constantinople:

A balanced budget of imports and exports will be the future policy of the Government for prevention of the repetition of financial crises, Premier Ismet Pasha declared to-day. The Government will control the country's foreign trade, fixing the rate of exchange on the basis of the needs in foreign currency for the payment of debts incurred by imports.

Citizens have been requested to follow the Government's example to the greatest extent possible and deal with Turkish manufacturers as a sacred National duty.

"Long live the republic," shouted crowds in front of the Bourse to-day watching the figures for the pound sterling gradually drop 50 points, due to the measures taken by the Government, which are believed to have strengthened the confidence of the people in their money. Waiters, servants and laborers for the past week have been rushing to change their money into sterling, due to panicky rumors.

The Government is to back a campaign for the creation of a demand abroad for Turkish products. A Trebizond dispatch this morning cites the failure of five large firms due to excessive imports of merchandise, but the crisis has apparently passed.

Measures adopted by the Government to counteract a financial crisis in Turkey were referred to in these columns Dec. 7, page 3569.

Coal Miners Reject Australian Accord—Vote at Two Meetings Presages General Refusal—Labor Council Advises Strike.

The following Associated Press account from Sydney, Australia, Dec. 6, appeared in the New York "Times":

The rejection by a meeting of miners at Kurri Kurri yesterday of the terms for settlement of the Australian coal industry dispute was taken to-day as an indication that miners throughout the country would reject them. The meeting was attended by about 4,000 miners. The rejection, which occurred after a violent debate, was a victory for the militant faction.

The Labor Council at a meeting last night decided to advise the miners to declare a general strike throughout the Commonwealth unless the proprietors reopen the mines on the conditions prevailing before the stop-

page. The proposed settlement, agreed upon by representatives of the miners and the owners, provided for a reduction in wages.

The miners at Cessnock were the first to follow the lead of the Kurri Kurri meeting, and by an overwhelming majority rejected the settlement.

Although this has removed all hope of immediate peace in the coal industry, there appears to be little likelihood of an early general strike. Speakers for and against the settlement agreed that such a step would be disastrous. The Bombay Provincial Banking Inquiry Committee was created last June, the Commissioner states, by the Indian Government for the purpose of investigating existing banking conditions in India and to make recommendations for the expansion of indigenous and joint stock banks to assist agriculture, commerce and industry.

Reformation of Indian Bank System Proposed.

The New York "Journal of Commerce" in Washington advices Nov. 28 reported that reformation of the Indian banking system with a view to eliminating unfair practices and exorbitant interest rates charged by moneylenders for financing agriculture projects and modification or repeal of the Deccan Agriculturists' Act of 1879, has been recommended to the Government of India by the Bombay Provincial Banking Inquiry Committee, the Department of Commerce was informed Nov. 27 in a report from Assistant Trade Commissioner Norman C. Stow at Bombay. The paper quoted went on to say:

Testimony submitted to the Committee by farmers, traders and bankers revealed that conditions at present are far from satisfactory, it is explained interest rates as high as 30% having been charged cultivators who in addition are compelled to buy and sell through moneylenders. It was also found that farmers with little or no credit are forced to borrow from moneylenders who do business in famine-stricken tracts and whose terms are notoriously usurious. Further intensive investigations are being conducted by the committee

Bank of Republic of Cuba Must Change Name—Torriente Law Prohibits Title.

Associated Press advices from Havana Dec. 4 stated:

The board of directors of the Havana Mercantile Register to-day refused registration rights to the recently created Bank of the Republic of Cuba, capitalized at \$150,000,000, because of its name.

The board's action was based on the Torriente law of Cuba, which prohibits the use of the name "Republic of Cuba" in connection with any private organization. Officials of the bank said that the name would be changed to "Banco Credito de Cuba."

To Raise Panama Wages—President Says Government Salaries Will Be Made Normal.

Panama advices Nov. 27 to the New York "Times" stated:

Employees of the Panama Government are due to receive a Christmas gift, according to an announcement of President Arosemena to-day stating that the salaries of all Government employees will be restored to their full amount on Dec. 15.

As an economy measure the salaries of practically all Government employees were reduced from 10 to 15% several months ago, but increased revenues and other economies make the action no longer necessary. At the same time the employees are to receive back pay on account of previous reductions amounting to \$80,000.

The Government has been making a monthly balance of income and expenditures for some time, and recently a substantial surplus was realized, according to reports of the Treasury Department.

Gold Shipments From Argentine Causing Concern According to Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.

Substantial gold shipments from the Argentine this year and the continued weakness of exchange during the past six months are causing serious concern in Argentina, according to a report received from the Buenos Aires representative of the Central Hanover Bank and Trust Co. In indicating this Dec. 9 the bank says:

Gold exports have resulted from the drop in the price of wheat and decrease in other exports during the first nine months of the present year.

A reassuring feature of the situation is that out of \$112,000,000 gold exported up to the date of the report, only \$35,000,000 came from the Caja de Conversion, the balance having been taken from stocks in the banks. Furthermore, the ratio of gold to circulation shows practically no decrease as compared to the past two years, the figure being 83.05% in September 1929, as contrasted with from 83 to 84% during 1927 and 1928.

Opinion in Buenos Aires is divided, one group of economists and financiers viewing the gold movement without concern, while another group advocates relief measures. The latter advise either an embargo on gold shipments, negotiation of a foreign credit to support exchange or an increased discount rate.

Those who feel that such measures are not called for state that Argentina is a pastoral country and that gold moves in harmony with the crop and live-stock situation. Large imports of gold occurred in 1927 and 1928, two exceptionally good years, to a total value of \$154,000,000. In times of prosperity circulation and gold reserves increase while the contrary occurs during less prosperous years.

It is generally believed that gold exports will not be interfered with, and that in case it is necessary to preserve the gold ratio and prevent inflation the discount rate will be raised.

Australia Ships Gold to London—Unnecessarily Large Reserve in Commonwealth Makes \$20,000,000 Movement Possible.

From Sydney, Australia, the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 10 reported the following:

Commonwealth Bank recently has decided to sell \$20,000,000 gold to the Bank of England. Two other recent shipments, one in June of \$5,000,000 direct to London and a second of \$5,000,000 to New York in September, has been made.

Gold resources of Australia have been unnecessarily large for some time, with the gold reserve against the note issue exceeding 50%, double the statutory minimum of 25%. The last return showed a gold reserve of \$112,257,500, against a note issue of \$214,391,000. The ordinary trading banks also have had a quantity of gold not being utilized.

Sir Ernest Harvey, director of the Bank of England, during his visit to Australia in 1927 made pointed references to the quality of gold which was "frozen" in Australia and suggested it might be used more profitably in London. He also recommended pooling the gold reserves of Australia through the Commonwealth Bank as a central reserve institution.

Trading banks in recent months have been depositing moderate amounts of gold with the Commonwealth Bank, for which they have received cover in London, and also have shipped moderate amounts of gold on their own account.

The difficulties in London have become acute in relation to Australian finance. All the governments and the Australian banks are short of money in London. Exporters from London are finding it difficult to secure finance, which has been intensified by the reduction in wool offerings, coupled with lower values, involving less money available in London. Normally, Australian borrowing in London facilitates interest payments and other requirements. The forced suspension of Australian borrowing in London has aggravated the shortage.

Two steps may be taken shortly to relieve the position. Additional shipments of gold may be made, which would be quite possible without embarrassing the reserve for the note issue. The Loan Council also is likely to raise money in London before the end of the year, in spite of disturbed conditions. This may take the form of an issue of Treasury bills, as on the last occasion the Loan Council approached the London market.

Brazilian Banks Halt Trading in Milreis—Many Refuse to Buy When Rate Drops and Exporters Face Dilemma.

Sao Paulo advices Dec. 11 to the New York "Times" stated:

With the Brazilian milreis breaking to eight milreis and 920 reis to the dollar to-day, it is generally believed that President Washington Luis is abandoning his stabilization program, which has long maintained the milreis in the neighborhood of eight milreis 40 to the dollar.

The Brazilian chief executive has not made any statement regarding his views, but the action of the federal controlled Banco do Brazil in discontinuing the selling of exchange Saturday is interpreted as a defeat of the government in the long drawn-out battle to maintain Brazilian currency at a fixed rate on the foreign exchange market. To-day's exchange is quoted as "nominal," with many banks refusing to buy milreis on account of the rapid play in the market. The course of the bankers is embarrassing local merchants, who have drafts falling due payable in foreign currency, as the banks are refusing to handle most of the business and do not consider any further exchange transactions, except in rare instances and at a high premium.

In previous advices from Sao Paulo Dec. 9 the "Times" said:

Financial circles here and at Rio de Janeiro were thrown into another panicky condition when the milreis and coffee prices broke to-day. The decline of the milreis was precipitated by the Federally-controlled Banco do Brazil's action late on Saturday in refusing to cover foreign bills of exchange except for regular customers.

Following this drastic action the milreis has dropped from 8.5, which was Saturday's rate, to 8.65 per dollar. This is interpreted by journals here as indicating that the stabilization scheme will probably be abandoned.

According to reports published in the *Diario da Noite* the decline of the milreis is due to the fall of coffee prices on the New York market, together with its decrease in coffee exports from Santos giving Brazil an unfavorable trade balance.

Unless President Washington Luis takes immediate steps, most foreign bankers here believe, there are grave possibilities of further declines in the milreis. It is thought the President will take every possible measure to salvage the stabilization scheme in some form, rather than permit a resumption of speculation in the milreis.

Reports of big drops in Santos coffee prices on the New York Coffee Exchange to-day added further gloom to the picture and gave rise to rumors of fresh attacks on the coffee defense plan by the coffee growers and dealers.

Province of Buenos Aires Financial Report Made Public By First National Corporation.

Cable advices received by The First National Corporation from its Buenos Aires representative give details of the most recent report made by the Finance Minister of the Province of Buenos Aires. The report just received and for the first time made public, reflects the financial program instituted by Governor Vergara three years ago. It is stated that the development of this program has resulted in the installation of modern accounting systems similar to that now in vogue in the United States, the readjustment and consolidation of the public debt of the Province, enforcement of a modern budget system and the exclusion of extraordinary expenses from the budget not balanced by extraordinary receipts. It is also announced that the report shows that these reforms, aided by better systems of tax collections, have resulted in reducing the ratio of debt service to revenues by about one-sixth. Advices regarding the report also state:

The new budget system is shown by the report to have created during the last fiscal year a substantial surplus of especial interest to investors in the dollar issues of the Province as the Province is required to apply 25% of this surplus to the retirement of its 6% dollar bonds through purchase in the open market. These funds are understood to be now available for this purpose and will be utilized at the end of the fiscal year. The most important result of the financial program of the Province is

stated to have been the steady increase in revenues which has taken place in the last three years and augmented, according to the reports, to an even greater extent in 1929. The total revenues in 1927 amounted to \$43,069,000; in 1928 they amounted to \$45,458,000 and in the nine months shown in the latest report for 1929 they amounted to over \$45,000,000, or at the annual rate of about \$60,000,000.

The Province is the largest province of Argentina and approximately half the population of the entire nation is located within it and within the City of Buenos Aires. The revaluation of land for tax purposes inaugurated by the present Governor about three years ago was therefore of the utmost importance to the finances of the Province and to the holders of this Province's bonds in this country, says the report, which shows that the taxes affected by this revaluation, which included the inheritance tax, not only increased immediately but have steadily increased since that time.

Bonds of City of Berlin Drawn for Redemption.

Speyer & Co. as fiscal agents have purchased for cancellation through the sinking fund \$183,500 of the City of Berlin 25-year 6½% gold loan of 1925. This represents the ninth sinking fund installment.

Bonds of Republic of Cuba Drawn for Redemption.

Holders of Republic of Cuba external loan 30-year sinking fund 5½% gold bonds, issued under loan contract dated Jan. 26 1923 are being notified that \$1,271,700 principal amount of the bonds have been drawn by lot by J. P. Morgan & Co. for redemption at par on Jan. 15 1930. Bonds so drawn will be redeemed upon presentation and surrender with subsequent coupons attached at the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co., 23 Wall St., on and after Jan. 15 1930, after which date interest on the drawn bonds will cease.

Northwest Grain Co-Operative Formed With Headquarters in Minneapolis—Approved by Farmers' National Grain Corporation and Federal Farm Board.

Formed at Fargo, N. D., on Nov. 26, the Northwest Grain Co-operative is reported as having received the approval of the Federal Farm Board and the Farmers' National Grain Corporation. Representatives of eight grain co-operative groups of Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota and Montana brought about the formation of the new organization, according to Washington advices, Dec. 1, to the New York "Journal of Commerce," which said:

Through the Farmers' National Grain Corporation, the first central commodity co-operative sales agency to be set up under the Agricultural Marketing Act, the Federal Farm Board announced it is prepared to extend to the new co-operative a line of credit for its operations.

The Northwest Grain Co-operative has a capital stock of \$2,000,000. The stock is to be owned by the local associations, which may subscribe for one share of stock at \$20 for each 1,000 bushels of grain handled. The marketing plan of the Northwest Grain Co-operative is reported almost identical with that of the North Pacific Grain Growers' Association, approval of which recently was announced by the Board.

The farmer groups included in the Northwest Co-operative handle locally between 85 and 90% of the grain marketed annually by farmer-owned associations in the four Northwest States.

The Minneapolis "Journal" of Nov. 27, in indicating the functions to be exercised by the Northwest Grain Co-operative, said:

As the proposal apparently has the backing of the Farm Board, it is evident steps will be taken to file articles of incorporation and proceed with organization. There still are plenty of difficulties in the way, and it is to-day purely a paper organization, but as it develops it is expected to absorb State wheat pools, the farmers' elevators of the Northwest—there are 1,000 or more farmer-owned—and possibly the Farmers' Union grain business. Identities of existing organizations, including the Co-operative Farmers' Northwest Grain Corp., will disappear in the new association.

Organize on a local community basis, with individual elevators as the unit, to be the clearing house in the spring wheat area for the Farmers' National Grain Corp.

Obtain marketing agreements with grain growers, offering each farmer three options in handling his grain: Yearly pool contracts, storage with cash advances, and immediate sale.

Get farm board money to advance to local elevator associations to help them clear up present debts so they can buy stock in the new organization.

Operate with Minneapolis as headquarters, in charge of a manager selected with the approval of the Farm Board.

Eliminate serious competition now existing between co-operative organizations who are battling for position.

Operate through sales agencies of the national corporation which are to be established in Minneapolis and Duluth. The Northwest Grain Co-operative will not sell grain, but will be the agency to co-ordinate the job of getting the grain to market.

Not only will this plan have to get the formal approval of the Farm Board, of the National corporation, and of the Federal Intermediate Credit Bank, but the existing Northwest co-operatives will have to decide their position, as conferees acted without specific authority. It is believed, however, they will fall in line. Each of the wheat pools will represent its members long enough to buy stock for each member, at \$20 a share, and to liquidate in turning over property and assets to the new corporation.

The account in the same paper, Nov. 27, also said:

A new co-operative organization soon will be set up with headquarters in Minneapolis, with Government money to help organize Northwest grain growers and acquire storage facilities, and to arrange marketing agree-

ments with farmers which its sponsors believe will mean a volume of 200,000,000 bushels a year.

This new arrangement, reversing policies laid down by the Federal Farm Board and the Farmers' National Grain Corporation in forming the National grain marketing program, was brought into being at Fargo last night, and now goes to the Board and the National corporation for approval.

Reverses Farm Board Policy.

This new organization does not represent the unanimous decision of all Northwest co-operatives, as the North Dakota-Montana Wheat Growers' representatives did not stay for the final action, and the Farmers' Union Terminal Association refrained from active participation. These two insist for the present that the first agreement worked out at Chicago still stands so far as they are concerned. That agreement was that present organizations would retain their identities and work, except selling of grain.

"We are standing on the original agreement between the Farm Board and the National corporation at Chicago," M. W. Thatcher, manager of the Farmers' Union Terminal Association, said. "Until we are formally notified that the board and the corporation have adopted this new plan, we see no reason for changing our position."

What is likely to happen is that the Farm Board and the National corporation's directors, of which Mr. Thatcher is one, will confer and get formal action on this setup. Prospects are they will get together.

The basis of the plan is the local elevator, and the job of the new organization, when it gets under way, will be to go out into the country and line up each community, get local elevator associations to subscribe to the new corporation, and thus become affiliated. Where there is no farmer-owned elevator the plan will be to organize the community into an association, aid it with funds and obtain a grain elevator, either by building or purchase.

Local Association Is Unit.

Thus the local association will become the unit, and much of the success of the plan depends on the ability to line up local groups. Wheat pools and the Farmers' Union have strong organizations in some localities that will be the nucleus for units.

There was talk during the Fargo conference that the organization already formed by farmer elevator associations, with Harry A. Feltus as manager, should be the basis for agreement. This was rejected, however, and a new setup worked out under direction of W. J. Kuhrt, expert in the grain marketing division of the Farm Board, was accepted with minor changes.

The corporation of elevator groups is scheduled to drop out of sight under this plan, and many of its directors will be directors of the new association. For the moment at least Mr. Feltus is believed to have no place in the organization, as he was not a director of his corporation.

Strenuous debate developed in the two days of closed sessions at Fargo, and at one time the session broke up, only to be resumed. At last agreement was reached and there can be no doubt that word as to the Farm Board's wishes was a major factor in that agreement. It was not until midnight last night that work was done.

Dinwoodie Named Chairman.

The conferees elected J. T. E. Dinwoodie, editor of the "Dakota Farmer," at Aberdeen, as Chairman, avoiding the problem of choosing between opposing groups. A board of 26 directors was chosen, but will not be announced until those named have accepted. Minnesota will have seven, North Dakota eight, South Dakota six, Montana four, and Wisconsin one. Capital will be \$2,000,000, represented by 100,000 shares at \$20 each, and reserves will be built up until assets are \$3,000,000, say the articles of incorporation.

The base of the plan, along with the local elevator association as the unit, is the series of agreements farmers will have in marketing their grain. If they wish to pool it through the season and get final settlement at the end of the year, they will sign a contract to that effect. If they wish to store for a time, with right to sell later in the season, they may do so and advances will be made on storage tickets. If they wish to sell at once, that will be done.

Through this organization, said the statement from the meeting, "grain producers in the hard spring wheat area are thus afforded an avenue through which they may deal with the National Grain Corporation and the Federal Farm Board."

Eliminates Competition.

"The new setup," the statement continues, "eliminates the competition which has existed between the various types of associations for the membership and favor of the farmers in this area. Occasion for the misunderstanding, mistrust and divided opinion that has existed among farmers as to which co-operative to support is eliminated. The new regional organization will contact on one hand more closely with grain producers, and on the other hand with the Farmers' National Grain Corp. and the Federal Farm Board. It will expedite the organization efforts of the National corporation by providing an intermediary organization which may contact directly with grain co-operatives and growers.

"The new Northwest Grain Co-operative also will conduct organization work with local farmers' elevator and marketing associations, and develop new associations wherever needed. Other activities and functions will include providing legal advice and assistance to local associations in organization and business matters; supervision of local management, accounting, bookkeeping and other business policies; handling of loans for all purposes to local associations, and educational work with local associations and growers.

"Other activities and functions will include general service work, such as bonds, insurance, freight claims, etc., centralizing purchasing and distributing of sidelines and supplies for local associations and farmers; handling of pool distribution and returns to local associations; publicity to members and the general public, and representing of the grain growers of the area in all matters of general interest and importance to grain growers, such as tariffs and transportation problems."

In its issue of Dec. 5, the Minneapolis "Journal" said, in part:

The new Northwest Grain Co-operative, formed at Fargo last week, to-day had the formal approval of the Farmers' National Grain Corp., following conferences in Chicago yesterday between the executive committee of the corporation and spokesmen for the Northwest group.

As the Federal Farm Board also has approved the setup, the new organization is now ready to complete organization and start operations. Directors will meet in Minneapolis next week to elect officers and arrange for establishing headquarters here.

Organization activity will begin at once, plans calling for presenting the program to farmer elevator associations in time for annual meetings which come this month.

New Setup Approved.

The executives of the National corporation had a long session with J. T. E. Dinwoodie, of Aberdeen, S. D., temporary Chairman of the Northwest organization committee and several of its directors, and went over the program in detail.

They inquired into developments in the Northwest, including the status of co-operatives that are refusing to join the new association, and wound up with the decision that its setup is satisfactory, that it meets conditions required, and may become a unit of the National corporation. That puts it in line for loans from the corporation funds which the Farm Board will supply.

Flesh Offered Managership.

From Washington to-day came the announcement that Edward L. Flesh, of St. Louis, had been offered the job of manager of the National corporation. A Kansas City grain man turned it down two days ago, and at least one other man has been approached without success. Mr. Flesh has not stated his position, but he is understood to be considering it. He was second Vice-President of the United States Grain Corp. during the war, and at one time represented it in London.

United States Chamber of Commerce in Favor of Principle of Co-Operative Marketing and Creation of Federal Farm Board.

Business support of the principle of agricultural co-operative marketing and approval of the creation of a Federal farm board are reiterated in a statement issued at Washington on Dec. 11 by the Agricultural Service Department Committee of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States. At the same time attention is called to the fact that the National Chamber advocates co-operative marketing and measures in support of it only in so far as they are not discriminatory against other business enterprise. In announcing this the Chamber said:

The statement issued to-day has been under consideration since the meeting of the National Council of the Chamber in Columbus in October when the tentative draft was prepared and the conclusions it presents are the result of study over a period of several months. It reiterates the Chamber's support of the principle of co-operative marketing "along sound economic lines" and the creation of a Federal Farm Board and stresses the necessity of observing basic business principles "which are prerequisites in the success of any other business enterprise." It also expresses the conviction that the Federal Farm Board, facing heavy tasks, should have "the benefit of the most constructive thought which American business is capable of giving."

The membership of the Chamber's Committee of which W. L. Cherry, President of the Cherry-Burrell Corp., manufacturer of dairy and creamery equipment, of Chicago, is Chairman, includes producers and distributors of agricultural products and representatives of business activities closely associated with agriculture.

The statement in full follows:

The position of the National Chamber with respect to co-operative marketing has been established by Referendum No. 52, through which the Chamber is committed in support of the principle of co-operative marketing and to the desirability of association by producers into such co-operative groups along sound economic lines.

Upon the principle of co-operative marketing of agricultural products is predicated the "Agricultural Marketing Act," passed at the special session of the 71st Congress, under authority of which the President of the United States has created the Federal Farm Board now functioning.

Prior to the passage of this Act the Chamber of Commerce of the United States by resolution adopted at its 17th annual meeting went on record as recognizing it to be in the National interest that the operation of this Act should have beneficial results of widespread importance, and that the National Chamber and its membership should contribute in every way within their power toward the success of this undertaking.

Pursuant to this declaration, the National Chamber through the same resolution authorized a Committee to follow the development of the plans of the Federal Government, to suggest ways in which the Chamber and its members might lend their assistance and to bring forward any questions upon which the Chamber should reach further policies in relation to the effectuation of this Act.

In line with the authorization conveyed by that resolution, the Agricultural Service Department Committee of the National Chamber has given study to the plans and policies of the Federal Farm Board as made public, and has considered ways and means whereby it could aid in bringing about effectuation of this Act in such manner as to reflect back to agriculture and related industries the highest possible benefits consistent with sound business principles.

After careful study the Committee is of the opinion that the logical approach to achieving such ends would be to set forth certain principles which, in its opinion, should be observed in future administration of the Act. Such effort on the part of this Committee is but further projection of the principle already enunciated by the Chamber that producers of agricultural commodities should be encouraged to associate themselves into co-operative groups along sound economic lines.

The Committee is not able to take a position other than that co-operative marketing for its success requires the same high degree of managerial ability and observance of basic business principles which are prerequisites in the success of any other business enterprise. In the Committee's opinion, therefore, leadership in the field of co-operative marketing must be composed of men of tried and proven ability in business managerial capacity. As in all other types of business endeavor, this leadership needs to be imbued with motives of unquestioned integrity, looking toward the securing of maximum benefits to all parties and interests touched by their operations.

The marketing of agricultural products to-day, as recognized by both co-operative and non-co-operative marketing agencies, is a function which demands operation under minimum costs. Justification for any radical change in our marketing system based upon Federal aid rests primarily upon the possibility of new systems to function at lower costs in the many processes of distribution or otherwise to greater benefit of the producer.

The Committee believes that in the prosecution of its task the Federal Farm Board will give due weight to this vital consideration. And the Committee further desires to express its belief in the principle that proper safeguarding of security for loans advanced by the Federal Farm Board to co-operative marketing associations requires positive appraisal of the com-

parative economies in marketing agricultural products by co-operative associations and established private agencies.

Again, it is of vital importance to the preservation of private capital investments in storage and other physical marketing facilities, that unnecessary duplication of such facilities by the use of Federal loans be not allowed.

Indeed, the Agricultural Marketing Act specifically recognizes the necessity of such a safeguard for vested capital rights, as set forth in Sub-Section (3) of Section 5 of the Act:

"No loan for the construction or purchase or lease of such facilities shall be made unless the co-operative association demonstrates to the satisfaction of the board that there are not available for its use at reasonable rates existing suitable storage or other physical marketing facilities."

Prior to the passage of this act the National Chamber re-emphasized its adherence to the principle that private enterprise should not be subjected to competition resulting from discriminatory treatment of co-operative associations.

On Jan. 25 1929, the Board of Directors of the National Chamber interpreted the Chamber's commitment in support of the principle of co-operative marketing by voting the following statement:

"In view of the Chamber's commitments in other directions, this commitment in favor of co-operative marketing is to be interpreted as meaning that the Chamber advocates co-operative marketing and measures in support of it only insofar as they are not discriminatory against other private enterprise."

It is an established principle, which has borne the test of time, that any business enterprise to enjoy continued success must rest primarily upon a foundation which has been built slowly and carefully, and in which the component parts have been subjected to thorough economic test before being accepted for use in the general organization structure of that enterprise. Successful American business is built from the ground up. Successful co-operative marketing enterprises do not offer an exception to this rule. Of vital importance to the latter is the loyalty of its members.

Once again, it is apparent that in the organization of co-operatives, as in that process with respect to private enterprise, the highest type of business organization leadership is necessary. The Committee feels strongly that this prerequisite of success always should be given due weight by those to whom has been entrusted the heavy responsibility of guiding the co-operative marketing movement to a position of stability.

In its study of the provisions of the Agricultural Marketing Act the Committee has given much thought to possible contingencies in the economic situation involving special products which might invoke the formation of stabilization corporations. This experiment in price stabilization has not yet been attempted by the Federal Farm Board. It will call for the most serious study to determine the level at which the price of any agricultural commodity safely might be taken as a stabilized level.

Theoretically ideal price stabilization would bring to producers of an agricultural commodity a price sufficiently in excess of cost of production of that commodity to assure such producers a fair return upon their time, labor and capital investments. But cost of production is an elusive factor. Wheat grown in regions where large acreages permit of economic use of labor saving devices, carries a production cost lower than that of wheat produced on smaller acreages and where such radical reductions of labor charges cannot so generally be effected.

There also are to be considered variations in individual efficiency among producers of any agricultural commodity; these variations in turn produce variations in costs. These and other factors render it extremely difficult to name either arbitrarily or otherwise an equitable stabilization price.

Again, it must be remembered that the Agricultural Marketing Act is designed fundamentally to alleviate distress among producers resulting from low prices which are the direct result of uncontrollable surplus production of those commodities. To arrive at a stabilization price which would assure adequate production of a commodity without the attendant evil of over-production stimulated by price is an undertaking which challenges the best thought of all concerned in the present and future welfare of American agriculture.

It is the Committee's belief that the Federal Farm Board in approaching the task of determining an equitable and safe stabilization price will give due weight to the many perplexing factors involved in such a determination as well as to the possibility of defeating the legitimate object of such an effort by over-stimulating production.

The National Chamber stands committed in favor of the principle of co-operative marketing and to the creation of a Federal Farm Board. This Committee believes that this Board provides American agriculture with the most powerful and potentially helpful agency yet created for that industry. Its tasks are heavy, its responsibilities equally great. It always should have the benefit of the most constructive thought which American business is capable of giving. For its problems are the problems not only of the producers but of the American people as a whole, dealing as they do with the very necessities of life.

Members of the Agricultural Service Department Committee are:

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Inquiry Ordered Into So-Called "Grain Lobby"— Senator Caraway Summons Julius Barnes To Tell of Reported Fight on Farm Board Plan.

From Washington Dec. 10 a dispatch to the New York "Times" said:

Chairman Caraway of the Senate Lobby Committee to-day ordered an investigation into reports that a group of grain commission men had conducted a campaign against the Farm Board's plans for a grower-owned marketing organization.

Julius H. Barnes of Duluth, an old friend of President Hoover, was summoned at once to appear before the committee next Friday and testify concerning rumors that he had tried to get the President to oppose the board's program.

The White House, upon news that such a rumor was current, issued a statement saying that Mr. Barnes had made no such effort and pointing out that, as Mr. Hoover had appointed all members of the Farm Board, it was to be expected that he would support the board's policies.

The appearance of Mr. Barnes is expected to bring into the open a determined fight between great interests, the result of which may have an important bearing on the political fortunes of Mr. Hoover and the Republican party in the grain States of the Northwest and Middle West.

"Radicals" Now Back Hoover.

On one side in the battle are the grain commission men. On the other are the farmers from the great wheat-growing States.

The latter are ranked almost solidly behind the Administration's Farm Board and its Chairman, Alexander Legge.

The commission men, who are said to think they face extermination by the Farm Board's plan of dealing directly with the farmers through co-operative organizations, are trying to undermine Chairman Legge, Senator Nye of North Dakota charges.

A feature of the situation is that so-called radical Senators from the Northwest, who formerly attacked the President because of his opposition to the equalization fee, are now voicing the tremendous enthusiasm of the farmers over the Farm Board while, in contrast, powerful commission men, up to this time solidly behind Mr. Hoover, are objecting to what they call the "invasion" of the board into their long-exercised field.

It was intimated at the White House that the grain leaders had a misconception of the Farm Board's policies toward the grain dealers and the co-operatives. It was stated that while these direct marketing agencies of the farmers are expected to grow and handle a considerable quantity of grain, it was evident that years must elapse before they became formidable competitors of the private grain dealers and elevator operators.

The New York "World," in a Washington dispatch Dec. 11 had the following to say:

Julius H. Barnes, the President's director of the business revival move and head of the United States Chamber of Commerce, came in for renewed criticism to-day when the Chamber circulated a formal statement which the farm bloc and the Senate Lobby Committee construed as propaganda against the Federal Farm Board and its proposed \$20,000,000 grain corporation.

Senator Nye (R., N. D.) said he would make another speech in the Senate telling what he thought of the action of the Chamber in lining up against the Farm Board plan, while Chairman Caraway (D., Ark.) of the Lobby Investigating Committee said he would demand to know when Barnes appears before the committee next Tuesday why the Chamber had taken a hand in the row between the grain commission men, of whom Barnes is a prominent leader, and the Farm Board.

The commission men fear they will be put out of business unless they can block the Farm Board plan, now being pushed by Chairman Legge of the Board, to set up stabilization, and marketing corporations that would displace the commission men, the exchanges and the speculative dealings in wheat.

Mr. Caraway had already summoned Mr. Barnes to appear as a witness after Nye charged Barnes had been working to wreck the grain corporation.

Although Barnes's name did not appear in the statement of the Chamber to-day he was at once singled out for new criticism. What aroused Nye and others from the wheat belt, as well as Caraway, were interlarded warnings seemingly aimed against the Farm Board's project.

For instance, the Chamber's statement said that while the Chamber of Commerce advocates co-operative marketing remedies it does "only insofar as they are not discriminatory against other business enterprises." The statement also said that "it is of vital importance to the preservation of private capital investments in storage and other physical marketing facilities that unnecessary duplication of such facilities by the use of Federal loans be not allowed."

Both these observations as well as the tone of the Chamber's statement, were taken by Nye, Caraway and others to be part of the alleged counter-move by Barnes and the commission men to undermine the Farm Board program and to rescue the commission men from threatened loss of their investments on storage and marketing facilities.

Caraway said that Barnes will appear before the Lobby Committee next Tuesday, having wired he could not come sooner as he is engaged in important work connected with the President's business movement.

Private Grain Men Reported as Forming To Oppose Federal Farm Board.

The following from Washington Dec. 8 is from the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 9:

Grain commission men are organizing on an elaborate scale to fight the Federal Farm board's program for setting up a farmer-owned and farmer-controlled grain marketing and price stabilizing organization, it was learned here to-night. The commission men already have appealed to President Hoover and Alexander Legge, Chairman of the Federal Farm Board, but failed to get satisfaction, it was said.

Information was in the hands of senators from middle western States and also members of the Farm Board showing that personal letters had been written by grain commission men to the heads of elevator companies and co-operatives vigorously attacking the Board's program and urging growers to refuse to co-operate in it.

Barnes Headed Session.

A conference was held in Washington recently, over which Julius H. Barnes, Chairman of the board of directors of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, presided and at which the private grain operators agreed to inaugurate an educational campaign among the farmers using agricultural papers, advertisements and printed literature to build up opposition against the present administration of the Federal Farm Board.

When representatives of the grain men called on Mr. Legge and asked him to modify his program, he refused flatly.

Hoover Refused Aid.

President Hoover was then appealed to but he refused, it was understood, to interfere with the administration of Mr. Legge who left a high-salaried position at the request of Mr. Hoover to become chairman of the board.

As viewed in Washington, the issue between the commission men and the Board is clearly drawn. On the one side are the grain dealers who see in the Board's program their elimination as middle men. On the other side is the Board backed by the grain growers, who are setting up their own marketing system under the Board's direction and with its financial backing.

1928 Canadian Crop Largely Sold Through Wheat Pool.

The Canadian Wheat Pool handled 253,102,585 bushels of wheat of the total of 546,672,000 bushels grown in Canada in 1928, says a bulletin of the natural resources department of the Canadian National Railways. It also handled 35,694,057 bushels of coarse grain. Exports of wheat by the pool, it is stated, were made during the same year to 90 ports in 19 countries. Japan, where the eating of wheat has become general only during recent years, was the pool's second best customer, with the British Isles first and Belgian third. The bulletin states further that 203,789,579 bushels were shipped by the eastward route through Montreal and other points bordering the Atlantic, and that 49,313,000 bushels went by way of Vancouver and Prince Rupert on the Pacific Coast.

Plans Approved at Memphis for Creation of Central Co-operative Cotton Marketing Organization.

At a joint conference in Memphis, Tenn., on Dec. 11 of the Federal Farm Board and officers and directors of fifteen State Co-operative Associations, plans for the creation of a central co-operative marketing organization, with a capital of \$30,000,000, were unanimously decided upon. The "Herald Tribune" advises from Memphis Dec. 11 regarding the new organization said:

An organization committee composed of one member from each of the co-operatives met as soon as the conference adjourned and prepared to elect a chairman and engage an attorney to draft the articles of incorporation. This committee will decide in which of the Southern States the new agency will be incorporated, but will not select the headquarters for the organization or name any of the personnel.

Its members will serve as incorporating directors and the first annual meeting of the new corporation must be held before July 1 1930. At that time the stockholders—the State co-operatives who may acquire stock at the ratio of one \$100 share for each 100 bales of cotton handled by the particular stockholder association, based on an average for the last three years—will elect one director each. The directors will choose a President, a General Manager, a Secretary, a Comptroller and legal counsel, the President and Comptroller to be approved by the Federal Farm Board. The committee will choose a name for the new corporation.

Eligible for Farm Board Loans.

The new corporation shall be eligible to receive loans from the Federal Farm Board and the by-laws of the corporation must be drawn to allow the Farm Board proper safeguard for such time as the corporation shall be indebted to the Government.

Carl Williams, cotton member of the Farm Board, said: "The Government will not subscribe to stock of the corporation; that is not legal. We can lend money to the association, but each loan must be for a specific purpose. We can, however, lend money to the stockholding members, taking stock in the corporation as security."

Mr. Williams remained to work with the organization committee, while Alexander Legge, Chairman, and James C. Stone, Vice-Chairman, of the Farm Board, left Memphis to-night.

Mr. Williams said the new corporation will be in operation to market as much of the 1930 crop as it could obtain.

To Provide Central Markets.

The corporation will be empowered to provide central marketing facilities and sales services to buy cotton from its own stockholders and from outsiders, in so far as this is permitted by Federal law; to deal in cottonseed and manufacture or deal in cotton products; to lease, buy or construct warehouses, gins, &c., where such facilities cannot reasonably be provided by the local associations; to conduct educational work for diversification and adjustment of acreage; to conduct research and statistical services and to develop and establish a centralized finance system for marketing cotton throughout the belt. Two separate marketing branches will be set up for short and staple cotton.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce" accounts from Memphis we take the following:

Oppose Twenty Cents Advance.

The Farm Board members and the 200 co-operative association directors to-night frowned on the proposal of a small group of Senators that 20 cents a pound be advanced on cotton. The cotton growers expressed themselves as being doubtful of its advisability and the matter was referred to the full Farm Board for decision. Chairman Legge so advised the Senators.

The committee appointed will prepare articles of incorporation and by-laws to serve as an incorporating board of directors until the first annual meeting of the new set-up June 1 1930. They will employ attorneys, and obtain a charter under the laws of a State with the laws best suited to an organization, according to Carl Williams.

After June 30 the permanent organization will be ready to function, and eligible to borrow money. No blanket loans will be made. If the association wants money it will have to come to the Board and show the kind of security it has to put up.

The present organization of the co-operatives will have to finish this year's business of the co-operatives. The new marketing association cannot make loans to any other group of farmers—cotton exclusively.

Williams stated that the Board is pleased with the outcome of the meeting, that the suggestions made by the Board were not changed fundamentally, but several minor details revised.

The set-up of the corporation, he stated, is satisfactory to the Farm Board, and of the type through which it can work and work successfully.

To Handle 1930 Crop.

According to Williams, the new marketing association, which will have control of the co-operative marketing of the 1930 crop, means that if cotton farmers do their part in co-operative marketing, it means the beginning of progress which has unlimited possibilities for the benefit of the men who grow cotton and everyone else who deals with them.

The new corporation will be of a non-profit co-operative character.

The authorized capital stock of the corporation will consist of 300,000 shares of common stock of a par value of \$100 per share, each share to have one vote. It will be open to subscription on the part of any regional

State, or district co-operative cotton marketing association and whose forms of organization comply with the provisions of the Capper-Volstead Act, and which is otherwise found eligible by the board of directors of the corporation. Each association may subscribe for stock in the ratio of one share to each 100 bales delivered by its members.

There will be four regional divisions for the purpose of representation in management and to indicate divisions between the territory of any regional offices of the corporation—Southeastern, Mississippi Valley, Southwest, and Far Southwest.

A sub-committee of five composed of Allen Northington, Alabama; J. E. Conwell, Georgia; N. C. Williamson, Louisiana; U. B. Blalock, North Carolina; Harry Williams, Texas, and A. H. Stone, unofficial observer, Greenwood, Miss., was appointed by the organization committee.

The following comprise the organization committee and incorporating board of directors of the American Cotton Growers' Exchange:

Allen Northington, Alabama Farm Bureau Cotton Association, Montgomery, Ala.; Fred J. Elliott, Arizona Pima Cotton Growers, Phoenix, Ariz.; Charles G. Henry, Arkansas Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, Atlanta, Ga.; N. C. Williamson, Louisiana Farm Bureau Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, New Orleans, La.; R. E. Kennington, Mississippi Co-operative Cotton Association, Jackson, Miss.; X. Cacerno, Missouri Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, New Madrid, Mo.; U. B. Blalock, North Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association Raleigh, N. C.; S. L. Morley, Oklahoma Cotton Growers' Association, Oklahoma City, Okla.; R. O. McCutcheon, South Carolina Cotton Growers' Co-operative Association, Columbia, S. C.; Gowan Jones, Southwestern Irrigated Cotton Growers' Association, El Paso, Tex.; Tait Butler, Tennessee Cotton Growers' Association, Memphis, Tenn.; Harry Williams, Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, Dallas, Tex.; Fay Sperry, Mesilla Valley Cotton Growers' Association, Las Cruces, N. M.; W. L. Elsen (unofficial observers), Pecos Valley Co-operative Association (director of extension of New Mexico). California Cotton Growers' Association; Delano, Calif., not represented at meeting. A. H. Stone (unofficial observer) Staple Growers' Co-operative Association, Greenwood, Miss.

Inquiry Before Senate Committee into Cotton Exchanges—President Miller of New York Exchange Defends Exchanges.

Appearing before the Senate Committee which is conducting an investigation into "the activities and speculative transactions of the New York, Chicago and New Orleans Cotton Exchanges," in accordance with the Hefflin resolution adopted by the Senate Nov. 14, Gardiner H. Miller, President of the New York Cotton Exchange on Dec. 12 defended the Exchanges which he said "are rendering a most valuable service to all sections of the world cotton trade." He told the committee that the Exchanges "do not buy or sell a single bale of cotton themselves, and they do not fix the price of cotton, statements in the resolution notwithstanding, but they do constitute a medium through which speculative and investment buyers are found to take over the burden of the supply when the demand from spinners is inadequate to absorb it, and if there ever was a time when the Exchanges rendered this service in the fullest degree it was this past fall." At the outset Mr. Miller stated that the resolution, in substance, alleges "that the price of American cotton has been depressed far below its true economic level through the activities of the cotton Exchanges." Mr. Miller contended that "speculation, far from being a depressing influence, has been a sustaining factor in the cotton market." Both the United States and foreign countries, he said, "are now producing vastly more cotton than the ten-year average, which of itself would doubtless force a lower price for cotton than the ten-year average, even if everything else were equal, while general economic conditions have brought about an average decline in prices of all commodities of about 12%, which is a further depressing influence." Regarding the hearing before the committee on Dec. 12, the New York "Journal of Commerce" in Washington advises said:

In consuming the entire day before the committee explaining his opinions of the relative factors which govern the price of cotton on the exchanges, Mr. Miller insisted that the law of supply and demand was the most important of the many elements which enter into the situation.

Smith Takes Issue With Miller.

Senator Smith (Dem.) of South Carolina, the cotton authority of the Senate, took issue with Mr. Miller throughout his testimony on this point declaring that during the three greatest cotton producing years of the United States the production was scarcely in excess of consumption which amount to about 47,000,000 bales.

Mr. Miller also warned the Senators against endeavoring to find some means of fixing the price of cotton in the United States. He said that he had been to Europe and studied the conditions which exist with respect to American cotton on the European Exchanges and declared that it was his belief that if America is going to insist on 18c. or more for cotton that the Europeans are going to find some other way out. He also declared that because the United States demands the payment in full of war debts and is also "sucking in" all the gold of the world, causing money rates in other countries to increase, there is a tendency on the part of the foreign countries to purchase as little as possible the commodities of the United States.

In outlining his reason for the present prices of cotton, Mr. Miller stated that the law of supply and demand has changed so in the last 10 years that it is impossible to expect the prices to be the same as during that period. He added that production has tended to expand greater than consumption during the last few years.

Senator Smith in countering these statements, said that Mr. Miller knew we were not going to produce enough cotton this year to meet consumption based on the monthly average. "They knew, probably, that even with a temporary suspension the probabilities are that we will consume this year 15,000,000 bales." He added that Mr. Miller has very "heroically" at-

tempted to justify this condition by pointing out the law of supply and demand.

Sees Influence on Price.

"I know that if there had not been some influence, somewhere, holding in its power the ability to adjust the price of cotton that they would not have been able to hold cotton from going 3c. or more per pound higher. Some influence has kept the wise men from buying cotton," Senator Smith said, "They knew every bale of cotton would be consumed this year."

Senator Smith asked the witness if "there is an organized force in the cotton world that has deterred the average buyer from buying and selling cotton." "I do not know," Mr. Miller replied. "You do not know of any agency created to affect the price of cotton." Mr. Smith continued, "No," Mr. Miller insisted, "if there was, it would only be for a limited time."

Mr. Miller attributed as another cause of the depressed market the fact that the spinners have not been buying. "The spinners have bought less cotton ahead than any year I have ever known" he asserted, and added that the "recent conditions in the cotton goods market are the most appalling I have ever seen." He said he believed that it was caused by the recent collapse in the New York stock market.

Senator Heflin (Dem.) of Alabama, sponsor of the resolution calling for the inquiry, declared that the Anderson and Clayton firm of Texas, is the "overshadowing influence" on the cotton market. He said that this is the reason why investors "cannot make a go of it" on the cotton exchanges.

Cites Decrease in Spot Buyers.

Pointing out that during the last five years the number of spot buyers in the cotton markets have greatly decreased, Senator Heflin inquired of the witness the reason. Mr. Miller said that "if one or two or a half dozen firms handle a large percentage of the crop there is that much less cotton left for the other fellow."

Mr. Miller pointed out that a factor causing considerable concern in the domestic market is the attempts of other countries to produce cotton. He stated that Belgium is making an attempt in this direction and this year produced 18,000 bales. This seems but a small amount, he said but it is of growing importance because Belgium expects to produce 45,000 bales next year. In answer to Mr. Smith, Mr. Miller said that there has been a shift over from American cotton to Indian cotton in the production of cloth of about 1,000,000 bales during the past few years.

The following statement was presented to the committee by Mr. Miller:

The resolution which authorized this inquiry alleges, in substance, that the price of American cotton has been depressed far below its true economic level through the activities of the cotton exchanges. In other words, the resolution implies that, if it were not for the cotton exchanges, the price of American cotton would be several cents a pound above the current level. The resolution asserts, in effect, that the law of supply and demand has lost its force in the cotton trade, and that speculation in future contracts has become the dominating influence in determining cotton prices.

I purpose to demonstrate that these allegations are absolutely unfounded. I shall undertake to show that the prices at which American cotton has been and is now selling are those which should logically be expected; that they are, in fact, the inevitable price levels for American cotton, in the light of the world supply and the world demand. I shall show that speculation, far from being a depressing influence, has been a sustaining factor in the cotton market, and that, if cotton has not sold as high as some of our friends think it should have, this is because there has been too little, not too much, speculation. I shall show that the exchanges are rendering a most valuable service to all sections of the world cotton trade, including the growers; that, if it were not for the facilities provided by the exchanges, the price of cotton would be more variable and uncertain than it is; and that, if it were not for the exchanges, the average price of cotton during the heavy marketing season, in most years at least, would be materially less than it is.

The first clause of the resolution states: "The average price paid for American cotton for the last 10 years has been above 21 cents a pound." The implication is that this, or a higher price, is the level at which cotton should sell to-day. Such an implication is highly illogical. No one, with even an elementary knowledge of the movements of commodity prices, would assume that the average price of a past decade, taken by itself, is any criterion of the current value of a commodity. Within the past decade, American cotton has sold over 40 cents and below 11 cents, and both the high and low points were a true reflection of the supply and demand conditions prevailing at the times when these prices were recorded. It is true that the average price of American cotton in the last ten years has been above 21 cents a pound. In fact, the average price of middling upland spot cotton at New Orleans in the 10 years from Aug. 1 1919 to July 31 1929 was 22.66 cents a pound. But it is equally true—and this is the controlling fact in the situation—that present supply and demand conditions in the world cotton trade are not by any means equal to the average of the last 10 years. Supply and demand conditions at the present time are so far from the 10-year average that no economist would expect cotton to command the 10-year average price.

In the last 10 years, the average domestic crop has been 12,707,093 bales. This year, according to the Government, the crop is between 14,750,000 and 15,000,000 bales. In the last 10 years, the average annual production of foreign cotton has been approximately 9,070,000 bales. This year, the prospects are that the total foreign crop will be approximately 11,200,000 bales. In the past 10 years, the average index number of commodity prices in the United States, taking average prices in 1926 as 100, has been 108.3 according to the all-commodity index of the Bureau of Labor Statistics. In October of this year, the latest month for which the all-commodity index of the Bureau is available, the index stood at 96.3, and when the November index is published it will undoubtedly show a decline from October. In other words, both the United States and foreign countries are now producing vastly more cotton than the 10-year average, which of itself would doubtless force a lower price for cotton than the 10-year average, even if everything else were equal, while general economic conditions have brought out an average decline in prices of all commodities of about 12%, which is a further depressing influence.

Any reference to the average price of cotton in the past 10 years should take two facts into consideration. First, from the standpoint of domestic production, the first six years of this decade were years of relatively short crops while the last four years have been years of relatively large crops. Secondly, as to the general commodity price level, the past decade included two years when average prices of all commodities in this country were on the highly inflated war basis. In the first six years of the decade, the average domestic crop was only 11,018,946 bales, and in two of these years the average price level of all commodities in this country was approximately 50% higher than it is at present, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Naturally and inevitably, the average price of American cotton was relatively very high in those first six years of the decade; it was, in fact, 25.53 cents a pound for middling upland spot cotton at New Orleans. But during the past four years, the average production of American cotton has been 15,239,312 bales and the average level of all commodity prices has been only a few per cent above the present level. Consequently, the

average price of American cotton in these last four years has been very much lower than in the previous six years, it has been, in fact, only 18.37 cents a pound for middling upland spots at New Orleans. This brief analysis of the conditions which have prevailed in the past decade will make it clear, I feel sure, that supply and demand, and general economic conditions, have changed so greatly in the last 10 years that it is not logical to expect American cotton to sell now for anything like the 10-year average price.

The second clause of the resolution states: "The world cotton crop in 1928 was 23 million bales and the world consumption of cotton for the same year up to August, 1929, was 25 million bales, showing that the consumption of cotton was running far ahead of cotton production." I beg to say that this statement is incorrect, both according to records compiled by the New York Cotton Exchange and according to reports issued by the Bureau of the Census of the Department of Commerce. I have here, and beg to submit to the Committee, Bulletin 166, entitled "Cotton Production and Distribution, Season of 1928-29," issued by the Bureau of the Census. In table 32 on page 60, I find that the world production of all cotton in 1928 is given as 25,611,000 bales, and, in table 33 on page 61, the world consumption of all cotton in the season of 1928-29 is given as 25,782,000 bales. Here is an excess of consumption over production of only 171,000 bales, instead of the 2,000,000 bales implied by the statement in the resolution. It appears that the production figure given in the resolution was erroneously taken from the record of the previous year, with the result that the production figure in the resolution refers to one season while the consumption figure in the resolution refers to the following season. Obviously, one could prove anything as to the relationships between production and consumption if one took production and consumption figures for different years.

It is true, as will be noted, that the world used a little more cotton than it produced in the 1928-29 season, but the excess of consumption, amounting to only seven-tenths of one per cent of the production, was so very small as to be of no significance. It should be unnecessary to point out that the world always tends to use, and ultimately does use, all of the cotton that is produced, but when production is very heavy the large supply is moved into consumption only by the establishment of a lower price which will adequately expand the ultimate consumption in the form of yarns and cloths. One does not need to delve into statistical records to discover that, in the past few years in which world production has enormously increased, world consumption has likewise greatly expanded. This is clearly the fact, but it has come about only by the lowering of cotton prices to a level at which the consumption of yarns and cloths has been enlarged, both in old and new uses. There is ample evidence that, taking all kinds of cotton in the aggregate, production has tended to expand faster than consumption in the past few years. In the tables in Bulletin 166, which I have here, it is shown that, in the six years from 1923 to 1928 inclusive, world production of all kinds of cotton was 146,343,000 bales and world consumption was only 143,490,000 bales, making an excess of production over consumption of 2,853,000 bales. If consumption had not been stimulated by lower prices during these past six years, heaven only knows what would have been the excess of production over consumption.

There is an unmistakable tendency in the United States to ignore or forget the greatly increased production of cotton by foreign countries, and the greatly increased competitive influence exerted by foreign cottons in the determination of the price of American cotton. Many members of the domestic cotton trade have not given much thought to the market influence of foreign cottons, in the past. In the past one or two years, however, they have been forced to give this phase of the trade more consideration, as the merchants and spinners of Europe and the Orient have done for years. No merchant or spinner of standing, in Europe or the Orient, would question the statement that the large supply of foreign cotton, particularly Indian, has had a very depressing effect on the price of American cotton during the past one or two years. Analyses of prices of American and Indian cotton show conclusively that Indian cotton has sold, for well over a year, far below the usual relationship with competing varieties of American, and records of consumption of cotton show that many foreign spinners have changed over from American to Indian cotton during the past year, in whole or in part.

Advices received by the Exchange from reliable foreign sources, in recent months, have emphasized strongly that foreign cotton has been underselling American, thereby reducing the demand for and consumption of the American staple. A Liverpool correspondent, advising of market conditions in the English cotton trade, wrote last month, "Import buying this week has been small. Spinners are out to find the cheapest cotton possible, and, as American cotton seems to be about the dearest in the world, they are taking as much of their requirements as possible in outside growths."

A Bremen correspondent, reporting as to cotton trade conditions on the Continent, cabled recently, "Large sections American crop, especially short staples, continue under heavy Indian drumfire, and competition of certain Indian growths almost running into American medium grades, 15-16ths inch. Indian has made serious inroads into American this year."

I will not trouble you with any extensive statistics on this subject, but I should like to point out the following facts: The total production of foreign cotton increased from 9,703,000 bales in the 1926-27 season, to 10,356,000 bales in the 1927-28 season, and to 10,900,000 bales in the 1928-29 season, while the preliminary estimate for the 1929-30 season is 11,200,000 bales. As to the relative prices of American and Indian cottons, a rough method of computing the average difference, based on six comparisons of prices of competing varieties, shows that American cotton is now selling about 2.46 cents a pound above Indian, compared with an average premium of only about three-quarters of a cent, in other words, competing varieties of American cotton are selling at the present time, as they have during most of the past year, about 1 3/4 cents above the normal or usual relationship with Indian. As against the implication of the resolution that the price of American cotton has been below its true economic level, based on the law of supply and demand, here is clear-cut evidence that American cotton has been and is selling close to 1.75 cents a pound higher than the normal relationship with the principal competing variety of foreign cotton. And because of this unusual premium on American cotton over Indian, spinners of the world reduced their consumption of American to 15,169,000 bales last season from 15,500,000 the previous season, but they increased their consumption of Indian cotton to 5,709,000 bales last season against only 4,788,000 the previous season.

The resolution, as amended, makes no reference whatever to one of the most important factors contributing to the decline in cotton this Fall, namely, the recession in general business, later accompanied by a collapse of stock prices. It is unquestionably true that these developments have, to some degree, accentuated the decline in cotton prices. They have raised the question whether the consumption of cotton this season will be as large as was previously expected, or as large as last season. The uncertainty as to the business outlook has been felt in all quarters, by yarn and cloth buyers as well as by spinners and cotton merchants. It has generated a spirit of caution all along the line, which has resulted in greatly reduced sales of yarns and cloths by the mills, thus causing spinners to reduce their purchases of cotton. Hence the demand for cotton has been curtailed. It should be unnecessary to point out that most commodities, including those

for which there are no future markets, have declined steadily, not only since the break in the stock market, but in fact ever since the early part of the Summer. Fisher's-index of commodity prices shows consistent declines during the 16 weeks from the end of July to the end of November, the total decline in those four months being just about 7%. The fact is, that the decline in cotton has been less than that in many other commodities.

The resolution likewise makes no reference to another important reason for the decline of cotton prices during the past Fall, namely, the rapidity with which the South harvested and marketed its crop, at a time when spinners of the world, for various reasons, were unwilling to buy far beyond their current requirements, and at a time when the current requirements of spinners were reduced by subnormal sales of yarns and cloths, as just stated, because of the uncertainty of the business outlook. During the first three months of this season, from August to October inclusive, the movement of American cotton off of plantations totaled 8,468,000 bales, against only 7,442,000 in the same period last year, or an increase of over 1,000,000 bales. The movement of American cotton into mills of the world, however, totaled only 3,623,000 bales in the same three months this year, against 3,687,000 last year, or slightly less this year than last year. Exports of cotton from the United States in the three months this year totaled only 2,203,000 bales against 2,303,000 last year, or a decrease of 100,000 bales. In other words, while the movement off of plantations totaled 1,000,000 bales more than last year, the movement into the mills of the world and the exports from this country were less than last year. It would seem that no further figures than these are required to show that an unusually large amount of American cotton had to be taken over this Fall, and held until spinners were willing to take it.

While conditions in the world cotton trade thus have been highly adverse to the maintenance of prices for American cotton, with world production on a very high level, with foreign cotton selling far below the usual relationships with American cotton and tending to pull it down further, with the business outlook in this country very uncertain and yarn and cloth buyers refusing to place a normal amount of forward business with the mills, and with the South harvesting and marketing its crop with unusual rapidity, what has been the part played by the cotton exchanges, and what influence, if any, have the exchanges had on the price level of American cotton? Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the Committee, in this situation the exchanges have rendered a service of incalculable value to all branches of the cotton trade, and most of all to the growers. Through the exchanges, and only through them, speculative and investment buyers have been found to take over that enormous amount of cotton represented by the difference between the quantity which the growers were selling and the quantity which spinners were willing to buy. The exchanges, as you doubtless know, do not buy or sell a single bale of cotton themselves, and they do not fix the price of cotton, statements in the resolution notwithstanding, but they do constitute a medium through which speculative and investment buyers are found to take over the burden of the supply when the demand from spinners is inadequate to absorb it, and if there ever was a time when the exchanges rendered this service in the fullest degree, it was this past Fall. Merchants bought cotton freely, notwithstanding limited forward sales to spinners, because they were able to protect themselves against declines by the sale of future contracts on the exchanges. This alone enabled them to take the cotton off of the hands of the grower and to pay him the current price at which the grower was willing to dispose of his cotton. If the speculative and investment demand had not been made available through the exchanges, thereby helping to absorb millions of bales of hedges sold by the spot merchants, the merchants would have had to limit their purchase of spot cotton to a mere fraction of what they did buy, and, if such a situation had prevailed, I firmly believe that there would have been a panic in the spot cotton markets of the South which would have rivalled that in the Stock Exchange on Wall Street.

By far the greater portion of the American cotton crop is merchandised by methods which involve the buying and selling of hedges in the future markets. Fully four-fifths of the spinners of the world buy their cotton in such ways as to necessitate transactions in futures. These methods of trading are the product of nearly 60 years of experience, and they have been found to be efficient, economical, and advantageous to all sections of the trade. They are more firmly established than ever before in the history of the trade, and the trade has come to depend upon them to a far greater degree than at any time in the past. It is not to be assumed that these methods of merchandising the crop, and the facilities and services provided by the exchanges, are not subject to change; last year, the New York Cotton Exchange made an important change in its methods of operation by providing for deliveries of cotton on future contracts at five Southern ports, and recently two other ports have been added at which deliveries may be made on contracts maturing in October 1930 and thereafter. But I wish to emphasize as strongly as possible that the facilities provided by the cotton exchanges and the services rendered by them are of so intricate and delicate a nature that they could be easily disrupted by hasty or unwise action on the part of the Government. I strongly urge that nothing be done by your Committee which would threaten any disturbance of or interference with the services rendered by the cotton exchanges, which, for so many years, have been found to be so beneficial to the cotton trade in all of its branches.

Inquiry Before Senate Committee into Cotton Exchanges.

Reference to the adoption of the Heflin resolution was made in our issue of Nov. 16, page 3102. The text of the resolution follows:

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 can not 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 carry-over 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.

New York Stock Exchange Honors Employees Serving More Than Twenty-five Years.

The New York Stock Exchange honored its older employees at a dinner given Dec. 11 in the Stock Exchange Luncheon Club to 108 veteran employees who have served the Exchange for more than 25 years. The dinner was attended by practically all of the older employees, many of whom are now on retirement, and by the officers, Governors and department heads of the Exchange. E. H. H. Simmons, President of the Exchange, briefly addressed the employees and presented gold pins to seven men who completed 25 years of employment this year, signifying their entry to the Quarter-Century Club.

Of the 108 members of this Quarter-Century Club, 81 are still actively employed and 27 are retired. Two women are among the members. Three employees have been in the active service of the Exchange for more than 50 years, Bernard Smith, superintendent of the Stock Exchange building, still actively at work, and John P. Burnes and Joseph R. Mallin, who are retired.

Father Francis P. Duffy, Chaplain of the 69th Regiment, was the principal speaker of the evening. Edward Doyle, superintendent of the floor department who has been with the Exchange for 35 years presided as toastmaster, and John E. Wilson, Secretary of the New York Quotation Co., who has been with the Exchange for more than 35 years, spoke for the employees. The announcement of the Exchange says in part:

Bernard Smith, Superintendent of the Stock Exchange Building, the dean of the Stock Exchange employees, is the oldest active employee both in years and in length of service. For almost 50 of the 55 years that Mr. Smith has been with the Stock Exchange, he has had charge of the maintenance of the building and for the last 25 years Mr. Smith has been with the Stock Exchange practically day and night, living with his family until last October in a pent-house on the roof of the building. When he joined the employ of the Stock Exchange in 1874, it was housed in a four story structure which has since given way to a sky-scraper. The original maintenance force of half dozen employees has increased to more than 125 men and women necessary to keep the building in order and operation. Seventy-three years of age, Mr. Smith does not intend retiring.

Other active veterans of the Stock Exchange present at the dinner were Duncan MacGregor, Manager of the Stock Clearing Corporation, who will end 45 years of active service when he retires next Jan. 1. Robert Becker, who will succeed Mr. MacGregor and begin his own 46th year of continuous employment, William S. Foster, manager of the night branch of the Stock Clearing Corporation, completing his 38th year with the Exchange, and John E. Wilson, Secretary of the New York Quotation Co., who has been with the Exchange for more than 35 years.

Several employees on the retired list were present including Harrison S. Martin, who retired in 1928 as First Assistant Secretary of the Exchange after 26 years of service. Richard L. Bamford, also retired in 1928, as

superintendent of the ticker operating department, and who for years before his retirement sounded the gong which opened and closed the Exchange, and George R. Bishop, 88 years of age, who retired almost 25 years ago. Mr. Bishop was employed by the Exchange in 1871 and retired in 1905, at which time he was promised that he would always have a desk at the Exchange where he could work if he wished. Mr. Bishop still reports to work regularly.

Bankruptcy Petition Filed Against Brokerage House of C. B. Cooke & Co., New York.

A petition in bankruptcy was filed on Dec. 9 in the Federal District Court against the stock brokerage firm of C. B. Cooke & Co., 32 Broadway, this city, according to the New York daily papers of the following day. The firm's members are C. Berkley Cooke and Edward W. Russell. The petition listed the concern's liabilities at approximately \$200,000 and its assets at \$40,000. Federal Judge Alfred C. Coxe appointed the Irving Trust Co. receiver. The New York "Times" of Dec. 10 in its report of the failure said:

The complaint alleges that between Oct. 1 and 17 Cooke drew from the firm's account \$1,370 and Russell withdrew \$4,540, of which amount \$4,420 was deposited to his own credit in the American Trust Company. A check for \$3,000 was drawn later against that deposit, the complaint sets forth, and placed to the credit of Russell's wife under her maiden name, Rose C. Donlon. These withdrawals, it is alleged, were made at a time when the firm could not meet its obligations and were therefore acts of bankruptcy.

The petitioning creditors are Peter R. Lawson & Co., with a claim for \$35,482; Wallace & Frist, claiming \$24,212, and Ludwig & Goetz, \$26,287. Cooke & Co. were not members of any exchange.

Ticker Service of Chicago Stock Exchange Extended to Philadelphia and Washington.

Quotation ticker service of the Chicago Stock Exchange has been inaugurated in Philadelphia and Washington within the next few days, it was announced this week by the Exchange. The service in Philadelphia started Saturday, Nov. 16, and in Washington on Thursday, Nov. 21. The first brokerage office in Philadelphia to install the Chicago Exchange tickers were Blyth & Co., Montgomery, Scott & Co., Eastman, Dillon & Co., Prince & Whitely, and C. Clothier Jones & Co. In Washington the first brokerage offices to make the installation were E. A. Pierce & Co., and Eastman, Dillon & Co. Philadelphia and Washington brought the total number of cities receiving quotation ticker service from the Chicago Exchange to thirty. On June 1 1928, Chicago Exchange tickers were in only two cities, Chicago and New York. The growth to the twenty-eight additional cities has come in the past year and a half.

Extension of Ticker Service of Chicago Stock Exchange to Iowa and Illinois Cities—Increase in Minimum Commission on Stock Sales.

Plans for the extension of the quotation ticker service of the Chicago Stock Exchange to seven Iowa and Illinois cities were approved by the Board of Governors of the Exchange on Dec. 4. The cities are Rock Island, Moline, Davenport, Cedar Rapids, Newton, Des Moines, and Sioux City. This will mark the initial entry of the Chicago Exchange ticker service in Iowa.

It was also announced Dec. 4 that an amendment to the constitution of the Exchange providing for a minimum commission of \$5, instead of \$2, on stock sales was passed by the Board. The amendment becomes effective after it has been posted one week. The minimum commission on bond sales remains unchanged at \$2.

Drop in Savings Deposits in United States—First Recession in 20 Years, According to Compilation of American Bankers' Association.

A regional analysis of the drop in the Nation's savings deposits in banks, as reported Nov. 11 by the American Bankers' Association in its annual compilation showing the first recession in National savings in the 20 years during which it has published this data, reveals that all sections except the New England and the Pacific States groups recorded losses. This is shown in a statement, issued by W. Espey Albig, Deputy Manager in charge of the Association's Savings Bank Division. The previous figures showed that on June 29 1929 the total savings deposits in banks and trust companies of continental United States stood at \$28,217,656,000, which was \$195,305,000 below the similar total for 1928, whereas this latter figure was \$2,300,000,000 above the 1927 figure. The Albig figures also showed a loss the past year of more than half a million in the number of savings depositors in American banks. His regional analysis by State groups discloses, however, that the six New England States

as a group gained more than \$88,800,000 in savings and 152,984 in savings depositors. The seven Pacific States as a group gained over \$79,000,000 in deposits and nearly 278,000 in number of depositors. The gains in these two sections, however, it is stated, were smaller than the gains recorded there last year. The sections which showed losses are the Middle Atlantic States, Southern States, East Central States and the West Central States. Mr. Albig's regional analysis is as follows, based on the figures as of June 29 1929:

New England.

"New England turned in from every State except one an increase in savings. This group and the Pacific group were the only two which showed increases. New England led with a gain of \$88,823,000, as compared with a gain of \$340,025,000 the preceding year. Last year Maine gained \$17 per inhabitant, this year \$3; New Hampshire fell from a gain of \$30 last year to \$19 this year; Vermont dropped from \$39 to \$14; Massachusetts from \$43 to \$14. Connecticut changed last year's gain of \$31 to \$14, and Rhode Island changed from a gain of \$16 to a decrease of \$12 per inhabitant.

"The gain for all New England was \$10 per inhabitant, which is small enough when it is remembered that at the beginning of the year each inhabitant had an average savings account of \$560, so that the gain is actually less than the interest. In every New England State the number of savings depositors increased, being 152,984 above the preceding year. New England alone this year reports for every State of the group an increase in the number of its savings depositors.

Middle Atlantic States.

"The Middle Atlantic group usually turns in a tremendous gain in savings. Last year the gain amounted to \$36 per inhabitant, or 9.1% over the previous year. This year it shows a loss of \$48,612,000, or \$2 per inhabitant, which is 5/10 of 1%. New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Maryland showed losses. The District of Columbia and Delaware showed gains. Even a gain of \$64,000,000 in New York was overcome by the losses in the group to the West and South.

"New York usually shows the greatest savings gain per inhabitant of any State or else is nosed out only by Massachusetts. Last year New York's gain over the preceding year was \$49, this year it is only \$6, although the average deposit per inhabitant the beginning of the year was \$616, on which the interest at only 4% would have been over \$24.

"New Jersey's loss is \$24 per inhabitant, Pennsylvania's \$5, Maryland's \$6; the District of Columbia gained \$4 to an inhabitant, and Delaware \$7. The losses of the group for the year, however, were greater than the gains so that the Middle Atlantic States showed a recession of \$2 per inhabitant. This, in effect, means that the capital sum of almost 12 billion dollars in savings deposits in banks at the beginning of the year was reduced and that the interest on this amount was withdrawn from the banks.

"In New York State savings depositors increased by more than half a million and increases were also registered in New Jersey, the District of Columbia and Delaware. Pennsylvania suffered a loss of more than 50 thousand depositors, and Maryland followed with a loss of over 33 thousand. The decrease in deposits in New Jersey did not prevent an increase of over 46 thousand depositors in that State. This large gain, together with that of New York State, enabled the Middle Atlantic group, although suffering a loss of more than 48 million dollars in deposits, to show a gain of more than 528 thousand in depositors.

Southern States.

"Of the 13 Southern States two only, Texas and Arkansas, showed a gain in savings. Florida leads in losses with a recession in excess of 25 million dollars. North Carolina, which last year showed a gain of \$3 per inhabitant over the preceding year, this year has a recession of \$4 per inhabitant, which amounts to a loss of above 12 million dollars for that State. Georgia, with a \$5 gain last year, turns in a \$3 loss this year. The slight gain in Texas of about 5½ million dollars and the less than one-half million dollar increase in Arkansas were unable to overcome the losses in the other States, with the result that the savings in the Southern States are less by 88 million dollars than they were a year ago.

"Although Texas and Arkansas each showed a gain in deposits, they lost in the number of depositors, Texas losing in excess of 32 thousand and Arkansas slightly more than 3,500. Mississippi and Kentucky alone of all the States in the South showed a gain in the number of depositors, Kentucky gaining in excess of 88 thousand and Mississippi about 13.5 thousand.

"Virginia, which last year had the greatest number of savings depositors of any Southern States, sustained a loss of almost 90 thousand, followed by Florida with over 48 thousand, North Carolina with 38 thousand, West Virginia with 34 thousand, Texas with 32 thousand, Tennessee with 20 thousand, Georgia and Alabama with 19 thousand each, down to Arkansas, which lost about 3,500. The total loss in depositors for the Southern States was in excess of 223 thousand.

East Central States.

"Ohio, Illinois and Michigan ordinarily are banner States for savings. At the beginning of the year Ohio had a per inhabitant savings of \$221, Illinois \$218, Michigan \$254 and their gains for the preceding year had been \$31, \$18 and \$10, respectively. This year only Michigan showed a gain, one of \$4 per inhabitant, which for the State gave an increase in excess of 19 million dollars. Wisconsin, the State of extreme diversification, is the only other State in the East Central group showing a gain. Ohio came within 3 thousand dollars of showing a loss as great as that of the entire Southern group, with \$13 per Ohio inhabitant. Illinois, with a loss in excess of 77 million dollars, was next in line, followed by Missouri with 30 million, Minnesota with 15 million, Iowa with 7 million, and Indiana with the slight loss of 171 thousand dollars.

"The total recession during the year in the East Central States amounted to \$193,888,000.

"Iowa reported 775,460 savings depositors this year, which is a material reduction. A great loss is suffered in Minnesota, one of 124 thousand, followed in order by Indiana with 79 thousand, Missouri with 73 thousand, and Ohio with 72 thousand. The gain of 95 thousand in Illinois and 78.7 thousand in Michigan indicates that despite the unfavorable turn of the year in volume of deposits, the savings doctrine is making headway, at least in these two States.

West Central States.

"Some of the influences which served to reduce savings in the Eastern part of the United States lost force when they reached the Northwest and the West. Of the seven States comprising the West Central group, five showed a gain in savings deposits, although the increase was slight, the

greatest being that of Oklahoma, with over 7½ million dollars, followed by Montana with over 3 millions, South Dakota with over 2½ millions, New Mexico with almost 2 millions, and Wyoming with over 1½ millions. This situation indicates the continuance of favorable factors in the live stock industry. Last year South Dakota showed a gain of \$2 per inhabitant. That increase is reinforced this year by a gain of \$4. Nebraska took a recession of \$17 per inhabitant, followed by North Dakota with a recession of \$15, and Kansas of \$8, while Colorado suffered a slight loss.

"In depositors, all of the States in this area suffered a devastating loss. Nebraska sustained the greatest decrease, one of almost 102 thousand, followed by Kansas with a loss of 44 thousand, North Dakota 29 thousand, New Mexico 23 thousand, Montana 16 thousand, Colorado almost 15 thousand, South Dakota almost 14 thousand, Oklahoma almost 8 thousand, and Wyoming almost 2 thousand. Despite the preponderance in the number of States which did not sustain loss in deposits, the total group showed a loss of 33 million dollars, with a loss in depositors in excess of 250,000.

"In the Pacific States, Washington and Oregon only suffered loss, Washington to the amount of \$1 per inhabitant and Oregon only negligibly. California added 73 million dollars to her former huge total, with a gain of \$16 per inhabitant for the year. Idaho reported a dollar increase; Utah, \$5; Arizona, \$8; and Nevada increased her savings in excess of 2 million dollars, which meant an increase per inhabitant of \$25. Despite the losses in this area, the gain was in excess of 79 million dollars, with a gain per inhabitant of \$9.

"In depositors, Oregon suffered a serious loss in almost one-third of her depositors. The loss in Washington was less than 1,000. Although Idaho slightly increased her deposits, her depositors were about 500 less than last year. Nevada increased her depositors by almost 1,000, Arizona by more than 5,500, Utah by almost 6,000, and California with the amazing total of almost 365,000, or 1,000 for each day in the year. For the year the Pacific States, despite the notable loss in Oregon, had a gain in depositors of almost 278,000."

Volume of Unsold Bonds on Dealers' Hands Found Low—Survey by Investment House Puts Inventories at \$100,000,000—Plan to Keep Down New Offerings.

Unsold securities in the hands of leading investment houses in New York are estimated to be subnormal at the present time by bankers here, said the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 12. It likewise stated:

One survey made by a prominent investment house indicates that bonds and preferred stocks on dealers' shelves amount roughly to about \$100,000,000 at the present time, which is a fraction of what has been normal inventories in recent years.

Of this total, about \$75,000,000 is reported to include bonds which have not yet been placed with investors, although formally offered, while \$25,000,000 of bonds were actually sold but resold by investors in the market and thus reacquired by investment houses. Relatively small new public offerings in the past six weeks have further tended to reduce the volume of unsold bonds on dealers' hands, as has the recent increased interest on the part of the investing public in fixed income bearing securities.

New Financing Level.

A number of the large investment houses have bond and preferred stock issues ready for public offering, but by general agreement they are proceeding cautiously in a desire to avoid burdening the market with too many new offerings at once. Investment bankers interviewed yesterday expressed the belief that the volume of new financing would be kept at about the level of last week, when \$135,000,000 in new public offerings were made. Thus far, the individual houses have exercised rigid restraint on the issue activities to help bring this result about, thus enforcing an informal "stagger plan" in the making of new security offerings.

A check-up on the market for bonds and preferred stocks reveals, however, that while dealer's inventories are unusually low, investors are in many cases holding securities which they would realize upon if the price advanced sufficiently. In a number of issues made before the break in stock prices, the syndicate support was quickly withdrawn, so that buyers were able to dispose of their issues only at substantial recessions. Should any general price advance permit the disposal of several such issues without loss, it is expected that dealers would encounter substantial offerings of them.

The bond market has recently shown a soft tendency in prices, but temporary seasonal influences, it is being claimed, account for this. December is ordinarily a month of high interest rates because of the heavy demand for currency in the main. Since member banks dislike increasing their rediscounts unduly, there is a strong tendency to unload some investments in certain cases rather than to increase rediscounts. Last week a reduction of \$53,000,000 in Government security holdings was reported by the reporting member banks in leading cities.

The gilt-edge section of the bond market has been the strongest during the past two weeks. Accumulation of bonds by dealers who expect a large reinvestment demand, especially from institutions, after the first of the year is considered the chief reason for this. In January, with the seasonal easing in money rates and the large volume of new funds seeking investment, it is thought likely that bond prices generally may become firmer, so that a satisfactory background will be furnished for an increase in the volume of new financing.

Authority to Raise Taxes on National Banks Opposed—Comptroller of Currency Says Bill to Liberalize State Power Would be Injurious to System—Measure Offered to House Would Assess Various Types of Financial Houses on Same Basis.

Opposition to any change in the provisions of section 5219 of the Revised Statutes, restricting State taxation of National banks or their shares, was reiterated, Dec. 11, by the Comptroller of the Currency, John W. Pole, who declared in an oral statement that the provisions had served as a safeguard for national banks for 65 years. Advices to this effect were contained in the "United States Daily" of Dec. 12 which further stated:

The Bureau of the Comptroller of the Currency has been consistently on record as against any changes in those provisions and the introduction of bills during the present session of Congress will not affect the Bureau's view, Mr. Pole added.

Pending Bill is Opposed.

A bill (H. R. 7139) has been introduced in the House by Representative Goodwin (Rep.), of Cambridge, Minn., which would establish a new taxation basis for the States insofar as National banks are concerned. It was in respect to this bill particularly that Mr. Pole spoke.

The matter was called to the attention of Congress in the Comptroller's annual report of a year ago, at which time several bills proposing a change in the State tax basis were pending. At that time the Comptroller declared that the principle involved was so important as to warrant the most careful scrutiny before any new legislation was enacted, and stated his opposition.

State Taxes Limited.

"National banks are instrumentalities of the Federal Government," said Mr. Pole. "As such they cannot be taxed by the States except with the consent of the Federal Government and then only to such extent as the Federal Government permits. Recognizing that the power to tax is the power to destroy, Congress has rightly safeguarded the instrumentalities of the Federal Government by limitations upon State taxation."

Attention was called to conditions in the National banking system which, Mr. Pole repeatedly has declared, must be remedied by legislation of a more liberal character to maintain the full strength of the system. Defections from the National system ranks have been many in the last few years, it was explained, and should there be an increase in the State tax which the National banks are called upon to bear, it was believed that a greater number than heretofore would surrender their Federal charters to operate under State statutes.

Mr. Pole was unwilling to engage in any controversy on the question, declaring that the views of his Bureau and those of the Department of the Treasury were unchanged from preceding years.

Bill Sent to Committee.

National bank stocks would be taxed in the same manner as stocks or private and State banking institutions under the bill introduced Dec. 10 by Representative Goodwin. The bill was referred to the House Committee on Banking and Currency.

In a number of States, including Minnesota, Mr. Goodwin stated orally on Dec. 11, National bank stock is not subject to taxation, with certain minor exceptions. The courts have held, he said, that such assessment are uncollectible. It is to legalize the collection of these taxes that he has offered his bill, Mr. Goodwin said.

Though they are not legally bound to pay taxes on their stock, the National banks of Minnesota, with a few exceptions, have voluntarily agreed to pay them, Mr. Goodwin said. This agreement originally was made for a two-year period, Mr. Goodwin stated, and has just been renewed for another similar period.

This was done, he said, because the National banks recognized the disadvantage to which State and private institutions have been placed and because the National banks did not believe the discrimination should be continued.

However, both States and National banks are opposed to legislation compelling the latter to pay taxes on their stock, Mr. Goodwin declared, because of a fear that if special legislation affecting one class of institutions is enacted it will pave the way for special legislation affecting the other class and, possibly, result in special legislation affecting all banks.

Hearings Have Been Held.

While cognizant of this fear, Mr. Goodwin expressed the hope that full discussion of the question would tend to allay it. A similar bill, he said, was introduced by him in the Seventieth Congress and hearings were held, though no definite action was taken.

Mr. Goodwin's bill would amend sub-division (b), paragraph 1, section 5219 of the Revised Statutes to read as follows:

In the case of a tax on, or measured by, said shares or their value, the tax shall not be at a greater rate upon National banking associations or their stockholders with respect to said shares than the rate imposed by the taxing State, other than by direct taxation of real estate, upon other financial corporations or their stockholders with respect to the shares of such other financial corporations, or upon the net assets of individuals, partnerships, or associations employed in the business of banking; nor shall said rate upon or measured by the shares of National banking associations or their value be higher than the highest rate imposed by the taxing State. Other than by direct taxation of real estate upon mercantile, manufacturing, or business corporations doing business within its borders or upon the stockholders of such corporations with respect to their shares or the value thereof

Sale of Stock in Wisconsin Bank Holding Firms Must Have Approval of State Attorney-General.

From the Milwaukee "Sentinel" we take the following Madison advices, Nov. 29:

Stock in holding companies organized to take over State banks cannot be sold without the approval of the State Securities Division, Attorney-General John W. Reynolds announced on Friday.

The opinion was given at the request of the Securities Division, which pointed out that stock in banks is exempt from the supervision of that Department and asked whether such exemption also applied to holding companies as recently organized.

"It will be observed that Section 189.03 exempts from the provision of the securities law the sale of securities issued only by those corporations whose business is subject to the control and supervision of the Banking Commissioner of the State.

"It does not so exempt the sale of securities issued by those corporations whose business is subject to the mere supervision of the State Banking Department, as is provided in Chapter 445," the Attorney-General held.

"The phrase 'control and supervision,' used in Section 189.03, is not synonymous with mere supervision as that word is used in said chapter 445. In no instance does said Chapter empower the Commissioner to control the affairs or operation of the holding company. It is only in the instances specified in said Chapter that the Commissioner is empowered to 'fully direct the operation of such banks or trust companies.'

"The Commissioner's 'control' over the owned bank or trust company is full and exclusive in the event specified in that act, but in no instance may he 'control' or direct the affairs of the holding company itself."

Florida Bank Deposits Held Exempt From Taxes Under Opinion By State Attorney-General.

The following Tallahassee advices, Nov. 29, appeared in the "United States Daily":

Money on deposit in savings banks or other banks need not be included in tax returns in Florida, according to a recent opinion of Attorney-General of the State, Fred H. Davis. The full text of the opinion is given below:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of Nov. 4, in which you make inquiry as to whether or not money in savings accounts in banks in this State is personal property, which must be returned for taxation under the tax law of Florida, and especially under the recent 1929 compulsory tax return law.

In the case of *City of Tampa v. Palmer*, 105 Southern 115, the Supreme Court held:

"Money is transitory property and its mere presence on deposit in banks does not necessarily render it subject to taxation there."

I am, therefore, of the opinion that it will not be necessary for taxpayers to include in their tax returns for 1929 any money on deposit in savings banks or other banks.

Nebraska Supreme Court Upholds State Bank Deposit Guaranty Law—Reverses District Ruling on Bank Fund.

The Nebraska Supreme Court has entered a ruling holding that the State guaranty deposit law is still in full force and effect, and reversing the finding of Judge Frost of the District court that in its present operation it is confiscatory of private property. Lincoln advises Dec. 8 to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce", from which we quote, also had the following to say regarding the Court's conclusions:

The action is one wherein 559 State banks sought a permanent injunction against the levying and collection of any further assessments, as provided for in the law, limited to a half of 1% of average daily deposits. At the present time this means a contribution of \$1,000,000 a year to the fund. The action is ordered dismissed.

The Court says that the banking business, carried on under a State charter, is quasi-public and, for the protection of the public and its interests, is subject to reasonable regulation by the State. It is held to be vital that it should not be within the province of the courts to annul a legislative enactment unless its provisions so clearly contravene a provision of the fundamental law or are so clearly against public policy, that no other resort remains.

No Right to Be Heard.

The Court holds that, where a State bank has accepted benefits arising from deposits of money pursuant to the terms of the bank depositors' guaranty law, such a bank cannot be heard, in a proper case, to make complaint of special assessments upon such deposits which have been levied for the benefit of the guaranty fund. Where a special assessment has been levied upon the State banks pursuant to the provisions of the law, such assessment does not constitute the taking of private property without due process.

Much is made in the decision of the advertising campaigns in which the State banks participated and in pamphlets issued by the Guaranty Fund Commission in which the protection accorded to depositors by the law was stressed and an effort made to capitalize it for the purpose of increasing deposits.

Fund Held Stability Asset.

The Court finds on this point:

"From the evidence it clearly appears that a majority of the state banks throughout Nebraska, and many others as well, counted on the bank depositors' guaranty fund, in its inception, a valuable asset and many predicted that this plan would add greatly to the stability of the State banks and so advertised among those with money to deposit."

The court also cited the evidence of bankers to the effect that the epidemic of failures of State banks was due to the general economic conditions existing prior to 1928, and that instead of the assessments being a contributory factor the law had a steadying influence on the deposits of all state banks. Testimony was also cited to show that the law was believed to have added \$100,000,000 to deposits in State banks.

Recalls Supreme Court Rule.

The District Court held that the law was confiscatory and that its enforcement constituted taking private property without due process. The Supreme Court says that "it may be observed, however, that the bank guaranty fund law has been held by the highest court in the land to be a constitutional act and well within the meaning of the Federal constitution."

"It cites three decisions of the Federal Supreme Court, including the one which upheld the Nebraska law, and cites approvingly its comment that even where powerful arguments can be made against the wisdom of this legislation, this court can say nothing, as it is not concerned therewith. We understand fully the practical importance of the question and the very powerful argument that can be made against the wisdom of the legislation, but on that point we have nothing to say, as it is not our concern. The payment can be avoided by going out of the banking business, and it is required only as a condition for keeping on, from corporations created by the state."

Protection of Depositors.

Continuing the Nebraska Court says:

"The paramount object and clearly the legislative intent in the creation of the depositors' guaranty fund law was first for the protection of the depositors' money in the State banks. And from the fact that, under normal banking conditions, such act would likewise benefit the State banks, such banks were, at least not unfriendly to the enactment of the law in question. But it goes without saying that there never was, nor could be, any compulsion upon the State banks to accept deposits of money on the bank guaranty basis. But money was accepted by the State banks pursuant to the terms of the law, and by that law such banks are clearly bound.

"The demands on the guaranty fund are burdensome, but the situation before us was created or in any event made possible by the legislature in the enactment of the law. It is a basic principle that it is, ordinarily, not within the province of the courts to annul a legislative act except as a last resort, and in a case where no other remedy is at hand.

Sums Up Findings.

"In view of the benefits arising from the deposits of large amounts of money in State banks pursuant to the terms of the bank depositors' guaranty fund, should the banks be now held to make complaint of the special assessment fixed by law upon their deposits? Have the observations of Judge Holmes in the case cited ever been answered?—If so, our attention has not been directed thereto."

If the law is finally upheld, it will result, in the opinion of bankers, in the nationalization of the larger State banks and others than can meet the terms of the National Banking Act, and the possible voluntary liquidation of others. The State Legislature, at its session last winter, recognized the hopeless situation of the guaranty fund by passing laws requiring banks to give security for all public funds deposited with them.

At the time the case was begun last winter the gross deficit was in excess of \$26,000,000, against which there was approximately \$10,000,000 of assets. Since then nearly seventy banks have failed, and of this number eighteen have been reorganized. These failures have, it is estimated, added from \$8,000,000 to \$10,000,000 to the deficit.

Nebraska Limits Bank Stock Holding Concerns.

Under date of Dec. 7, Lincoln, Neb. advises to the "United States Daily" says:

Holding companies organized for the purpose of buying, owning, selling and otherwise dealing in the capital stock of banking corporations may not be legally incorporated in Nebraska, according to an opinion of C. A. Sorenson, Attorney General, just given to a group of Nebraska men who contemplated the organization under Nebraska laws of a "bancorporation." The Supreme Court of Nebraska has held, according to the opinion, that Nebraska corporations may not hold stock in other corporations.

The attorney General said that he was not in a position to say that the contemplated corporation would be lawful without specific statutory authority. The matter should be specially decided by court action speedily, he stated, because of the present development of holding companies in all lines of industry.

In a supplemental opinion, Mr. Sorenson held that corporations organized under the laws of other States could hold the stock of Nebraska corporations if the laws of their domicile permitted.

Representative Goldsborough on Dangers in Branch Banking System—Many Bank Consolidations Not Based on Sound Economic Principles.

Many existing bank consolidations are not based on sound economic principles, and it is Congress's duty to serve as a quieting and controlling influence rather than as a liberalizing one, Representative Goldsborough (Dem.), of Denton, Md., stated Dec. 9 in discussing branch banking on the floor of the House. The "United States Daily," from which this is learned, indicates the further comments of Representative Goldsborough as follows:

Dangers of branch banking center in the possibility of city banks withdrawing funds needed in rural units, he said, and in the likelihood that large banks would use their units as sales agencies for stocks in which the metropolitan banks are interested.

"In more than 100 years of banking history it has never, until very recently, been suggested that it was necessary for city people to take over country banks," he said. "The telegraph, telephone, good roads, the automobile, radio, and frequent national and State banking conferences rapidly disseminate any useful banking information involving policy or technique throughout the community, so that country banks are infinitely better managed than in the past."

Representative Stevenson (Dem.), of Cheraw, S. C., asked Mr. Goldsborough to express an opinion as to holding companies which were buying up majority stock of banks and which are not liable to bank depositors. Mr. Goldsborough replied that he believed "we should put a stop to this practice if we can."

"As a rule," Mr. Goldsborough declared, "holding companies are not sound. They are frequently organized simply to water stock, and they have no interest in the management of the banks they control."

Answering a question by another member, Mr. Goldsborough said that the House Committee on Banking and Currency, of which he is a member, is considering legislation for the regulation of holding companies.

"The whole question of holding companies is so new that neither the State Legislatures nor Congress has had an opportunity to enact restrictive legislation," Mr. Goldsborough said.

Mr. Goldsborough's summary of his address follows in full text:

Those advocating an extension of branch banking privileges base their argument upon four principal grounds:

First, that National banks are surrendering their charters in favor of State charters in order to get branch banking privileges; second, that branch banking would tend to stop group banking; third, that the funds available in the country bank are not adequate to take care of the rural business; fourth, that the personnel at the head of the country banks are not of a caliber to so conduct the banks as to prevent failures.

The relative resources of National to State banks have been practically constant since 1922, except that the merger tendency of last spring and summer, having practically no relation to branch banking, has caused a slight change in the ratio in favor of State banks; and where National charters were relinquished in favor of State charters it was generally because the bank desired to engage in some business permitted under the State law, and not permitted under the National Banking Act, and not because of the desire to create branches not possible under the National Act; group banking—that is, the buying by a holding company of the majority of the stock of a group of banks—is found in States which permit branch banking as well as in States which do not, the holding company constituting in many respects an investment trust for bank stock.

Resources of country banks are of necessity made up of community resources and of economic necessity must in general be adequate for the business of the community, and on the very few occasions when country banks cannot take care of some seasonal need, there is no serious difficulty in obtaining funds from correspondent banks in larger centers.

There is danger in branch banking systems centering in the metropolitan areas of parent banks withdrawing funds from the branch banks of the rural districts necessary for legitimate local business needs, and there is also the danger of the branch bank being used by the parent bank as a sales agency for the disposal of securities in which the parent bank is interested.

The tendency to merge not only in banking but in business has advanced more rapidly than our concept of the proper function and control of mergers; many bank consolidations are not based upon sound economic principles, and the proper function at this time of a legislative body is rather to act as a quieting and controlling influence rather than as a liberalizing one.

From the New York "Journal of Commerce's" account from Washington, Dec. 9, as to what Representative Goldsborough had to say, we quote the following:

Representative Goldsborough, in speaking for an hour on the subject of branch, chain and group banking, deplored the move to establish unlimited legislation of this character, declaring that "if there is one thing that should be safeguarded from monopoly it is credit."

Following the vigorous attack of Mr. Goldsborough (Rep.), Mr. Sabath (Dem.), of Illinois, newly appointed member of the Rules Committee, announced that he proposed to put a tax on short selling of shares of

stock, grain, wheat, cotton or other allied agricultural commodities equal to 5% of the amount of the sale. He introduced a bill to this effect to-day.

Against Short Sales.

In announcing the introduction of his bill the Illinois member declared that "as now conducted, many of the stock exchanges are open to the charge that gambling, pure and simple, constitutes a large proportion of their business. The governors of these organizations had it in their power to stop in time the activities of the short selling forces, but failed to do so. Therefore, it is high time that we put an end to these parasites by legislation."

More than seven times the business of the country is done with credit than is done with actual cash, Representative Goldsborough pointed out in his speech. "We must not lose sight of the fact that the fundamental practice of a bank is to serve the public and in so far as the public is concerned the profits that the bank may make are purely incidental," he said. "A legislative body must approach the subject from that standpoint."

Representative Stevenson (Dem.), of South Carolina, also a member of the Banking Committee, interrupted the speaker at this point to state that another important function of a bank is to act as trustee for the creditors and stockholders. "The stockholders and the depositors expect the bank to be a trustee for them," he said, "and if in the sharp competition the organization ceases to safeguard those by taking insufficient security, yielding to importunities of business that does not have the proper security behind it, that is a breach of their trust to the stockholders and to the creditors."

Cites Reasons for Revision.

One of the reasons which are given by those who feel that branch banking privileges should be indefinitely extended is that the management of country banks is not in general sound. Representative Goldsborough said, and that the agent of the parent bank in a branch banking system would be more competent to manage the country institution than the management of the present unit bank system.

Mr. Goldsborough said that the country banks are opposed to any further extension of branch banking legislation. "Far from there being any demand in the rural communities for a branch banking system, the rural bankers are uniformly opposed to it," he said. "There is practically no dissenting voice on that proposition."

The Maryland member also read from an article of Henry M. Dawes, former Comptroller of Currency, in which he stated that "the ownership and 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 one and the whole tied in with the Federal Reserve Board."

Sees Move To "Pack" House Banking Body to Push Branch Law—Representative Strong Asserts Proposals of Revision are Organized to End Restrictions—Opposes Principle of Absentee Control—Institutions Should be Managed Locally to Serve Their Communities, He Says.

Charges of a movement to "pack" the Banking and Currency Committee of the House with members favoring branch banking, and also charges of efforts being made to push legislation of this character through Congress were made on Dec. 6 by Representative Strong (Rep.) of Kansas, according to the Washington correspondent of the New York "Journal of Commerce." In its further account that day, the paper quoted went on to say:

Although the membership of the Banking and Currency Committee has not as yet been announced, it is understood that Representative Strong will retain his position on that committee through the Seventy-first Congress. Therefore, his statement will bear considerable weight when consideration is given branch banking legislation during this Congress.

In declaring that appointments are being made on the committee of members commending branch banking Mr. Strong said: "Already there is evidence in Congress of a movement to place those favoring branch banking upon the Banking Committees, and to urge legislation favoring unrestricted branch banking."

Says Proponents Are Organized.

"It is evident that the financial groups of the nation who favor branch banking are moving on Congress for the purpose of having unlimited branch banking authorized for National banks.

"Those favoring branch banking are already organized for the fight in Congress, and the people should be advised in time, and before it is too late to prevent the financial institutions of the nation from being dominated and controlled through small groups in the financial centers.

"In the consideration of the McFadden bill the argument was made that because States were permitting branch banking to State banks that it was necessary to permit National banks to have branches in order to meet such competition.

"Realizing the force of this argument, provisions were made in the McFadden Banking Bill that National banks could have branches in the States where branch banking was permitted to State banks, but with the provision that no branches should be established outside of the city where the parent bank was located.

"At the time it was thought that such restrictions would be satisfactory since they met all needs of the National banks in the large business centers where State banks were permitted to have branches, but it soon became evident that it was not a question of protecting a National bank from the competition of a State bank, but the real purpose of those desiring to establish branch banking was to make the same effective throughout the nation.

"Soon group banking was established in the States and territory where branch banking interests have come out openly in advocating the establishment of group banking in every State of the Union, which they frankly state will force Congress to permit National banks in every State to establish branches in order to do away with group banking, which it is acknowledged is objectionable.

Warns of Monopoly in Finance.

"Because of the experience of the centuries that great power given to individuals or small groups of individuals results in an abuse of that power, a Republican form of Government was established on this continent. A monarchy of the finances of a people is but little less than a monarchy in government.

"Certainly the same principles apply to the financial system and a Republican form of Government should prevail with regard to our banking institutions. That is, they should be managed and controlled to serve the people in the community where they are located, and whose savings are deposited and invested in them, rather than be dominated and controlled by individuals or small groups of men or corporations, whose interest may lie hundreds of miles away from the people they are to serve, and who will be in a position to dominate and control their business activities."

Meanwhile, Representative McLeod (Rep.) of Michigan announced that every effort will be made for consideration of his resolution by the Judiciary Committee of the House setting up permanent machinery to diagnose business cycles.

In a statement issued to-day, Representative McLeod pointed out the effects of business cycles being considered as necessary evils. "The recent recession of the stock market served to call attention to the occurrence of business cycles," he said, "a phenomenon which has been in the habit of costing the United States millions or even billions of dollars whenever such a depression occurred in the past, because they were allowed to run their course and were regarded as necessary evils."

"When the next depression period of a business cycle is due, we should have a method of forecasting so accurate as to avoid even the losses of a stock market crash, and thus take one more step toward that most desirable goal of eliminating entirely the business 'cycle' and its attendant unemployment."

Branch Bank Law Revision Advocated By Prof. Spahr of New York University—Holds Points in Favor of Chain System Outbalance Disadvantages—Views of Prof. Thorp.

Relaxation of the laws restraining the development of the branch and chain banking systems in this country was advocated by Walter E. Spahr, Professor of Economics at New York University, on Dec. 5, at a meeting of the American Statistical Society at the Aldine Club. This is learned from the New York "Journal of Commerce," which said:

The virtues of the chain system are only secured through careful supervision by the Government of the banks involved, he said.

There can be no question of the benefits of the branch banking system to the depositor in the larger cities, Dr. Spahr stated, but the great variety of forms it may take and the number of individual problems presented in small town and rural banking circles prevent anything but a guess as to the effect of the development of branch or chain systems on the depositor in general. The points in favor of allowing the system to spread far outbalance the disadvantages, he said.

Four factors which would tend to halt the merger movement were described by Willard L. Thorp, Professor of Economics at Amherst College, in discussing the trend toward consolidation. Reduction of the banks to a number too few to permit of many more mergers is difficult to see, because there are still 26,000 banks in business in this country, he said. Secondly, since in many cases no new securities are issued in bank mergers, any difficulty in floating issues for consolidation purposes would not be a hindrance. Public opposition to the merger movement as expressed in the laws and in the press is not strong at this time, the main objections to the move coming from the inside of the banks, from the officials who oppose the extension of branch banking as a matter of principle, or from men who fear the loss of their positions when the less efficient executives are weeded out by the process of consolidation. And lastly, he said, there seems to be no evident weakness in the idea or actuality of the system of branch banking.

Fortunately, according to Mr. Thorp, the merger movement is not unduly rapid at present, and there will be time to consider and weigh the merits of the newer developments.

Psychology is the governing factor in price changes of merging bank securities, said Frank C. Thomas, President of the Bankshares National Corp. If the public thinks the merger will complement the services rendered by one of the merging banks to the other, or that savings in expense and increased efficiency will result, the prices of the stocks of the banks will rise. His opinion was supported by numerous illustrations of successful mergers in all parts of the country.

The remarks of the speakers were discussed from the floor, with H. Parker Willis, editor of the "Journal of Commerce," and Pierre R. Bretey, of the Brookmire Economic Service, leading the discussion.

Governors and Agents of Federal Reserve Banks in Semi-Annual Meeting in Washington.

Governors and agents of the various Federal Reserve Banks began their semi-annual meeting at Washington on Dec. 11, a general discussion of the banking and credit situation it is understood being the basis of their meeting.

In referring to the meeting Washington accounts Dec. 11 to the New York "Times," said:

To Meet With Reserve Board.

It is expected that the Governors and agents will be in session for another day or two and will conclude their deliberations by meeting with the Federal Reserve Board. Until that time at least, it was intimated, no statements would be made.

Reports here are to the effect that Reserve banks will, if necessary, continue the purchase of Government securities in the open market during the month in order to ease the credit and currency situation. Currency demand during the holiday season is heavy and it has been estimated that the total amount outstanding may reach \$5,000,000,000 by Christmas.

Such information as could be obtained was that the representatives of the Reserve banks were confident that Christmas trade would be satisfactory despite the slump in stocks. The representatives of the banks were said to believe that the recent conferences held by President Hoover with industrial and labor leaders would have a most beneficial effect in efforts to keep business on a solid foundation.

Banking Laws Considered.

The Governors and agents also are considering among other things, it was said, the advisability of legislation having to do with branch and chain banking.

Governors of all banks except Boston and Kansas City were present, these two banks being represented by W. W. Paddock and C. A. Worthington, Deputy Governors, respectively. Governors present were:

George L. Harrison, New York; George W. Norris, Philadelphia; E. R. Fancher, Cleveland; George J. Seay, Richmond; Eugene R. Black, Atlanta; J. B. McDougal, Chicago; William McC. Martin, St. Louis; W. B. Geery, Minneapolis; Lynn P. Talley, Dallas; John U. Calkins, San Francisco.

Federal Reserve agents present were: Frederic H. Curtiss, Boston; G. W. McGarrath, New York; R. L. Austin, Philadelphia; George De Camp, Cleveland; William W. Hoxton, Richmond; Oscar Newton, Atlanta; William A. Heath, Chicago; Rolla Wells, St. Louis; John R. Mitchell, Minneapolis; M. L. McClure, Kansas City; C. O. Walsh, Dallas; Isaac B. Newton, San Francisco.

Rediscount Rate of Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta Reduced From 5% to 4½%

On Dec. 9 the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta decided to reduce its rediscount rate on all classes of paper of all maturities from 5 to 4½%, effective Dec. 10. Four other Reserve banks, New York, Chicago, Boston and San Francisco previously lowered their rates from 5 to 4½%.

Federal Reserve Banks Now Buying Bills While Credit Needs Grow—Seasonal Currency Requirements Already Increasing Credit Needs—Acceptance Dealers Report Larger Bill Supply.

More liberal open market purchases of acceptances by the Federal Reserve banks was reported here on Dec. 9, coincidentally with a firmer tendency in the money market due to the growing seasonal currency requirements now making themselves felt. In making this statement the New York "Journal of Commerce" added:

The extent to which these seasonal influences will tighten interest rates between now and the end of the year is held to be dependent upon the policy of the Reserve banks, and for that reason bankers are watching their action very closely.

Additional reserve requirements of member banks on account of currency expansion alone are estimated at \$200,000,000, and the Reserve banks can determine whether this will be met by rediscounting or open market purchases. The effect on market interest rates would be least in the latter instance.

The Federal Reserve Bank was a heavy purchaser yesterday of 60 and 90-day acceptances, according to reports from dealers. It was stated that the bank was also purchasing 90-day bills on repurchase agreements, under which acceptance dealers contract to take back the bills within 15 days.

Last week, with a single exception, dealers here advanced their rates on 30 and 60-day bills to 4½% bid, 4% asked from the previous rate of 4% bid, 3¾% asked. This advance in rates brought the rate at which dealers were ready to offer acceptances into line with the buying rate of the Federal Reserve Banks. Ninety-day bills are 4% bid, 3¾% asked.

According to reports yesterday, short term bills have come into the market in large volume within the last few days. Although reports were current yesterday afternoon that there was strong demand for bills, dealers declared that they were being asked to purchase far more bills than they were able to dispose of without calling upon the Federal Reserve Bank.

It was pointed out that the dealers are taking a large volume of bills at their bid rate for short terms of 4½%. Their portfolios, it was declared, are heavy at present. It was thought possible that later in the month the money market would tighten in response to increased currency demand and that banks throughout the country would be likely to some extent to place bills which they hold at present upon the market. In this event an advance in rates by dealers before the end of the month would be probable, it was thought, unless the Reserve banks adopt a liberal attitude in their purchases.

Should the rates advance while the dealers hold a large volume of bills taken at 4½%, it was considered likely that they would call upon the Federal Reserve Bank to a greater extent. In consequence heavy borrowing from the Reserve bank, on repurchase agreements, is anticipated later in the month.

It is pointed out further by bill dealers that the Federal Reserve Bank within the last few weeks has lowered its buying rate to 4% as a minimum, although for a time the dealers' offered rate dropped to 3¾%. It was believed in consequence that the Reserve banks will not encourage the unrestricted easing of credit beyond the present rate level for the balance of the year.

Representative Zihlman and Former Comptroller of Currency Crissinger Indicted on Charges Said to Allege Use of Mails to Defraud—F. H. Smith Co. Named in Indictment.

Representative Frederick N. Zihlman, Republican, of Maryland; Daniel R. Crissinger of Marion, Ohio, who was Comptroller of the Currency in the Harding Administration and five other present and former officials of the F. H. Smith Co., a brokerage concern, were indicted by the District of Columbia Grand Jury to-day on charges of using the mails to defraud in violation of Section 215 of the Criminal Code; advices to this effect were contained in a Washington dispatch, Dec. 10, to the New York "Times" from which we quote further as follows:

The others named in the indictments were B. Bryan Pitts, Chairman of the board; Samuel J. Henry, President of the company; C. Elbert Anadale, Vice-President; John H. Edwards Jr., director; Henry C. Maddux. The F. H. Smith Co., which recently moved its headquarters to New York City, was indicted as a corporation.

Nugent Dodds, special assistant to the Attorney-General, who has been in charge of an investigation leading to the indictments, said each of the defendants would surrender to-morrow and that \$10,000 bonds would be required.

Zihlman Declares Innocence.

Representative Zihlman, who is Chairman of the District of Columbia Committee of the House, an official sometimes familiarly called the "Mayor of Washington," resigned several days ago as a director of the indicted company.

He declared at the Capitol to-day that he was confident of vindication, that he would meet the charges in a proper way, and that he had no thought of evading the process of law by claiming immunity as a member of Congress.

"I am conscious of no wrongdoing on the part of the company and did not knowingly lend myself to any complicity on wrongdoing," he said.

As to his appearing on the floor of the House or at the committees of which he is a member, Mr. Zihlman said he saw nothing to prevent it. He also said he expected to be made Chairman of the District of Columbia Committee for this Congress when it is constituted the latter part of the week.

"I see no reason why I should not be," he said.

Crissinger Was Close to Harding.

Mr. Crissinger, who is a director of the F. H. Smith Company, was out of the city, it was said at his home, and it was not known just when he would return.

One of President Harding's close friends, he began the practice of law in Marion, Ohio, more than forty years ago, served as prosecuting attorney and city solicitor and later became general counsel of the Marion Steam Shovel Co. and President of the National City Bank and Trust Co. of Marion.

Appointed Comptroller of the Currency in 1921, he served until 1923, when he became Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, continuing in that office until 1927, when he resigned and went with the Smith Company, in which he became Chairman of the executive committee.

Investigation of the operations of the Smith Company has been conducted for months. It has frequently been discussed in Congress, especially by Senator Smith W. Brookhart of Iowa, who asked for a Congressional investigation before he learned the Department of Justice had taken up the matter.

Security Manipulation Charged.

The indictments charge that the defendants organized various corporations controlled and directed by the defendant Maddux and his agents. These corporations, it is alleged, acquired title to property heavily encumbered by deeds of trust and mortgages, obtaining the property substantially for the amount of the encumbrances.

Then, it is charged, secondary and inferior deeds of trust and mortgages "of little worth and effect considering the negligible equity of the respective mortgages," were executed and used as purported security for bonds issued by the corporation.

These bonds, it is further charged, were pledged as security for the payment of other bonds issued by the corporation and the latter bonds were "by false representation concerning their security and value" sold to various persons at a pay par as secured and safe investments by and through the F. H. Smith Company.

The substance of the charge against the Smith Company, which was organized under the laws of Delaware, is that it "did devise and intend to devise a scheme and artifice to defraud a great number of persons" residing in Pennsylvania and other States and the District of Columbia.

In a separate report the grand jury charged that a former attorney for the company, now president of a Washington bank, had accepted sums of money aggregating \$100,000 from a construction company to obtain for that company a contract for the construction of buildings by the Smith Company. The jury recommended an investigation of this episode and the filing of proper charges.

In printing the above the "Times" added:

Crissinger Declines to Comment.

Daniel R. Crissinger declined here yesterday to comment on the indictments against himself and six other men in Washington. Reached on the telephone by The Associated Press at the offices of the F. H. Smith Company, Mr. Crissinger said: "I have no statement to make at all."

Remarks of Edmund Platt, Vice-Governor of Federal Reserve Board, on "Banking Legislation, Past and Prospective"—Favors Merging of Small Units and Diversification and Investments.

Brief reference was made in our issue a week ago—Dec. 7, page 3574—to an address on Dec. 3 by Edmund Platt, Vice-Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, at the Wharton School of Finance and Commerce of the University of Pennsylvania. A fuller account of what Mr. Platt had to say appeared in the "United States Daily" of Dec. 7, and we quote the same herewith:

The Vice-Governor of the Federal Reserve Board, Edmund Platt, declared in a speech at the Wharton School of Finance, Philadelphia, recently, that one of the great needs of the present banking system is legislation to remove some of the present statutory restrictions "so as to allow some development toward a better system." He said that a good deal of the banking legislation has been restrictive, rather than constructive, and that wherever constructive legislation has been enacted it has been for the purpose of correcting "glaring defects."

Mr. Platt said it was to be noted that there had been no bank suspensions or failures attributable to the stock market panic to date. He observed that, while there had been an increase of failures or suspensions during the year, as compared with 1928, the closed banks were mostly of small size and, as such, had had little or no effect on general financial conditions.

The Vice-Governor spoke informally on the subject of "Banking Legislation, Past and Prospective." The authorized abstract follows in full text: The banking legislation of this country, State and National, might be treated by a satirist or humorist in such a way as to show that we, as a Nation, have manifested rather less financial common sense than the people of other great commercial nations. Our largest State once firmly had imbedded in its constitution, where it was doubtless regarded as sacredly fixed for all time, a prohibitory amendment forbidding the organization of banks.

In those days the good people of the State of Texas regarded banks as rather worse than saloons, and it must be admitted that some of the banks of the old days of wildcat State banking were pretty bad. We made a good early start under the able leadership of Alexander Hamilton towards a national central banking system, and it is interesting to note that the first Bank of the United States had to be wound up and liquidated in 1811, largely because of opposition from the city which is to-day the financial center of the United States, and perhaps of the world.

"Free Banking" Idea Predominated in West.

The recharter bill failed in the United States Senate in 1811 because of the opposition and vote of George Clinton of New York, and Clinton was

backed by some of the leading bankers and financiers of New York City, including John Jacob Astor. During the years that followed we had a second Bank of the United States, 1816-1836; but until the Civil War brought the National Banking Act, business most of the time was under the tremendous handicap of a fluctuating local State bank note currency, with the notes issued in one State, or even in one city, almost always at a discount if presented elsewhere.

In New England, New York and Pennsylvania the State banks generally were pretty strong and reliable and were organized under reasonably sound general acts. In the older Southern States banks continued to be specially chartered by the Legislatures and were, therefore, usually large, strong institutions. In the newly formed Western States the "free banking" idea, which started in New York, ran wild and resulted in every sort of banking experiment, most of them disastrous. In Indiana for some years there were both the best and worst banking systems almost side by side at the same time.

A good deal of our banking legislation has been restrictive rather than constructive, and the great constructive measures that have been passed by the Congress of the United States, such as the National Banking Act and the Federal Reserve Act, were passed for the purpose of correcting the most glaring defects of an individual local unit banking system without recognition of the fact that much of the trouble was due to the local unit system itself. What we need now is to remove some of the restrictions in the present laws so as to allow some development towards a better system.

Changes Were of Benefit Particularly to City Banks.

The McFadden Act of February 1927 went a little way toward removing unnecessary restrictions; but the changes were of benefit mostly to city banks. The McFadden Act prevents country banks, even if located in adjoining towns, from pooling their resources. Of the 4,513 bank failures reported to the Federal Reserve Board from 1921 to 1927 inclusive, 63% were of banks with capital of \$25,000 or less, and 61% were banks located in towns of less than 1,000 inhabitants. This may be taken as conclusive evidence that the American effort to provide banking facilities in very small places, by means of very small unit banks, is a failure and cannot be made to succeed except when all surrounding economic conditions are favorable.

Too often economic conditions have been unfavorable—crop failures, local industrial failures or merely the failure of the neighborhood itself to grow. Mr. Platt quoted with approval from the address of Mr. Clyde Hendrix, of the Tennessee Valley Bank of Decatur, Ala., at the meeting of the American Bankers' Association in San Francisco, the following:

"Every banker is acquainted with the appalling mortality record of the small unit banks located in purely agricultural territory. No doubt, the lack of proper management and dishonesty account for a small percentage of such failures, but in the main the wholesale, colossal number of small bank failures properly can be charged to the system itself."

This, Mr. Platt said, substantially is the belief of the present Comptroller or nation-wide branch banking—will not be known until his annual report, or more elaborate supervision, but a relaxation of some of the present restrictions upon banking; so that a gradual change of the system itself can take place—a change by which some of the small unit banks may be merged with banks in other places so as to provide larger banks with funds sufficient to provide good management, and covering a territory wide enough to insure a diversification of loans and investments.

Does Not Favor Too Extensive Branch Banking.

Just what form the Comptroller's recommendations to Congress may take, just what limits he may propose—for he is not in favor of unlimited or nation-wide branch banking—will not be known until his annual report goes to the Speaker of the House of Representatives about the middle of the present month. He has arrived at his conclusions not only as the result of long experience as a bank examiner and as the head of the supervisory forces of the United States Government, but as the result of careful study. In my opinion he is on the right track and deserves full support not only from economists and students of banking, but from business men and bankers.

Mr. Platt made no reference during the course of his address to the recent stock market panic, except to remark that while the year 1929 up to the close of October has recorded 521 bank suspensions, as compared with only 375 during the same period of 1928, no suspensions or failures have been attributed to the recent stock market panic up to date. Practically all suspensions have been in the West and South, and the banks mostly are so small as to have little or no effect upon the general financial condition of the country.

He digressed from his main subject long enough to refer to the development of the bill market, or market for bankers' acceptances during the present year. For the first time since the Federal Reserve System was established, he said, the bill market during this year has been standing on its own feet without any nursing by the Federal Reserve banks. Early in the year the rate at which Federal Reserve banks purchased bills from member banks, or from dealers, was placed above the Federal Reserve rediscount rate, with the result that investors, including banks, institutions and individuals, began to purchase bills because of the attractiveness of the rate.

More recently, investors have been outbidding the Federal Reserve banks and have been taking the new bills in spite of very low rates. This may be due to the fact that some of the corporations and individuals who had been loaning money on call in the stock market now are buying bills.

Owen D. Young, Director New York Federal Reserve Bank, Declares Bankers No Longer Control Credit Situation—Believes in Unification of International Communications—Testimony Before Senate Committee on Unification of Radio, Telegraph and Cable Companies.

The great maelstrom of stock market speculation which "cost money to every legitimate business in America and Europe" came about through money being "bootlegged" outside of banking channels, Owen D. Young, a director of the New York Federal Reserve Bank, told the Senate Interstate Commerce Committee in Washington on Dec. 10, in the course of his second day's testimony on radio communications. The foregoing is from the Washington account to the New York "Journal of Commerce," Dec. 10, the account continuing:

"Speculation got out of hand because bankers no longer control credit," declared Mr. Young in replying to Senator Brookhart (Rep.) of Iowa, who protested against the high rate paid by farmers for electric current. "Money has been bootlegged outside," he said, adding that he thought the recent stock market crash was "an unfortunate thing for legitimate business."

Senator Wheeler (Dem.) of Montana, asked the witness if he could not say the crash was due to the "Hoover market," but Mr. Young's reply escaped recording because of the laughter in the committee room. Later, Mr. Young admitted, "there has been great confusion."

Elaborates on Proposal.

Asked by Senator Brookhart if he would support Senator Glass's 5% stock sales tax proposal, Mr. Young replied that he was not familiar with the measure, although he had high regard for the Virginia Senator.

Testifying in connection with radio communications, Mr. Young in the capacity of Chairman of the General Electric Co.'s board and a director of the Radio Corp. of America and subsidiaries, elaborated on his proposal submitted to the committee yesterday to authorize unification of international radio and cable communications service.

At the outset of his testimony, Mr. Young read into the record a memorandum covering a "preliminary understanding" by which the International Telephone & Telegraph Co. would pay approximately \$100,000,000 for R. C. A. Communications, Inc., effective when, and if, law was enacted to permit such consolidation. Confronted by Senator Dill (Dem.) of Washington, with a newspaper clipping under date of March 29 last, which detailed consummation of the purchase of R. C. A. Communications, Inc., by the International Telephone & Telegraph Co., the witness insisted no sale has yet been effected. Mr. Young said, however, that there is an understanding between the two companies that there be no investment for duplication pending legislation now contemplated.

Mr. Young's reading of the memorandum drawn up last February outlining the rate base upon which the two companies contemplated carrying out the consolidated precipitated repeated questioning by committee members, who were unable to fathom such calculations. He explained that the actual investment of R. C. A. Communications, Inc., was \$40,000,000, including patent rights, and that the International Telephone & Telegraph Co. would transfer to the radio company 400,000 common shares, or 1,200,000 now in view of the I. T. & T.'s three-for-one arrangement, valued at \$96,000,000.

United States Policy Biggest Factor.

The consolidation depends upon whether Congress, in dealing with the communications problems, continues "the competitive policy" or adopts a "monopolistic policy" with Government regulation, he said. He reiterated the statements of yesterday that the competition in the international communications field is "ruinous," and if consolidation of radio and cable service is not permitted, he said, the Government should take over American communication companies. When it comes to Government running business, he said that he doubted that the Government could do as well as private interests.

Admiral Cary T. Grayson, physician and naval aide to President Wilson, appeared before the committee to-day to support a statement by Mr. Young that the former President suggested the organization of the Radio Corporation of America as asserted in some of its advertising.

The question of the exact circumstances under which the Radio Corp. of America came into being has occupied an independent place in the committee hearings. Mr. Young related that Mr. Wilson had "asked for the conservation of our American patent rights and resources in the radio field, and made an appeal to Americans having such rights not to part with them."

To-day Mr. Young read to the committee a letter signed by Thomas Washington, Acting Secretary of the Navy, which had been marked "approved" by President Wilson. The letter was dated Jan. 12 1920.

In reference to the co-operation between the Radio Corp. and foreign companies Mr. Young explained that "a radio circuit is effective only when both ends are effective. If we had an American end that could send 200 words a minute and British company had an end that could receive only 25 words a minute the capacity of the circuit would be 25 words. Therefore, the moment we could have a contract with the other companies it was greatly to our interest to have the other end of the circuit as effective as our own. This was necessary in order that we could try to improve over the cables."

Testifying before the Senate Committee on Dec. 9, Mr. Young indicated his willingness to have the Government take over American communication services if unification of international communications can be achieved in no other way. The New York "Journal of Commerce" further reported as follows what Mr. Young had to say Dec. 9:

"If you have any hesitation about unifying our external communications in the hands of a private company under Government control," said Mr. Young to-day in appearing before a Senate Committee conducting a general investigation of radio and the communications companies, "then I beg of you, in the national interest, to unify them under Government ownership in order that America may not be left, in the external communication field, subject to the dictation and control of foreign companies or governments."

The consolidation Mr. Young proposes in the field of international communications would include, he said, "not only the communications division of the Radio Corp. of America and the International Telegraph & Telephone Co.—a merger that has been withheld pending authority of law—but would join in the same organization the cable facilities of the Western Union," he recommended private ownership with regulation by the Government.

Against "Ruinous" Competition.

In introducing his discussion of cables and the radio, Mr. Young suggested that a merger of the two domestic telegraph companies—Western Union and Postal Telegraph—should be accomplished, saying it would lead to a better type of service and would stimulate research.

Mr. Young contrasted the development of communications by voice by a company—American Telephone & Telegraph—which he said is practically a "monopoly" under Government regulation with the development of telegraphy.

He declared that opposed as Government ownership is to American policy, "it is preferable to ruinous competition." He said that regulating rates by competition in the public service field has not proved satisfactory here or elsewhere, adding that it has largely disappeared.

He was heckled by two Democratic members of the committee—Senators Dill (Washington) and Wheeler (Montana)—when William O. Green, special counsel for the committee, cross-examined Mr. Young in regard to a magazine article attributing statements to the witness relating that

President Woodrow Wilson gave the Radio Corp. carte blanche to set up a "monopoly" in communications field in 1919. Other Democratic members, including Senators Barkley (Kentucky), Tydings (Maryland), Wagner (New York), and Hawkes (Missouri), protested to Senator Couzens, Chairman, that Mr. Young should not be interrogated as to whether President Wilson had advocated such a monopoly in the interest of conserving American patents.

Denies Propaganda.

Replying to Senator Watson of Indiana, Republican floor leader, the witness said he did not know that the Radio Corp. had used President Wilson's policy to propagandize. Chairman Couzens stated that "it is a fact such information is used in the company's advertising."

At this point Senator Dill read into the record correspondence exchanged in 1919 between Mr. Young and Governor Franklin D. Roosevelt of New York, then Assistant Secretary of the Navy, discussing an arrangement for conservation of communications. Asked how Josephus Daniels, then Secretary of the Navy, felt about this matter, Mr. Young said the former Secretary personally favored Government ownership, but wanted to await Congressional action.

Another outbreak occurred during the hearing when Chairman Couzens asked the witness if the directorates of the Radio Corp. and the General Electric Co. were interlocking. Mr. Young furnished the committee with names of the directors of the two concerns which showed that only four members out of about a score on each company's board served on both boards.

Under grilling as to affiliations between the General Electric, Radio Corp. and Westinghouse Electric, Mr. Young said that he thought "Radio would still be in the hands of lawyers in courts instead of in the hands of engineers." He said "the art was released" by an agreement promulgated in 1921 to avoid infringement of patent rights. A copy of this agreement was inserted in the record.

Subscription Books to Treasury Certificates Offering of \$325,000,000 Closed—Issue Over-subscribed.

The subscription books for the new issue of Treasury certificates of indebtedness (Series TS-1930) offered on Dec. 6 to the amount of \$325,000,000 or thereabouts, were closed at the close of business Saturday, Dec. 7. The issue, as noted in these columns, Dec. 7, page 3574, is dated Dec. 16 1929, will mature Sept. 15 1930, and will bear interest at the rate of 3 1/2%. In announcing the closing of subscriptions, Secretary Mellon said:

Subscriptions received through the mails up to 10 A. M., Monday, Dec. 9 1929, will be considered as having been received before the close of the subscription books.

On Dec. 9 Secretary Mellon stated that the subscriptions aggregated "some \$722,000,000," of which \$185,381,500 represented subscriptions for which Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TD-1929 and TD-2-1929, both maturing Dec. 15 1929, were tendered in payment. All these were allotted in full. A later announcement of Secretary Mellon (on Dec. 11) indicated that the total subscriptions received were \$722,552,500, and that the amount allotted was \$351,640,500. Secretary Mellon's announcement of Dec. 9 follows:

Secretary Mellon announced that subscriptions for the issue of certificates of indebtedness, dated Dec. 16 1929, Series TS-1930, 3 1/2%, maturing Sept. 15 1930, closed at the close of business on Saturday, Dec. 7. Reports from the 12 Federal Reserve Banks show that subscriptions for the offering of \$325,000,000 aggregate some \$722,000,000. Of these subscriptions, \$185,381,500 represent subscriptions for which Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TD-1929 and TD-2-1929, both maturing Dec. 15 1929, were tendered in payment. All of these were allotted in full.

Allotments on other subscriptions were made as follows: All cash subscriptions in amounts not exceeding \$1,000 were allotted in full. Cash subscriptions over \$1,000, but not exceeding \$50,000, were allotted 70%, but not less than \$1,000 on any one subscription; cash subscriptions over \$50,000, but not exceeding \$100,000, were allotted 60%, but not less than \$5,000 on any one subscription; cash subscriptions over \$100,000, but not exceeding \$1,000,000, were allotted 40%, but not less than \$60,000 on any one subscription; cash subscriptions over \$1,000,000, but not exceeding \$25,000,000, were allotted 20%, but not less than \$400,000 on any one subscription; and cash subscriptions over \$25,000,000 were allotted 10%, but not less than \$5,000,000 on any one subscription.

Further details as to the subscriptions and allotments will be announced when final reports are received from Federal Reserve banks.

The announcement of Secretary Mellon on Dec. 11, indicating the subscriptions and allotments, follows:

Secretary Mellon to-day announced that the total amount of subscriptions received for the issue of Treasury certificates of indebtedness, Series TS-1930, 3 1/2%, dated Dec. 16 1929, maturing Sept. 15 1930, was \$722,552,500. The total amount of subscriptions allotted was \$351,640,500, of which \$185,381,500 represents allotments of subscriptions for which Treasury certificates of indebtedness of Series TD-1929 and TD-2-1929, were tendered in payment. All of such exchange subscriptions were allotted in full, while allotments on other subscriptions were made on a graduated scale.

The subscriptions and allotments were divided among the several Federal Reserve districts and the Treasury as follows:

	Subscriptions	
	Received.	Allotted.
Boston.....	\$19,290,000	\$7,028,000
New York.....	309,386,500	189,531,500
Philadelphia.....	42,122,000	16,500,000
Cleveland.....	25,930,500	11,891,000
Richmond.....	24,839,000	13,659,000
Atlanta.....	27,876,000	14,284,500
Chicago.....	66,685,000	45,141,000
St. Louis.....	7,096,500	5,176,000
Minneapolis.....	3,396,000	1,953,000
Kansas City.....	10,208,500	6,097,000
Dallas.....	28,452,000	14,000,500
San Francisco.....	157,012,500	26,174,000
Treasury.....	258,000	196,000
Total.....	\$722,552,500	\$351,640,500

Initial Offering of Treasury Bills—Tenders Asked For \$100,000,000.

The first public offering of Treasury bills was announced on Dec. 9 by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon, who invited tenders for an issue of \$100,000,000 or thereabouts. As was indicated in these columns Dec 7, page 3574, in our reference to the Treasury Department's December financing, the bills, which are payable at maturity without interest, are to be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders. Tenders for the same were asked up to 2 p. m. standard time, Friday Dec. 13, at the Federal Reserve Banks or their branches. The bills will be dated Dec. 17 1929 and will mature March 17 1930. They will be issued in bearer form only, and in denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000 and \$100,000. It was stipulated that no tender for an amount less than \$10,000 would be considered. Tenders were required to be made in multiples of \$1,000, the price offered being expressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places, viz. 99.125. As we have before reported, these bills will be exempt, both as to principal and interest (discount) from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. Secretary Mellon's announcement of the offering follows:

The Secretary of the Treasury gives notice that tenders are invited for treasury bills to the amount of \$100,000,000, or thereabouts. The treasury bills will be sold on a discount basis to the highest bidders. Tenders will be received at the Federal Reserve Banks, or the branches thereof, up to two o'clock p. m., Eastern Standard time, on Friday, Dec. 13 1929. Tenders will not be received at the Treasury Department, Washington.

The treasury bills will be dated Dec. 17 1929, and will mature on March 17 1930, and on the maturity date the face amount will be payable without interest. They will be issued in bearer form only, and in amounts or denominations of \$1,000, \$10,000, and \$100,000 (maturity value).

It is urged that tenders be made on the printed forms and forwarded in the special envelopes which will be supplied by the Federal Reserve Banks or branches upon application therefor.

No tender for an amount less than \$10,000 will be considered. Each tender must be in multiples of \$1,000. The price offered must be expressed on the basis of 100, with not more than three decimal places, e. g., 99.125. Fractions must not be used.

Tenders will be accepted without cash deposit from incorporated banks and trust companies and from responsible and recognized dealers in investment securities. Tenders from others must be accompanied by a deposit of 10% of the face amount of treasury bills applied for, unless the tenders are accompanied by an express guarantee of payment by an incorporated bank or trust company.

Immediately after the closing hour for receipt of tenders on Dec. 13 1929, all tenders received at the Federal Reserve Banks or branches thereof up to the closing hour will be opened and public announcement of the acceptable prices will follow as soon as possible thereafter, probably on the following morning. The Secretary of the Treasury expressly reserves the right to reject any or all tenders or parts of tenders, and to allot less than the amount applied for, and his action in any such respect shall be final. Those submitting tenders will be advised of the acceptance or rejection thereof. Payment at the price offered for treasury bills allotted must be made at the Federal Reserve Banks in cash or other immediately available funds on or before Dec. 17 1929.

The treasury bills will be exempt, both as to principal and interest (discount), from all taxation, except estate and inheritance taxes. The amount of discount at which the treasury bills are originally sold by the United States shall be considered as interest for tax exemption purposes.

Department Circular No. 418, dated Nov. 22 1929, and this notice as issued by the Secretary of the Treasury, prescribe the terms of the treasury bills and govern the conditions of their issue. Copies of the circular may be obtained from any Federal Reserve Bank or branch thereof.

This offering will constitute the first issue of treasury bills, which are a new form of Government securities authorized by a law enacted by the last Congress. While the law authorizes the issuance of treasury bills with a twelve months maturity, generally speaking they will be issued as in the case of this offering, with a 90-day maturity or with a maturity not in excess of three months. Issued from time to time as the current financial needs of the Government may dictate and with frequent and convenient maturities, they should furnish an attractive medium for short term investment. They are intended to supplement rather than to supplant treasury certificates of indebtedness, which with maturities usually ranging from six to twelve months, have up to the present time constituted the principal medium of short term Government financing.

Treasury bills offer certain advantages as compared with treasury certificates. The issue can be timed to coincide almost exactly with the needs for funds as compared with the existing practice of borrowing four times a year on fixed dates through certificate offering; they will not be sold at par with an interest rate fixed by the Treasury but at a discount rate fixed by the subscribers through competitive bidding; their maturities can be timed to correspond closely to the actual collection of income taxes instead of falling on the nominal date of tax payment; and finally the Treasury should be able to take advantage of periods of seasonal ease for short term borrowing instead of being compelled to offer a large issue of securities during a temporary stringency and high money rates.

The Treasury Department believes that treasury bills will prove to be an efficient and economical additional medium through which the short term financing of the Government may be conducted and hopes that they will receive a favorable reception on the part of the public.

As we have previously pointed out the treasury bills are issued under authority of the amendment to the Second Liberty Loan Act, signed by President Hoover on June 17 last. The Treasury Department's circular, No. 418, dated Nov. 22, referred to above in Secretary Mellon's statement, was given in our issue of Nov. 30, page 3411.

Friday afternoon the Secretary announced that the tenders had totalled \$223,901,000. The highest bid was \$99,310, equivalent to an interest rate of 2 3/4%. The lowest bid ac-

cepted was 99.152, equivalent to 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ %. Only about 80% of the amount bid for at the latter price was accepted. The total accepted was \$100,000,000. The average price was 99.181. The Treasury was informed that these securities in so far as rate of discount is concerned would be dealt in on the same basis as bankers bills. The average annual rate on a bank discount basis is about 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ %.

Redemption of Treasury Certificates of Indebtedness Before Maturity.

The privilege of redeeming before maturity of Treasury Certificates of indebtedness, due Dec. 15 1929, was announced by Secretary of the Treasury Mellon on Dec. 8. In giving the announcement the "United States Daily" of Dec. 9 said:

Preparatory to the quarterly fiscal operation centering around mid-month, the Secretary of the Treasury, Andrew W. Mellon, announced Dec. 8 that the Federal reserve banks had been authorized to begin the redemption of certificates of indebtedness maturing Dec. 15 beginning Dec. 10. The certificates which mature are series TD-1929, carrying 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % interest and series TD-2-1929, carrying an interest rate of 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ %. The total of the two issues is something like \$700,000,000, and up to \$200,000,000 of that amount constitute exchangeable debentures in connection with the new offering which the Treasury has announced as a part of the Dec. 16 financing. Following is the full text of the Treasury's statement:

Secretary Mellon announced that he has authorized the Federal reserve banks, beginning on Tuesday, Dec. 10 1929, and until further notice, to redeem in cash before maturity, at the holders' option, at par and accrued interest to date of such optional redemption, Treasury 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % certificates of indebtedness of series TD-1929, and Treasury 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ % certificates of indebtedness of series TD-2-1929, both maturing Dec. 15 1929.

Senate Resumes Consideration of Tariff Bill.

Consideration of the tariff bill, the revision of which was only partially completed by the Senate at the time of the adjournment of the Special Session of Congress on Nov. 22, was resumed by the Senate on Dec. 6, but the measure was laid aside yesterday (Dec. 13) being displaced by providing for reduced income taxes. As indicated in these columns a week ago (page 3575) the tax reduction measure was passed by the House on Dec. 5. Our last references to the tariff bill appeared in our issues of Nov. 23, page 3258 and Nov. 30, page 3412. The taking up anew of the bill by the Senate on Dec. 6, and the changes in the wool schedules made that day, were indicated as follows in the *United States Daily* of Dec. 7:

Tariff Debate Resumed.

Immediately on the disposition of the Vare case, Senator Smoot (Rep.), of Utah, chairman of the Finance Committee, called up the tariff bill, which is still the unfinished business of the Senate. Debate resumed on the wool schedule where the Senate had taken its last major action on the bill when the rate on clothing wool was increased from 31 to 34 cents a pound.

The wool schedule is the eleventh rate section. All the preceding schedules have been completed for Committee amendments except that on sugar, which has yet to be considered.

Tax Reduction Sought.

It is the intention of the majority leader, Senator Watson (Rep.), of Indiana, to ask the Senate next week to lay aside the tariff for the consideration of tax reduction legislation. Some members of the so-called coalition are opposed to such a step.

Certain Rates Revised.

The following rates were adopted by the Senate on the suggestion of Senator Smoot, who declared them to be necessary to compensate for the increase in the basic wool rate from 31 to 34 cents a pound:

A rate of 37 cents per pound on the clean content of scoured wool, as against 34 cents in the House bill and 31 cents in present law.

A rate of 32 cents a pound on the clean content of wool on the skin, as against 33 cents in the House bill and a present 30-cent rate.

A rate of 35 cents on wool, sorted or matchings, unscoured, as against 36 cents in the House bill and 31 cents at present.

Excessive Fees Opposed.

Excessive rates on wool would do more to harm the wool industry than any other act of Congress, Senator Blaine (Rep.), of Wisconsin, declared, in discussing the proposed increase on wool noils. Such action would destroy the industry which it is intended to protect, he said, pointing out that it would bring about increased production and ultimately hurt the producer, through decreased prices for the raw product. It would bring about a greater increase in the price of clothing which the farmer would have to buy than he would get in return from the tariff, the Wisconsin Senator asserted.

Senator Smoot called attention to the problem of shrinkage in wool in determining the tariff and the benefit to the farmer, stating that the best method for applying the duty was to apply it upon the clean content of the wool and thus avoid the problem of shrinkage.

On Saturday, Dec. 7, the Senate was not in session. On Monday, Dec. 9, according to the New York "Journal of Commerce" a new drive for the early disposal of the tariff bill was undertaken when Senator Reed Smoot, Utah, Chairman of the Finance Committee, prevailed upon the Senators to add an hour to the work day, and beginning Dec. 10 to meet at 11 A. M. instead of at noon as is generally customary. The account went on to say:

This move was protested by Senator Copeland (Dem.), of New York, on the ground that it was too serious a tax upon the health of the members for the proposal further is to continue the daily sessions until 5:30 P. M. The general objection is that it interferes with the

committee meetings, including the lobby probe and the hearings before the Commerce Commission on the radio situation.

It was the plea of Senator Smoot that this is necessary if the Senate is to make headway with the bill. He pointed out the whole day had been utilized in debate and not a single tariff vote taken. It was declared by others that the time had been well spent, for the discussions to date have been most important.

Reconstruction of the vote by which the Senate agreed to a rate of 34 cents per pound upon the clean content of wool imported into the United States is to be sought by Senator Blaine (Wisconsin). Continuing his attack in the Senate today upon the wool schedule, the Wisconsin Senator opposed particularly the proposed 24 cents per pound rate on imported wool rags and held that the 3 cents increase in the raw wool rate was not justified.

From the *United States Daily* of Dec. 10 we take the following relative to the previous day's consideration of the bill:

The Senate, in its consideration of the tariff Dec. 9, debated proposed increases in duties on wool noils and wool rags without reaching a vote. Two amendments were introduced by Senator Blaine (Rep.), of Wisconsin, to lower the rates proposed by the Finance Committee.

One amendment introduced by Senator Blaine would reduce the duty on carbonized wool noils from 30 cents per pound, as provided by the Finance Committee, to 22 cents per pound. The second amendment would set the rate on wool rags at 9 cents per pound instead of at 24 cents as provided by the Committee. The present rate of wool rags is 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents which the House increased to 8 cents. The House had lowered the present rate on wool noils from 24 to 21 cents per pound. The Finance Committee had raised the rate on carbonized wool noils to 30 cents, and on noils, not carbonized, to 23 cents per pound.

Senators Walsh and Copeland Oppose Increase in Rates.

Senators Walsh (Dem.), of Massachusetts, and Copeland (Dem.), of New York, opposed the increased rates on the basis of higher prices on woolen clothing, which they said would be reflected as a result of the higher tariff. Senator Walsh maintained that the consumer would "pay the price."

Senator Copeland declared that any benefit to the industrial worker would be little in comparison to the increased cost of clothing he would have to meet.

Senator Blaine (Rep.), of Wisconsin, contended that the Finance Committee amendment providing a rate of 30 cents on carbonized wool noils was prohibitive. Speaking as to the various increases provided in the same paragraph, Senator Blaine said that the rates approved by the Committee serve to place an embargo on cheaper wool commodities. He pointed out two methods of considering the rates on wool and wool products, a displacement utility basis and a relative value basis.

The cheaper wool commodities that would be affected by the increased rates provide wool for those who cannot afford commodities made from virgin wool, the Wisconsin Senator maintained. These rates are to the disadvantage of the American wool growers and the woolen industry to the Western States, where manufactured, he said. He introduced an amendment to make the rate on carbonized wool noils 22 cents per pound.

Wool Rags Lower Price of American Product.

Senator Smoot (Rep.), of Utah, chairman of the Finance Committee, stated that every pound of wool rags brought into this country reduces the price of American wool.

Senator Glass (Dem.), of Virginia, asserted that 93% of the farmers wear "shoddy" woollens. Senator McKellar (Dem.), of Tennessee, said that practically all of the uniforms used by the Army and Navy during the World War were made out of shoddy.

Senator Steiwer (Rep.), of Oregon, supported the Committee rates, maintaining that such rates are essential to the development of the woolen industry. He emphasized the importance of the industry to the Western States, where the terrain is too rough for other use than raising of sheep.

"The result has been most serious when we have taken away protection from the wool industry," Senator Steiwer said. He maintained further that placing higher rates on wool did little good unless corresponding rates were placed on wool substitutes.

Stating that debate on the bill continued all day, Dec. 10, the New York "Times" reported, however, that little progress was made owing to stiff opposition to the rates of the wool schedule reported by the Finance Committee. In part the "Times" advices of Dec. 10 stated:

Senators George of Georgia, Caraway of Arkansas and Norris of Nebraska, coalition members, were particularly active in assailing as too high, the proposals in the pending bill.

At the close of the session at 5:30 P. M., Senator Watson, the Republican floor leader, reiterated his statement of yesterday that an attempt would be made on Friday to displace the tariff bill so that time might be afforded to consider the \$160,000,000 tax cut resolution sponsored by the administration. Mr. Watson expressed confidence that the tax cut proposal would come up as indicated, and voiced the hope that it would be passed before adjournment on Saturday.

Although the Senate met at 11 o'clock in the morning to get an early start on the tariff bill, it did not reach that subject until a few minutes after noon.

Wool Rates Voted on.

The Senate rejected by a vote of 53 to 22 a motion to retain the present 24-cent rate, adopting thereby the committee rate of 30 cents a pound on carbonized wool noils. Senator Blaine of Wisconsin urged the rate of 24 cents a pound, but the coalition broke on the proposition.

Mr. Blaine also met defeat when he opposed an amendment offered by Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee increasing the rate of thread or yarn wastes from 23 cents a pound, as reported, to 25 cents a pound, the vote for the Smoot motion being 47 to 22. The Senate also concurred in committee amendments fixing rates of 23 cents a pound on carbonized card or burr waste, of 16 cents on these products when not carbonized and of 24 cents a pound on all other wool wastes, the first and last items being increases.

The Senate then proceeded to the consideration of wool rags. The committee recommended that these rags be made dutiable at 24 cents a pound. An amendment by Senator Blaine reducing the rate 9 cents

a pound was defeated by a vote of 31 to 42. One offered by Senator Copeland of New York, fixing it at 10½ cents a pound, was beaten by a voice vote. Senator Metcalf presented an amendment for a sliding scale ranging 8 to 16 cents, and this was under discussion when the Senate adjourned. A Watson amendment proposing a compromise rate of 18 cents a pound also is pending. Both will be voted on tomorrow.

Senator Copeland protested generally against the "high" rates of the wool schedule. He said their effect would be to increase the cost of clothing worn by the poor.

In the same account (Dec. 10) it was stated that a lively discussion was provoked when Senator Allen, Republican, of Kansas, read an article signed by the editor of The Minneapolis Journal and 1,237 other newspapers in Minnesota and North and South Dakota, urging prompt action on the tariff bill in the interests of farmers. Continuing the "Times" dispatch said:

The article, addressed to the Senate, and printed as a full page advertisement in a Washington newspaper this morning, prompted Senator Norris to demand that the signers be called before the lobby committee to determine the source of the "propaganda." Mr. Allen agreed to his suggestion that the names be printed in The Record.

"For over a year in Minnesota," said Senator Schall, Republican, of that State, "some concern has been using a utility to buy 300 newspapers, and I understand they have been purchased. I do not know whether they are the same newspapers mentioned by the Senator from Kansas or not, and I am wondering what Eastern money is being shot into Minnesota to purchase our newspapers."

The appeal to the Senate stated that the Northwest was not asking that industrial rates be "slashed" indiscriminately, but that in the opinion of the editors, "the interests of the Northwest will be best subserved by a tariff measure that will give adequate protection to agriculture."

Undue delay in the passage of the tariff bill, the advertisement said, "would interfere with President Hoover's wise emergency program for stimulating business and industrial activity." Protection, it asserted, was essential to prosperity, whereas a low tariff policy brought "depression and unemployment." It concluded:

"We sincerely believe that the best interests of agriculture will be better served by the quick passage of the tariff bill with its splendid new farm rate schedule."

Allen and Norris Renew Row.

Senator Allen of Kansas, a spokesman of the "Young Guard" Republican group, Senator Norris of Nebraska, an insurgent leader, reviewed for half an hour an argument they started yesterday on the question whether farmers favored the "Grundy" plan of tariff revision, or the plan advocated by Senator Borah. The basis of the row was a newspaper advertisement, printed in the Congressional Record on motion of Mr. Allen, which was signed by the editor of the Minneapolis Journal and other newspapers of Minnesota and the Dakotas, urging that the Senate expedite action on the tariff. Mr. Norris wanted some of the signers summoned before the investigating committee on the ground of circulating "propaganda."

In the Senate on Dec. 11, there was renewed discussion of the article in the Minneapolis paper, the "Times" noting this as follows:

Mr. Allen said today that the editors objected to the intimation of Mr. Norris that they had embraced "Grundyism" and that there was no justification for intimation that the advertisement had been paid for by others than the signers.

"I think these Minnesota editors have sufficient money to afford such an advertisement," Mr. Allen said.

"They may have more money than Grundy has," Mr. Allen replied. "They are advocating the same thing Grundy advocates. Grundyism says, 'keep hands off the tariff levied upon the manufactured articles of the East.' That is Grundy; that is Grundyism, and that is what the advertisements say in so many words."

On Dec. 12 the Senate voted in favor of increasing the duty on wool rags from the present rate, 7½ cents to 18 cents a pound. The amendment was carried by a vote of 46 to 32,—36 Republican and 10 Democrats being recorded in favor of the 18 cent rate, and 11 Republicans and 21 Democrats voting in opposition. The action of the Senate was reported as follows in a Washington dispatch, Dec. 11, to the "Times":

The Democratic-Progressive coalition in the Senate, which had been in power throughout the debate on the tariff bill until the wool schedule came up this week, split again today as the Chamber, by a vote of 46 to 32, decided to increase the duty on wool rags from 7½ cents, the existing rate, to 18 cents a pound, as proposed by Senator Watson of Indiana, the Republican floor leader.

Party lines did not hold in the vote on the wool rags amendment, which has been discussed with great bitterness for several days, practically all the Senators from wool growing States, regardless of political affiliations, rallying to the support of the compromise plan offered by Senator Watson.

The finance committee in reporting the Smoot-Hawley bill recommended a rate of 24 cents a pound. The House put the duty at 8 cents. "Grundyism" figured prominently in the Senate debate. Joseph R. Grundy, who is a worsted manufacturer, favored the highest rate at committee hearings, and Senator Blaine, Republican insurgent, of Wisconsin, and Senator Simmons of North Carolina, Democratic tariff leader, asserted that Mr. Grundy sought a prohibitive duty on wool rags to gain an advantage in competition with the woolen manufacturers.

New Englanders Fight Increase.

Two recorded votes preceded that on the Watson amendment as New England members fought the increase. A proposal by Senator Metcalf, Republican, of Rhode Island, providing a sliding scale of rates on wool rags, ranging from 8 to 16 cents a pound, was defeated by a vote of 46 to 32.

An amendment offered by Senator Bingham, Republican, of Connecticut, providing for duty of 40% on rags was defeated by vote of 47 to 34.

The Senate approved without a record vote a committee increase in the duty of shoddy and wool extract to 24 cents a pound. The present rate is 16 cents and the House made it 18 cents.

Senators Copeland of New York and Walsh of Massachusetts, both Democrats, protested against "high" duties on wool rags, which are employed in the manufacture of cheaper grades of clothing on the ground that the effect would be to enhance the prices of such products purchased by the "common man." Senator Copeland warned that if any rate approximating the one contained in the Watson amendment was adopted, many of those supporting it would go down to defeat when next they present themselves as candidates for election.

Senator Blaine fought to hold the coalition together against an increase in the duty. He recalled the fight on the Senate floor twenty years ago, when the late Senators Dolliver of Iowa and La Follette Sr. of Wisconsin held the insurgent opposition of that time in the Payne-Aldrich bill. He said the present farm group courted disaster if it followed the leadership of Mr. Grundy.

Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee had said yesterday that, after listening to the debate, he was satisfied that the 24-cent rate on wool rags was too high and that he was willing to accept the Watson compromise. Senator Blaine called upon Mr. Smoot to explain why, if he was willing to scale the rate to 18 cents, he would not go lower, but the Utah Senator ignored the question.

Roll-Call on Wool Rags Duty.

In the vote on the Watson amendment, twenty-one coalitionists, among them Senators Borah, Brookhart, Frazier and Schall, Republicans, and Wheeler and Walsh of Montana, Democrats, supported the proposal. Most of the New England regular Republicans opposed the increase.

Further increases in wool tariffs were approved by the Senate on Dec. 12 before it adjourned to make action on the \$160,000,000 income tax reduction resolution possible. Associated Press accounts in the "Times" in indicating this added:

By adjourning instead of recessing, the parliamentary situation will be such tomorrow as to permit a motion to be made for consideration of the tax proposal without debate. The resolution itself, however, will be open to unlimited discussion. Leaders of both parties predict its early adoption without delaying the tariff measure unduly.

The Finance Committee Republicans continued today to wean away enough Democrats and Republican Independents from wool growing States to put through increases in duties of wool waste, carbonized wool and wool yarns to compensate for the increase previously voted on raw wool from 31 to 34 cents a pound.

Reject the Existing Rate.

The only roll-call of the day rejected by 45 to 34 an amendment by Senator Hayden, Democrat, of Arizona, to restore the existing combination rate of 33 cents a pound and 20% ad valorem on carbonized wool, including tops, not further advanced than roving. The committee rate of 37 cents a pound and 20% was accepted without a record vote.

Arguing for his amendment, Senator Hayden contended that the rate on raw wool was not wholly effective and consequently there was no justification for placing a 3 or 4-cent differential above that duty on every other levy in the schedule.

Opposing the amendment, Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee asserted that, if adopted, it would "kill the wool industry in the West."

Nine Republican independents and four Democrats joined thirty-two Republican regulars in voting against the Hayden proposal. Three independents and one regular combined with thirty Democrats in supporting it.

Approval also was given a committee proposal to increase the duty on top, slubbing, roving and ring waste from 31 cents in the present law and 34 cents in the House bill to 37 cents a pound. The House provided the same rates on these wastes as it did on raw wool.

Lower Yarn Duties Eliminated.

Elimination of the lower duty brackets in the wool yarn paragraph was approved, as recommended by the Finance Committee, thus placing yarns valued at not more than 50 cents a pound in the same bracket with yarns worth not over \$1 a pound.

For the latter class of yarns, the Senate approved an increase in the duty from 36 cents a pound and 35% ad valorem to 40 cents and 35%, the same as the House provided. Yarns valued at more than \$1 but not over \$1.50 a pound were put on a tariff of 40 cents a pound and 45% in the House bill and 36 cents and 40% in the present law.

By taking up the tax resolution tomorrow, the Senate is not expected to return to consideration of the tariff measure until next week. Almost the entire manufactured goods rates in the wool schedule have yet to be acted upon.

Yesterday (Dec. 13) a motion giving the tax reduction resolution right of way in the Senate was adopted by a vote of 60 to 15.

Resolution Providing for Reduction in Federal Income Taxes Given Priority Over Tariff Bill.

The resolution providing for a reduction of 1% in the Federal income tax applying to corporations and individuals, which, as we indicated in our issue of Dec. 7, page 3575, was passed by the House on Dec. 5, was, by unanimous vote, ordered favorably reported on Dec. 7 by the Senate Committee on Finance. The "Herald Tribune" dispatch from Washington on that date said:

No attempt was made to amend the resolution in committee. Senator Walter F. George, Democrat, of Georgia, who believes the resolution should be modified, was not present. It is possible he will offer an amendment on the floor to make the reduction, especially that in the corporation tax, applicable to 1930 income instead of 1929 income. He said to-day he had not fully determined on this, but he would support such a proposition if offered.

The resolution was reported to Senate on Dec. 9, at which time efforts made by Chairman Smoot of the Finance

Committee to bring up the tax cut proposal proved abortive, owing to the obstructive tactics of Senator Blaine, Republican of Wisconsin, and Senator Black, Democrat of Alabama. The "Times" dispatch, from which we quote, added:

As a result, the Republican high command, led by Senator Watson of Indiana, went into conference with Senator Simmons of North Carolina, spokesman for the minority, following which it was announced that a determined endeavor would be made to induce the Senate to proceed to consideration of the tax resolution at noon on Friday with a view of passing it before adjournment Saturday night.

Yesterday (Dec. 13) the motion giving the tax reduction proposed right of way in the Senate carried by a vote of 60 to 15, Associated Press accounts in the "Sun" of last night, indicating the Senate action as follows:

After once taking up the \$160,000,000 tax resolution to-day the Senate later was forced to make a record decision between consideration of the tax cut and the tariff bill and voted overwhelmingly to go ahead with taxes.

Senator Blaine, Republican, of Wisconsin, refused to permit the tariff bill to be laid aside temporarily for consideration of the tax resolution when the tariff measure automatically came before the Senate.

Chairman Smoot of the Finance Committee thereupon moved to go ahead with the tax resolution and his motion was carried, 60 to 15, Democratic and Republican leaders joining in its support.

Regarded as Test Vote.

The vote was believed to indicate the measure of strength for the tax resolution in the Senate and leaders were pressing for an early decision.

Those voting against laying aside the tariff for immediate disposition of the tax resolution were:

Republicans—Blaine, Borah, Brookhart, Cutting, Frazier, LaFollette, Norris, Nye, Norbeck, McMaster and Schall—11.

Democrats—Blease, Connally, Thomas of Oklahoma, and Wheeler—4. The Administration's proposal for a 1% cut in the corporation income tax rate drew fire, but both Republican and Democratic leaders rallied to its defense.

Discussion of the tax bill brought on an attack upon the proposal reduction of the corporation tax on the ground that the corporations during 1929 had collected the tax from the consumers, and that the reduced taxes to be paid next year would be a bonus to the corporations.

Senators Norris, Republican, of Nebraska; Borah, Republican, of Idaho, and Barkley, Democrat, of Kentucky, led the attack on the proposal to reduce the corporation tax.

Chairman Smoot, in charge of the bill, said there had been exhaustive investigations which had disclosed that taxes were not passed on to consumers by corporations.

Borah Presses Attack.

Mr. Borah argued that corporations took into consideration the taxes they must pay in fixing their prices. Mr. Smoot insisted that Federal taxes in corporations had made no difference in 90% of the retail price of articles sold by corporations.

Senator Norris argued that it would be better for the country, anyway, to apply the \$160,000,000 treasury surplus to the reduction of the war debt.

Chairman Smoot rushed to the support of the reduction resolution and Senators Simmons of North Carolina, and Copeland, of New York, both Democrats, joined him.

Mr. Simmons said that it was his understanding that the tax resolution was proposed in the thought that "if this surplus was returned to the taxpayers it would tend largely to remove a psychological situation that threatened serious consequences." He argued that this purpose would be defeated if the proposed cut for the corporations was eliminated.

Senator Norris insisted that the tax resolution was proposed to relieve those who had suffered in the recent collapse of the stock market.

Wants Freight Rates Cut.

Application of \$150,000,000 from the Treasury to a reduction in freight rates on grain and cattle was proposed as a substitute for the \$160,000,000 tax reduction by Senator McMaster, Republican, of South Dakota.

After the Senate had voted to go ahead with the tax resolution, Chairman Smoot urged early action so the Senate could get back to the tariff measure. He gave notice, however, that he might soon call up the French debt funding bill which passed the House yesterday.

Favoring the proposal to reduce taxes by resolution, Senator Smoot said: "It might be just as well hereafter to make reductions by special resolutions instead of by a general bill."

It is understood that Senator Couzens, a Finance Committee member, is considering an amendment proposing a reduction from 12½ to 10% in the capital gain and loss tax. According to the "United States Daily" of Dec. 9, while not finally determined upon this proposal, Mr. Couzens said he contemplates offering the amendment for a permanent reduction beginning with the calendar year 1930.

Julius H. Barnes of U. S. Chamber of Commerce Names Members to Serve on Executive Committee of National Council of Business Men—Council Not to Be a Permanent Body.

On Dec. 12 Julius H. Barnes, Chairman of the Board of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, announced the names of those who will serve with him as members of the Executive Committee of the National Council of Business Men, which later was authorized at the meeting held in Washington on Dec. 5 under the auspices of the Chamber, as noted in our issue of Dec. 7, page 3576. The members of the committee to serve with Mr. Barnes are:

Owen D. Young, Chairman of the Board, General Electric Company, and Radio Corporation of America, New York City.

Myron C. Taylor, Chairman of the finance committee, United States Steel Corporation, New York City.

Thomas W. Lamont, of J. P. Morgan & Co., New York City.

Paul Shoup, President of the Southern Pacific Railroad, San Francisco.

Clarence M. Woolley, Chairman of Board, American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corporation, New York City.

Henry H. Robinson, President of the Los Angeles-First National Trust and Savings Bank, Los Angeles.

Walter C. Teagle, President of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, New York.

James Simpson, President of Marshall Field & Co., Chicago.

Cornelius F. Kelley, President of the Anaconda Copper Mining Company, New York City.

Elbert L. Carpenter, President of the National Lumber Manufacturers Association, Minneapolis.

Pierre S. du Pont, Chairman of the Board, E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., Wilmington, Del.

Lewis E. Pierson, Chairman of the Board, Irving Trust Company, New York City.

George Horace Lorimer, Editor of The Saturday Evening Post, Philadelphia.

Walter S. Gifford, President of the American Telephone and Telegraph Company, New York.

Alvan Macauley, President of the National Automobile Chamber of Commerce, Detroit.

John G. Lonsdale, President of the American Bankers Association, St. Louis.

Stuart W. Cramer, Director of the Cotton Textile Institute, Cramerton, N. C.

Charles Cheney, President of the National Industrial Conference Board, Manchester, Conn.

Silas H. Strawn, Chairman of the Board, Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.

Harry Chandler, publisher of The Los Angeles Times, Los Angeles.

In announcing the names of the Committee Mr. Barnes said:

"A preliminary study of the many reports submitted to the National Business Survey Conference, which met at Washington Dec. 5, indicates that there is nothing to cause further timidity or hesitation but, rather warrants confidence in the early stabilization of business activity without justifying excessive optimism before the close of the test period of the next few months.

"Provisions for study and comparison of conditions in the various industries through representative trade organizations is being made by the formation of a large committee comprising competent and recognized leadership in the more important business fields. This committee will be announced later.

"To shape and direct major policies as occasion requires a small committee which can meet more frequently and act with greater despatch has been appointed to summarize and weigh the information obtained through the larger contact committee. In selecting this smaller committee, so that it would not be unwieldy in size, it has been necessary to choose from a wealth of proven leadership, ability and character.

"In enlisting the service of the members the Chairman of the conference, with his assistants, has been guided by many considerations. Geographical distribution has been taken into account, but greater weight has been given to breadth of experience. Many of those selected have had this experience in various fields of business and in the direction of different types of industry.

"Necessarily in making up a small committee it was impossible to include many outstanding men of tried experience and judgment or to include representatives of every line of business, many of which are of great importance."

"The small committee will be called into consultation at an early date, but nothing of an emergency character exists in the present business situation to require undue haste in its work."

According to a Washington dispatch, Dec. 6, to the New York "World" President Hoover made it plain that day that economic committees to be set up under the auspices of the United States Chamber of Commerce to organize industry for expansion of construction and maintenance work in 1930, will be merely temporary affairs. It was added:

There will be no hook-up of Government and business and the much discussed proposal for a permanent economic council, through which industry and Government might maintain liaison, has been disapproved.

With reference to the conference of a week ago, Mr. Barnes issued a statement on Dec. 6 saying:

The committees which the business conference asked the Chairman to appoint will be considered this coming week. It is quite likely there will be named one larger conference committee, based on trade association representation, and a smaller working committee, the members of which will be selected for their individual attainments and their wide knowledge of business affairs. This requires a little thought and study as to their field and their names.

The Chamber plans to put its extensive organization in the service of this follow-up work. It is now analyzing the many important and significant reports and statements filed by all the industries as to their present position and their prospects.

Manifestly it was impossible in the one-day session which was held to present from the floor material in as complete detail as this follow-up work will require. Opportunity was therefore provided for supplementary reports. Many of these have been received and are being studied. Additional reports, which will be made, also will be given immediate attention.

Certain things stand out concerning the conference itself.

First, that it presented an extraordinary and comprehensive cross section of the whole fabric of American business represented by leaders, who could speak with conviction and the authority of proven leadership in their lines.

Second, that in taking up any possible slack in wages and employment, an elasticity of new construction and of maintenance is the chief factor, maintenance which means new equipment, and construction, which means not only expansion but improvement of mechanical production and distribution are naturally justified.

Third, that this implies large capital expenditures for these purposes and this must be provided from industrial treasuries or most largely by borrowings for capital investment.

Fourth, these borrowings depend upon the ability to obtain money at reasonable rates and in ready and adequate quantities. This situation has developed rapidly in the last few weeks so that this assurance

is present. This is shown by the Treasury refunding today of \$325,000,000 at three and one-eighth per cent against its last borrowings at four and seven-eighths per cent, not long ago. This is probably the most extraordinary change ever recorded in Treasury operations between transactions.

Fifth, that industry, in being assured of available capital, requires then only the vision and courage to proceed. These qualities were clearly evidenced in the presentation by industry's leaders yesterday.

Manifestly, confidence in the country's future and preparation for the constantly expanding business, which must inevitably come from the activities of 120,000,000 energetic people, warrants preparation for ultimately larger business. Industrial and business judgment approves immediate expenditures that cheapen production and distribution costs.

These qualities and these already determined policies of industry were confirmed in more detail by the personal contacts which accompanied the gathering of these leaders. For example, Arthur Reynolds, of the great Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Company in Chicago, told me in reply to a question that his bank's appraisal of the situation was such that he was saying to interior bankers who asked his advice that nothing in the situation should warrant their demanding any other than the usual prudent conditions in supplying local manufacturers and merchants with funds.

This kind of banking sentiment, reaching down through all grades of business that touch banking, necessarily is exceedingly helpful in maintaining the proper spirit for the conduct of orderly industry.

President Hoover on Importance of Work of Committee of Twenty-five of New York State Economic Congress.

The importance of the work of the Committee of Twenty-five of the New York State-Wide Economic Congress, a group of leading business men formed last April to establish definite policies for the upbuilding of industry in the State, was emphasized by President Hoover in a letter read on Dec. 6 at a conference of industrial leaders in Utica called by Merwin K. Hart, Chairman, and Frederick C. Ferry, a member of the Committee.

The letter, sent to Mr. Hart, read:

"I have your request that I should comment upon the State-wide economic survey that is proposed through the Committee with which you are associated. I am glad to do so.

"The distinguished service accomplished in much the same way by the creation of the New England Council and the California Development Association is outstanding demonstration of the importance of such action. This larger view of the problems within the State and their relation to public questions is sure to produce the most constructive results, and I wish the committee every success in its efforts."

It is announced that additional meetings of business men will be held in all parts of the State to determine active plans for carrying out the purposes of the State-Wide Economic Congress. Regarding the meeting on Dec. 6, a despatch from Utica to the New York "Herald Tribune" said:

The committee, earlier in the year, made public the results of an initial survey in which changes in taxation, development of power resources, aid to agriculture, improvement in conservation policy and the development of the barge canal were recommended.

Robert S. Binkerd, President of the United States Shares Financial Corporation, New York, and Chairman of the Executive Committee, was guest of honor at a dinner tonight.

In an address today Mr. Binkerd declared that New York State, while still the leading industrial state of the nation, is slowly declining in the face of more vigorous competition. He declared the per capita wealth of the state is lower than that of any other state in the Union with the exception of Illinois.

The percentage of wage earners in New York State, Mr. Binkerd declared, is decreasing more than is the average for the rest of the country. According to the speaker, it is the up-state section that is making the most rapid decline. The up-state section is going backward at a rate five times that of New York City, he said.

Among the important findings of the committee the speaker listed its report on the once flourishing wood-working industry. Devastation of timber lands through industry is directly responsible for the industry's decline, he declared. A solution suggested is the correction of the economic waste brought about by the non-use of timber on government reservations. Timber is a crop, Mr. Binkerd said, and should be harvested, else it is a waste of natural resources.

It is in its undeveloped water power that the state's greatest opportunity for salvation lies, the speaker said. Development on a large scale of these natural resources, when accomplished, will be New York State's "ace in the hole," he declared.

New England Industries To Maintain Wage Scale.

Boston advices as follows, Dec. 5, appeared in the New York "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 6:

Wages and employment in the manufacturing industries of Massachusetts are to be continued on the present levels, according to the returns from various of the larger manufacturing industries to the newly created Massachusetts Industrial Commission, which recently sent out a questionnaire in line with President Hoover's suggestion.

Among the mills which gave assurances in this direction were the following: New England Confectionery Co., Hood Rubber Co., United Shoe Machinery Co., Eaton, Crane & Pike Co. of Pittsfield, Boston and Maine, Boston Consolidated Gas Co., Edison Electric Illuminating Co., New England Telephone & Telegraph Co., Boston Elevated, Charles H. Tenney & Co., Boston, executive managers for ten gas and electric companies in the State; New England Power Association, Lynn Gas & Electric Co., Hathaway Bakeries, Inc., Boston; Ward Baking Co., Cambridge; Heywood-Wakefield Co., Boston; Lever Bros., Cambridge; Daly's Golden Rule Shoe Co., Inc., Lynn; American Printing Co., Fall River; Devon Mills, Inc., New Bedford; Germania Mills, Holyoke; Ginn & Co., Cambridge; American Writing Paper Co., Holyoke, and American Hide & Leather Co., Lowell.

Trowbridge Callaway of Investment Bankers' Association at United States Chamber of Commerce Conference Indicates Co-operation of Association With Government and Industry Toward Stabilization of Conditions.

Trowbridge Callaway, President of the Investment Bankers' Association of America in a statement before the National Business Survey Conference, held in Washington Dec. 5, under the auspices of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, said that "a survey covering the country indicates that investment bankers are apparently in sound condition, and well able to render their particular services to the country." In indicating that it is expected that the market will absorb whatever securities may be issued for constructive and useful purposes, Mr. Callaway offered a note of caution against the stimulation of the issuance of securities or their prices beyond the law of supply and demand. His statement follows:

For those of you who may not be familiar with the Investment Bankers' Association of America, I would like to say that it is composed of 675 main office members and 1,200 registered branch offices located throughout the entire United States and Canada. These houses are characteristically and essentially security merchants or dealers rather than brokers. Our membership includes not only the principal private bankers but also the larger banks and trust companies having investment departments.

The investment banking business in all sections of the country is in a process of readjustment. During the past year purchasers of securities created an abnormal demand for equities, with more regard for appreciation in value than for security or income return. Because of this situation new capital was found for industry in large amounts through the sale of common stock or of securities convertible into common stock. This broadened materially the equity base upon which corporation finance must stand and to that extent was beneficial. While the condition lasted, however, it was difficult to secure new capital on a fixed interest or preferred dividend basis. This condition now seems to be reversed and the present demand is from investors who are giving more consideration to security and income than to market appreciation.

The outlook for the next six months seems to vary in different parts of the country, with the larger centers anticipating a gradual development of a market for bonds and investment stocks provided that offerings are not made too rapidly or in too great a volume. General opinion seems to anticipate a period of moderate and stable interest rates which should assist in the distribution of sound securities. To the extent that issues of securities may be desired for constructive and useful purposes, it is expected that the market will absorb them in sufficient volume to meet all reasonable requirements. A word of caution is to be noted against stimulation of the issuance of securities or their prices other than such stimulation as may be caused by the law of supply and demand. A survey covering the country indicates that investment bankers are apparently in sound condition and well able to render their particular services to government and industry; and the members of the Investment Bankers' Association of America stand ready to co-operate to that end.

New England Council Approves Action by President Hoover to Promote Business Stability—New England in Condition to Adjust Itself to Any Business Changes.

The following statement by the New England Council to the business men of New England, was approved at a meeting of the Council in Boston, November 21, held in connection with the Fifth New England Conference:

The New England Council desires to express its hearty approval of the action of the President in calling conferences of leaders in our national economic life for the purpose of organizing ways and means of promoting business stability and progress, and co-ordinating business and governmental agencies.

New England has had this year the highest level of business activity ever recorded. It could not be expected to continue indefinitely; some readjustments had begun before the great decline in security prices. The next few months will test the capacity of individual managements to achieve stability for New England business by successfully adjusting themselves to changing conditions.

Altogether, New England is in fine condition to adjust itself to any business changes, and should go forward with courage and confidence. As evidence thereof we invite consideration of these facts:

1. The Federal Reserve Bank of Boston (serving all but one county in New England) had on Nov. 13 82% cash reserves, as compared with an average of 69% for the entire Federal Reserve system, and higher than any other single Federal Reserve district. This reflects the strong condition of New England banks and shows that there is an abundance of credit available for New England business.
2. The high degree of diversification of New England industries is always an important factor of strength to New England, and especially so at this time.
3. Proof of our diversification is found in the fact that the 10 leading industries of New England account for only 40% of our total industrial activity. These are, in order of their importance as measured by value added by manufacture: Cotton goods, boots and shoes, electrical machinery, worsted goods, foundry and machine shop, paper and wood pulp, Woolen goods, printing and publishing, rubber goods and hardware.
4. It should be further noted that the two largest industries, cotton goods and shoes, constitute together only 15% of our total industrial activity.
5. All these industries, moreover, produce chiefly essential commodities and materials and equipment used in other industries. The production of luxury goods is not a large element in New England industry.
6. During recent years New England industry has been putting its house in order, adjusting production to market demands, and improving organizations, equipment and methods, with the result that it is more firmly established and in a more healthy condition.
7. New England furnishes a market for all its farmers can profitably produce. New England agriculture has enjoyed a good year in 1929, and is rapidly improving its marketing methods.
8. By improved processes and merchandising methods New England fisheries are increasing their contribution to New England's income.
9. Our railroads are spending this year \$65,000,000 on permanent improvements, and proportionate expenditures for like purposes may be expected next year. Our power and gas companies are spending \$60,000,000 in 1929, and anticipate equal expenditures in 1930. Each of our six States is committed to extensive road-building programs; our telephone companies are continuing their large appropriations for improvements.
10. New England's income derived from its developed recreational resources in 1929 exceeded all previous records. This income from these resources can be increased next year by their further development and better merchandising.

REDFIELD PROCTOR, President.
ARTHUR L. ALDRED, Secretary.

**Annual Report to Inter-State Commerce Commission—
Suggests New Legislation to Prevent Possible Defeat
By Holding Companies of "Orderly" Consolidation
of Railroads—Comments on Railroad
Valuation.**

The Inter-State Commerce Commission in its annual report, made public Dec. 5, recommends the consideration by Congress of new legislation to prevent possible defeat by holding corporations of the Government's plan for "orderly" consolidation of railroads. The Commission also advised Congress that it is proceeding with its general plan for consolidation of all carriers into major trunk line systems and hopes to have this ready shortly. The Commission says:

"It seems clear that the acquisition of control or of an amount of stock sufficient to influence the policies of competing railroads, either by individuals or by non-carrier corporations, may result in the suppression of competition in a manner no less harmful than if such control be exercised directly by one carrier over another."

It is pointed out that the purchase by one road of a competing line is prohibited by the Clayton Act and under this statute the Commission several times has ordered roads to divest themselves of stock acquired in others. The report notes, however, that a further means of unifying carriers through common control or affiliation has been developed, and cites the Allegheny Corporation and the Pennroad Corporation as examples. We give the following extracts:

"In our last annual report we called attention to the acquisition by individuals or groups of individuals of control of railroads. We stated that this might seriously affect the maintenance of competition among carriers. Corporations organized as trading, investment, or holding companies appear also to be active in acquiring control of or substantial interests in various carriers. It seems clear that the acquisition of control or of an amount of stock sufficient to influence the policies of competing railroads, either by individuals or by other non-carrier corporations, may result in the suppression of competition in a manner no less harmful than if such control be exercised directly by one carrier over another."

"Section 5 of the Interstate Commerce Act directs the Commission to prepare and adopt a plan for the consolidation of the railroad properties of the Continental United States into a limited number of systems which shall conform as closely as practicable to certain broad specifications which the Congress has laid down. After such plan has been adopted, the section provides that it shall be lawful for two or more carriers to 'consolidate their properties, or any part thereof, into one corporation for the ownership, management and operation of the properties theretofore in separate ownership, management, and operation,' under certain conditions. One of these conditions is that the proposed consolidation must be in harmony with and in furtherance of the adopted plan, and another is that the Commission shall find that the public interest will be promoted thereby. In another part of the same section it is provided that whenever the Commission is of opinion that the acquisition by one carrier of the control of another or others in any manner not involving consolidation will be in the public interest, it shall have authority by order to approve and authorize such acquisition. The above is a statement of some of the salient features of this legislation. The essential point is that in this section of the Interstate Commerce Act the Congress manifested a clear intent to subject the unification of carriers by railroad, one with another, to the orderly processes of a carefully planned scheme of public regulation."

Means of Unification of Carriers Illustrated.

"There are, however, means whereby unification of carriers can be brought about without consolidation into one corporation for ownership, management and operation and without, strictly speaking, the acquisition of control of one carrier by another. To illustrate this, it developed in Stock of Denver & Rio Grande Western RR., 70 I. C. C. 102, that the Western Pacific RR. Corp., a holding company which owned all of the stock of the Western Pacific RR. Co., an operating carrier, was proposing to acquire all of the stock of the Denver & Rio Grande Western RR. Co., another operating carrier, thus unifying these two carriers as effectually under common control as if one had directly acquired the stock of the other. We found, however, that the 'proposed acquisition of applicant's stock by the holding company does not constitute a consolidation of the property of two or more carriers by railroad subject to the act into one corporation for the ownership, management and operation of properties theretofore in separate ownership, management and operation within the meaning of paragraph (6) of section 5 of the Act.' And we further found that 'inasmuch as the holding company is not a carrier engaged in the transportation of passengers or property subject to the Act, the acquisition of control of the applicant by the holding company is not within the scope of paragraph (2) of section 5.'

"There, however, were carriers whose lines joined end to end were in no sense parallel or competing lines. If competition had existed, the unification would probably have been subject to the prohibition of section 7 of the Clayton Anti-Trust Act, the first two paragraphs of which read as follows:

"That no corporation engaged in commerce shall acquire, directly or indirectly, the whole or any part of the stock or other share capital of another corporation engaged also in commerce, where the effect of such acquisition may be to substantially lessen competition between the corporation whose stock is so acquired and the corporation making the acquisition, or to restrain such commerce in any section or community, or tend to create a monopoly of any line of commerce."

Bars Acquisition of Stock to Lessen Competition.

"No corporation shall acquire, directly or indirectly, the whole or any part of the stock or other share capital of two or more corporations engaged in commerce where the effect of such acquisition, or the use of such stock by the voting or granting of proxies or otherwise may be to substantially lessen competition between such corporations, or any of them, whose stock or other share capital is so acquired, or to restrain such commerce in any section or community, or tend to create a monopoly of any line of commerce."

"Clearly the second paragraph above quoted is designed to prevent a corporation which is wholly or in part a holding company from acquiring stock of two or more corporations engaged in commerce, including railroad companies, where the effect of such acquisition may be, among other things, to substantially lessen their competition with each other. Clearly, also, the first paragraph because of the words 'directly or indirectly,' would cover the indirect acquisition by one railroad company of the stock of another through one or more subsidiary corporations."

Reference to the Pennroad and Allegheny corporations follows:

"But a further means of unifying carriers through common control or affiliation has been developed which, in our opinion, merits most serious attention. This method also utilizes the mechanism of holding companies, but in a somewhat different way. It may be illustrated by relating our understanding as to the facts with respect to two important holding companies which have recently been created. One of these is the Allegheny Corporation and the other is the Pennroad Co. Whether or not our understanding as to the facts is in all respects correct we are unable to say, since we have no direct jurisdiction over either of these companies, but it will serve sufficiently well for purposes of illustration."

"Both of these companies, as we understand the situation, are purely holding companies. That is to say, the property which they own is not physical property but consists solely of the stock or securities of other companies. The Allegheny Corporation now owns various stocks of railroad companies. It is not controlled by any railroad company but is controlled, through a combination of direct and indirect means, by certain interests which control through similar means the New York Chicago & St. Louis, the Erie, the Pere Marquette, and the Chesapeake & Ohio railroad companies. The Pennroad Co. also owns various stocks of railroad companies. It is not controlled by any railroad company as such, but its stock is held under a voting trust agreement, continuing until May 1 1939, and the voting trustees are the President and two other directors of the Pennsylvania Railroad Co."

Methods of Establishing Common Control Explained.

"If these facts are correct, the Allegheny Corporation can, by acquiring a controlling interest in the stock of a railroad company, bring it under common control with the railroad companies above mentioned which are controlled by the same interests as control the Allegheny Corporation, but without itself holding control of or being controlled by any one of these railroad companies as such. In a similar manner the Pennroad Co., by acquiring stock control of a railroad company, can bring it under common control with the Pennsylvania Railroad without itself controlling or being controlled by the latter carrier as such. In other words, common control can be effected in both instances by a chain, one vital link in which is made up of the control exercised, directly or indirectly, over two or more corporations by individuals. The process may, of course, be facilitated by reducing the control of the holding company or of one or all of the carriers involved to a relatively small if not insignificant financial interest through various devices, such as limitation of the voting power of certain classes of stocks, the superimposing or pyramiding of one holding company on top of another, and the like."

"Where parallel or competing carriers are involved we are not prepared to say that a process of virtual unification so brought about is not amenable to the provisions of Section 7 of the Clayton Anti-Trust Act. These provisions are couched in very broad language, and it will eventually be for the courts to determine how inclusive and effectual they are. Where no competition is involved, however, it is obvious that if our decision in Stock of Denver & Rio Grande Western RR., supra, was right, such unifications may be brought about without authority from or regulation of this Commission. Certainly if common control of two railroad companies by a single holding company is neither a consolidation under Section 5 (6) of the Interstate Commerce Act nor an acquisition of control under Section 5 (2), as we found in that case, the same conclusion may be reached as to common control brought about by utilizing a holding company in combination with powers of control possessed by certain individuals."

The Interstate Commerce Commission is now actively engaged in the formulation of a plan of consolidation for the railroads of the United States, which it hopes to make public within the next few weeks, the report stated. It was pointed out that the Commission has suggested in its reports as far back as 1925 that the Interstate Commerce Act be amended relative to unification of the carriers, so as to relieve the Commission of the duty imposed under Section 5 of the act of formulating a plan of consolidation for the railroads."

"While hearings have been held by appropriate committees of both Houses of Congress and bills have been reported to the respective Houses, the Congress has not amended Section 5 as suggested," said the report.

"We believe, under these circumstances, it was our duty to proceed to comply, as far as possible, with the mandate of the law. Accordingly the Commission now has the question actively before it. It is receiving our earnest consideration. Although it cannot be stated definitely when we will be able to complete the task, the hope is entertained that a plan may be adopted and published soon after the convening of Congress in regular session."

The "United States Daily" of Dec. 5 summarized some of the other features of the report as follows:

Unification May Be Hampered.

After detailing the situation resulting from the activities of 'holding companies,' as understood by the Commission, the report asserted that "plainly, if this be the situation, the subjection of the unification of carriers by railroad to the orderly processes of a carefully planned scheme of public regulation, which Section 5 was designed to accomplish is very likely to be partially, or even wholly, defeated, subjected to the possibility that the Clayton Anti-trust Act may, in some measure, after protracted litigation enable control over the situation to be maintained."

"We call this matter to the attention of Congress because we believe that it deserves thorough investigation and serious consideration," said the Commission. "Difficult legal, and perhaps constitutional, questions are involved, and to some extent the remedy must be shaped by the facts which thorough investigation may disclose."

Thorough Inquiry Urged.

In conclusion, the report stated: "For the present, however, we are not prepared to go further than to call this problem, together with its evident dangers, to the attention of the Congress, accompanied by an expression of our conviction that it merits thorough consideration."

With reference to methods of valuing the railroads of the country pursuant to the decision of the Supreme Court of the United States on May 20 1929, in the case of the St. Louis & O'Fallon Railway vs. the United States, report stated:

"In view of the practical situation resulting from the decision of the Supreme Court in the O'Fallon case and pursuant to recommendations made in successive previous reports regarding methods for bringing valuations to date we repeat these recommendations in the language of our report for 1923, as follows:

"We direct serious consideration to the necessity of some amendment. Amendments have been suggested embodying different theories as to the proper method to be adopted, in substance as follows:

"(1) An amendment providing that from and after completion of the valuation of the property of the carrier as of a fixed date the Commission shall, from time to time as it may have occasion to use the same, bring the valuation to date by adding to or subtracting from its original basic valuation of the property the net property changes, measured in dollars and cents that are properly chargeable to or deductible from property account."

"(2) An amendment providing that, from and after completion of the valuation of the property of the carrier as of the designated valuation date, the Commission shall from time to time, according as it may have occasion to use the value of the property in performance of duties imposed on it by the act, ascertain and determine the condition and value of property on subsequent dates, taking into account any changes in such condition or value which may have taken place subsequent to the last preceding valuation date, and giving due consideration to all the elements of value recognized by the law of the land."

Quotes Recommendation Made to the Congress.

The recommendation to Congress made by the Interstate Commerce Commission in its annual report, exclusive of those for revaluing the railroads detailed above, are as follows:

"For the reasons stated in this report and in former reports we recommend:

"(1) That Section 1 of the Interstate Commerce Act be amended to provide for the punishment of any person offering or giving to an employee of a carrier subject to the Act any money or thing of value with intent to influence his action or decision with respect to car service, and to provide also for the punishment of the guilty employee.

"(2) That, subject to appropriate exceptions, the use of steel or steel underframe cars in passenger-train service be required, and the use in passenger trains of wooden cars between or in front of steel or steel underframe cars be prohibited.

"(3) That paragraph (5) and (6) of section 15a of the Interstate Commerce Act be clarified by amendment.

"(4) That Paragraph (f) of Section 19a of the Interstate Commerce Act be clarified by amendment.

"(5) That section 19 of the Merchant Marine Act, 1920, be amended so that its provisions will clearly not be applicable to the Interstate Commerce Commission; that Section 27 of this Act be reconsidered by the Congress in the light of our forty-first annual report; and that Section 28 of this Act be reconsidered by the Congress in the light of the circumstances set forth in the chapter on the effect of this statute appearing at pages 13 and 14 of our thirty-fifth annual report to the Congress. In this connection reference is made to our report dated June 29, 1922, to the Chairman of the Committee on Inter-State and Foreign Commerce on H. R. 12021, 67th Congress, second session.

"(6) By Section 17 of the Act as amended Aug. 9, 1917, the Commission was authorized to divide its members into divisions of not less than three members and to direct that any of its work, business, or functions arising under the law be assigned or referred to any division for action. The manner in which this power has been utilized has been fully described in previous reports. The continual growth in variety and volume of the work devolved upon the Commission has made the performance of our duties less and less current. For the more prompt disposition of matters entrusted to us there should be express statutory authority for the Commission to delegate to individual Commissioners and employes of the Commission the power to perform specified duties and to consider and determine specified matters and subjects to the general control and supervision of the Commission, and the exercise by it of appropriate powers of review either through the Commission or a division thereof.

"(7) That the present exemption provision of Paragraph (22) of Section 1, Paragraph (1) of Section 15a, and Paragraph (1) of Section 20a, applicable to electric railroads, be amended by substituting provisions exempting all electric railroads except such as interchange standard freight equipment with steam railroads and participate in through Interstate freight rates with such carriers; provision to be made for exemption of particular electric railroads falling within the excepted class, if upon application they are able to show to the satisfaction of the Commission, after notice and opportunity to be heard, that they are not affected with an important National interest so far as the provisions in question are concerned.

"(8) That unless sections 10 (1) and 20 (7) of the Act are amended so as to make them apply specifically to independent contractors and their officers and agents those sections can not be successfully invoked by the Government against such person for the violations referred to therein except in instances where collusion between those persons and the carrier can be shown.

"(9) That in view of the fact that the acquisition of control or of an amount of stock sufficient to influence the policies of competing railroads, either by individuals or other non-carrier corporations, may result in the suppression of competition, consideration should now be given by the Congress to possible legislation.

"(10) That paragraph (4) of section 15 be amended so as to restrict the "long-haul right" to originating carriers.

Proposes Amendments to Overcome Defects.

"(11) The present provisions of section 15a relating to the making of loans from the contingent fund in effect make loans unavailable except possibly during times of financial stress. We recommend amendments to overcome these defects."

▀ The Commission went into considerable detail relative to the recapture of excess earnings from the carriers. Section 15a of the Act provides that the Commission recapture from the carriers one-half of all excess earnings over the 6% allowed the railroads under the law.

▀ Under the old method of valuation, the report declared, the amount due from the carriers is approximately \$300,000,000 for the years 1920-1928, inclusive, of which the railroads have only paid in \$8,607,128.51.

▀ The Supreme Court's decision in the O'Fallon case has altered the Commission's method of fixing final values, it was said, and the \$300,000,000 recapture estimate, therefore, "must be changed."

Following a description of recapture work done up to June 30 1929, the Commission outlined the present status of recapture activities in the following language:

"It will be seen from the foregoing description that a great deal has been done toward the final determination of the two ultimate factors—property value and correct net railway operating income—which are determinative of the amount of excess net railway operating income payable into the contingent fund. But, as explained in our previous reports, our efforts in the final stages of this work looking toward the actual recovery of the amounts due have heretofore been very largely curtailed due to litigation. First came the challenge directed to the constitutionality of the statute in *Dayton-Goose Creek R. R. Co. v. United States*, 263 U. S. 456, decided Jan. 7, 1924, and then the effort of the carrier to enjoin our first recapture order requiring a payment to the fund in *Excess Income of St. Louis & O'Fallon Railway Co. et al.*, 124 I. C. S. 3, decided Feb. 15 1927. Our order in the latter case was attacked on several grounds, the two principal ones relating to the valuation of the property of the St. Louis & O'Fallon and to our determination that this road was not operated with the Manufacturers, Railway Company as a single system within the purview of Section 15a. The District Court, in *St. Louis & O'Fallon Ry. Co. v. United States*, 22 Fed. (2d) 980, sustained our order, except as to its provision for interest from May 1, following each recapture year, the Court finding that interest was due only from the effective date of our final order reducing the amount

due to a liquidated sum. On appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States the decision of the lower court was reversed, the Court, in an opinion rendered May 20 1929, holding that we had erred in failing to give consideration to the cost of reproduction of the O'Fallon property as of the several recapture periods. At the same time the Court upheld our determination that the carrier was engaged in independent rather than system operation but agreed with the lower court that we had erred in the computation of interest. Further reference to this decision is contained in the chapter on the Bureau of Law.

"In the recapture periods, 1920-1928 our preliminary computations, made following the method of valuation outlined in our decision in the St. Louis & O'Fallon case as closely as the somewhat limited data at hand permitted, showed 416 roads indebted to the contingent fund for one or more years. Out of this number hearings were held or partly held in the interval between the Dayton-Goose Creek and St. Louis & O'Fallon proceedings in 36 cases, which for the most part involved small or comparatively small roads.

"The amount due from the carriers, according to preliminary computations made in the manner outlined above, is approximately \$300,000,000 for the years 1920-1928. As a result of the Supreme Court's decision in the St. Louis & O'Fallon case, this estimate must be changed. It is estimated that under the present system of quasi-judicial hearing procedure a minimum of six years would be required to dispose of the present arrearage and even at the end of that period the work would hardly be current, owing to accumulations during the interval.

"We have created a recapture board of four members drawn from the staff of as many different bureaus with the duty of proceeding in the hearing of recapture cases as expeditiously as circumstances permit."

The Commission's Bureau of Finance, headed by Director Charles D. Mahaffie, was active during the fiscal year ended June 30 1929, the report indicated. During the period the Commission authorized 618.198 miles of new construction out of construction proposed in applications totaling 3,307.262 miles; permission was extended to abandon 539.535 miles out of 834.920 miles sought to be abandoned; and 2,035 miles of road was authorized to be acquired and operated out of 3,190.830 miles sought to be acquired and operated.

The grand total securities of all types authorized to be issued during the fiscal period, aggregated \$1,160,383,991.39, which did not include \$115,344 in stock without par value, or 164 shares.

The grand total securities authorized included \$10,850,000 in preferred stock; \$7,500,000 of prior preference stock; \$295,783,446.31 in common stock; \$463,653,100.00 in mortgage bonds; \$246,225,000.00 in debentures; \$2,593,644 in secured notes; \$16,690,241.08 in unsecured notes; \$112,965,000 in equipment obligations; and \$4,123,560 in receivers' certificates.

Extracts from the report covering the activities of the Bureau of Valuation during the fiscal year are as follows:

"During the past year hearings on protests to tentative valuation reports were concluded in 24 cases, embracing 23,691 miles of main line. These hearings also concluded all hearings on protests to tentative reports upon all railroad properties which have been valued. The total number of hearings embraced 766 cases, covering 234,859 miles of road.

"Final valuation reports have been adopted in 820 cases, covering 140,247 miles of road. Of these, 528 cases, covering 131,780 miles of road, were decided after hearings on protests of the tentative valuations, and the remaining cases, 292 in number, representing 8,467 miles, were concluded and reported in default of protest within the statutory period of 30 days. We have also adopted and issued final valuation reports in seven telegraph and telephone cases.

"For the purpose of giving general notice to the carriers of the procedure to be followed in bringing the valuations heretofore established down to later dates, we adopted and served upon 1,041 operating carriers, supplement 5 to valuation order No. 3, valuation order No. 25, and an outline of plan for bringing land valuations to Dec. 31 1927. Specific requests have been made upon all carriers for the engineering and accounting data called for by orders, and a number of them have been requested to comply with the outline of plan for bringing land valuations to date. The last of these was made in the month of May. Complete returns have been received from about 400 operating carriers. According to the information we have received, regarding the progress of this work, the number of completed reports will be increased to about 550, comprising about 40,000 miles of road by Jan. 1 1930 and will be further increased to about 650 reports, covering about 125,000 miles by June 30 1930."

Inter-State Commerce Commission Order to Compel Building of Line—Directs Union Pacific to Construct Central Oregon Extension.

The Washington correspondent of the "Wall Street Journal" Tuesday evening, Dec. 10 pointed out that compulsory construction by Union Pacific Railroad system of a 185-mile east-to-west extension across central Oregon between Lawen, a point near Crane, in the east, and a connection with the Southern Pacific near Crescent Lake in the west, probably would be ordered by the Inter-State Commerce Commission. This would sustain recommendation of Commissioner Frank McManamy in his proposed report last March. Associated Press accounts from Washington yesterday (Dec. 13) indicating the issuance of the Commission's order, said:

The Inter-State Commerce Commission asserted to-day for the first time its power to compel a railroad to build, against its will, extensive new lines, when it directed the Union Pacific system to construct 181 miles of line between Crane and Crescent Lake, Ore., at an approximate cost of \$9,000,000.

Because of the principle involved the proceedings drew in all the railroads of the Pacific Northwest, and in handing down its verdict the commission also ruled that it had the power to compel the railroad to undertake the work. The Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., a subsidiary of the Union Pacific, was directed to begin the actual construction.

The complaint brought by the Oregon Public Service Commission said that the central portion of the State had not been provided with the proper rail facilities and that the line from Crane to Crescent Lake was badly needed. In its opinion the commission said the complaint was justified.

Commissioners Brainerd and Farrell dissented on the ground that the commission was without authority to compel railroads to undertake extensive construction against their will.

Commissioner Porter also dissented but he held that the commission had the power to direct the construction but that the use of it in the case under consideration was not justified. Commissioner Woodlock dissented without comment.

Forced construction of such a line is virtually without precedent, says the correspondent of the "Wall Street Journal," Dec. 10, adding:

Oral arguments were heard by full commission on October 30. Submitted for final decision at the close of the arguments, the matter now has been before the commission more than a month. The Union Pacific with its subsidiaries, and Southern Pacific and Great Northern, allege the construction is unwarranted.

Proceeding was instituted by Public Service Commission of Oregon as the latest of several attempts to require railroads to build further mileage to develop the extensive undeveloped area of central Oregon.

Bases for the Order.

Order requiring the construction would be based on a finding, first, that the commission has the authority to order it under Paragraph 21 of Section 1 of the Interstate Commerce Act; secondly, that it is reasonably required in the interest of public convenience and necessity and, finally, that the expense involved will not impair the ability of the carrier to perform its duty to the public.

Extension would be built by the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co. which is controlled by the Oregon Short Line, controlled in turn by the Union Pacific.

Cost of the prospective extension is estimated by the Oregon Commission at about \$9,000,000, or approximately \$49,000 a mile, while railroads figure the extension and necessary equipment would cost \$11,717,677, or approximately \$63,340 per mile. Operating expenses were estimated by the state commission at \$350,400 a year.

The McManamy report observed that Paragraph 21 plainly empowers the commission to authorize or require a carrier subject to the act to extend its line or lines. Railroads contended commission's power is restricted to comparatively short extensions in territory already served by them. Commissioner McManamy has declared there is no foundation in the language of Congress for such a condition.

Urged Need for Line.

The proposed report of the commissioner urged on his colleagues that a line of railroad across central Oregon long has been desired. It was pointed out that the area probably constitutes the largest within the United States which is without rail facilities. Its extent is indicated by the fact that Lake County alone is about the size of the State of Massachusetts and that Harney and Malheur counties are 9,933 square miles and 9,883 square miles, respectively, as compared with 8,039 square miles, the area of Massachusetts. Marney County is larger than the States of Delaware, Rhode Island and Connecticut combined.

The extension would connect what is now in effect a branch line from Ontario to Burns, Ore., with the so-called Natron cut-off of the Southern Pacific, contemplated when the construction first was extended west from Ontario. Proposed line would leave the present Ontario-Burns branch of the O.-W. R. & N. Co. at Lawen, near Crane, and extend westward to a point on the Cascade line of the Southern Pacific at or near Crescent Lake. It would cross the recently constructed line of the Great Northern running from Bend to a connection with the Southern Pacific at Chemult at a point about 21 miles east of Crescent Lake. The Ontario-Burns branch extends from Ontario to Crane, a distance of approximately 127 miles, and from Crane to Burns, a distance of approximately 30 miles.

Direct connection would be effected by the proposed extension with the Southern Pacific, Great Northern and the O.-W. R. & N. Co.

Objectives of the Oregon commission and interveners are threefold: (1) reduction of distances of eastern markets for the greater part of western Oregon, (2) opening to settlement of a vast area in central Oregon which cannot be brought into use until rail service is provided, and (3) reduction of distance from southeastern Oregon and southwestern Idaho to and from Pacific Coast markets.

Railroads' Contentions.

Commissioner McManamy's report stated that the position of the railroads concerned, the O.-W. R. & N. Co. and the Southern Pacific, was that the entire proposition is economically unsound; that the nature and resources of the territory are such as to prohibit development of sufficient traffic to sustain the line; that existing rail facilities are ample to properly take care of all needs of eastern and western Oregon and of southwestern Idaho; and that the Southern Pacific cannot be expected to divert traffic to the cross-State line and thereby short-haul itself.

It was also asserted by the Southern Pacific that large expenditures have been and are being made in the construction of additional rail facilities in western Oregon in order to serve that territory properly and to handle traffic expeditiously and that such facilities are more than sufficient for present and prospective traffic. The Great Northern's position is embraced in the views of the other two systems.

Demand for Higher Wages by Trainmen on Erie RR. Referred to Federal Mediator.

A dispute between the Erie RR. and the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen concerning wages and working rules was turned over on Dec. 5 to G. Wallace W. Hanger of the United States Board of Mediation for settlement, according to the New York "Times" of Dec. 6. The item added:

A demand for higher wages and a change in certain working conditions were included among the requests of the Brotherhood, according to the Associated Press. Officials of the union declined to discuss their demands last night and railroad executives could not be reached.

Mr. Hanger announced that he had been chosen as arbitrator following reports that members of the Brotherhood employed on the Erie RR. between New York and Chicago had voted to walk out this morning.

Mr. Hanger told reporters he could not discuss the situation until he had made a more thorough study of it. The matter came into his hands last night at a conference of railroad and union officials who had called him to New York from Washington in the hope that he might prevent a walk-out.

He said he would begin a series of meetings with representatives of both sides and would continue proceedings until a satisfactory settlement had been made.

Despite these negotiations toward settlement, there were persistent rumors from Chicago that members of the Brotherhood employed in that area had received notification from their leaders in New York to quit their jobs at 7 a. m. to-day. These rumors were unconfirmed.

On Dec. 6 Mr. Hanger began a series of conferences to mediate the dispute between the Erie RR. and some of

its 3,000 trainmen. In reporting this in its Dec. 7 issue, the "Times" said:

The mediator arrived here after it had been reported in New Jersey and Pennsylvania that the Erie brotherhood was planning a strike.

Mr. Hanger first conferred with W. L. Reed, Vice-President of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, and then discussed the dispute with R. E. Woodruff, Vice-President of the road. He is acting under the machinery provided in the Railway Labor Act.

A comparatively small number of employees involved in the dispute have wage grievances, it was said. This group is confined to the Wyoming Division of the road. The other employees have a variety of grievances, one of them being a difference with the management as to the proper machinery of adjustment of disputes. The employees, it was said, wished to present their grievances to the Eastern Train Service Board of Adjustment, machinery set up jointly by some of the Eastern roads in co-operation with their employees. The Erie is not a party to this machinery, and one of Mr. Hanger's problems is to resolve this dispute.

Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry. Advances Wages.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 3 we take the following Houston advices:

A 5% wage increase, affecting more than 500 clerks in Galveston, has been granted by Atchison Topeka & Santa Fe Ry.

Further Developments in Bankers' Capital Corporation Failure—Action of State Bureau of Securities.

The State Bureau of Securities made its first move against the Bankers' Capital Corporation of 44 Wall St. late Thursday, Dec. 12, when Deputy Attorney General William H. Milholland obtained a Supreme Court injunction restraining its officers from the further sale of securities, and asking for a receiver. The motion also included eight affiliated companies. A statement in the matter issued yesterday by the State Bureau of Securities, Attorney General's office, says:

Supreme Court Justice, Selah B. Strong, signed the order and set Dec. 19 as the date for a hearing.

Shortly after the papers were signed, Rolland H. Randall, President of Bankers' Capital Corp. and of several of the allied companies was served. At the same time a State trooper left the office of the Bureau of Securities to serve Howard H. Gunder, Chairman of the board of directors for all the companies, at his home, 184 East Seventy-second Street.

The State's papers, which were signed by Attorney General Hamilton Ward, were based upon allegations of fraud and misrepresentations in the sale of stock of the Bankers' Capital Corp., and in the sale of the other eight companies promoted by it. The other defendant companies are:

The Bankers Financial Trust Co.; the American Fiduciary Corp.; the Eastern Bankers Corp.; The Bankers' Capital Co.; the Financial Stocks Estate; the Indiana Investment Estate; the Gunder Common Law Trust Co. and the Delaware General Finance Corp.

Gunder, as Chairman of the boards of these various concerns, personally managed and operated them by means of numerous "administration orders" which he issued daily. These curious orders on light blue paper were issued in a military fashion. Gunder has been likened to Ponzi since the collapse of his various enterprises.

At the present time the Bankers Capital Corp. and the Bankers Capital Co. are in the hands of receivers. All the other companies have combined assets of less than \$100,000 aside from instances of stock of one of the defendant corporations being held as an asset by one of the other defendant companies. Several million dollars worth of stock in the hands of the public is outstanding.

The Financial Stocks Estate, according to Mr. Milholland's affidavit, was owned by Gunder and his wife. It was formed in 1921, and at that time stock of Gunder Mann & Co., was transferred to it. The principal business of Gunder, Mann & Co. was promoting small banks in New England, mainly in Connecticut.

In 1922 Gunder, Mann and Co. was incorporated as the Bankers' Capital Corp. to deal in bank, trust, title and insurance stocks. In the titles of all the defendant concerns, the words "banker", "fiduciary", "financial" or "investment" appear to convey the idea that these companies were in the banking and investment business.

The reason for this, according to Mr. Milholland, was that Gunder always represented that bank and financial corporation stocks were "the aristocrats of investment", being equal to high grade bonds "and second only to Government securities."

Gunder represented further that investments in the securities of corporations he was promoting had a greater degree of safety than those of bank stocks backed by the nation's industries, Mr. Milholland's affidavit continued. His literature stated that only a portion of the capital of the Bankers Capital Corporation was invested in any one security while over half of the investments were in stocks of the other defendant corporations.

During the month that Mr. Milholland investigated the affairs of the various Gunder concerns, he was assisted by Barrow, Wade, Guthrie & Co., the certified accountants employed by the receivers for the Bankers' Capital Corp. This firm states in its report on the defendant Eastern Bankers Corp. that on June 7 1929, this company sold 9,000 shares of the Bankers Financial Trust Co. stock to the Bankers Capital Corp. at \$30 a share, thereby showing a profit of \$200,000 on the sale. Nineteen days later this company bought back the stock from the Bankers' Capital Corp. at \$32 a share, enabling that corporation to show a profit of \$18,000 on the transaction.

On a previous occasion the Eastern Bankers Corp. sold 3,000 shares of Bankers Financial Trust stock at \$3 a share showing a profit of \$40,000 and on the same day at the same price purchased 5,000 shares of the same stock from the Bankers' Capital Corp.

On another occasion, according to Mr. Milholland, the Bankers' Capital Corp. sold 97,000 shares of Eastern Bankers stock to the Bankers Financial Trust Co., making a paper profit of \$187,000 in commissions.

In June 1929, the Bankers Capital Corp. sold 58,000 shares of Bankers Financial Trust Co. stock to the Eastern Bankers Corp. and the Financial Stocks estate, thereby showing a profit of more than \$300,000.

"In this way the Bankers' Capital Corp. and its affiliated companies were able to show large incomes and declare big dividends while actually operating at a loss", Mr. Milholland said.

The failure of the Bankers' Capital Corp. was noted in our issue of Nov. 9, page 2945, and its affairs were last referred to in the "Chronicle" of Nov. 23, page 3273.

Frank H. Warder, Formerly New York State Superintendent of Banks, Recently Convicted on Bribery Charge, Released Under \$50,000 Bail.

Frank H. Warder, formerly New York State Superintendent of Banks, who was sentenced to from five to ten years on Nov. 8, following his conviction on a charge of accepting a \$10,000 bribe, was released from the Tombs on Nov. 26 under bail of \$50,000 pending action by the Appellate Division on an appeal. As was indicated in our issue of Nov. 16, page 3113, the former superintendent was found guilty by a jury of having accepted a bribe of \$10,000 from the late Francesco M. Ferrari, President of the City Trust Company, which failed last February. Referring to Mr. Warden's release, the "Evening Post" of Nov. 26 said:

The amount of bail was fixed by Supreme Court Justice McGoldrick, who yesterday granted Warder a certificate of reasonable doubt. James I. Cuff and James E. Hughes, attorneys for the former official, appeared before Justice McGoldrick. They agreed on the amount of bail with Assistant District Attorney Felix Bevenega.

Warder was not brought to the hearing at the Supreme Court Building, which was held in Justice McGoldrick's chambers there. He was taken later from the Tombs to the District Attorney's office, where, in the bail bond department, his bond was posted by the Capital Surety Company, which had also provided the bond of \$35,000 on which he remained free from the time of his indictment last summer until he was sentenced to from 5 to 10 years' imprisonment on November 8.

The certificate of reasonable doubt granted by Justice McGoldrick was based on a ruling on a point of law during the trial by Supreme Court Justice Tompkins, who presided.

Warder was convicted of having accepted \$10,000 from the late Francesco M. Ferrari in September, 1928. Ferrari was founder and President of the City Trust Company, which failed for about \$5,000,000. His bank was insolvent in September of last year. The bribe was given, it was testified, in return for Warder's withholding examination of Ferrari's bank at that time.

Death of William P. Hamilton, Editor "Wall Street Journal."

William Peter Hamilton, editor of the "Wall Street Journal", died of pneumonia on Monday Dec. 9 at his home at No. 1 Pierrepont Street, Brooklyn. Mr. Hamilton who was in his 63d year, had been ill for only a few days according to the paper of which he was editor. A brief account of his life, by Kenneth C. Hogate, appearing in the Dec. 9 issue of the "Wall Street Journal" follows:

A colorful life, and one filled with usefulness, comes to end with the passing of William Peter Hamilton. Of Scotch extraction, Mr. Hamilton was born in England on Jan. 20 1867. Early in life he associated himself with financial interests and soon became a member of the London Stock Exchange.

But the call of the press asserted itself and in 1890 he joined the staff of the Pall Mall Gazette under the editorship of William T. Stead. As a correspondent, he traveled to many parts of the world. His career in journalism was not to end until his death except for a term as Lieutenant of the British Auxiliary Forces, Royal Engineers. Later he was a war correspondent from Africa and still later he was moved to Australia where he represented London newspapers.

From Australia, Mr. Hamilton came to New York and to the staff of the "Wall Street Journal" in 1899. His first work here was the origination of paragraphs of stock market comment which he developed and continued to write in sparkling fashion for many years.

200 Editorials Precede Success.

But his ambitions always centered on the editorial column. In spare time he pounded out editorials for submission to Thomas F. Woodlock, then editor of the "Wall Street Journal". In later years he loved to tell how he had written 200 editorials before the first was accepted for publication. Nevertheless, such persistence and high native excellence could not be ignored. On Jan. 1 1908, following the resignation of Sereno S. Pratt, he became editor—the fourth in the life of the "Wall Street Journal"—which post he filled with increasing influence and prestige until the day of his death.

As editor, Mr. Hamilton was responsible for and indeed personally wrote the greater part of the matter which appears under the "Review and Outlook" heading in the "Wall Street Journal." His writings were never subject to censorship and the column was his very own in a sense perhaps thoroughly unique in modern journalism.

Retained Post of Highest Usefulness.

In former years, Mr. Hamilton frequently turned cold shoulder to offers which would have meant the editorship of other important newspapers in New York and elsewhere. It was his conviction that he was holding the seat of highest usefulness and he believed that it was here he could best exercise the liberty of expression and unfettered outlook which was his glory. He abhorred "padding and pussy-footing." His method was to devote himself to ascertainment of the right. Once this was determined he fought vigorously and without quarter. For him there were never two sides to any question. A project was either right or wrong and he espoused what he believed was right. That sometimes his own office was not in agreement, that he made foes outside did not worry him in the least. His satisfaction came from his own conviction that he was sound and from the pride of precise and forceful expression.

Such a character must develop warm friendships and William Peter Hamilton had them in abundance. Many were drawn to him by his wit, his pungency of expression in conversation and his immense lore of stories and anecdotes gathered from history-makers in all quarters of the globe.

A Distinctive Figure.

In his clubs—the Hamilton of Brooklyn, the Union League, Authors, India House and Pilgrims—he was a distinctive figure. Often after entering he became the center of a group in which the discussions ranged through the latest bon-mot of the Street to the philosophy of the Ancients. Handicapped in later life by practical loss of one eye—a fact which he concealed—he was an omnivorous reader and was, indeed, a genuine scholar. At his Brooklyn home he had an extensive library, including many rare items and works now out of print, not a few of them the personal gifts of the authors.

Almost a gentleman of another day was William Peter Hamilton. Certainly as an editor without yoke or bonds, and with high moral personal responsibility, he harkened back to the times of Horace Greeley and the elder Bennett. This virility will not be lost from the editorial columns of the "Wall Street Journal" because it has become too much of the warp and woof of the paper itself.

Aside from his editorship and his distinctive personal qualities, Mr. Hamilton became widely known for his studies of the Dow-Jones averages. His book "The Stock Market Barometer" had tremendous sale and it was he who completed and expounded the theory of Charles H. Dow, himself the first editor of the "Wall Street Journal."

More Than 50 New York Bankers To Serve on National Committees of Investment Bankers' Association of America During Current Year.

More than 50 New York investment bankers will serve on the 1929-30 national committees of the Investment Bankers Association of America, it was revealed Dec. 5 in the announcement of the association's committee personnel by Trowbridge Callaway, Callaway, Fish & Co., New York, President. In an effort to secure greater compactness and efficiency, the personnel of the association's 22 standing committees and four sub-committees for the current year has been reduced substantially. Whereas in 1928-29 there were 353 names on the committee list, the appointments for the current year number but 270. The following are the New York appointments:

- Business Conduct—Clarkson Potter, Hayden, Stone & Co.
- Business Problems—George N. Lindsay, Bancamerica-Blair Corp., and Carroll J. Waddell, Winslow, Lanier & Co.
- Sub-Committee on Cost Accounting—Thomas K. Carpenter, Bertles, Rawls & Donaldson, Inc.
- Sub-Committee on Distribution—William H. Eddy, Equitable Trust Co. of New York; George N. Lindsay, Bancamerica-Blair Corp.; Philip O. Rider, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.; Horace S. Scarritt, Bonbright & Co., Inc.; F. Kenneth Stephenson, Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc.; Joseph R. Swan, Guaranty Co. of New York; B. A. Tompkins, Bankers Co. of New York, and Carroll J. Waddell, Winslow, Lanier & Co.
- Sub-Committee on Salesmen's Compensation—Charles B. Stuart, Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc.
- Sub-Committee on Trends of the Business—George N. Lindsay, Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Chairman, and Charles L. Stacy, Boettcher-Newton & Co.
- Commercial Credits—Herbert F. Boynton, F. S. Moseley & Co., Chairman; E. C. King, George H. Burr & Co., and George W. Naumburg, E. Naumburg & Co.
- Education—Henry R. Hayes, Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., and Frank L. Scheffey, Callaway, Fish & Co.
- Federal Taxation—William H. Eddy, Equitable Trust Co. of New York, Chairman; Arthur B. Griffin, Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., and Carroll J. Waddell, Winslow, Lanier & Co.
- Foreign Securities—Harry M. Addinsell, Harris, Forbes & Co., Chairman; Allan M. Pope, First National Corp. of Boston, Vice-Chairman; William Cahill, Equitable Trust Co. of New York; John Speed Elliott, August Belmont & Co.; Robert O. Hayward, Dillon, Read & Co.; Ellery S. James, Brown Brothers & Co.; DeWitt Millhauser, Speyer & Co., and Casimer I. Stralem, Hallgarten & Co.
- Government and Farm Loan Bonds—Halstead G. Freeman, Chase Securities Corp., and Douglas V. MacPherson, Bancamerica-Blair Corp.
- Industrial Securities—Waddill Catchings, Goldman, Sachs & Co., Chairman; J. Augustus Barnard, Dominick & Dominick; Gilbert G. Browne, White, Weld & Co., and Percival Gilbert, Spencer Trask & Co.
- Industrial Service Securities—Maxwell E. Bessell, Bond & Goodwin, Inc.; Curtis B. Dall, O'Brien, Potter & Stafford; Howard M. Erskine, G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., and Jansen Noyes, Hemphill, Noyes & Co.
- Investment Companies—E. Carlton Granbery, Harris, Forbes & Co.; John W. Hanes Jr., Chas. D. Barney & Co.; George Murnane, Blyth & Co., and Sidney J. Weinberg, Goldman, Sachs & Co.
- Legislation—Ralph T. Crane, Brown Brothers & Co.
- Membership—Robert E. Christie Jr., Dillon, Read & Co.
- Municipal Securities—F. Seymour Barr, Barr Brothers & Co., Inc.; Leverett F. Hooper, First National Bank of the City of New York, and J. Ritchie Kimball, Guaranty Co. of New York.
- Public Service Securities—Henry J. Fuller, Aldred & Co.; Duncan R. Linsley, Harris, Forbes & Co., and Laurence H. Parkhurst, Electric Bond & Share Co.
- Publications—Duncan H. Read, Dillon, Read & Co.
- State and Local Taxation—J. Horton Ijams, Harrison, Smith & Co.

American Express Co. to Form American Express Bank & Trust Co.

It was reported yesterday (Dec. 13) that proceedings have been initiated by the American Express Co. for the organization of a new bank and trust company to be known as the American Express Bank & Trust Co. The New York "Evening Post" of last night, from which we quote, said:

Establishment of the new bank is looked upon as a logical development in the activities of the American Express Co., and is made convenient by the release during this year of the large capital investment the company had in the express transportation business.

The new bank and trust company will engage in a general banking and trust company business in New York City, thus supplementing the financial services now rendered by American Express Co. and developing business which is not now available to that company.

Directorate Announced.

Application will be made for a trust company charter under the New York law, and it is expected the new institution will begin business in April, with a paid in capital of \$10,000,000 and surplus and organization reserves of \$6,000,000. Its principal office will be in the American Express Building at 65 Broadway. The directors will include:

Joseph F. Abbott, President, American Sugar Refining Co.
 Martin J. Alger, President, Merchants Dispatch Transportation Co.
 William D. Baldwin, Chairman, Otis Elevator Co.
 F. Higginson Cabot Jr., Vice-President, Stone & Webster, Inc.
 William C. Dickerman, President, American Locomotive Co.
 Frederic W. Ecker, Assistant Treasurer, Metropolitan Life Insurance Co.
 William B. Given Jr., President, American Brake Shoe & Foundry Co.
 Paul L. Haid, President, American Eagle Fire Insurance Co.
 William T. Hoops, President, L. C. L. Corp.
 Arthur F. Lafrentz, First Vice-President, American Surety Co.
 Frank A. Merrick, President, Westinghouse Electric & Manufacturing Co.
 Bernon S. Prentice, of Dominick & Dominick.
 John W. Prentiss of Hornblower & Weeks.
 Charles S. Sargent, of Kidder, Peabody & Co.
 Frederick P. Small, President, American Express Co.
 Graham C. Woodruff, Chairman, United States Freight Co.

The president, official staff and additional directors will be announced later.

\$160 Subscription Price.

Initial capital will consist of 100,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each. The subscription price will be \$160 a share, or a total of \$16,000,000 to be paid in.

There will be no offering of stock to the public. American Express Co. will subscribe to at least 54%, 10% will be reserved for subscription to officers and directors, and 36% will be offered to American Express stockholders in the ratio of one share of new bank stock for each five shares of American Express stock.

Subscriptions to United Hospital Fund Through "Bankers' and Brokers' Committee"—Amount Thus Far Received Over \$100,000.

James Speyer, Chairman, and Charles H. Sabin, Associate Chairman of the "Bankers' and Brokers' Committee" of the United Hospital Fund of New York, report the following subscriptions of \$100 and over, received to date:

\$20,000.	J. P. Morgan & Co.	
\$10,000.	Mr. & Mrs. George Blumenthal.	
\$7,500.	Kuhn, Loeb & Co.	Speyer & Co.
\$2,500.	George F. Baker. George F. Baker, Jr.	Marshall Field. Lazard Freres.
\$2,000.	Mr. & Mrs. S. W. Childs.	Albert H. Wiggin.
\$1,500.	Hallgarten & Co.	
\$1,250.	Goldman, Sachs & Co.	
\$1,000.	"A Friend."	
\$750.	Bank of Manhattan Trust Co. S. B. Chapin & Co. Hartman K. Evans. Harris, Forbes & Co. Hayden, Stone & Co. Jesse Hirschman.	Mrs. Percy R. Pyne. J. Henry Schroder Banking Corp. J. & W. Sellman & Co. Title Guarantee & Trust Co.
\$500.	Mr. & Mrs. Harry E. Ward.	Newborg & Co. Dr. William H. Nichols. Adolf J. Pavenstedt. Charles A. Sackett. "A Friend."
\$400.	Robert S. Brewster. Mr. & Mrs. Arthur O. Choate. Commercial Investment Trust, Inc. Dr. Ernest Fahnestock.	Fred. H. Greenebaum & Co. Heidelbach, Ickelheimer & Co. Logan & Bryan. James B. Mabon.
\$350.	George S. Brewster.	Mr. & Mrs. Samuel Sachs.
\$300.	F. B. Keech & Co.	
\$250.	William Fahnestock.	
\$150.	Asiel & Co. Stephen Baker. Hamilton F. Benjamin. Albert E. Goodhart. Phillip J. Goodhart. Harris, Winthrop & Co. Adrian Iselin.	Henry Ittleson. Mr. & Mrs. Acosta Nichols. Post & Flagg. W. Emlen Roosevelt. Albert Rothbart. Charles H. Sabin. Salomon Bros. & Hutzler.
\$100.	Christopher D. Smithers. Arthur A. Zucker.	Carl J. Schmidlapp. Edward W. Sheldon. Simon W. Straus. "F. S." Frederick W. Warburg.
	Abraham & Co. J. S. Alexander. Anglo-South American Trust Co. Barr Bros. & Co., Inc. William Bernard. Mrs. M. Bernstein. Bertron, Griscom & Co. George Blagden. Theodore L. Bronson. Thatcher M. Brown. Burnham, Herman & Co. Chandler & Co., Inc. P. W. Chapman & Co., Inc. George H. Church. Coleman & Co. George F. Crane. DeCoppet & Doremus. Moreau Delano. Charles D. Diekey. C. M. Ditcher. Eastman, Dillon & Co. Evans, Stillman & Co. Harris Fahnestock. Maurice L. Farrell.	Mr. & Mrs. David H. Lanman. Joseph Koshland. John McHugh. Edwin G. Merrill. Mrs. Dunlevy Milbank. Mr. & Mrs. S. C. Millett. "A Friend." Carl H. Pforzheimer & Co. Oscar L. Richard. George B. Robinson & Co. Col. H. H. Rogers. H. Pendleton Rogers. E. H. Rollins & Sons. Arthur W. Rossiter. Louis F. Rothschild. Henry Ruhlender. William M. Savin. Samuel Sloan. Albert Stern. Arthur Turnbull. Harold T. White. H. N. Whitney & Sons. Blair S. Williams. Clark Williams. John T. Winkhaus. Samuel Woolverton. August Zinsser.

\$200.

Harry Bronner. James Brown. Edwin M. Bulkeley. T. Minor Curry. William Halls Jr.	Homans & Co. Willard V. King. Charles W. McAlpin. Gates W. McGarrah. J. S. Morgan Jr.	Frederick Osborn. Lewis E. Pierson. Edwin A. Seasongood. E. Vall Stebbins. Edward Townsend.
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\$125.

Miss Barbara Childs. Edward C. Childs.	Richard S. Childs. S. Winston Childs Jr.	Mr. & Mrs. Henry Herrman.
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The total subscriptions so far received amount to over \$106,000. This being the fiftieth anniversary of the fund, many have increased, and some even doubled, their previous subscriptions, and the committee expects that this year's total will considerably exceed last year's, which was about \$120,000.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

The sale of three New York Stock Exchange memberships were arranged for this week at \$400,000, \$423,000 and the last \$425,000. Last preceding transfer was for \$375,000.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the sale of a New York Curb Exchange membership at \$215,000. The last preceding sale was for \$200,000.

The New York Cotton Exchange membership of Charles McGhee was reported sold this week to Edwin M. Muir for \$25,000. The last preceding sale was for \$34,000.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the sale of three Chicago Stock Exchange memberships, at prices ranging from \$30,000 to \$35,000.

The Guaranty Trust Co. of New York announced on Dec. 12 the appointment of Elliott H. Lee as Vice-President. Mr. Lee was formerly Second Vice-President.

Herman Hjertberg, formerly with the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., of New York, has been appointed Auditor of the Pacific Trust Co.

J. Henry Schroder Banking Corporation of New York has appointed as Assistant Vice-Presidents, Henry A. Harrison and Theodore E. Stebbins, both formerly Assistant Secretaries. It has also appointed as Assistant Secretaries Norbert A. Bogdan and Ernest Meili.

The Underwriters Trust Co., of New York announces the election of the following to the board of directors: Charles H. Marshall of the brokerage firm of Butler, Herriek & Marshall; D. Basil O'Connor, of Roosevelt & O'Connor; Benjamin B. Greer, President of the New York Air Brake Co., and Charles Presbrey, of Frank Presbrey Co., New York. The opening of the institution was referred to in our issue of Nov. 30, page 3421.

Chellis A. Austin, President of The Equitable Trust Co. of New York, died suddenly at his home in Montclair, N. J. early yesterday morning (Dec. 13) from an attack of angina pectoris. He was fifty-three years old.

On Dec. 12 Mr. Austin made an address before the Association of Life Insurance Presidents at the Astor Hotel. He then returned to his home for supper and retired early, apparently in the best of health. At about three o'clock yesterday morning he awakened in pain and died a few minutes afterward. Mr. Austin became President of The Equitable Trust Co. on Sept. 16 1929 when The Seaboard National Bank and The Equitable Trust Co. were consolidated. He previously had been President of The Seaboard National Bank since 1922. A sketch of his career, furnished by the trust company follows:

Mr. Austin was born in West Berkshire, Vermont, in 1876. He was educated in the public schools of Canton, St. Lawrence County, New York, and secured his college education at St. Lawrence University and Columbia University.

Mr. Austin's entrance into the business world was a messenger in a New York brokerage house. Within a year, however, he turned to railroading and held several clerical positions with the Erie RR. in the office of the Supt. of Motive Power and the President of the road. In order to obtain a more practical education in railroading, he took a night clerkship in the yards at Hornell, N. Y., and soon was promoted to the position of night yard master. Mr. Austin then joined the Lehigh Valley RR. and was promoted through several positions until during the last three years of his railroad career he was Train Master of the Jersey City Terminal of the Lehigh.

When he was thirty-five years old, Mr. Austin entered the Columbia Trust Co. of New York as a new business solicitor. He later organized the credit department of the company and was advanced successively to Assistant Secretary and Vice-President. He resigned this office to become President of The Mercantile Trust Co., which he helped to organize in May, 1917. When The Mercantile was merged with the Seaboard in 1922, Mr. Austin was elected President of the Bank. His election as President of The Equitable Trust Co. followed in September, 1929, when the Seaboard and Equitable were consolidated.

In addition to being President and Trustee of The Equitable, Mr. Austin was a director of the Prudential Insurance Co. of America, of the Bankers & Shippers Insurance Co., Safety Car Heating & Light Co., Borden Co. and Mercantile Safe Deposit Co. He recently had been elected President of The Equitable Eastern Banking Corp.

Aside from his banking and business interests he was closely identified with many educational and charitable undertakings. He was Treasurer and Trustee of the Finance Committee of the Tuskegee Normal and Industrial Institute, President and Director of the Bowling Green Neighborhood Association, Vice-President and Trustee of the State Charities Aid Association, Treasurer and Chairman of the Finance Committee of the China Medical Board, Inc., Treasurer and Trustee of the Milbank Memorial Fund and Treasurer and Director of the Welfare Council of New York City.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Harriman National Bank & Trust Co. will be held at its quarters, 527 Fifth Ave., New York, on Tuesday, Jan. 14. At the meeting the stockholders will vote upon a resolution passed by the directors on Dec. 5, recommending that out of the undivided profits of the bank, a dividend of 33 1-3% on the capital stock be paid to stockholders of record at the close of business on Jan. 20 1930, in the form of stock of the bank—one share of new stock for each three held at the date named. This will increase the capital of the bank from \$1,500,000 to \$2,000,000. The surplus will also be increased from \$1,000,000 to \$2,000,000. J. W. Harriman, President of the bank, in a letter to the stockholders under date of Dec. 7 says:

Scrip will be issued for fractional shares, but no dividend shall be paid on such scrip until presented for transfer to stock of the bank in amount or amounts equal to one or more full shares of the bank. The present par value of the stock of the Harriman National Bank & Trust Co., \$100, will not be changed. Each share of bank stock carries by endorsement a beneficial interest in the earnings of the Harriman Securities Corporation.

The stock of the Harriman National Bank & Trust Co. has enjoyed a notable increase in value during the past few years, which reflects the dividends paid and is indicative of the earnings of the bank. The stock has sold recently at \$2,000 per share. The original capital of the bank, \$200,000, increased to \$500,000 in 1912, with valuable rights to stockholders, was further increased to \$1,000,000 in 1917, the additional shares being distributed as a dividend. Dividends on the new capital were paid at the rate of \$10 per annum until 1921, the bank paying that year a regular and extra dividend aggregating 18%. From 1922 to 1925 the dividends were at the regular rate of 10% per annum and 10% extra. In 1925 a special dividend of 50% was disbursed and the Harriman Securities Corporation was founded. Since that time dividends, regular and extra, have aggregated a total of 20% per annum. In addition, the Harriman Securities Corporation paid in 1925 dividends of 20% which were enjoyed by the stockholders of the bank, and in 1929, in excess of 35%. In 1929, the capital of the bank was again increased by \$500,000, and the stock of the Harriman Securities Corporation proportionately increased, valuable rights being given to the stockholders of the bank to subscribe to its new shares on the basis of \$310 per share.

In its issue of Dec. 10 the New York "Journal of Commerce" said with reference to the proposed Park Row Trust Co.:

Authority to organize the Park Row Trust Co. at 154 Nassau St., the site of the defunct Clarke Bros. Bank, which failed last June, was granted yesterday by State Superintendent of Banking Joseph A. Broderick to a group of directors of the Plaza Trust Co., acting as individuals, who will organize the new bank in co-operation with the depositors of the former Clarke Bros. institution.

Under the plan of organization, the Clarke Bros.' depositors, of whom there are 2,200, have been allotted 49% of the capital stock for which they will pay the issue price of \$32 a share. The controlling 51% will be held by the Plaza Trust group of organizers.

The new trust company will be organized with a capital of \$500,000, surplus \$250,000 and \$50,000 for organization expenses, it was reaffirmed by M. H. Cahill, President of the Plaza Trust Co., spokesman for the organizers. The stock issue will be of 25,000 shares of \$20 par value, the surplus and organization funds running the issue price up to \$32 per share.

Joseph Brown, who has been President of the Sterling National Bank of New York since its organization, resigned his position with that institution on Dec. 13 and was re-elected to his old position as Vice-President of the Bank of United States. He will take up his new duties at the main office of The Bank of United States, Fifth Ave. at 44th St., next Monday. Mr. Brown was a Vice-President and director of The Bank of United States previous to becoming President of the Sterling. Before that he was for many years with the Chatham & Phenix National Bank, leaving there to become a Vice-President of the Central Mercantile Bank and Trust Co., with which latter institution he remained until its merger with The Bank of United States.

Directors of The Bank of United States of New York and of its securities affiliate, Bankus Corp., at meetings on Dec. 12 declared the regular quarterly dividend on The Bank of United States units at the rate of \$6.00 per year. The quarterly dividend declared yesterday is payable Jan. 2 to stockholders of record Dec. 18. The directors of the bank also voted to pay the usual Christmas bonus to its 2,000 employees. This bonus is on a graded scale up to 10%, according to the length of service. Barnard K. Marcus, President, reported to the Board that 1929 had been a year of greater progress and expansion than any previous year in the bank's history. He stated that during the year the bank had increased the number of its branches from 20 to 58 and the number of its depositors from 150,000 to over 400,000.

At the directors' meeting on Dec. 11 R. H. Leslie was elected Auditor of the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., of New York.

J. G. Geddes, Vice-President and head of the Foreign Department of The Union Trust Co., was appointed on Dec. 11 to the Executive Committee of the American Acceptance Council, composed of representatives of the larger banks of the country. F. J. Zurlinden, of the Federal Reserve Bank, is the only other Cleveland representative on the Executive Committee.

The Dec. 10 statement of Chemical National Associates, Inc., of New York, shows approximately 75% of its total resources in cash, call loans, demand loans, and Government bonds, and 25% in high grade securities. The company started business with \$40,000,000 in cash on Sept. 19 1929, and the total assets of the company as of Dec. 10 1929, taking all securities at market quotations, were in excess of the original paid-in funds. The paid-in funds of \$40,000,000 are represented by 1,500,000 shares of non-voting stock and 100,000 shares of voting stock. The voting stock is owned entirely by the Chemical National Co., Inc. The capital stock of this latter company is held by trustees for the benefit of the stockholders of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. The 1,500,000 shares of non-voting stock were originally offered exclusively to stockholders of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., the issue being heavily oversubscribed. The stock has had an active market on the Produce Exchange and the over-the-counter market. The authorized common stock, non-voting, is 5,000,000 shares, of which 1,500,000 shares are now outstanding. 750,000 shares of the authorized but unissued stock are reserved for the exercise of warrants now outstanding, each warrant entitling the holder thereof, until Jan. 1 1940, to purchase one share of common stock at \$27. The non-voting stock did not participate in these warrants. Chemical National Associates, Inc., was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware with broad powers, among others, to buy, sell, hold, or exchange securities, participate in syndicates, underwriting and in other financial transactions, control, manage or operate companies. It was desirable to have an auxiliary company whose specific charter provisions would supplement the powers included in a bank charter. Such a company can operate in fields kindred to banking and finance but where the furnishing of more or less permanent capital is involved as contrasted with a bank's primary function of supplying temporary capital.

James M. Beck will be the guest of honor and speaker at the next luncheon of the Bond Club of New York, which will be held at the Bankers' Club on Wednesday, Dec. 18. Mr. Beck is the member of the House of Representatives for the First District of Pennsylvania in the 70th and 71st Congress. He was formerly a member of the firm of Shearman & Sterling in New York, and was the Solicitor General of the United States from 1921 to 1925. Besides being a distinguished lawyer, Mr. Beck is an able speaker, and has written a number of important books. He is an officer of the Legion of Honor, and Commander of the Order of the Crown of Belgium.

The sale of 620,000 shares of new stock at \$70 a share to stockholders of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York was a complete success, it was announced on Dec. 9 by Chellis A. Austin, President of the Equitable. The subscription rights on this new stock expired at the close of business Dec. 7. Approximately \$45,000,000 in additional capital funds was raised through the purchase of these shares by stockholders and the sale at auction of an additional 20,000 shares on Dec. 5. A reference to this sale at auction appeared in our issue of Dec. 7, page 3578. The announcement of President Austin, Dec. 9, says:

The financing of this increase in capital funds by the Equitable Trust Co. was consummated without an underwriting of the new stock. Moreover, no postponement was made in the date for exercising the rights, although the subscription plan had been offered on Oct. 22, just before the severe break in the stock market. Rights went as low as \$3 during the worst of the recent depression, but recovered quickly to approximately \$5, and were traded in finally at \$14 a right just before their expiration on Saturday. In addition to the 620,000 shares of new stock offered to Equitable stockholders at \$70 a share, the 20,000 shares offered at public auction on Dec. 5 were sold at an average price of \$92.25.

The recapitalization program, under which the offering of new Equitable shares was made, provides that \$25,000,000 is to be invested in an affiliated securities company. The remaining sum of approximately \$20,000,000 will be added to the capital and surplus of the bank. As a result of this recapitalization plan, the Equitable Trust Co.'s aggregate capital funds, including the securities company capital, now total more than \$135,000,000.

The Manhattan Co. of New York, as a holding company, held its first meeting on Dec. 10, at which the new board was organized. Paul W. Warburg was elected Chairman of the Board; J. Stewart Baker, Chairman of the Executive Committee, and P. A. Rowley, President of the company. In addition to these three, the Board of Directors will include the following:

Stephen Baker
Bertram H. Borden
Matthew Brush
Marshall Field
Michael Friedsam
F. Abbot Goodhue
George McNeir

John C. Moore
Samuel Sloan
Felix M. Warburg
James P. Warburg
H. Pushae Williams
Daniel G. Wing

The board appointed the following officers:

W. A. Rush, Vice-President and Treasurer; F. C. Harris, Secretary, and M. W. Williams, Comptroller.

As the Manhattan Co. and the New York Title & Mortgage Co. announced on Oct. 24 a plan providing for the exchange of New York Title & Mortgage stock for stock of the Manhattan Co. at the rate of seven-twentieths of one share of the latter for each share of the former. It is expected that if this plan goes into effect three members of the board of the Mortgage Co. will be added to the board of the Manhattan Co. Mr. Warburg stated with respect to the recent increase in the capital stock of the Manhattan Co. that about 90% of the \$22,500,000 of new funds had been provided by subscriptions from the old stockholders. Only 10% had to be taken by the Underwriting Syndicate, and this small amount had been disposed of.

The Manhattan Co., as a holding company, has a capital of \$26,000,000, surplus of \$52,000,000, and undivided profits of \$10,000,000. It owns (excepting directors' qualifying shares) all of the stock of the Bank of Manhattan Trust Co., doing a domestic banking and trust business in its 65 offices located throughout Greater New York; the International Acceptance Bank, Inc., engaged in foreign banking business throughout the world, and the International Manhattan Co., Inc., a securities company.

It was learned on Dec. 11 that the proposed merger between the Continental Bank & Trust Co. and the Fidelity Trust Co. of New York will not take place. Both Mr. Hornby, President of the Continental, and Mr. Blaine, President of the Fidelity Trust, stated that negotiations were discontinued by reason of failure to agree on matters of policy. Items regarding the negotiations looking toward a merger of the two institutions appeared in our issues of Sept. 21, page 1837, and Oct. 12, page 2336. The "Times" of Dec. 12, commenting on the dropping of the plans for the union of these institutions, said:

Failure of this merger made the third instance this year in which negotiations to join two New York City banks had reached an advanced stage only to be called off. The first case was that of the Bank of America, National Association, and the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., plans for a merger of which were abandoned because the directors could not agree on terms. The second was that of the merger of the National City Bank and the Corn Exchange Bank Trust Co., which failed of ratification by the National City's stockholders because the decline in the price of shares of the two banks had made it inevitable that cash would have to be paid for all Corn Exchange shares.

J. Hartley Mellick, a special partner in the banking and brokerage house of Bull, Eldridge & Co., this city, died of pneumonia on November 29 at his home in Plainfield, N. J., after a short illness. Mr. Mellick, who was 43 years of age, was born in Bayonne, N. J. For years he was associated with the banking firm of Carlisle, Mellick & Co. of New York. He held his seat on the New York Stock Exchange a year ago.

Fred W. Pope, former Treasurer of the Framingham Trust Co., Framingham, Mass., was sentenced on December 4 to serve six to seven years in the State Prison by Judge Fosdick in the Middlesex Superior Court, following his plea of "guilty" to an indictment containing eight counts charging larceny of \$74,000 of the institution's funds, according to the Boston "Transcript" of that date. A press dispatch from Framingham on November 22 to the Boston "Herald", reporting the arrest of the former Treasurer, contained the following statement issued by the executive committee of the institution:

"Absolutely no loss to the bank will result from irregularities on the part of its former treasurer which were recently discovered by officers of the bank. Surety company fidelity bonds held by the bank for just such emergencies are ample to secure every dollar involved and no loss will be met by this bank. The Framingham Trust Co. is to-day in an exceptionally sound condition."

"The bank has, in its own vault, at this moment, larger cash resources than ever before and its investments are sound and well diversified. Within

the past two years it has secured its new banking rooms, which are paid for in full, while during the same period its combined capital, surplus and undivided profits have been increased from \$265,000 to \$432,000."

At a regular meeting of the Executive Committee of the National City Bank of New York, on Dec. 10, Leo J. Schoenhoff was appointed an Assistant Cashier. He will be located at the 42nd Street branch.

That payment of a \$1.50 dividend to stockholders of the defunct New Jersey Bankers' Securities Co. of Passaic, N. J., is proposed by the receivers of the company in an application to Vice-Chancellor John H. Backes, was reported in a dispatch by the Associated Press from Newark on December 5, printed in the New York "Evening Post" of the same date, which added:

There are 648,669 shares of the company outstanding. A dividend of \$1.50 would amount to a disbursement of nearly \$1,000,000.

The placing in receivership on July 25 last, of the New Jersey Bankers' Securities Co., followed the closing the previous day of the Hobart Trust Co. of Passaic, an institution controlled by the New Jersey Bankers' Securities Co. The trust company has since reopened under new management. Reference was made to the closing of the New Jersey Bankers' Securities Co. in the "Chronicle" of July 27, page 580, and its affairs referred to in several subsequent issues.

James J. Diamond was appointed a Vice-President of the Girard Avenue Title & Trust Co. of Philadelphia on Dec. 4, to succeed the late John H. Gay, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Dec. 5.

We are advised that Timothy C. Cumming, for twenty years associated with the old Connecticut National Bank of Bridgeport, Conn, and for five years prior to its consolidation with the First National Bank of that city Assistant Cashier of the institution, on Dec. 1 joined the staff of the Guaranty Bank & Trust Co. of Bridgeport. Mr. Cumming is in charge of the bank's new business. In reporting his proposed connection with the Guaranty Bank & Trust Co., the Bridgeport "Post" of Nov. 23 had the following to say:

"Tim" Cumming, during the time he was connected with the old Connecticut National Bank, was considered the most popular bank official in the city. He was active in club life. For the past ten years he has been connected with the accounting firm of Hadfield, Rothwell, Soule & Coates of Hartford, his specialty being on bank examinations and organization and on Federal tax matters. He was with the Guaranty Bank and Trust Co. at its opening in a supervising capacity.

Elwood F. Reeves, Jr., and Leslie R. Tindall have been appointed Assistant Treasurers of the Industrial Trust Co. of Philadelphia, according to the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Dec. 7.

The National Union Bank of Reading, Pa., with capital of \$200,000 was placed in voluntary liquidation on Nov. 30. The institution has been absorbed by the Reading Trust Co. of Reading.

The Foreman-State National Bank and the Foreman-State Trust & Savings Bank will open their doors Monday, Dec. 16 1929 in the new Foreman-State National Bank Building at La Salle and Washington Streets, as the third largest bank in Chicago. These financial institutions represent the consolidation of the State Bank of Chicago with the Foreman National Bank and the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank, having total resources in excess of \$220,000,000. The Foreman-State Corp., the securities affiliate of the banks, has already taken up its quarters in the new skyscraper. The Foreman banks and the State Bank of Chicago have long been identified with the financial history of Chicago. The official announcement says:

The State Bank of Chicago was founded fifty years ago by Helge A. Haugan and John R. Lindgren. The bank prospered from its organization and in 1884 it opened larger quarters. In 1891 the bank was incorporated under the laws of the State of Illinois with Mr. Haugan as President and Mr. Lindgren as Cashier.

In 1897 the State Bank moved to larger quarters at the corner of La Salle and Washington Streets, the present site of the new skyscraper which will house the combined banks. The State Bank remained at this location until it moved into its own building in 1928.

Since its incorporation in 1891 the deposits have increased from \$831,000 to more than \$64,000,000 without the means of consolidation or merger. During this period Chicago enjoyed its greatest growth and assumed its place as the financial centre of the Middle West.

The Foreman banks were established by Gerhard Foreman in 1862. In 1897 the Foreman Bank was incorporated as a State institution, and in 1923 a National bank charter was taken out for the Foreman National Bank, and the Foreman Trust & Savings Bank retained the original charter of 1897. During this period, from 1897 to date, the deposits have grown from \$977,000 to more than \$115,000,000.

The new home of the combined banks will be the recently completed 38-story building in the heart of Chicago's financial centre. The building

is known as the Foreman-State National Bank Building. The banks will occupy the basement, in which the vaults are located, the first eight floors, and the 38th floor. The new building represents the most modern and most complete housing facilities for a financial institution. Working accommodations for more than one thousand employees have been provided. The main banking floor is 166x54 feet and 36 feet high.

The executive officers of the banks will be Oscar G. Foreman, Chairman of the executive committee; Harold E. Foreman, Chairman of the board; Oscar H. Haugan, Vice-Chairman of the board, and Walter W. Head, President.

All officers and employees of both institutions will be retained.

In furtherance of the organization of the new Chicago Bank of Commerce, Chicago (reference to which was made in our issue of Sept. 28, page 2014), stockholders of the institution at a meeting held Tuesday of this week, Dec. 10, elected 11 of the 17 directors to compose the board of the new bank, following which those chosen formally met and appointed Henry S. Henschen, President of the institution; Adolph Lindstrom, Vice-President in charge of real estate loans; Edward A. Schroeder, Vice-President and Cashier, and Philip Weinheimer, Assistant Cashier. The Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 11, from which the above information is obtained, further stated that the other six directors will be elected at an adjourned meeting of the stockholders on Jan. 14, and at least two other officers will be chosen at a future meeting of the Board. The directors elected, as named in the paper mentioned, were:

W. L. Abbott, chief operating engineer of the Commonwealth Edison Co.; S. A. Bennett, secretary of the Wilson & Bennett Mfg. Co.; Harry W. Bishop, President of the Bishop Lumber Co.; Mr. Henschen, President of the Congress Trust & Savings Bank; Mr. Lindstrom, President of Adolph Lindstrom Co.; Francis Matthews, director and member of the executive committee of the Utilities Power & Light Corp.; Roy C. Nereim, President of the Q. R. S.-DeVry Corp.; J. A. O. Preus, Vice-President of W. A. Alexander & Co. and former Governor of Minnesota; Mr. Schroeder, former Vice-President and Cashier of the National Bank of Woodlawn; Paul Schulze, President of the Paul Schulze Biscuit Co., and J. P. Seeburg, President of the J. P. Seeburg Corp.

It was stated that Vincent Bendix, who subscribed for \$510,000 worth of stock in the new bank, has been asked to accept a place on the directorate. In conclusion, the paper mentioned said:

Mr. Henschen stated that the safe deposit vaults of the bank, which will be located at 7 South Dearborn Street, were open for business and that the bank itself would open as soon as the \$5,100,000 capital stock had been paid for and the necessary legal formalities complied with, which, he estimated, would take 30 days.

Directors of the Detroit & Security Trust Co. have declared, in addition to the regular dividend of 3%, an extra dividend of 2% on the capital stock, payable Dec. 31 to stockholders of record Dec. 21. This is the company's 100th consecutive dividend, the first having been paid on Jan. 2 1902, after one year of operation. The Detroit & Security Trust Co. was organized as the Detroit Trust Co. on Dec. 17 1900, and offices were opened in January 1901 on the second floor of the old Butler Building, then at 514 Griswold St. The original invested capital was \$1,000,000; to-day it is nearly \$15,000,000. On Sept. 27 last, the directors voted to recommend to the stockholders on affiliation with the Peoples Wayne County Bank, the First National Bank, the Bank of Michigan and the Peninsular State Bank. This was confirmed on Nov. 7 by the announcement that 75% of the respective stocks had been deposited to form a holding company, to be known as the Detroit Bankers' Co., with resources totalling \$725,000,000, said to be the seventh largest banking group in the United States.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the Union Title & Guaranty Co., Detroit, on Dec. 10, Edwin H. Lindow was appointed President and John N. Stalker, formerly President, was made Chairman of the Board. An announcement by the bank says:

Mr. Lindow, who has been Vice-President and general manager of the title company, came to the Union Trust Co. in 1909. He has been actively connected with the abstract and title departments during his 20 years with the company. In 1921, this branch of the trust company business had grown to such scope that it was capitalized as an affiliated company, the Union Title & Guaranty Co., with a capital stock of \$500,000. In 1925, this capitalization was increased to \$1,000,000, where it stands to-day. The present surplus is approximately \$268,000. Total assets amount to more than \$1,500,000, including a reserve of a part of each title insurance premium paid and an abstract plant value far in excess of book figures.

The Union Title & Guaranty Co. has branches in Pontiac, Mt. Clemens and Royal Oak and is also affiliated with abstract companies representing 43 counties in Michigan.

Mr. Lindow has been very active in the affairs of the American Title Association, of which he is Vice-President and Chairman of the executive committee.

The number of directors on the board was increased by six, but owing to the death of W. Howie Muir, seven new members were elected. These are Hobart B. Hoyt, John H. French, Luman W. Goodenough, Andrew L. Malott, Lewis K. Walker, Luther S. Trowbridge, and Edwin H. Lindow. The former members of the board, George H. Klein, Fred T. Moran, Frank W. Blair, and John N. Stalker, were re-elected.

Washington Becker, President of the Marine National Bank of Milwaukee, Wis., died on Dec. 9 in that city after an extended illness. He was 82 years of age. Mr. Becker was one of the leading bankers of the Northwest and identified with many of the most important interests of that region, being a director of numerous corporations. He was the father of Sherburn M. Becker, head of the New York Stock Exchange house of H. L. Horton & Co. of New York.

The Northwest Bancorporation, Minneapolis, through its President, E. W. Decker, announced on Dec. 12 that the State Bank of Northfield, Minn., and the Harbine Bank of Fairbury, Neb., had become affiliated with the bancorporation. This brings the number of Nebraska banks in the group to six, the others being the First National Bank and Fairbury Savings Bank of Fairbury, the United States National Bank, Stock Yards National Bank and South Omaha Savings Bank of Omaha. The Harbine Bank, established in 1873 has capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$226,947, deposits of \$2,401,540, and resources of \$2,633,487. The State Bank of Northfield has capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$103,620, deposits of \$1,092,777, and resources of \$1,213,586. These two additions bring the number of banks affiliated with Northwest Bancorporation to 84, variously located in Minnesota, Wisconsin, Iowa, Nebraska, North Dakota, South Dakota, Montana and Washington, with combined resources of \$465,849,547.

We are advised by the First Bank Stock Corp. (with head offices in Minneapolis and St. Paul) that the Lumbermen's Acceptance Corp. of Chicago has been acquired and that extension of the corporation's activities into the commercial financing field is to be undertaken immediately, according to an announcement by George H. Prince of St. Paul, President of the corporation. The communication, which comes from the Minneapolis office under date of Dec. 12, reads in part as follows:

The Lumbermen's Acceptance Corp. of Chicago, which has been operating nationally, has been purchased by the First Bank Stock Corp. of Minneapolis and St. Paul and its name changed to First Acceptance Corp. Executive offices will be transferred from Chicago to St. Paul and the new subsidiary will supplement the services extended by the group of 77 banks controlled by the holding company in the Ninth Federal Reserve District.

The First Acceptance Corp., according to Mr. Prince, will supply credit needs of the Northwest in fields which cannot be met by regular banking and trust facilities. Hitherto, such credit requirements have been dependent upon large Eastern companies and it is intended through the purchase of this company to eliminate the necessity of merchants and manufacturers looking to the East for their needs.

The First Acceptance Corp. will continue to finance the manufacturer and distributor of building supplies through the reputable, established lumber dealers in the cities and towns throughout the United States, and particularly specialize in financing any materials or equipment sold to the home owner.

Although its headquarters have been maintained in Chicago, the Lumbermen's Acceptance Corp. has been controlled by St. Paul interests. Paul J. Kalman, H. H. Irvine, L. M. Lilly, and their associates were the original organizers, with Mr. Lilly in executive charge as President. The company began operations in January 1928, when it was incorporated under the Delaware laws. To-day it has a capital and surplus of \$580,000 and total assets of approximately \$2,000,000. Its acquisition by the First Bank Stock Corp. was through exchange of stock.

L. M. Lilly, who is a brother of Richard C. Lilly, President of the First National Bank of St. Paul, will continue as President, and will move from Chicago to St. Paul.

Executive offices will be located temporarily in the Merchants Bank Bldg. in St. Paul and permanent offices are being provided for in the plans for the new First National Bank Bldg. A branch office will be continued in Chicago and additional branch offices will be opened as the need develops.

In commenting on the acquisition, C. T. Jaffray, Chairman of the Board of the First Bank Stock Corp., said that he believed the supplying of adequate credit facilities through the operation of the First Acceptance Corp. should have a marked stimulating effect on the development of the Northwest.

"Entrance of the First Bank Stock Corp. through a subsidiary into the general, commercial financing fields is in line with the announced purpose of the corporation of providing complete financial facilities for the Northwest," Mr. Jaffray said. "The business which the First Acceptance Corp. will conduct is of a highly specialized nature. In recent years commercial financing corporations of this type have developed extensively in the East, particularly in New York and Baltimore. They supply credits supporting the manufacturer and jobber in the distribution of their products and releasing the manufacturer's capital for the conduct of his own business.

"While the corporation's activities are and will be national in scope, there exists in the Northwest an extensive field for such financing which is outside the natural limitations of commercial banking. Northwestern manufacturers will now have available a credit source which will put them on a comparable competitive basis with the manufacturers of the East. For the time being the First Acceptance Corp. will pursue the program inaugurated by the Lumbermen's Acceptance Corp. supplying financing for home construction and equipment, and dealing with and through the manufacturers of building supplies. The operation of this company, we believe, will assist the general construction program of the Northwestern States and later we expect to expand to cover other lines of manufacturing and distribution."

A new Bank, the National Bank of Benson, Minn., was organized by the corporation last week, according to an announcement by the Minneapolis office of the company, which said:

To meet the emergency existing in Benson, Minn., caused by the closing of its only bank, the First Bank Stock Corp. has organized the National Bank of Benson which will commence operations immediately. The bank has been capitalized at \$50,000 with surplus of \$25,000, according to the announcement from P. J. Leeman, Vice-President and General Manager of the corporation.

A temporary organization composed of executives of the corporation and of the First National Bank of Minneapolis sponsors the new bank. A permanent organization is now being perfected. As chartered, P. J. Leeman is President; J. H. Coleman of Junell, Oakley, Driscoll & Fletcher, is Vice-President, and Lyle W. Scholes, Cashier. The board is composed of C. T. Jaffray, President of the Soo Line and Chairman of the Board of the corporation; R. W. Webb, President of the First Minneapolis Trust Co.; J. S. Pomeroy, Vice-President of the First National Bank in Minneapolis, Mr. Leeman, and Mr. Coleman.

In the near future C. A. Adams, receiver of three closed banks at Rush City, Delano and Buffalo, will become President. Mr. Adams is a banker of many years experience. H. W. Lundin of the staff of the West Broadway office of the First National in Minneapolis, will become Cashier. Mr. Adams and Mr. Lundin will make their residences in Benson. The present directors will be succeeded by a board of local men.

The new bank has established temporary quarters in the building formerly occupied by the Security State Bank. The Swift County Bank, which closed last week, is the third Benson bank to go into liquidation, leaving the city without banking facilities until the organization of the First Bank Stock Corp. subsidiary.

The Minneapolis office of the corporation advises us that in their announcement last week (Dec. 5) of the acquisition of the First National Bank of Spring Valley, Minn. (and which appeared in our issue of Dec. 7, page 3581) an error was made in the bank's total resources. The figures should have read \$1,387,928.94 and not \$1,574,898.94, as erroneously stated.

E. Channing Kibbee, formerly Manager of the Minneapolis office of Salomon Bros. & Hutzler of New York, was elected a Vice-President of the First Bank Stock Corp. of Minneapolis and St. Paul at a meeting of the corporation's executive committee held Wednesday, Dec. 4, according to an announcement by the corporation. Mr. Kibbee will be in charge of investments for the 77 banks now affiliated with the First Bank Stock Corp. and will assume his new duties immediately. He will be located in the Minneapolis offices of the First Bank Stock Corp. Mr. Kibbee has lived in the Twin Cities practically the whole of his life and is an investment banker of long experience. He began his career as an investment banker in 1907 as Manager of the St. Paul office of the Stevens Chapman Co. of Minneapolis. From 1918 to 1924 he was director of the fiscal agency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Minneapolis, leaving that organization to assume the managership of the Minneapolis office of Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, members New York Stock Exchange.

A dispatch from Creston, Iowa, on Dec. 10 to the Des Moines "Register" stated that a proposed merger of the Creston National Bank with the First National Bank of Creston, Creston, Iowa, was announced on Dec. 9 by Homer F. Harsh and Frank A. Ide, the respective Presidents of the institutions. The enlarged First National Bank of Creston will have resources of approximately \$2,000,000. Mr. Ide continues as chief executive, while Mr. Harsh becomes a Vice-President. G. A. Mosely, Manager of the First National, will retain that office, it was said.

The International Co. of Denver has been formed to continue the investment business heretofore carried on by the bond department of The International Trust Co. of Denver. The new company is entirely owned by The International Trust Co. and occupies a new building at 625 Seventeenth St. adjoining and connecting with the trust company. Officers are: John Evans, President; J. W. Hyer, Vice-President; C. B. Engle, Secretary and Treasurer, George F. Baldwin, Chas. W. Webb and Frederick A. Adams, managers of municipal, trading and sales departments, respectively.

On Dec. 7 the Comptroller of the Currency issued a charter for the Pipestone National Bank, Pipestone, Minn. The new institution is capitalized at \$75,000. A. C. Walker is President and A. Enger, Cashier.

A charter was issued by the Comptroller of the Currency on Dec. 4 for the Dakota National Bank & Trust Co. of Bismarck, N. D., capitalized at \$100,000. The institution succeeds the First Guaranty Bank of Bismarck. J. C. Taylor is President and J. P. Wagner, Cashier.

As of Dec. 1, the National Park Bank of Livingston, Mont. capitalized at \$100,000, went into voluntary liquidation.

The National Park Bank in Livingston has succeeded the institution.

Supplementing our item of Nov. 30 (page 3424) with reference to the closing of 12 Oklahoma banks on Nov. 27, following the sudden death the previous night of H. A. McCauley, of Sapulpa, Okla., Chairman of the Board of 13 banks in that State, a dispatch by the Associated Press on Dec. 6 from Oklahoma City, printed in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of the following day, contained the following:

H. A. McCauley, of Sapulpa, chief stockholder in 12 State banks which failed last week following his death, had insured his life for \$127,000, payable to the institutions, an agent of a New Jersey company which held the policies today advised the State Bank Commissioner.

Of the insurance from this company, \$77,000 was made payable to the failed Sapulpa State Bank, the largest of the 12 institutions, \$15,000 to the Henryetta State Bank, and the remainder divided among the other 10 banks in smaller towns.

The agent said he had been informed by representatives of another insurance company that \$55,000 life insurance would be paid from that source to the Sapulpa State Bank.

Checks for the amounts designated in the policies will be turned over to the State Bank Commission within the next week.

With reference to the affairs of the defunct South Pasadena National Bank, South Pasadena, Cal., (the failure of which on June 28 last, was reported in our issue of July 13, page 228) announcement was made on Nov. 27 that persons whose claims against the institution were filed prior to Nov. 1st, would receive a dividend of 50% on presentation of their receiver's certificates at the receiver's office, corner of Fair Oaks and Mission Streets, South Pasadena, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of Nov. 28, which went on to say:

The first batch of dividend checks has just been received from Washington by F. W. Heathcote, receiver in charge. A second consignment of dividend checks, covering 50% on those claims filed during the early part of November, has been sent to Washington for signature and these will be distributed when received.

A press dispatch from South Pasadena on Oct. 31, printed in the paper mentioned, contained the following statement issued by Mr. Heathcote, the receiver:

"A stock assessment of 100% was levied against the stockholders of the bank on Sept. 21, last. Acting favorably upon the receiver's recommendations, the Comptroller now authorizes distribution to depositors and other creditors whose claims have been filed and proven, an initial dividend of 50%.

"This dividend is payable only to those holding receiver's certificates and cannot be paid until the dividend checks are received, which may not be for three weeks. In the meantime, any attempt to obtain dividend checks prior to the announcement that these are ready, will merely delay the work.

"The work of liquidation is proceeding and additional dividends will be paid as funds are collected."

Effective Nov. 25 the Woodside National Bank of Greenville, S. C., with capital of \$250,000, went into voluntary liquidation. As noted in our issue of Oct. 26 last, (page 2633) the institution was taken over by the People's State Bank of South Carolina, the head office of which is in Columbia, C. C.

The National State Bank of Columbia, S. C., capitalized at \$100,000, was placed in voluntary liquidation on Dec. 3. The institution was absorbed by the People's State Bank of South Carolina, Columbia, S. C., as indicated in the "Chronicle" of Oct. 26 1929, page 2633.

W. H. Jackson, for the past five years a Vice-President of the Jackson State National Bank of Jackson, Miss., in charge of the cotton department, has resigned to accept the Presidency of the recently organized Mississippi Co-operative Cotton Association, according to the Jackson "News" of Dec. 4. In addition to his duties as President of the Cotton Association, Mr. Jackson will retain his interest in the Liberty Bank at Liberty, Miss., of which he has been President for many years. Continuing the local paper said:

Mr. Jackson came here from Liberty some years ago and was connected with the Mississippi Farm Bureau Cotton Federation for about two years, then going to the Jackson State National Bank as Vice-President in charge of the cotton department. He is rated one of the State's foremost authorities on cotton and cotton financing.

"The Jackson State National Bank reluctantly accepted Mr. Jackson's resignation, feeling that his wise counsel and deliberate judgment have been a valuable asset to that institution," says an announcement of his resignation. "In relinquishing his services, however, the bank finds consolation in the fact that he is going to a field of important endeavor for the cotton growers of Mississippi."

Allen Merrill Brown, former President of the East Alabama National Bank of Eufaula, Ala., on Dec. 2 pleaded "guilty" to embezzlement of \$136,000 of the bank's funds, and was sentenced to three years in the Federal penitentiary at Atlanta, according to Associated Press advices from Montgomery, Ala., printed in the St. Louis "Globe-Democrat" of the following day. The closing of the East Alabama

National Bank of Eufaula on July 1 last, following the admission of Mr. Brown of a shortage in his accounts and his surrender to the Federal authorities at Montgomery, was reported in our issue of July 13, page 228.

As reported in the Los Angeles "Times" of Dec. 5, the Bank of America of California (head office Los Angeles), which recently acquired about six banks in the outlying districts of the Los Angeles metropolitan area, on Dec. 9 was to take over the First National Bank of Anaheim, Cal., which on Oct. 4 last had deposits of \$4,284,000. The acquired bank would be operated as a branch of the Bank of America of California, it was said, with H. H. Benjamin, its President, as Manager. The previous week, it was said, the Bank of America acquired the Arroyo Seco State Bank, Los Angeles, with deposits of upwards of \$1,000,000 and other recent purchases include the National Bank of Hermosa Beach, the Florence National of Florence, the Graham National of Graham and the Monterey Park Commercial & Savings Bank of Monterey Park.

H. D. Ivey, President of the Citizens' National Trust & Savings Bank of Los Angeles, announced recently that the directors had declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share, payable Jan. 2 to stockholders of record Dec. 24. This dividend, the 117th consecutive one to be paid by the institution, continues the 20% rate to which the stock was advanced last April, and is equivalent to \$5 a share on the old stock. The Citizens' National Co., the investment arm of the bank, has declared a dividend of 20c a share, equivalent to \$1 per share on the old stock. A statement in the matter by the bank furthermore says:

It will be recalled that in June of this year the stockholders endorsed a five-for-one split, changing par value of shares from \$100 to \$20. This split was made to permit a wider distribution of the stock, since the market price under the old par had advanced to such high figures, and also to encourage the staff to acquire an interest in their institution. It has been successful, Mr. Ivey states, and the staff is well represented on the stockholders' list. The bank has always prided itself on being a Southern California institution, and its stock is largely held in this section.

There has always been good demand for the stock, according to Mr. Ivey, but as it is held mostly for investment only a comparatively small amount finds its way on to the exchange. Book value of the stock has shown a good increase in the past year. The stock is selling at less than twice its book value, which is well below the average for similarly strong banks.

A thoroughly satisfactory condition of earnings is indicated in the continuance of the 20% dividend rate by the bank. It represents an actual increase in the amount of the dividend, since it applies on an increased capital. Early in the year 10,000 shares of \$100 par value were offered, and were quickly taken at \$500. The returns from this sale were divided \$1,000,000 to capital, \$3,000,000 to surplus, and \$1,000,000 to the Citizens' National Co.

The current year thus far, Mr. Ivey states, has been the most prosperous in the history of the bank. As a result of the successful year, and following the custom of previous year, the bank will make a liberal bonus distribution to its employees.

H. E. Anthony, Manager of one of the San Diego branches of the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, was arrested on Nov. 26 for alleged embezzlement of more than \$200,000 from the funds in his charge, according to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of the following day. The former Manager, it was said, according to San Diego officials of the bank, when confronted with auditors' reports on irregularities in his books, maintained his innocence for several days, but finally confessed. He refused, however, to say why he had stolen the money or what he had done with it. His irregularities are said to have covered a long period. In advices by the Associated Press from San Diego on Nov. 26, printed in the paper mentioned, G. A. Davidson, Vice-Chairman of the Board of the Bank of Italy, in charge of the San Diego area, was reported as saying:

"As nearly as I can determine now, the money was taken by manipulation of three or four large accounts.

"The defalcations began soon after the stock market crash. I understand that Anthony was heavily interested in the market."

H. R. Erkes, Vice-President and Vice-Chairman of the board of management of the Southern Division of the Bank of Italy (head office San Francisco) announced on Dec. 4 that the Bank of Italy would take over the Long Beach, Cal., branch of the Bank of America of California (head office Los Angeles) on Dec. 9 and consolidate its business with the Bank of Italy's Long Beach and Marine Trust offices in that place, the merged branches to occupy the offices at Fourth and Pine Streets, Long Beach, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of Dec. 5, which furthermore said:

The Bank of Italy will begin to operate a new branch to be known as the First and Pine branch in the same location as the old Long Beach office. The personnel of all three banks is to be retained.

Advices from Montreal on Dec. 3 to the "Wall Street Journal" stated that the Bank of Montreal has accepted plans for the construction of a \$1,000,000 bank building in Ottawa. The new structure will be on Wellington Street, facing the Parliament buildings, and work on it will be started next year.

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market has been decidedly reactionary, with alternate periods of weakness and strength, and on Thursday suffered a sharp break that carried many of the speculative favorites back to new low levels for the present movement. On Saturday the advances were quite evenly distributed throughout the list, but on Monday and Tuesday the market was under heavy pressure and irregularity developed all along the line. Public utility shares have been attracting considerable speculative attention and both motor and steel stocks were in moderate demand during the early sessions, but the general list, as a rule, moved within a narrow range. One of the interesting developments of the week was the reduction in the minimum rate of discount of the Bank of England from 5½% to 5%. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank, made public after the close of business on Thursday, showed an increase of \$33,000,000 in brokers' loans. Call money renewed at 4½% on Monday and remained unchanged at that rate throughout the week.

The feature of the short session on Saturday was the powerful bullish operations which were pressed forward during the greater part of the trading. Sales for the two hours swelled to such proportions that the mechanical facilities became inadequate and the ticker was 52 minutes behind at the closing hour. The movement centered largely in the pivotal shares. United States Steel common staged one of the most spectacular advances it has had for many weeks as it rushed forward more than 12 points to above 183, and closed at 182½ with a net gain of 11 points, thereby scoring a net advance of more than 20 points on the week. Another outstanding feature was the buoyancy of Westinghouse Electric, which shot upward about 6½ points at its top for the day and closed at 158. Motor shares were in stronger demand than at any time in several weeks, Chrysler leading the upward swing with a gain of 2½ points, followed by Hudson with an advance of 2 points and Auburn with a 7-point gain. Other strong stocks gaining 5 to 10 points were Allied Chemical & Dye and American & Foreign Power. In the final hour considerable profit-taking appeared, and General Electric dropped off about 4 points, and Columbia Graphophone, General Railway Signal, American Power & Light, and United States Rubber dipped from 2 to 3 points each.

On Monday the market developed considerable irregularity, due to heavy realizing which completely erased the gains of the early trading. United States Steel moved to the front in the forenoon and scored a new high for the movement, though it sold off at the close with a net loss on the day. Copper stocks and motor shares also were strong in the early dealings, but the demand disappeared in the late trading. Aviation shares were stronger, United Aircraft standing out prominently in the advances and closing at 49⅞, with a net gain of 4 points. Curtiss-Wright was also higher. Railroad shares were represented on the upside by Atlantic Coast Line, which gained 2 points to 182½; Chesapeake & Ohio, which improved 3 points to 212, and New Haven, which moved ahead 3½ points to 87½. The outstanding favorites in the public utilities group were American & Foreign Power 2nd pref., which improved 2 points to 96, and Detroit Edison, which shot ahead 4¾ points to 214¼. The market fluctuated over a somewhat narrow range on Tuesday, though on the whole there was some progress on the side of the advance. Buying in the rails was brisk and included both dividend payers and the low priced stocks. Large blocks of Baltimore & Ohio were taken at up to 121¾, though the price slipped back to 119½ at the close, a net gain of over a point. Other favorites conspicuous in the buying were St. Paul, which closed with a gain of 2½ points; New York Central, which gained a point and closed at 180½, followed by Atchison and Wabash, both of which displayed similar gains. United States Steel common was in good demand and closed with a gain of nearly 2 points. Bethlehem Steel was up nearly 2 points,

as it closed at 98½, and both General Electric and Westinghouse were higher most of the time.

Irregularity was again the dominating feature of the market on Wednesday and culminated in a sharp downward reaction in the final hour. United States Steel common broke to new low ground for the reaction at 178. Westinghouse and General Electric were also forced down below their previous levels, and copper shares turned soft following the weakness in Anaconda. Radio Corp. forged ahead during the first hour and crossed 49, but slipped back during the last half hour, and closed at 46¼ with a loss of 1¼ points. Public utility stocks were among the best performers, and while they gave ground in the closing hour most of them were able to hold some of their gains. Federal Light & Traction, for instance, closed at 77½ with a net gain of 7½ points; Standard Gas & Electric improved 5 points to 133¼. Other strong stocks worthy of note were Allied Chemical & Dye, which advanced 8⅞ points to 265; Auburn Auto, which gained 7 points to 212; People's Gas, which improved 6¼ points to 276; Wabash, which forged ahead nearly 3 points to 56, and Pittsburgh & West Virginia, which surged forward 12¾ points to 117¾.

The market opened weak on Thursday, broke sharply during the afternoon, and stocks reached their lowest levels in the final hour. The recession included practically every group, with net losses running up to 3 or 4 points. United States Steel common was heavily sold and lost about 10 points from Monday's high. Public utilities suffered with the rest of the list, and such high-grade stocks as Consolidated Gas and Columbia Gas were off from 7 to 8 points. American Can lost 8½ points and closed at 112½; Amer. Tel. & Tel. was off 9 points at 218½; General Electric slipped back 12 points to 232½, and Radio Corp. dipped 6 points to 40¼. Prices fluctuated violently up and down throughout the session on Friday, and many of the speculative favorites like General Electric, American Can, United States Steel common, and American & Foreign Power moved back and forth as they battled against the bears. Late in the session the market regained its poise, and some of the more popular issues regained part of their early losses. In the early trading General Electric dipped to 220, but rebounded to 237 in the late transactions and closed at 235 with a net gain of 2½ points. United States Steel common dropped to 164¼ and then ran upward to 172, and ended the session with a gain of 5½ points; Radio Corp. receded to 39 and moved up to 44⅞ with a net advance of 4⅞ points. In the general list many prominent issues closed the day at higher levels. Among those especially noteworthy were Air Reduction, 5⅞ points to 125¼; Am. Machine & Foundry, 4½ points to 219½; American Power & Light, 5¼ points to 82¾; Auburn Motors, 23 points to 213; Missouri Pacific, 6½ points; Union Pacific, 6⅝ points to 219¾, and Western Union Telegraph, 7½ points to 201.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Dec. 13.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	3,002,560	\$4,998,000	\$1,430,000	\$314,000
Monday	5,018,059	12,023,000	2,854,000	732,000
Tuesday	3,647,480	8,347,000	2,952,000	1,297,000
Wednesday	3,897,300	7,410,000	2,675,000	593,000
Thursday	4,504,860	9,087,000	3,051,000	408,000
Friday	4,386,960	8,739,000	1,978,000	1,399,000
Total	24,457,210	\$50,604,000	\$14,943,000	\$4,659,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Dec. 13.		Jan. 1 to Dec. 13.	
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Stocks—No. of shares.	24,457,210	23,164,820	1,085,440,250	855,157,739
Bonds.	\$4,659,000	\$3,614,000	\$134,482,000	\$176,211,750
State and foreign bonds	14,943,000	14,955,000	626,436,650	724,799,135
Railroad & misc. bonds	50,604,000	33,340,000	2,099,704,800	2,152,284,176
Total	\$71,206,000	\$51,909,000	\$2,861,623,450	\$3,053,295,061

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Dec. 13 1929.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*53,313	\$15,000	a66,245	\$17,500	2,507	\$25,300
Monday	*79,215	15,000	a108,068	21,500	3,996	16,200
Tuesday	*74,329	28,000	a73,237	41,000	2,737	30,300
Wednesday	*67,007	32,000	a85,305	21,000	1,900	9,700
Thursday	*79,907	35,000	a190,040	16,000	2,118	11,700
Friday	*78,615	91,000	a21,700	-----	6,376	12,000
Total	432,386	\$216,000	544,595	\$117,000	19,634	\$95,200
Prev. week revised	377,294	\$171,500	529,356	\$98,100	18,459	\$134,400

* In addition, sales of rights were: Saturday, 202; Monday, 676; Tuesday, 721; Wednesday, 141; Thursday, 329.
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THE CURB EXCHANGE.

Curb Exchange prices lost ground this week in a market in which movements were decidedly erratic. A drop in the volume of business accompanied the irregular trend. Utilities as usual show a wide range of losses. Allied Power & Light com. dropped from 44⅞ to 34⅞ and ends the week at 37. Amer. & Foreign Power warrants lost about 15 points to 62 and closed to-day at 70½. Amer. Gas & Elec. com. moved down from 134½ to 111¼, the final transaction to-day being at 120. Amer. Light & Tract. com. was off from 240 to 215½ and closed to-day at 217. Commonwealth Edison lost 18 points to 246½, recovering finally to 253. Electric Bond & Share com. sold down from 94¼ to 78⅝ and at 86¼ finally. Standard Power & Light sold up from 115 to 138¾, then down to 118, the close to-day being at 120¼. Movements in the industrial and miscellaneous section were confined to narrow limits. Dubilier Condenser Corp. advanced from 8¾ to 13⅞ and closed to-day at 13. Ford of Canada, class A, from 35 sank to 29¾ and sold finally at 31. Class B from 37 reached 49 with the final transaction at 46. Fox Theatres, class A, dropped from 12⅞ to 6 and finished to-day at 7⅞. Glen Alden Coal lost over six points to 114⅞. Goldman Sachs & Co. declined from 47 to 41⅞, the closing sale to-day being at 45⅞. Hydro Elec. Securities com. sold up from 37⅞ to 44½, then down to 38, the close to-day being at 40. Lehman Corp. lost over five points to 74½, the close to-day being at 76. Aluminum Co. of Am. sold down from 316 to 261 and at 290 finally. Among the oil stocks Chesebrough dropped from 167¼ to 150. Humble Oil & Refg. was off from 93⅞ to 85½, the close to-day being at 88⅞. Illinois Pipe Line weakened from 329¼ to 300. Gulf Oil fell from 157 to 141½.

A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3785.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Dec. 13.	Stocks (No. Shares)	Rights	Bonds (Par Value).	
			Domestic	Foreign Government
Saturday	937,200	10,900	\$950,000	\$210,000
Monday	1,347,700	7,100	1,613,000	292,000
Tuesday	940,000	15,700	1,973,000	287,000
Wednesday	892,000	6,200	1,372,000	238,000
Thursday	1,144,400	29,400	1,365,000	259,000
Friday	1,179,200	27,600	1,213,000	247,000
Total	6,440,500	96,900	\$8,486,000	\$1,533,000

COURSE OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Bank clearings this week will again show a decrease 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, Dec. 14) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will fall 15.9% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$12,448,062,948, against \$14,807,211,966 for the same week in 1928. At this centre there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 19.1%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ended Dec. 14.	1929.	1928.	Per Cent
New York	\$6,639,000,000	\$8,079,000,000	+19.1
Chicago	600,346,807	683,033,452	-12.1
Philadelphia	549,000,000	563,000,000	-2.5
Boston	466,000,000	397,000,000	+17.4
Kansas City	112,469,919	116,325,395	-3.3
St. Louis	115,600,000	132,700,000	-12.9
San Francisco	163,126,000	215,153,000	-24.2
Los Angeles	180,308,000	207,794,000	-10.1
Pittsburgh	141,274,595	155,174,970	-9.0
Detroit	150,484,928	228,587,217	-34.2
Cleveland	115,392,621	124,481,387	-7.3
Baltimore	83,065,736	86,211,777	-3.6
New Orleans	53,805,048	61,814,670	-13.0
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$9,269,873,651	\$11,050,275,868	-16.1
Other cities, 5 days	1,103,512,145	1,209,202,340	-8.7
Total all cities, 5 days	\$10,373,385,799	\$12,259,478,208	-15.4
All cities, 1 day	2,074,677,149	2,547,733,758	-18.6
Total all cities for week	\$12,448,062,948	\$14,807,211,966	-15.9

Complete and exact details for the week covered by the foregoing will appear in our issue of next week. We cannot furnish them to-day, inasmuch as the week ends to-day (Saturday) and the Saturday figures will not be available until noon to-day. Accordingly, in the above the last day of the week has in all cases had to be estimated.

In the elaborate detailed statements, however, which we present further below, we are able to give final and complete results for the week previous—the week ended Dec. 7. For that week there is a decrease of 7.5%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$13,892,013,059, against \$15,013,331,638 in the same week of 1928. Outside

this city the decrease is 4.8%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a loss of 8.8%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they are located, and from this it appears that the New York Reserve district, including this city, has suffered a loss of 8.7%, but the Boston Reserve district shows a gain of 4.3% and the Philadelphia Reserve district of 5.3%. The Cleveland Reserve district falls 4.2% behind, the Richmond Reserve district 6.7% and the Atlanta Reserve district 13.4%. In the Chicago Reserve district the totals are smaller by 8.6%, in the St. Louis Reserve district by 5.6% and in the Minneapolis Reserve district by 9.0%. The Kansas City Reserve district falls 3.8% behind, the Dallas Reserve district 13.2% and the San Francisco Reserve district 13.5%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week End. Dec. 7 1929., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include Federal Reserve Dist. 1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, etc., and Total.

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Dec. 7., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include First Federal Reserve District—Boston, Second Federal Reserve District—New York, Third Federal Reserve District—Philadelphia, etc.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Dec. 5., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include Seventh Federal Reserve District—Chicago, Eighth Federal Reserve District—St. Louis, Ninth Federal Reserve District—Minneapolis, etc.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended Dec. 7., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include Tenth Federal Reserve District—Kansas City, Eleventh Federal Reserve District—Dallas, Twelfth Federal Reserve District—San Francisco, etc.

Outside New York 4,799,072,486 5,042,773,583 -4.8 4,275,090,794 4,129,220,713

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended December 5., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include Canada, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended December 5., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include Grand Total (127 cities), Outside New York, Total (31 cities).

* Estimated.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

(All prices dollars per share)

Table listing New York City Banks and Trust Companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and various bank names like Amer Union, Central, Chase, etc.

* State banks. † New stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-stock div. ¶ Ex-rights.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

(All prices dollars per share)

Table listing New York City Realty and Surety Companies with columns for Bid, Ask, and company names like Alliance R'lty, Bond & Mtg G, etc.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

APPLICATION TO ORGANIZE RECEIVED WITH TITLES REQUESTED.

CHARTERS ISSUED.

Capital.

Table listing Charters Issued with columns for Dec. 3, Dec. 4, Dec. 7 and company names like The National Bank of Benson, The Dakota Nat. Bank, etc.

VOLUNTARY LIQUIDATIONS.

Table listing Voluntary Liquidations with columns for Dec. 2, Dec. 3, Dec. 5, Dec. 7 and company names like The National Union Bank of Reading, The Woodside Nat. Bank, etc.

BRANCH AUTHORIZED UNDER THE ACT OF FEB. 25 1927.

Table listing Branch Authorized Under the Act of Feb. 25 1927 with columns for Dec. 2 and company names like The Citizens and Southern National Bank.

Auction Sales.—Among other securities, the following, not actually dealt in at the Stock Exchange, were sold at auction in New York, Boston, Philadelphia and Buffalo on Wednesday of this week:

By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo:

Table listing Auction Sales by A. J. Wright & Co. with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh., and company names like 1,000 Tonopah Midway Mining Co., 20 Public Reserve Financial, Inc., etc.

By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia:

Table listing Auction Sales by Barnes & Lofland with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per share, and company names like 3 perpetual memberships Mercantile Library Co. of Philadelphia, 5 Penn Nat. Bank, etc.

Large table listing various stocks and shares with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh., and company names like 150 Pine Needles Co., Inc., 30 Markelm-Coles-MacEwen Co., Inc., etc.

By Adrian H. Muller & Son, New York:

Table listing various stocks and shares with columns for Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh., and company names like 15 Chase National Bank, 10 Chase National Bank, 40 Phelps Light & Power Co., etc.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes entries like 10,000 Intercean Oil Co., 200 Realty Sureties, Inc., 78, Oct. 1 1928.

Table with columns: Bonds, Per Cent. Includes entries like \$32,500 Trenton Bristol & Philadelphia 5s, 1943, \$231,500 United Fuel & Supply Co.

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes entries like 116 Boston National Bank, 210 Federal Nat'l Bank, 10 Webster & Atlas Nat'l Bank.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes entries like 116 Mass. Util. Associates, 19 Albany Trust, 30 Wesson Oil Co.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Includes entries like 125 Nat. Shawmut Bk., 95 N. C. Joint Stk. Land Bk., 30 York Mfg. Co.

Table with columns: Bonds, Per Cent. Includes entries like 25 Nat. City Bank, N. Y., par \$20.246, 60 Chase Nat. Bk., N. Y., par \$20.165.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, and various other companies.

Table with 6 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive, Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. The table is divided into two main sections: 'Miscellaneous (Continued)' and 'Miscellaneous (Continued)'. Each section lists various companies and their financial details.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Contains various company entries under 'Miscellaneous (Concluded)'.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Contains entries for 'Railroads (Steam) (Concluded)', 'Public Utilities', and 'Railroads (Steam) (Continued)'.

Below we give the dividends announced in previous weeks and not yet paid. This list does not include dividends announced this week, these being given in the preceding table.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Contains entries for 'Railroads (Steam)' and 'Electric Power & Light'.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Kermath Mfg. (quar.), Kilburn Mill (quar.), Kimberley-Clark Corp., com. (quar.), etc.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes entries like National Dairy Products, com. (quar.), Common (payable in com. stk.) (quar.), etc.

Main table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Contains two columns of company data.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Dec. 12, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Wednesday. In the first table we present the results for the system as a whole in comparison with the figures for the seven preceding weeks and with those of the corresponding week last year. The second table shows the resources and liabilities separately for each of the twelve banks. The Federal Reserve Agents' Accounts (third table following) gives details regarding transactions in Federal Reserve notes between the Comptroller and Reserve Agents and between the latter and Federal Reserve banks. The Reserve Board's comment upon the returns for the latest week appears on page 3714, being the first item in our department of "Current Events and Discussions."

COMBINED RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF THE FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT THE CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 11 1929.

Table with 10 columns representing dates from Dec. 11 1929 to Dec. 12 1928. Rows include 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." The latter item was adopted as a more accurate description of the total of the discounts, acceptances and securities acquired under the provision of Sections 13 and 14 of the Federal Reserve Act, which, it was stated, are the only items included therein.

WEEKLY STATEMENT OF RESOURCES AND LIABILITIES OF EACH OF THE 12 FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS AT CLOSE OF BUSINESS DEC. 11 1929

Table with 13 columns representing different Federal Reserve Banks (Total, Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneapolis, Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.). Rows include RESOURCES (Gold with Federal Reserve Agents, 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.).

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Wall Street, Friday Night, Dec. 13 1929.

Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 3747.

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 Dec. 13., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Includes sections for Railroads, Indus. & Miscell., and various stock listings.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Dec. 13., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range Since Jan. 1. (Lowest, Highest). Includes sections for Par. Shares, \$ per share, and various stock listings.

Quotations for U.S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness.—p. 3752. New York City Realty and Surety Companies.—p. 3753. New York City Banks and Trust Companies.—p. 3753.

United States Liberty Loan Bonds and Treasury Certificates on the New York Stock Exchange.—Below we furnish a daily record of the transactions in Liberty Loan bonds and Treasury certificates on the New York Stock Exchange. The transactions in registered bonds are given in a footnote at the end of the tabulation.

Table with columns: Daily Record of U. S. Bond Prices, Dec. 7, Dec. 9, Dec. 10, Dec. 11, Dec. 12, Dec. 13. Includes sections for First Liberty Loan, Second Liberty Loan, and Treasury.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 5 1st 4 1/2s.....100 1/2 to 100 1/2 at 39 4 1/4s.....101 1/2 to 101 1/2

Table with columns: Foreign Exchange.—To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchanges were 4.87 1/2 @ 4.87 1/2 for checks and 4.88 @ 4.88 3-32 for cables. Includes sections for Sterling, Paris Bankers' Francs, and Amsterdam Bankers' Guilders.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 3748. A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 3785.

See sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second page preceding.

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Dec. 7 to Friday, Dec. 13), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest), and PNR SHARE (Lowest, Highest). Rows list various stocks like Railroads (Con.), Industrial & Miscellaneous, and others.

Bid and asked prices no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see third page preceding.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday Dec. 7 to Friday Dec. 13), Sales for the Week, STOCK NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest), and PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest) for previous years (1923-1928). Rows list various stocks like Indus. & Miscel. (Com.), Austin, Nichols & Co., Austrian Credit Anstalt, etc.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. d Ex-div. 100% in common stock. g Ex-dividend and ex-rights. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fourth page preceding.

HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.

Table with columns for days of the week (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and 'per share' prices. Includes a 'Sales for the Week' column.

Table listing various stocks under 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include 'Indus. & Miscel. (Com.)', 'Par', 'PER SHARE Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928'.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. b Ex-dividend ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fifth page preceding

Table with columns for 'HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT.', 'STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE', and 'PER SHARE'. It lists various stocks like Grant (W T), Great Western Sugar, and others, with their respective prices and shares.

* 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. z Ex-div. s Shillings. * 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) for Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday, and Sales for the Week. It lists various stocks such as Indus. & Miscel. (Com.), Par Mallison (H R) & Co., Preferred, Masani Sugar, etc., along with their respective share prices and market status.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. @ Ex-dividend and ex-rights. z Ex-dividend. 4 Ex-dividend distributed 1 additional share for each share held.

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 days of the week (Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday) and price ranges for various stocks.

Main table listing stocks on the New York Stock Exchange with columns for Shares, Indus. & Miscell. (Con.), Par, PFR SHARE (Lowest, Highest), and PER SHARE (Lowest, Highest).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-dividend, * Ex-rights, d Ex-div. 200% in common

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see eighth page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Dec. 7 to Friday, Dec. 13); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PBR SHARS Range for Stock Jan. 1. On basis of 100-share lots (Lowest, Highest); PBR SHARS Range for Previous Year 1928 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include various stock symbols and prices.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. † Ex-div, 20% in stock. ‡ Ex-dividend. § Ex-rights.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Dec. 13.', 'Price Friday, Dec. 13.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', 'Bonds Sold.', 'Interest Period.', 'Price Friday, Dec. 13.', 'Week's Range or Last Sale.', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', 'Bonds Sold.', 'Interest Period.'

Table of bond listings for the left column, including 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Dec. 13.' with columns for Bid, Ask, Price, Range, and various bond titles like 'Fla Cent & Pen 1st ext g 5s...1930'.

Table of bond listings for the right column, including 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE Week Ended Dec. 13.' with columns for Bid, Ask, Price, Range, and various bond titles like 'Louisville & Nashv (Concluded) - 1st refund 5 1/2s series A...2003'.

Due Feb. 1.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds, Week Ended Dec. 13. Includes columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1. Section: INDUSTRIALS.

Table of N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE bonds, Week Ended Dec. 13. Includes columns for Bond Description, Price, Week's Range, and Range Since Jan. 1. Section: INDUSTRIALS (continued).

Table with columns for Bonds, Price, Week's Range, Range Since, and Bonds Sold. It lists various bonds such as Manhattan Ry, Rhine-Main-Danube, and others, with their respective prices and trading details.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Dec. 7 to Dec. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks, Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroad, Miscellaneous, and various individual stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High). Includes sections for Mining and Bonds.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend. Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Dec. 7 to Dec. 13, 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 various individual stocks and Bonds.

* No par value. Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Dec. 7 to Dec. 13, 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 various individual stocks.

Main table of stock prices for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Dec 7 to Dec 13. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date. Includes sections for Stocks (Concluded), Rights, and Bonds.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Dec. 7 to Dec. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Cleveland Stock Exchange, Dec 7 to Dec 13. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date. Includes sections for Stocks and Unlisted.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Dec. 7 to Dec. 13 both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Dec 7 to Dec 13. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date. Includes sections for Stocks and Bonds.

Main table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Dec 7 to Dec 13. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date. Includes sections for Stocks (Concluded) and Bonds.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Dec. 7 to Dec. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for Cleveland Stock Exchange, Dec 7 to Dec 13. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High), and Date. Includes sections for Stocks and Bonds.

Table of stock prices for various companies including Kroger, Lunkenheimer, Leonard, McLaren Cons A, Mead Pulp, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies including Clorox Chemical Co, Coast Cos G & E 1st pfd, Cons Chem Indus "A", Crocker First Natl Bank, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Dec. 7 to Dec. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Bank Stocks (First National Bank, Merc-Commerce, etc.), Trust Company (Franklin-Amer Trust, etc.), Miscellaneous (A S Aloe Co, Bentley Chain Stores, etc.), Street Railway Bonds, and Miscellaneous Bonds.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Dec. 7 to Dec. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Anglo & London P Natl Bk, Associated Ins Fund Inc, Atlas Imp Diesel Eng "A", etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table of stock prices for various companies including Natomas Co, North Amer Inv common, Pacific Lighting Corp, Pacific Public Service A, etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Dec. 7 to Dec. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table of stock prices for various companies including Aero Corp of Calif, Assd Gas Electric, Barnsdall Oil "A", etc. Columns include Stock Name, Par, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), and Range Since Jan. 1. (Low, High).

Table 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), Stocks (Continued) 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 Signal Oil & Gas Co B., So Calif Edison com., Original preferred, etc.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Dec. 7 to Dec. 13, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Main 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., Adams Royalty Co com., Ad'sograph Int Corp com., etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Bonds—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

New York Curb Exchange—Weekly and Yearly Record

In the following extensive list we furnish a complete record of the transactions on the New York Curb Exchange for the week beginning on Saturday last (Dec. 7) and ending the present Friday (Dec. 13). 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.

Main table with columns: Week Ended Dec. 13., Stocks—, Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with columns for Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1., Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range Since Jan. 1.

Table with multiple columns: Public Utilities (Concl.), Mining Stocks, Bonds, and various oil stocks. Columns include company names, share counts, prices, and dates. The table is organized into sections: Public Utilities (Concl.), Mining Stocks, Bonds, and Other Oil Stocks. Each section lists companies with their respective financial data and historical price ranges.

Main table containing bond prices, weekly price ranges, sales for the week, and ranges since Jan 1. Includes columns for 'Friday Last Sale Price', 'Week's Range of Prices', 'Sales for Week', 'Range Since Jan. 1.', and 'Friday Last Sale Price'.

*No par value. l Correction. m Listed on the Stock Exchange this week, where additional transactions will be found. n Sold under the rule. o Sold for cash. s Option sales. t Ex-rights and bonus. w When issued. x Ex-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 1/2 of 1947...

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked 'f

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 name, a price, and a bid/ask indicator.

* Per share. † No par value. ‡ Basis. § Purch. also pays accor. div. ¶ Last sale. †† Nomfn. ‡‡ Ex-div. ††† Ex-rights. †††† Canadian quot. ††††† Sale price. †††††† Ex. 400% stock div

Dixie Gas & Utilities Co.

Table for Dixie Gas & Utilities Co. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross revenue, Oper. exp., Net earnings, Interest on funded debt, Miscell. int. and deductions, Balance available for res., Federal taxes and divs., Preferred stock dividends.

Eastern Utilities Associates. (And Subsidiary Companies)

Table for Eastern Utilities Associates. (And Subsidiary Companies) showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Balance, Interest and amortization, Dividends on preferred stock of subsidiaries, Amount applicable to common stock of subs. in hands of public, Balance applicable to res. and Eastern Util Assoc.

El Paso Electric Co. (Delaware).

(and Subsidiary Companies)

Table for El Paso Electric Co. (Delaware) showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Balance, Deductions, Interest & amortization.

a Interest on funds for construction purposes. b Interest, amortization charges and dividends on securities of underlying companies held by the public.

Fall River Gas Works Co.

Table for Fall River Gas Works Co. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Interest charges, Balance.

Federal Light & Traction Co.

Table for Federal Light & Traction Co. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings, Oper., admin. exp. & taxes, Total income, Interest and discount, Net income, Preferred stock dividends, Balance after charges.

Galveston Electric Co.

Table for Galveston Electric Co. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Balance, Interest & amortization (public), Interest & amortization (G-H. E. Co.), Balance.

Galveston-Houston Electric Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table for Galveston-Houston Electric Co. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Balance, Interest & amortization, Balance, Interest on funds for construction purposes.

Galveston-Houston Electric Railway Co.

Table for Galveston-Houston Electric Railway Co. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Balance, Interest and amortization (public), Balance, Interest and amortization (G-H. E. Co.), Deficit.

Gulf States Utilities Co.

Table for Gulf States Utilities Co. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Balance, Interest and amortization (public), Balance, Interest (intercompany), Balance, Interest on funds for construction purposes.

Haverhill Gas Light Co.

Table for Haverhill Gas Light Co. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Balance, Interest charges, Balance, Interest on funds used for construction purposes.

Houston Electric Co.

Table for Houston Electric Co. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings, Operation, Maintenance, Taxes, Net operating revenue, Income from other sources, Balance, Interest and amortization (public), Balance, Interest and amortization (G-H. E. Co.), Balance.

Illinois Power & Light Corp.

(And Subsidiaries)

Table for Illinois Power & Light Corp. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings from oper., Oper. expenses & maint., Taxes, Total expenses and taxes, Earnings from operation, Less rentals, Add other income, Total net earnings, Less prior charges of Iowa Power & Light Co. and Kansas Power & Light Co., Total earnings available for bond interest, 12 months' int. on Ill. Pow. & Lt. Corp. mtge. debt.

Indiana General Service Co.

Table for Indiana General Service Co. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings from oper., Oper. expenses & taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other interest & deductions, Balance, Dividends on pref. stock, Balance.

Indiana & Michigan Electric Co.

Table for Indiana & Michigan Electric Co. showing financial data for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ended Oct. 31 1928. Includes rows for Gross earnings from oper., Oper. expenses & taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other interest & deductions, Balance, Dividends on pref. stock, Balance.

Savannah Electric & Power Co.

Table for Savannah Electric & Power Co. showing monthly earnings and expenses for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ending Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ending Oct. 31 1928.

Sierra Pacific Electric Co.

Table for Sierra Pacific Electric Co. showing monthly earnings and expenses for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ending Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ending Oct. 31 1928.

Tampa Electric Co.

Table for Tampa Electric Co. showing monthly earnings and expenses for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ending Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ending Oct. 31 1928.

(The) Washington Water Power Co.

Table for Washington Water Power Co. showing monthly earnings and expenses for September 1929, September 1928, 12 months ending Sept. 30 1929, and 12 months ending Sept. 30 1928.

Western Union Telegraph Co.

Table for Western Union Telegraph Co. showing monthly earnings and expenses for October 1929, October 1928, 12 months ending Oct. 31 1929, and 12 months ending Oct. 31 1928.

York Utilities Co.

Table for York Utilities Co. showing monthly earnings and expenses for November 1929, November 1928, 12 months ending Nov. 30 1929, and 12 months ending Nov. 30 1928.

New York Street Railways.

Table for New York Street Railways showing monthly earnings and expenses for August 1929, August 1928, 2 months ended Aug 31 1929, and 2 months ended Aug 31 1928.

Table for Financial Reports of various companies including New York & Harlem, New York & Queens, New York Railways, N Y Rapid Transit, South Brooklyn, Steinway Railways, Surface Transportation Corp, and Third Avenue.

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.

The Cuban-American Sugar Co., New York.

Table for Cuban-American Sugar Co. showing financial statistics for years ended Sept. 30, 1929-30, 1928-29, 1927-28, 1926-27, and 1925-26.

Table for Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30, 1929, showing assets and liabilities.

Table for Punta Alegre Sugar Co. showing financial statistics for years ended Sept. 30, 1929-30, 1928-29, 1927-28, 1926-27, 1925-26, 1924-25, 1923-24, 1922-23, and 1921-22.

President William C. Douglas, Nov. 27, wrote in substance: The production in bags of 325 lbs. each of raw sugar at the company's estates compares with previous crops as follows:

represented by it having arranged to sell their holdings to the New York Central.

By our order in New York Central Unification, 154 I. C. C. 489, we authorized the Big Four to acquire control of the properties of the Cincinnati Northern and the Terre Haute, and the New York Central to acquire control of the railroad system (a) of the Big Four, including the interest in that company in the properties of the Cincinnati Northern, the Terre Haute, the Peoria & Eastern Ry., and the Kankakee & Seneca RR., (b) of the railroad system of the Michigan Central, and (c) of the railroad properties of the Kalamazoo, in accordance with the terms of certain proposed leases. The authority was granted upon the conditions stated in the supplemental report filed with and made a part of our order. The second condition provides that nothing therein should be construed to relieve the Big Four or the New York Central from compliance with the provisions of law applicable to any assumption of obligations and liabilities, &c., by virtue of execution of the proposed leases. The applications here under consideration were filed in response to that condition.

The proposed leases between the companies above mentioned are substantially alike as to the terms and conditions whereby the lessee companies propose to assume obligations and liabilities in respect of the securities of others. These leases provide that as part of the rents for the leased properties the lessees will (1) pay to the lessors, or for their account, the interest, including amounts applicable to interest or dividends under equipment trusts, upon all bonds, notes, and other obligations or evidences of indebtedness heretofore issued or assumed by the lessor companies and now outstanding, and any extensions thereof, or upon securities that may hereafter be issued pursuant to the leases, (2) subject to reimbursement by the lessors, pay, redeem, or otherwise acquire or renew, extend, or refund, the securities of the lessors, including installments of equipment-trust obligations, as they become due and payable during the terms of the leases, (3) pay, when due, all taxes, rentals, and other charges for which the lessors are liable under any lease, trackage right, easement, license, grant, contract, leasehold, or ordinance right, or under any mortgages or equipment-trust agreements, or under any other contracts entered into or assumed by the lessors, and (4) also pay, for account of the lessors, to or upon the order of the stockholders, amounts equal to annual dividends on each share of stock, except the capital stock registered in the names of the lessees, as follows: Cincinnati Northern \$12, Terre Haute \$4, Big Four common stock \$10, Big Four preferred stock \$5, Michigan Central \$50. [Such dividends on the Michigan Central stock pledged as collateral security under the New York Central & Hudson River RR. collateral trust indenture dated April 13 1898, to the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee, to secure \$21,550,000 of 3½% gold bonds, as will enable the trustee to pay the interest on the bonds.] Kalamazoo \$6.

In the statements of securities accompanying its application, the New York Central has shown [in addition to the data in appendix A] the amounts of various classes of securities held by or for the issuing company. Under the terms of the proposed leases it would not appear that any obligation or liability will be actually assumed as to securities so held or as to the securities shown in the appendix as being owned by the New York Central, the Big Four, and the Michigan Central. The applicants apparently require authority only in respect of the securities now outstanding in the hands of the public or which may be issued, pursuant to the authority heretofore granted by us but not yet exercised, and become outstanding prior to or upon the execution of the proposed leases.

The Big Four asks that the authority granted be broad enough to cover the assumption by it under the terms of its proposed leases of the Cincinnati Northern and the Terre Haute of obligation or liability in respect of the securities of others outstanding at the effective date of the leases whether or not they are shown in the list of securities accompanying the application. While like language does not appear in the New York Central application, which apparently intended to request similar authority, as it seeks authority to assume obligations and liability under the proposed leases in respect of securities outstanding at the effective date of the leases. The nature and extent of the obligations and liabilities which by the execution of the proposed leases may be incurred by the applicants in respect of the securities of others are matters within the knowledge of the applicants. We said at page 280 of our report in New York Central Unification, (150 I. C. C. 278), that the "responsibility for obtaining all authority necessary in the premises must remain with the applicants." We adhere to that conclusion.

The New York Central Securities Corp.'s objections are based on sections 8807 to 8809, inclusive, of the General Code of Ohio. Section 8809 provides in part that in case of a lease of a railroad situate in whole or in part within that State, the rental reserved and secured for the leased road shall be equal at least to its net earnings for the fiscal year next preceding the one in which the lease is made. The intervenor claims that the rental payable under the proposed leases of the Michigan Central and the Big Four, a portion of the railroad of each company being located in Ohio, do not conform to the requirements mentioned in the Ohio code. The testimony is that the net income for 1928 of the Michigan Central and of the Big Four, after deducting dividends on the latter's preferred stock, amounted to \$103,49 and \$17,69 per share, respectively. These amounts are greater than the rents above stated that are to be paid by the New York Central as dividends upon the stock of the Michigan Central and the common stock of the Big Four. The intervenor contends that as the New York Central, the Michigan Central, and the Big Four derive their corporate powers to enter into the proposed leases of the railroads of the companies situate in Ohio from specific provisions of the Ohio code, the execution of leases providing for rents less than the minimum prescribed by section 8809 of the code would be beyond the corporate capacity of the parties and therefore leases reserving the rents proposed would be invalid. It is claimed that that being so, we would be unable to make the statutory findings required by Section 20a, namely that the proposed assumption of obligations or liabilities in respect of the securities of others is for some lawful object within the corporate purposes of the carrier and compatible with the public interest. The intervenor maintains that corporate incapacity of the parties to execute valid leases can not be remedied by any authority that we may grant to the applicant under the jurisdiction conferred upon us by Section 20a. It insists that in disposing of the New York Central's application herein we should consider and follow the provisions mentioned of the Ohio code. The intervenor asks that if our order in New York Central Unification, 154 I. C. C. 489, stands unreversed, the present application should at least be modified so as to entitle the stockholders represented by it to such dividends upon their holdings as may properly be due to them.

The New York Central contends that in deciding the New York Central unification proceedings we, of necessity, passed upon all the matters and issues involved in its present application, that the acquisitions of control of certain carriers pursuant to the terms of the proposed leases were then approved and authorized, and that the terms and conditions of the leases, including provision for assuming obligations and liabilities in respect of the securities of others, were found to be just and reasonable. Therefore, it claims that the granting under Section 20a of the authority herein sought would be the formal expression of a conclusion reached in the unification proceedings.

It is further claimed that it could not have been the intent of the provisions of Section 5(2) of the Inter-State Commerce Act that we should authorize a lease which would be illegal and void; that the contention of the intervenor that the legality of proposed leases is not an issue in a proceeding under that section would lead to the absurdity of our authorizing thereunder the acquisition of control under leases which would be illegal and void, and which, if the lease should be one involving assumption by the lessee of obligation or liability in respect of the securities of others, we would have to condemn in a proceeding under Section 20a. The New York Central maintains that Congress could, and by the provisions of the Inter-State Commerce Act did, confer upon carriers subject thereto corporate powers necessary to enable them to make leases found by us to be in the public interest, and approved and authorized under Section 5(2).

It asserts, however, that it is unnecessary for it to maintain that position, as the Ohio code expressly confers upon carriers the power to lease their railroads, Section 8809 of the code imposing limitations upon the amount of rent to be paid; that the power and restriction are separable; that carriers are relieved of that restriction by Section 5(8) of the act; and that Federal legislation having occupied the field in respect of railroads subject to the act, all State laws in that regard are superseded and rendered wholly inapplicable.

Therefore, that part of the Ohio code imposing a limitation upon the rents payable has been superseded, leaving in force those sections conferring upon carriers the power to enter into leases of their properties. It argues that it is unthinkable that Congress could have intended that we would only exercise the jurisdiction conferred upon us by Section 20a pursuant to the authority of, and not inconsistent with, the provisions of varying State laws. Cases were cited by the intervenor and the New York Central in support of their respective positions.

The provisions of the Ohio code mentioned above were offered by the intervenor in its objections in the New York Central unification proceedings,

and were considered by us in our report thereon, 150 I. C. C. 313, 314. The applications in those proceedings for authority to acquire control of certain carriers under leases were filed under the provisions of section 5(2) of the act. In our findings therein, 150 I. C. C. 321, we found that the proposed acquisition of control by the New York Central and the Big Four of the railroads therein involved under the proposed leases, and for the considerations and upon the terms and conditions set forth therein, which considerations and terms and conditions were found to be just and reasonable in the premises, would be in the public interest.

Among the terms and conditions of the proposed leases as approved and authorized was the assumption by the New York Central of obligations and liabilities in respect of the securities of other companies, the details of which were not given in those applications and for which the applicants did not specifically apply for authority under the appropriate section of the act. As Section 20a of the act confers upon us power to grant or deny authority to issue securities or to assume obligation or liability as lessee, &c., in respect of the securities of any other person, natural or artificial, only upon application by the carrier for such authority, we could not and did not by our order of July 2 1929, grant the applicants authority to assume obligations and liabilities in respect of the securities of others as provided for in the proposed leases.

The total amount of securities in respect of which the New York Central seeks authority to assume obligation and liability is \$311,561,329, and the annual dividends and interest thereon \$14,104,864. The intervenor represents 286 shares of the Michigan Central's stock out of 1,326 shares not owned by the New York Central and 100 shares of the Big Four's common stock. The proposed assumption is incidental to the New York Central's purpose of unifying under leases the railroad systems of the Michigan Central and the Big Four, and is one of the objects in carrying out that plan in accordance with the terms of the proposed leases.

Under Section 20a(7) we are given exclusive and plenary jurisdiction over the issue of securities and the assumption of obligations and liabilities by carriers subject to the provisions of that section of the act, and upon receiving our authorization thereunder carriers may exercise the authority granted without securing other approval. Whether or not the New York Central, the Michigan Central, and the Big Four have corporate capacity under the Ohio statutes to execute the proposed leases is dependent upon construction of those statutes. Pending such construction by a court of competent authority, we feel that we may accept the opinion of applicant's counsel. We are of the opinion that under the authority conferred upon us by Section 20a of the Inter-State Commerce Act we have the power to grant the authority sought.

Abandonment and Construction in New York City.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 10 issued a certificate authorizing the company to abandon its line between West 60th St. and North Moore St. and to construct and operate a line in another location between West 60th St. and Spring St., all in the borough of Manhattan, New York City.

The report of the Commission says in part:

The trackage proposed to be changed according to the plans prepared, is part of the applicant's freight line which extends southerly about 13 miles from a junction with the main line at Spuyten Duyvil, in the northern part of Manhattan, to a freight terminal at St. John's Park. Plans for improvement and enlargement of these facilities, with elimination of grade crossings, have been the subject of study, negotiation, and litigation between the railroad company and the city for many years. On the part of the company, the great difficulties of operation in streets congested by vehicular and pedestrian traffic, together with the impossibility of expansion have been the impelling forces toward a solution of the problem. On the part of the city, the injuries to persons using the streets and the interference with street traffic have caused constant activity in the matter. After the unsuccessful attempts of several city administrations to evolve a satisfactory plan, the mayor of New York, in July 1926, created the West Side Improvement Engineering Committee. Represented on this committee were the city, by the chief engineers of the Board of Estimate and Apportionment, the Board of Transportation, and the borough of Manhattan, the railroad company by its chief engineer, and the Port of New York Authority by its deputy manager.

The adopted plan for the West Side Improvement, dated May 13 1927 revised May 1929, may be briefly described as follows: Abandonment of the freight tracks at St. John's Park, together with the property upon which they are located between Varick, Beach, Hudson, and Light Streets, is to be accompanied by abandonment of the double track line extending northward on Canal St., West St., Tenth Ave. and Eleventh Ave., to the classification and distributing yard near 60th St. A small team yard located between 17th and 18th Sts. is to be eliminated. A larger yard, between 30th and 33rd Sts., used for local distribution and collection, is to be rebuilt and enlarged. The proposed line will extend northerly from the Spring St. yard on a double track viaduct to be placed immediately west of the west line of Washington St. Crossing over Tenth Ave. near 17th St., it will be constructed largely on private right of way 100 ft. west of Tenth Ave., and so located because of the advantage gained with respect to property values and large buildings. At 30th St. the proposed line will enter a loop in order to descend from a level above the streets to a level below them. Underground construction, with five tracks, will extend from a point near Tenth Ave. and 35th St. northward to 60th St., in which distance the location will be within the area between Tenth and Eleventh Aves. North of the 60th St. yard the improvement does not involve any abandonment of line and is not covered by the application. Operation will be by electricity as far south as 30th St. Diesel locomotives will be used south of that point, and generally in the yards.

The entire project involves an estimated expenditure of \$120,872,800 by the applicant and \$17,864,700 by the State and the city. Under the State law the State is required to bear 49% and the city 1% of the cost of eliminating grade crossings. The city, in addition, proposes to construct an elevated motor highway north of 72nd St. and above the applicant's tracks. Of the expenditure to be made by the applicant, \$23,073,030 is applicable to new facilities for furnishing electric power and for the purchase of 30 or 35 Diesel locomotives. Nothing has been decided as to the kind and amount of securities to be issued in order to finance this large improvement. South of 60th St. the estimated outlay by the applicant, exclusive of electric power facilities and locomotives, is \$69,450,893. The investment cost of property to be retired is stated to be \$4,074,196. The disposition of the applicant's land at St. John's Park has not been decided. It will not be used for railroad purposes or have track connections. The engineering assistant to the applicant's president would not place a value on this land. In connection with the elimination of grade crossings south of 60th St., the State and city will expend between \$13,000,000 and \$14,000,000. The program contemplates the removal of all tracks from the streets within five years.

The consummation of this project will result in a large and long desired improvement, both to the applicant's rail facilities and to the section of the city affected.

Commissioner Eastman concurring, says:

In view of the tremendous amount of time which has been devoted to this project by municipal, State and railroad representatives and their agreement upon the plans which we are in effect asked to approve, and in view of my own very inadequate knowledge of the situation, I would not be justified in setting my opinion against theirs, even if I had a more positive conviction with respect to the project than I now entertain. Yet I think that there are some aspects of this matter to which attention may well be directed.

The New York Central is to spend upwards of \$120,000,000 upon less than 5 miles of line in the city of New York. This expenditure would build a new railroad line between New York and Chicago at an average cost of \$133,000 per mile. The project is partly for the benefit of the New York Central in handling its traffic, but very largely, apparently, for the relief of street traffic congestion in the city. Yet the great bulk of the necessary expenditure is to be borne by the railroad, and hence by those who use its facilities, whether or not they live in New York city or in cities many miles away. Doubtless the improvement will result in large increases in the values of adjoining real estate. The New York Central, as a corporation, may reap some compensating benefits from these increases, if it has been fore-handed enough to acquire in advance some of these properties, either directly or through a subsidiary corporation. But under the law of the land as interpreted by the Supreme Court, these compensating benefits will not accrue to the advantage of the users of the New York Central's carrier facilities. They will be held to pay a return upon the fair value of these facilities, and so far as this new line is concerned the increases in value of adjoining non-carrier property will merely have the effect of increasing the value of the land occupied by the new line substantially above original cost.

I think that I can conceive of a better way of accomplishing such a project than the one which is proposed—better at least for the general public. This way would be for the city of New York to construct and own the new

Through these plans, which were authorized by the stockholders this year, the corporation's profits are shared with those who carry on its operations.

The Chrysler Management Trust takes in about 90 key men in the corporation and the stock bonus plan covers about 400 department heads and other supervisory employees.

Officials of the Chrysler Corp. who participate in the Management Trust have purchased shares of beneficial interest in the Trust which runs for 10-years from April 1929.

To permit other officials and supervisory employees to participate in the profits of the business, after deducting 7% on the capital, surplus and undivided profits and after certain other deductions, up to 3 1/2% of the net earnings of the corporation may be used under the stock bonus plan for distribution to these officials and employees in the form of Chrysler Corp. common stock.

The third Chrysler profit-sharing plan which is open to all employees in the service one year or more and earning less than \$5,000 a year enables them to become stockholders under very favorable terms and to share in this way in the company's financial success.

City Ice & Fuel Co.—3% Stock Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3% in stock on the common stock, payable in two installments of 1 1/2% each on March 1 and Sept. 1 1930 to holders of record on Feb. 15 and Aug. 15 1930, respectively.

City Machine & Tool Co., Toledo, Ohio.—Extra Div.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 40c. per share, in addition to regular quarterly dividend of 40c. per share on the outstanding 150,000 shares of common stock, no par value, both payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 20.

Claude Neon Lights, Inc.—Sues 11 Sign Users.—

Following the various actions for infringement of Claude patent 1,125,476, which have resulted in preliminary or permanent injunctions against 39 separate sign manufacturers throughout the United States, the company has filed suits against 11 users of signs made by infringing manufacturers.

Cleveland Tractor Co.—Initial Common Dividend.—

The directors have declared an initial dividend of 40c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31.

Club Aluminum Utensil Co.—Rights, &c.—

The stockholders of record Dec. 9 have been given the right to purchase on or before Dec. 31 additional stock in the ratio of one share at \$10 per share for every 10 3-5 shares held.

Commercial Credit Co.—Earnings.—

10 Months Ended Oct. 31— 1929. 1928. Gross purchases of commercial paper—\$387,952,001 \$222,663,731 Net profit before Federal taxes, minority interests and subsidiaries' dividends— 6,168,976 3,812,018

To Finance Radio Company.—

The Stromberg-Carlson Telephone Manufacturing Co. have entered into an exclusive contract with the Commercial Credit Co. for the retail time-sale financing of their radio products through their more than 2,500 dealers throughout the United States and in foreign countries, according to an announcement.

Commercial Investment Trust Corp.—New Contract.—

An arrangement has been completed with Westinghouse Lamp Co., whereby C. I. T. will finance dealer sales of the Westinghouse Sun Lamp, which is being distributed through electrical appliance shops, hardware and drug stores and other outlets.

Consolidated Dairy Products Co., Inc.—Stock Div.—

The directors have declared the usual quarterly dividends of 1 1/4% in stock and 50c per share in cash on the capital stock, no par value, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Dec. 31.

Consolidated Film Industries, Inc.—Earnings.—

11 Months Ended Nov. 30— 1929. 1928. Net income after depreciation and taxes—\$2,264,315 \$1,417,020

Consolidated Retail Stores, Inc.—Sales.—

1929—Nov.—1928. Increase. 1929—11 Mos.—1928. Increase. \$2,051,601 \$1,764,328 \$287,273 \$19,878,232 \$16,630,090 \$3,248,142

Consolidated Textile Corp.—Earnings.—

Period Ended Sept. 23 1929— 3 Months. 9 Months. Operating profit—\$72,767 \$357,692 Net loss after deduct., int., deprec., res. adjust., &c 226,598 544,850

Continental Shares, Inc.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 2,131,482 shares (no par value) common stock which are issued and outstanding; with authority to admit to the list additional shares of common stock as follows:

While the corporation places some of its funds in stocks purely for investment, its chief purpose is to acquire substantial holdings, either alone or in conjunction with affiliated interests, in prominent companies in such basic industries as steel, rubber and public utilities.

Total Resources (Cost).

Table with 4 columns: Dec. 31 1926, Dec. 31 1927, Dec. 31 1928, Oct. 31 1929. Values range from \$5,012,447 to \$129,880,135.

Income Statement from March 1 1926 to Oct. 31 1929.

Table with 5 columns: Mar. 1 '26 to Dec. 31 '26, Dec. 31 '27, Dec. 31 '28, Oct. 31 '29, 10 Mos. End. Values range from \$163,624 to \$4,775,399.

a Includes stock dividend of 4,645 250-1000 common shares at paid-in or nominal value of \$10 per share. b Represents amount of profit and loss surplus as of Dec. 31 1928 applicable to founders' shares.

Balance Sheet as of Nov. 30 1929.

Table with 3 columns: Assets, Liabilities, Total. Assets include Cash, Notes & accounts receivable, Investments at cost, etc. Total is \$130,731,742.

Securities Owned by the Corporation Nov. 30 1929.

Table with 3 columns: No. of Shares, Description, Market Value. Lists various securities like Brooklyn Union Gas Co., Central Alloy Steel Corp., etc. Total Market Value is \$128,167,303.

Libbey-Owen Securities Corp.—Syndicates.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Value. Includes Iron and steel, Utilities, Miscellaneous. Total (included at cost) is \$1,833,000.

Segal Lock & Hardware Co., Inc.—Acquires Tile Company—New Razor Blade Unit About to Go Into Production.—

The stockholders are in receipt of a letter dated Dec. 6 signed by Edward Segal, which says in part: In line with the management's policy to widen the scope of the company's activities to include the manufacture and distribution of material used in the construction of buildings, company, in association with the Lenox Tile Co. of New York and Charles H. Devoe, has recently purchased all the assets (except accounts receivable) good will and business, including real estate and buildings of the Kenilworth Tile Co. of Newell, W. Va.

This company has been manufacturing floor and wall tile for over 25 years, owns a large plant equipped with modern machinery, periodic and tunnel kilns and complete facilities for volume production. The Lenox Tile Co. is among the oldest and best known tile distributors in the East. The tile industry, by reason of the limited number of manufacturers in this field, and the growing universal demand for an inexpensive and attractive floor and wall covering of vitreous material affords excellent opportunities for large scale production. With the building trend decidedly upward concerning volume of construction for the coming year, the Kenilworth Tile operations should prove entirely successful.

The Universal Razor Blade Corp., the razor blade unit, has completed the building and installation of equipment for the manufacture of blades through a special mechanical process developed by our engineers, producing low-cost blades with cutting edges which it is confidently expected will be the equal if not superior to any now on the market. The actual production of marketable blades is expected to start in the course of the next week or 10 days. A large and profitable turnover is anticipated.

Company has recently introduced a line of basically patented jimmyproof locks designated as No. 1500 and No. 35000 series. These locks are considered by authorities as representing the foremost achievement in hardware engineering since the introduction of our earlier line of jimmyproof rim locks and latches. Substantial sales are anticipated for these products. The executive offices of the company have been consolidated with that of the Newark Lock Co. at 12 Warren St., N. Y. City.

In view of the recent acquisitions by the company of other businesses in similar lines of activity, the year 1930 promises to be by far the largest in sales and earnings in the history of the company.—V. 129, p. 3338.

Seiberling Rubber Co.—Omits Common Dividend.—

The directors have voted to omit the common dividend ordinarily paid at this time. A dividend of \$1 per share was paid in Dec. 1927 and 1928 on the common stock.—V. 129, p. 1300.

Seneca Fire Insurance Co., N. Y.—Liquidating Div.—

Albert Conway, New York State Superintendent of Insurance, announces that he has declared a second dividend of 15.5% to the stockholders of the Seneca company, which, when it was placed in liquidation on Aug. 19 1919, had its home offices at Buffalo, N. Y., reports the "Wall Street News," which goes on to say: The superintendent, after paying all creditors 100% of their debts with interest, and after reinsuring all outstanding policies, declared and paid to stockholders, in 1923, a first dividend of 60%. This, with the second dividend just declared, will give the stockholders 75.5% of the par value of their capital of \$200,000.

When it was discovered in August 1919 that the capital of the company was impaired by the sudden collapse of the North Penn Bank of Philadelphia, in which the Seneca company had a cash deposit of \$256,426, the stockholders allowed their company to be placed in the hands of the Insurance Department for liquidation. Immediately upon taking possession Mr. Conway reinsured all outstanding policies with the Globe & Rutgers Fire Insurance Co., at a saving to the Seneca stockholders of \$44,000. By successful suits brought against the sureties of the defunct North Penn Bank he recovered a large part of the deposit. This, together with other salvage recoveries, made possible the dividend of 75½% to stockholders.

The Seneca Fire Insurance Co. was a New York fire insurance company and was licensed to do business in New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Texas, Louisiana, Tennessee, South Carolina, Indiana, Wisconsin, Washington, California, Georgia, Rhode Island, Ohio, Massachusetts and Canada.—V. 100, p. 2100.

Service Stations Ltd.—Dividend Rate Increased.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 65c. a share on the class A and class B stocks, no par value, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 16. This places both classes of stocks on an annual basis of \$2.60 per share, being an increase from the former rate of \$2. paid during the present year.—V. 129, p. 2403.

Shawmut Association, Boston.—Asset Value.—

Walter S. Bucklin in a letter to the shareholders dated Dec. 6, says: The following figures are the asset value per share at quarterly intervals during the past year: Nov. 30 1928, \$22.22; Feb. 28 1929, \$23.37; May 31 1929, \$23.49; Aug. 30 1929, \$27.88 (the peak of the market rise); and Nov. 30 1929, \$23.51.

During the recent market decline the trustees invested \$1,840,000 in common stocks at prices which they believe will prove to have been advantageous. As of the close of business Nov. 30 (after making the above mentioned investment in common stocks) the assets of the fund amounted to \$9,789,000, including cash in bank and on call of \$3,674,000. During the current fiscal year, which began Jan. 1 1929, net profits before taxes from the sale of securities amounted to \$1,401,000, or \$3.50 per share. Income from interest and dividends alone for this period, less all expenses and proper allowance for taxes on account of such interest and dividends, has been in excess of the dividend requirement.—V. 129, p. 813.

Shawmut Bank Investment Trust.—Asset Value.—

Walter S. Bucklin in a letter to the shareholders dated Dec. 6, says: The following figures are the asset value per share at quarterly intervals during the past year: Nov. 30 1928, \$22.95; Feb. 28 1929, \$30.45; May 31 1929, \$29.95; Aug. 30 1929, \$46.31 (the peak of the market rise); and Nov. 30 1929, \$25.90.

In considering the asset value per share, the capital structure of the trust should be borne in mind. The trust has outstanding \$6,000,000 of debentures and 75,000 shares of stock. The amount of the debentures outstanding, \$6,000,000, is a constant which must always be deducted from the total market value of the assets to determine the asset value per share of the stock. Consequently the variation in market value of the entire trust applies to the equity represented by the stock.

With a total market value of \$8,145,000 on Nov. 30 1929, and debentures outstanding of \$6,000,000, the equity represented by the stock, \$2,145,000, was about one-quarter of the trust. It follows that fluctuations in the total market value of the assets cause fluctuations in the asset value per share of stock several times as great as the latter would be if the capitalization consisted of stock alone.

During the recent market decline the trustees invested \$1,609,600 in common stocks at prices which they believe will prove to have been advantageous. As of the close of business Nov. 30 (after making the above mentioned investment in common stocks) the assets of the fund amounted to \$8,145,000, including cash in bank and on call of \$2,233,000.

During the current fiscal year, which began March 1 1929, net profits before taxes from sale of securities amounted to \$1,074,700, or \$14.33 per share. Income from interest and dividends alone for this period, less all expenses and proper allowance for taxes on account of such interest and dividends, has been in excess of the fixed charges.—V. 129, p. 2091.

Shell Eastern Petroleum Products, Inc.—Enters District of Columbia.—

This corporation announces its entrance into the District of Columbia with the taking over of the operation of the Penn Oil Co.'s 65 service stations and storage and terminal facilities. The company announces that it will supplement the policies and service of Penn Oil Co. with the added resources and facilities of the Shell organization. This move is in line with the company's established program of extending its sales and distribution facilities throughout the Eastern section of the country, which was started last spring.

During the past 2½ years the Shell group has had a capital aggregate increase of \$306,013,988 accruing from the sale of securities, reserves and surplus earnings with which to carry out its expansion program. Nearly two-thirds of this, or \$200,000,000, has been supplied by the American money markets through the sale of debentures, common stock and convertible preferred.

The company's expansion program to date has extended Shell marketing operations into the market east of the Alleghenies and along the Eastern seaboard for the first time, bringing it into the area of largest gasoline consumption.

Shell's entrance into this territory is backed by substantial increase in pipeline and refinery facilities. Trunk pipelines, one from West Texas to Chicago and another from West Texas to Houston, have been laid, while older lines have been enlarged. New refineries have been built at Houston and New Orleans and older plants materially expanded.

In connection with this latest move of the corporation, President A. F. Jarter says: "Our entrance into the Washington district marks the continuation of the company's definite expansion program and is made in our belief that American industry and business conditions have never been fundamentally more sound. We believe the present a particularly apt time for business to reaffirm its faith in fundamentals by construction rather than curtailment, and we are evidencing our faith in the general business outlook by this expansion."—V. 128, p. 1071.

Singer Mfg. Co.—3½% Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3½% in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 2½% on the outstanding \$90,000,000 capital stock, par \$100, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 10. Like amounts were paid on Sept. 30. In each of the four preceding quarters an extra dividend of 4½% and a regular of 2½% were paid, while on June 30 1928 the company made an extra disbursement of 3½% and on March 31 1928 one of 5½%.—V. 129, p. 2091.

66-74 Court Street Realty Corp., Brooklyn, N. Y.—

Receivership.—

Justice Strong of the New York Supreme Court appointed former County Judge Charles J. McDermott and Edmund J. Pickup receivers Dec. 9. Petitions in the action were filed by the Chase National Bank and M. Ernest Greenbaum Jr. as trustees of \$2,000,000 6½% first mortgages issued as collateral for a loan to finance construction of the building.

The receivership was ordered pending the disposition of a suit filed by the petitioners, who allege that the owners of the building have failed to pay coupon interest on the \$2,000,000 which became due last March, and chat taxes amounting to \$29,000 for the first half of 1929 have not yet been paid. In addition, it is alleged, certain installments on mortgages have also been passed.

Southern Dairies, Inc.—Resumes Dividends.—

The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of 37½ cents per share on the class A stock, no par value, payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 20. From Jan. 31 1926 to Jan. 31 1927, incl., quarterly dividends of \$1 per share were paid on this issue; none since.—V. 129, p. 2553.

Southern Grocery Stores, Inc.—Sales Higher.—

Table with 4 columns: Year, Sales, Increase, and another column. Rows for 1929-Nov-1928 and 1929-11 Mos-1928.

Southern Ice Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 3 columns: Item, 1928, 1929. Rows for 12 Months Ended Sept. 30, Total, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Interest and amortization, Balance, Prior earned surplus, Balance as above, Total surplus, Retirement reserve, Balance, Net direct credits, Balance, Preferred dividends, Earned surplus.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Table with 4 columns: Item, 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows for Assets (Plant, Cash, Notes receivable, Accts. receivable, Materials & suppl., Ice inventory, Fuel inventory, Prepayments, Misc. curr. assets, Misc. investments, Unadjusted debits, Reacquired Securs., Stock (pref. 7%), Bonds (C. P. Service Co.), Total) and Liabilities (Pref. stock 7%, Bonds of Carolina, Pub. Service Co., Notes payable, Accounts payable, Accts. not yet due, Retirement res'v., Appropriated res., for retirements, Unadjusted credits, Common stock, Earned surplus, Total).

x Represented by 37,497 shares of no par value.—V. 129, p. 1140.

Standard Gas Equipment Corp.—Listing.—

The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 20,880 shares (no par value) common stock with authority to add 9,120 shares upon notice that they have been issued from time to time for conversion into it of the \$100 par value common stock.

Balance Sheet as of July 31 1929.

Table with 4 columns: Item, Assets, 1929, 1928, Liabilities, 1929, 1928. Rows for Cash, Notes and accounts receivable, Inventories, Sinking fund, Investments, Premium deposits, Property (depreciated value), Patents, trade marks, &c., Deferred charges, Notes payable, bank, Accounts, wages and accruals payable, First mortgage 6s, 7% preferred stock, Com. shareholders' equity, Surplus, Total (each side).

x Subject to accumulated dividends at Aug. 31 1929, amounting to \$312,984 on the outstanding pref. stock. y Represented by 20,183 shares (no par value).—V. 127, p. 3416.

Standard Brands, Inc.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 119,096 additional shares of common stock (no par value) upon notice of issuance in connection with the purchase of assets and business from the Widlar Food Products Co., making the total amount applied for 12,652,100 shares of common stock. Of the consideration to be received against the issue of these shares \$2 per share will be allocated to capital and the balance per share to surplus.

The Widlar Food Products Co. is a holding company incorp. in Ohio Nov. 26 1928. It is the owner of all the outstanding common stock of the Standard Brands, Inc., the operating company. Food Products will acquire all the outstanding pref. stock of Widlar, Widlar will dissolve and transfer all its assets and liabilities to Food Products, which will proceed to transfer to Standard Brands, Inc., all the assets and business then owned by it, subject to its liabilities existing at the date of closing (except certain taxes, undisclosed liabilities, liabilities not incurred in the ordinary course of business since April 30 1929, and contracts entered into since Sept. 11 1929, and not terminable within a year from that date).

will be at a loss and will dissipate the remaining assets which your company now holds for its stockholders' account, and this dissipation will be increased by the heavy costs of the litigation which is now in progress. There is also a danger (by attempting to continue operations under the lease) of incurring heavy damages for failure to perform.

The letter contains a detailed statement of the nature of the proposed settlement, of the assets held by the company outside the American Tobacco Co. lease, and of the reasons why the board believes that an acceptance of the proposed settlement is in the best interest of the stockholders.

Estimated Balance Sheet, Dec. 31 1929.

[Giving effect to receipt of payment of the subscription price for balance of 1st pref. cum. 7% stock (amounting to \$1,750,000 to be subscribed and paid for in cash at par) remaining to be issued pursuant to agreement of Aug. 8 1927.]

Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash..... \$1,365,996	Bills & accts. payable..... \$1,586,623
Stk. in other cos. (at cost)..... a9,980,536	Prov. for allow., taxes, &c..... 357,563
Treasury stock (3,900 shs.)..... 344,000	Prov. for claims, losses, &c..... 327,000
Accounts receivable..... 445,772	Reserves..... 122,848
Reserve for bad debts..... 60,483	Prof. stock (50,000 shs.)..... 5,000,000
Inventories (at cost)..... 246,757	Class A stock (176,496 shs.)..... 4,412,400
Mach., furniture & fixtures..... 56,468	Common stock (761,032 shs.)..... 761,032
	Prov. to cover outstdg. warrs. for uniss. com. at \$1 per sh..... 57,384
	Surplus..... b254,196
Total (each side)..... \$12,879,047	

a North Amer. Match Corp. capital stock (1,750 shs.); Philip Morris Consolidated cl. "A" (98 shs.), \$1,755; Philip Morris, consol. com. (1,895 shs.), \$9,745; Philip Morris & Co., Ltd. (32,300 shs.), \$628,832; stock in Lion Match Co. (1,250 shs.) pref.; Tobacco Products Corp., cl. "A" (61,100 shs.), \$1,381,341; Tobacco Products Corp., com. (372,200 shs.), \$7,568,247; Union Cigar Co. (75,000 shs.), \$382,275; United Cigar Stores, com. (300 shs.), \$8,338. The aggregate market value of these stocks on Nov. 27 1929 was approximately \$2,802,671. b With stocks in other companies taken at cost value and not market value.—V. 129, p. 494.

United Engineering & Foundry Co.—30c. Extra Div.—

The directors have declared a "Christmas" dividend of 30c. per share on the common stock, payable Dec. 23 to holders of record Dec. 16. An extra of 35c. per share was paid on Nov. 8 as compared with an extra of 20c. per share on May 10 and on Aug. 9 last. In Feb. 1929 the 20c. extra dividend was omitted, prior to which time it had been paid regularly each quarter.

Quarterly dividends of 40c. per share are also being paid on the common stock.—V. 129, p. 2701.

United States Cold Storage Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 25c. per share on the no par common stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 20.—V. 128, p. 4025.

United States Steel Corp.—Unfilled Orders.—

See under "Indications of Business Activity" on a preceding page.—V. 129, p. 3183.

Utilities Hydro & Rails Shares Corp.—New Directors.—

The corporation announces that they have added to their list of directors the following executives: J. M. Kurn (President of the St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.); F. W. Moffet (Vice-President in charge of operations of General Railway Signal Co., Rochester, N. Y.); John B. Hull (a director of the National Mahawke Bank, Great Barrington, Mass.) and J. Lewis Henry (of Biddle & Henry, bankers, Philadelphia, Pa.)—V. 129, p. 3183.

Walgren Co.—November Sales.—

1929—Nov.—1928.	Increase.	1929—11 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$4,251,011	\$2,783,227	\$1,467,784	\$41,643,672
		\$27,721,830	\$13,921,842

—V. 129, p. 2406, 1761.

Western Auto Supply Co.—Sales Increase.—

1929—Nov.—1928.	Increase.	1929—11 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$1,571,249	\$1,294,171	\$277,078	\$14,775,815
			\$11,495,711
			\$3,280,104

—V. 129, p. 3026, 2407.

Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors on Dec. 11 declared quarterly dividends of \$1.25 a share on the common and 7% cum. & part. pref. stock, both of \$50 par value. The common dividend is payable Jan. 31 and the preferred dividend on Jan. 15 both to holders of record Dec. 31. Previously quarterly dividends of \$1 a share were paid on both issues.—V. 129, p. 2876.

Western Electric Co., Inc.—Special Div. of \$1—New Directors.—

The directors on Dec. 10 declared a special dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share on the outstanding no par value common stock, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 26. Over 98% of this stock is owned by the American Telephone & Telegraph Co.

The company on Dec. 31 1928, paid a special dividend of 25c. per share in addition to a regular quarterly dividend of 75c. per share. In March of this year the quarterly dividend rate was increased to \$1 per share.

Uzal H. McCarter, President of Fidelity Union Trust Co. of Newark, N. J., has been elected a director to fill a vacancy.—V. 129, p. 3650.

Winn & Lovett Grocery Co.—November Sales.—

1929—Nov.—1928.	Increase.	1929—11 Mos.—1928.	Increase.
\$509,692	\$605,120	\$4,572	\$5,596,861
			\$4,764,421
			\$832,440

—V. 129, p. 3184, 1761.

Witherow Steel Corp.—Merger Consummated.—

See Donner Steel Co. above.—V. 129, p. 3650.

(William) Zoller Co., Pittsburgh.—Initial Common Div.

The directors have declared initial quarterly dividends of 50c. per share in cash and 1% extra in stock, on the common stock, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 20. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the pref. stock, payable on the same date.—V. 126, p. 266

CURRENT NOTICES.

—A new Stock Exchange firm—Winthrop, Mitchell & Co.—has opened business in the Standard Oil Building at 26 Broadway, New York, and is composed of the following partners, eight of whom were members of the old Stock Exchange firm of Harris, Winthrop & Co., prior to the latter's recent dissolution: Henry Rogers Winthrop, Leeds Mitchell, Theodore E. Cunningham, Woodward Babcock, John J. Fagan, Harry C. Schaack, George R. Thornton, Alfred I. Preston, Jr., Walter Schuttler, James I. Bush, Richard P. Loasby, Richard F. Babcock, Richard B. W. Hall, Henry F. Godfrey and Wendell S. Kuhn. All of the foregoing are general partners, while Milton W. Holden and Clifford M. Leonard are special partners. The new firm will maintain two offices in Chicago, one at The Rookery and the other in the Foreman Bank Building, besides an uptown branch in New York at 654 Madison Ave. Memberships are also held by the firm in the Chicago Stock Exchange, New York Cotton Exchange, Chicago Board of Trade, and New York Curb Exchange.

—Pirnie, Simons & Co., Inc., announces the installation of direct private wires from Springfield, Mass. to their New York and Philadelphia offices. These wires will operate in addition to the present system connecting Boston, Hartford, Pittsfield, Worcester and Springfield.

—It was on Dec. 1 1889, that the business of A. E. Ames & Co., Ltd., was established in Toronto. The occasion of this fortieth anniversary serves to recall many changes in Canadian business which are outlined in "Investment Recommendations" published monthly by the firm. In retrospect the achievements in the intervening years have been so significant in Canadian development that there is some satisfaction in contrasting the earlier with the later period. The efforts of this company were originally devoted to a general financial business including the execution of orders on the Toronto Stock Exchange and throughout the 40 years now closed they have participated actively in the changing trends of Canadian business. By way of contrast it is of interest to note that 176,000 shares were traded on the Exchange in the whole year of 1889. Whereas on Oct. 29, 331,109 shares changed hands. Further summoning up the growth of Canadian industries during the past 40 years the following comparisons are made: Manufacturing has multiplied output from about \$350,000,000 in 1889 to nearly \$4,000,000,000 in 1929; agricultural field crops yielded a value of only \$200,000,000 in 1889 as compared with more than \$1,000,000,000 in 1929; the mining areas of British Columbia and Northern Ontario had an annual output value of less than \$14,000,000 as compared with nearly \$300,000,000 at the present time; the commercial use of electricity was but a few years old in 1889 and the innovation of replacing the old-fashioned horse cars with an electric trolley system in Toronto in 1892 excited widespread comment. In 1889 less than \$5,000,000 were invested in power houses in Canada as compared with nearly \$1,000,000,000 to-day; bank assets multiplied from \$253,789,803 in 1889 to \$3,614,901,480 in 1929 and life insurance in force grew from \$231,963,702 in 1889 to \$6,500,000,000 in 1929.

—German Public Utilities.—In a pamphlet intended for English speaking countries the firms of S. Schoenberger & Co., Berlin and Amsterdam, are publishing interesting researches relating to the German Electrical Industry. Beside a lucidly arranged classification regarding the development of the figures of German generation and sales of electricity, the pamphlet contains a detailed comparison between the German and the North-American industries generating electrical current. It is being shown that the receipts of the former are—in consequence of the high average price of current of r.m.—35 (=8.33 cents)—rather substantially higher than the takings of the American electricity works whose average price of current only amounts to 2.64 cents. Furthermore it is noteworthy that in Germany the receipts are working out at 100% of the capital invested as against only 20% in the U. S. A. Finally, the pamphlet contains analyses of some leading German public utility securities.

—William K. Mehlbach, whose election as an Assistant Vice-President of G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., was announced this week, is well known among investment bankers and dealers throughout the country. In Feb., 1922, he entered the investment banking business in New York City and later became connected with G. L. Ohrstrom & Co., Inc., as Syndicate Manager; the position he now occupies in the firm's main office at 44 Wall St.

—Newton & Townsend, 115 Broadway, New York, have issued a statistical comparison of leading grocery chain store stocks.

—Shields & Co. announce that Dr. H. Parker Willis has become associated with them as Chairman of their Investment Advisory Board, and will direct the work of the Economic Research and Statistical Departments. Dr. Willis was formerly Secretary of the Federal Reserve Board for many years, and is at the present time Professor of Banking at Columbia University and Editor of the New York Journal of Commerce. He is widely recognized as an authority on economics and banking and has written several books on these subjects.

—George M. Sangster, Jr., has been appointed manager of the Philadelphia office of Albert Frank & Co. Mr. Sangster previously was managing editor of Pictorial-Review and for several years in editorial and advertising activities with the United Business Publishers, Inc., and in Philadelphia with the Keystone Publishing Co. Increased space has been taken in the Otis Bldg., corner of Sixteenth and Sansom Sts.

—Chas. W. Scranton & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, New Haven, Conn., have published a booklet on "Fixed-Income Securities" which contains a reprint of an article, appearing in the November issue of "Scribner's," written by S. Palmer Harman on "Where the Bond-Buyer Stands To-day."

—Samuel Ungerleider & Co. members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of a branch office at 210 Sunset Ave., Palm Beach, Florida. Additional Florida branch offices will be opened shortly thereafter in the Roman Pools Casino, Miami Beach, and the Hollywood Hotel at Hollywood.

—L. Sherman Adams of Boston and New York, announces that as of Dec. 9, Guy Currier, Jr., is admitted to partnership and that the business will be conducted as L. Sherman Adams & Co., with memberships on the Boston Stock Exchange and New York Curb Exchange.

—J. K. Rice, Jr. & Co., 120 Broadway, New York, have issued an analysis of "Three Attractive Insurance Stocks." The companies reviewed are Home Insurance Co., Halifax Fire Insurance Co. and New Brunswick Fire Insurance Co.

—E. B. Oulashin has been appointed manager of the Foreign Bond Department of Robjnt, Smith & Co., Inc., 160 Broadway, New York, and F. A. Weber has become associated with them in their Statistical Department.

—Macaulay & Co., 42 Broadway, New York, have issued their "Monthly Quotation Bulletin" on Brooklyn, Long Island, Staten Island and Westchester bank, trust, title and insurance stocks.

—Zimmermann & Forshay announce that Alfred Zimmermann and Fred Blaser have rejoined their organization and have been placed in charge of the bank stock and unlisted department.

—Farr & Co., 90 Wall St., New York, have issued a survey of the sugar stocks with table of current investment yields and a summary of conditions prevailing in respective groups.

—Chandler & Co., Inc., 120 Broadway, New York, has issued a review of food securities containing income statements and other news of leading companies in this field.

—Gilbert Elliott & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, 11 Broadway, New York, have prepared an analysis of Firemen's Insurance Co., Newark, N. J.

—James Talcott, Inc. has been appointed Factor for Schlossberg, Grossman & Beck of 225 Fourth Ave., New York City, selling agent for Woolen and Worsted Mills.

—Marks & Graham, members of the New York Stock Exchange, 32 Broadway, New York, have prepared an analysis of the Commercial Investment Trust Corp.

—Newman Bros. & Worms, members of the New York Stock Exchange have prepared a brochure stressing the salient features of Pennsylvania RR.

—Zonite Products Corp. is the subject of an analysis by Peter P. McDermott & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, 42 Broadway, New York.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS
PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed "INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY."

Friday Night, Dec. 13 1929.

COFFEE on the spot was dull with No. 7 Rio, 9¼ to 10c.; No. 4 Santos, 15 to 15½c.; No. 7-8 Victoria, 9 to 9¼c. Fair to good Cucuta, 15½ to 16c.; Oeana, 15½ to 16c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 16 to 17c.; washed, 17 to 18c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 17 to 17½c.; Medellin, 18½ to 19c.; Manizales, 16¾ to 17¼c.; Mexican washed, 20 to 21c.; Surinam, 14 to 15c.; Mandheling, 29 to 35c.; Genuine Java, 29 to 31c.; Robusta washed, 13¾ to 14c.; natural, 11 to 11½c.; Mocha, 25½ to 26½c.; Harrar, 23½ to 24c.; Abyssinian, 18½ to 19c.; Guatemala, prime, 18 to 18½c.; good, 16¾ to 17¼c.; Bourbon, 16 to 17c. On the 9th inst. the supply of cost and freight offers was fairly large and the prices were generally lower, some 50 to 60 points under the previous tenders from the same quarter. On the 10th inst. the cost and freight offers from Brazil were very irregular and generally lower. There was a quite plentiful supply. Santos Bourbon, 2-3s for prompt shipment were here at 14.65 to 14¾c.; 3s at 14½ to 14.90c.; ¾s at 13.40 to 14c.; 3-5s at 12.40 to 13c.; 4-5s at 11¾ to 12¾c.; 5s at 12 to 13.30c.; 5-6s at 11.10 to 11¾c.; 6s at 10.70 to 11½c.; 6-7s at 10½c.; 7s at 8.15 to 10c.; part Bourbon 3s at 12½c.; 4-5s at 12 to 12.45c.; Peaberry 3-4s at 13¾c.; Rio 7s at 9.15c.; 7-8s at 8.85c.; Victoria 7-8s at 8.45c.

On the 12th inst. cost and freight offers were scarce early at generally unchanged prices, a few being slightly higher. A number of shippers cabled that they were unwilling to make offers owing to the fluctuations in exchange. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 14c.; 5s at 13¾c.; 3-5s at 12½c.; 4-5s at 11.30c. to 11.85c.; 5-6s at 10½ to 11½c.; 6s at 10.15 to 10¼c.; 6-7s at 9¾c.; 7-8s at 8¼c.; part Bourbon 3-4s at 12c.; Rio 3-4s at 10.45c.; 3-5s at 10½c.; 7s at 9c. and 7-8s at 8.70c. To-day the supply of cost and freight offers was somewhat larger. On the average prices were unchanged, a few being slightly higher and one or two a little lower. For prompt shipment Santos Bourbon 2-3s were quoted at 14c.; 3s at 12½c. to 13¼c.; 3-4s at 11¼ to 12½c.; 3-5s at 11¾ to 12½c.; 4-5s at 11¾ to 12c.; 5s at 11½c.; 5-6s at 10½ to 10¾c.; 6s at 10¼c.; 6-7s at 9¾ to 10.15c.; 7-8s at 7¾ to 8¼c. Part Bourbon 3-5s at 12c.; 7-8s at 8.40c. Peaberry 4-5s at 11.85c. Rio 3-4s at 10.45c.; 3-5s at 10¼c.; Rio 7s at 9.00c.; 7-8s at 8.70 to 9.05c. Victoria 7-8s at 7.65c.; rain-damaged 7-8s at 7.60c.

On the 7th inst. futures declined 7 to 11 points on Rio and 4 to 12 on Santos with little trading in either; the total for both did not exceed 10,000 bags. Brazil sold. Cost and freight offerings were lower.

Futures on the 9th inst. declined 8 to 71 points on general liquidation following lower Brazilian cables and a decline in cost and freight offers. Rio fell 8 to 27 points and Santos 58 to 71 points. Total sales were 90,000 bags. Prices declined under scattered liquidation and especially rather heavy selling of Santos March delivery due partly to easier Brazilian exchange. Sao Paulo cabled the New York Times Dec. 9: "Financial circles here and at Rio de Janeiro were thrown into another panicky condition when the milreis and coffee prices broke yesterday. The decline of the milreis was precipitated by the Federally controlled Banco de Brazil's action late on Saturday in refusing to cover foreign bills of exchange except for regular customers. Following this drastic action the milreis has dropped from 8.5, which was Saturday's rate, to 8.65c. per dollar. This is interpreted by journals here as indicating that the stabilization scheme will probably be abandoned. According to reports published in the *Diario da Noite* the decline of the milreis is due to the fall of coffee prices on the New York market, together with its decrease in coffee exports from Santos giving Brazil an unfavorable trade balance. Unless President Washington Luis takes immediate steps, most foreign bankers here believe there are grave possibilities of further declines in the milreis. It is thought the President will take every possible measure to salvage the stabilization scheme in some form, rather than permit a resumption of speculation in the milreis. Reports of big drops in Santos coffee prices on the New York Coffee Exchange to-day added further gloom to the picture and gave rise to rumors of fresh attacks on the coffee defense plan by the coffee growers and dealers." Arrivals of mild coffee in the United States thus far this month were 59,718 bags against 94,320 for the same time last year. Deliveries for the month thus far 72,001 against 100,100 last year. Stock of mild coffee in the United States on Dec. 9 was 233,973 bags against 246,256 a week ago and 354,490 last year.

On the 10th inst. futures ended 21 to 30 points lower with sales of 51,250 bags. Santos fell 22 to 77 points with sales of 64,000 bags. The decline was due to falling Exchange in

Brazil, lower cost and freight prices and persistent liquidation. Rio cables were 100 to 200 reis lower. Santos Exchange 5 25-32d. a decline of 1-32d. Rio Exchange 5 49.64d. a decline of 1-32d. in 24 hours. On the 11th inst. futures declined 67 to 100 points on Santos and 52 to 68 on Rio owing to lower Brazil prices and exchanges and heavy selling for Europe, Brazil and New York interests. Futures on the 11th inst. fell perpendicularly 35 to 60 points on Rio and 38 to 100 on Santos the latter on March owing to declining prices for Brazilian coffee and Exchange and local Brazilian and European Exchange. Part of the decline was recovered on covering in the afternoon, the rally from the low of the day being 25 to 40 points. Rumors that attempts at stabilization may be dropped had some effect. The Brazilian situation was viewed with greater apprehension than ever. The technical position was improved. Exchange on London in Santos was 5¾d. a decline of ¼d., as compared with the previous day. Dollar rate 8\$600.

Sao Paulo cabled Dec. 12: "The financial market, in which milreis slid yesterday to 9.20 to the dollar and threatened to cause the collapse of the Brazilian stabilization scheme, suddenly turned firm on opening to-day and remained steady throughout the day. Exchange opened to-day at 9.50 milreis to the dollar, then steadied at 8.95c., although at first some banks limited transactions to not exceeding \$500. As confidence became re-established, however, the National City banks here and in Rio de Janeiro accepted exchange in any amount. While the situation is grave, with many maintaining that in view of the present rate of milreis the stabilization scheme no longer is in effect, American banking circles here are optimistic and predict an early recovery. The unexpected falling off of milreis, according to bankers, is due to the Federal controlled Banco de Brazil's refusal on last Saturday to cover all foreign exchange drafts, limiting business to regular customers, which had an immediate reaction on the market. On Monday when the bank's action became known in Santos, the coffee exporters there started holding up coffee export bills, waiting for a further drop in milreis. As coffee is the lifeblood of Brazil, this had an immediate effect on exchange rates, causing a further decline in milreis. Late yesterday and all to-day however, bills appeared in Santos which caused the market to steady and instilled general confidence. On the 12th inst. futures declined 5 to 24 points on Rio with sales of 43,000 bags and Santos ended 30 points off to 20 points higher with sales of 73,000 bags. The market acted short with less offerings in the cost and freight market. Brazil exchange seemed a bit steadier.

To-day futures advanced 5 to 16 points on Rio with sales of 37,750 bags and 6 to 27 points on Santos with sales of 48,500 bags. Firmer Brazilian exchange, covering and trade and Brazilian buying were strengthening factors. Late to-day there was some irregularity as Rio Exchange closed lower at 5 23-32d., a decline of 1-16d. from yesterday. Santos exchange ended at 5¾d., a rise of ¼d. Final prices here show a decline for the week of 83 to 108 points on Rio and 147 to 162 points on Santos.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial	9¼	March	7.36@7.40	July	7.24@
December	8.00@	May	7.25@	September	7.22@7.25

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:

Spot unofficial		Mar.	10.30@	July	10.12@ nom
Dec.	11.57@	May	10.15@ nom	Sept.	10.10@ nom

COCOA to-day closed with December 8.80c.; January, 8.92c.; March, 9.25c.; sales 82 lots.

SUGAR.—Prompt Cuban was quiet at one time, at 1 15-16c. c. & f. and 3.71c. delivered. Later 2c. to 3.77c. Futures on the 7th inst. ended 1 point lower to 1 point higher with sales of 8,350 tons. January ended at 1.95c.; March, 2.04c.; May, 2.10c.; July, 2.17c.; Sept., 2.23c.; Dec., 2.29c. Refined 5c. with a fair business in small lots for prompt delivery. Refined was 5c. and in the metropolitan district, indeed in the eastern section, the demand for refined was said to be good. Interior trade was poor, owing to the competition of Louisiana whites and western beets, the latter being offered up to the Pittsburgh-Buffalo line at 4.80c. On the 9th inst. futures ended 1 point lower to 3 points higher with sales of 21,800 tons. Seventy-six Dec. notices were issued. Dec. acted well, despite the notices. The same interests that stopped the Sept. notices have been stopping the Dec. London cables reported that 7,000 to 8,000 tons of raws for first half Jan. shipment sold at 8s. 7½d. c.i.f. and for second half Jan. shipment and first half Feb. 8s. 9d. c.i.f. One estimate of the Cuban crop was 4,700,000 tons, against 5,156,159, the high record last year, a decline this year of 456,159 tons, or 9%. In 1927-28 the crop was 4,038,218; in 1926-27, 4,508,589; in 1925-26, 4,887,767, and in 1924-25, 5,125,625.

President Machado has signed a decree fixing Jan. 15 1930, as the earliest date on which grinding of the new sugar crop will be permitted. The cutting of cane as usual will

begin some days in advance of actual grinding. Some think that this postponement is a bullish factor. Not only will the period in which old crops must be further depleted be extended by a fortnight but the early accumulation of new crop stocks will be mitigated by the lessened production in January. Last January, grinding began on the 1st inst and production that month aided by exceptionally high yields established a new high record of 1,196,000 tons. The Cuban Secretary of Agriculture has issued a revised estimate of the Cuban crop of 4,545,000 tons. Receipts at Cuban ports for the week were 32,619 tons against 26,056 in the same week last year; exports 44,668 against 63,318 last year; stock (consumption deducted) 241,983 against 244,470 last year. Centrals grinding none. Of the exports 41,672 went to Atlantic ports, and 2,996 to interior United States. London cables on the 9th inst. reported sales of 7,000 to 8,000 Brazilian raw sugars at 8s. 7½d. for first half Jan., and 8s. 9d. c. i. f. for second half of Jan. and Feb. shipment. The buyers were understood to be operators.

On the 10th inst. futures were two points lower to two points higher with sales of 34,150 tons. December declined two points. Cuba apparently bought January and March. There was some concentrated buying by commission house interests of July. Apart from these purchases the trading was small. Prompt Cuban was in fair demand and firm. It is supposed that the supply of uncontrolled Cuban sugar has been sold. That will mean that the Selling Agency will come to the fore. The sales on the 10th inst. were 82,000 bags at 1 31-32c. c. & f. or 3.74c. delivered; also on the 9th inst. 2,000 tons of Philippines for early January arrival at 3.71c. and 40,000 bags Louisiana either at 3.71c. or subject to the price on the day of arrival within two weeks. Refined was in fair demand at 5c. A better trade is expected shortly. On the 10th inst. 100 tons of raw sugar were delivered on contract. On the 11th inst. prompt sugar advanced. Sales were confirmed of 50,000 bags Porto Rican raw sugar for December shipment at 3.77c. delivered or 2c. c. & f. and of 2,000 tons Philippines due late in January to an operator at the same price. This seems to have taken all the duty frees available at the price, one lot of Philippines due about the middle of January which has been on offer all day at 3.80c. delivered or 2c. c. & f. remains unsold. It was rumored that some uncontrolled Cubas came out at 2c. and were taken by refiners.

Havana cabled the New York "Times": "A general plan for the advance of funds by the banks of Cuba to sugar mill owners and cane planters during the coming sugar harvest was submitted for the consideration of the executive board of the Cuban Export Corporation by a special commission of members. Under the plan sugar mill operators and planters would deal directly with the banks and a bag of sugar would be the unit of security, as it was before the establishment of a single sales agency. Loans would be based on the lowest market price, whether in Europe or the United States. The banks would return to the export agency any surplus resulting from liquidation of operations after advance funds and interest had been collected and any deficit incurred by planters and operators would have to be guaranteed by Government bonds. A meeting of the financing committee, in which the bankers will not participate will be held tomorrow to study the plan." After accepting a bid of 8s. 10½d. c.i.f. equivalent to 1.75c. f.o.b. on 6,000 tons of raw sugar for shipment outside of the United States, the position not being stated, the Cuban Selling Agency adjourned to 3 p. m. The chief owner of uncontrolled Cubas was said to have turned back 14,000 tons to the Single Seller. Receipts at United States Atlantic ports for the week were 45,839 tons against 37,120 in the previous week and 30,753 in the same week last year; meltings 41,550 tons, against 39,994 tons in the previous week and 48,400 last year; importers' stocks 453,806, against 450,192 in previous week and 120,079 in the same week last year; refiners' stocks 166,736 tons against 166,061 in previous week and 50,903 last year; total stocks 620,542 tons against 616,253 in previous week and 170,982 last year. In refined later there was a very good business in this territory but the sales to the interior are small owing to the competition of beets and Louisiana. The Cuban Selling Agency on the 11th inst. declined all bids.

Futures on the 11th inst. ended 2 to 4 points higher on covering, while the trade and Cuban interests sold. Offerings were small. The sales were 29,350 tons. Evidently the technical position was better; 2,000 tons of Philippines sold at 2c. for late January delivery; 4,000 tons Philippines at 3.86c. for February-March and 50,000 bags of Porto Rico December shipment at 3.77c. On the 12th inst. there were 2,800 tons delivered on contracts. London reported on the 12th inst. refiners looking on. An operator bought 5,500 tons of Brazils for January shipment at 8s. 9d. c.i.f., equivalent to 1.72c. f.o.b. for Cubas. The London Board of Trade figures for the month of November are: Consumption 126,020 tons against 157,000 tons last year. Imports 126,000 tons against 141,000 last year. Stocks 273,000 tons against 196,000 last year. On the 12th inst. it was officially announced that the Cuban Selling Agency declined bids of 2c. c. & f. on a very large quantity but no particulars were given. London cables to-day reported the market sensitive; some aid steadier with no attempt to do business in anticipation of an announcement that is expected from the Chancellor before Christmas as to a preferential duty policy. The indications are that this will not favor a reduction. One cable reported sales of 500 tons of Perus for December shipment

to Liverpool at 8s. 6d. and of 500 tons of Perus for January shipment to Antwerp at 8s. 7½d.

The Single Seller according to official advices had an opportunity to sell a large tonnage to-day, presumably to operators for shipment to the United States at 2c. c. & f., but declined it. Philadelphia later bought another lot of Philippine raw sugars at a further advance. It was 3,000 tons due about the middle of Jan. at 3.83c. delivered or 2 1-16c. c. & f. To-day sales of Philippine raw sugars were of 2,500 tons for late Jan.-early Feb. shipment at 3.83c. Washington wired that by a vote of 60 to 15 the Senate decided to lay aside the tariff bill and continued discussion of the tax reduction measure. Philadelphia paid 3.80d. delivered or 2 1-32c. c. & f. for 2,000 tons of Philippines for late Jan. arrival. There were further buyers at this level, but no sellers under 3.83c. delivered, or 2 1-16c. c. & f. No Cubas were offered. Futures closed 1 point lower to 3 points higher with sales of 28,900 tons. Prices early in the day were 2 points higher on some months though Dec. was weak on the issuance of 4 notices. Prompt sugar was 2c. c. & f. Final prices show an advance of 7 to 11 points for the week. London beet sugar closed steady with Jan. 6s. 9d.

Prices were as follows:

Spot unofficial	2	Jan	2.02@2.03	July	2.22@nom
Dec	1.97@nom	Mar	2.10@nom	Sept	2.25@
		May	2.16@		

LARD.—Spot prime western was 11.20 to 11.30c.; refined Continent, 11½c.; South America, 11¾c.; Brazil, 12¾c. later ½c. lower. Futures on the 7th inst. advanced slightly through at times there was some irregularity as grain declined. Hogs however were firm with sales at as high as 9.25c. Futures on the 9th inst. ended 5 points lower to 3 points higher. Hogs were firm offsetting in some degree the decline in grain. Total western receipts of hogs were 156,000 against 197,000 a year ago. Chicago received 46,000. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 3 points lower. Deliveries reached 1,250,000 lbs. Export clearances from New York of lard last week were 16,970,000 lbs. against 7,644,000 lbs. for the previous week. On the 10th inst. futures ended 5 points lower. Hogs were 10c. higher and grain was also firmer. December deliveries at Chicago were 300,000 lbs. Western hog receipts were 138,000 against 176,000 on the same day last year. Spot prime western was off to 11.15 to 11.25c.; refined was down to 11½c. to the Continent; 11½c. to South America and 12½c. for Brazil. Spot on the 11th inst. was weaker with prime western 11.05 to 11.15c. Futures fell 5 to 10 points with the grain markets lower. Hogs were steady but cash lard was lower. Receipts of hogs at Chicago on the 12th inst. were 60,000. Deliveries of lard were 400,000 lbs. Liverpool was 3d. to 6d. lower. Total western receipts of hogs for the day were 147,500 against 140,000 a week ago. To-day futures closed unchanged to 2 points higher, although hogs were firmer and receipts of hogs at the West were only moderate. But there was hedge selling and scattered liquidation due to the decline in prices for grain. For the week ended Dec. 2nd the exports were 22,955,000 lbs. against 9,483,000 for the same week last year. The total from Jan. 1st to Dec. 7th is 755,070,000 lbs. against 682,848,000 during the same time last year. Final prices show a decline for the week of 30 to 35 points.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	10.55	10.50	10.45	10.35	10.20	10.22
January	10.85	10.85	10.80	10.75	10.50	10.50
March	11.07	11.10	11.05	10.95	10.72	10.75

PORK was steady; Mess, \$28.50; family, \$34.50; fat back, \$21 to \$24. Ribs, 10.50c. Beef quiet but steady; Mess, \$25; packet, \$26 to \$27; family, \$27 to \$29; extra India mess, \$42 to \$44; No. 1 canned corned beef, \$3.10; No. 2, \$5.50; six pounds, South America, \$16.75; pickled tongues, \$70 to \$75. Cut meats steady; pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 17¼ to 18½c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 16 to 17c.; bellies, clear, dry salted boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 14c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 14½c. Butter, lower grades to high scoring 30 to 42½c. Cheese, flats, 22 to 26½c.; daisies, 23 to 25c. Eggs, medium to extra, 40 to 57c.; closely selected, 58 to 59c.; fancy in some cases 1 to 2½c. higher.

OILS.—Linseed of late has been easier owing to the irregular tendency of the flaxseed markets. Raw oil in carlots, cooerage basis was 14.9c. Deliveries against old contracts were of good volume but new buying was rather small. Single barrels were quoted at 15.7c. and in five to ten-barrel lots, 15.3c. Coconut, Manila, coast tanks, 6¾c.; spot, N. Y., tanks, 7½c. Corn, crude, barrels, tanks, f.o.b. mills, 8c. Olive, Den., \$1.15 to \$1.30. China-wood, N. Y. drums, carlots, spot, 14¼ to 14½c.; Pacific Coast futures, 12½c. Soya bean, tanks, Coast, 9¾c. Edible, olive, \$2.25 to \$2.40. Lard, prime, 15¼c.; extra strained winter, N. Y., 12¾c. Cod, Newfoundland, 62c. Turpentine, 54½ to 60½c. Rosin, \$8.25 to \$9.75. Cottonseed oil sales to-day, including switches, 5,900 barrels. P. Crude S. E., 7¼c. bid. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	February	8.82@8.90	May	9.23@9.24
December	March	9.04@9.6	June	9.25@9.38
January	April	9.10@9.20	July	9.38@9.39

PETROLEUM.—Gasoline consumption was holding up very well but the demand of late has fallen off somewhat owing to bad weather. Yet prices were firm at 8¾ to 8½c. for United States Motor in tank cars at refineries. Domestic heating oils and furnace oil have met with a better demand owing to the colder weather of late. Prices were firm. Fuel oil was steady with consumption increasing. Bunker oil,

Grade C was steady at \$1.05 New York Harbor refineries. A fair volume of new business was booked but the movement in the main was against contracts. Diesel oil was unchanged at \$2. New York Harbor refineries with activity confined mostly to filling old contracts. Kerosene consumption increased and prices were firm. Stocks are not large but production has increased somewhat. Refiners quoted 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. for water white 41-43 gravity in tank cars at refineries. The Gulf market was steady but fresh foreign buying of late has lagged.

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RUBBER.—On the 7th inst. prices closed unchanged to 10 points higher; sales, 47 tons. London closed unchanged to 10 points higher. At New York, December ended at 10.10c.; March, 19.90c.; May, 17.30c.; August, 17.90c.; September, 18.10 to 18.20c. On the 9th inst. New York ended unchanged to 20 points higher with sales of 555 long tons. Manufacturers bought May. December ended at 16.10 to 16.20c.; January, 16.40 to 16.50c.; March, 17c.; May, 17.50c.; Sept., 18.30 to 18.40c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked sheets, spot and December, 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 16 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; January-March, 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 17c.; April-June, 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; July-Sept., 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 18c.; spot, first latex, 16 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ c.; thin, pale latex, 17 to 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; clean, thin, brown crepe, 13 $\frac{5}{8}$ to 13 $\frac{7}{8}$ c.; specky crepe, 13 to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; rolled, brown crepe, 9 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 10 $\frac{1}{8}$ c.; No. 2 amber, 14 to 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; No. 3, 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 14c.; No. 4, 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. London on the 9th inst. ended dull and unchanged to 1-16d. lower; Spot, December, 8 1-16d.; Jan.-March, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; April-June, 8 7-16d.; July-Sept., 8 11-16d., and October-December, 8 15-16d. Singapore closed quiet and unchanged; No. 3 amber crepe spot quoted at 6 5-16d. Stocks at London for the week totalled 55,431 long tons or an increase of 893 long tons. Liverpool stocks increased 170 long tons, bringing the total for the week to 17,922. One view was: "The market is still unsettled. Estimates of November consumption in the United States are as low as 30,000 tons, and there are opinions that December consumption may increase slightly."

New York on the 10th inst. ended unchanged to 10 points higher. Large interests are said to have given support. Shorts covered. London was unchanged to 1-16d. higher; spot, 8d. Singapore was unchanged with December, 7 $\frac{5}{8}$ d. New York on the 10th inst. closed with December, 16.20c.; January, 16.30 to 16.60c.; March, 17.10 to 17.20c.; May, 17.60c.; July, 18c.; Sept., 18.40 to 18.50c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked, spot, 16 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 16 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; Dec., 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 16 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; January-March, 16 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 17c.; April-June, 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; July-Sept., 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 18c.; spot, first latex, 16 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ c.; thin, pale latex, 17 to 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Dealers' stocks in Singapore in November 1929 were 25,429 long tons against 28,126 in October, and 23,798 in November last year; Penang, 4,476 long tons against 5,644 in October and 5,390 in November last year; Malacca, 2,458 long tons in November against 2,436 in October, and 1,477 in November last year; Wellesley 136 in November against 129 in October; Dinnings 49 against 34 in October; total, 32,548 long tons in November against 36,369 in November. Rubber invoiced for shipment to the United States for the week ended Dec. 7th, according to vise figures of the Department of Commerce total 12,954 tons against 10,290 tons the previous week or an actual increase of 2,664 tons for the period. The London Board of Trade report follows: Imports in November, 385,802 tons against 463,785 in October and 121,458 in November last year; exports, 91,451 tons in November against 102,906 in previous week and 191,807 in same month last year; to America 15,013 tons in November against 12,159 in previous month and 67,618 last year.

Futures on the 11th inst. advanced 10 points with London up $\frac{1}{8}$ d., Singapore $\frac{1}{8}$ to 3-16d. higher, stocks smaller and actual rubber stronger. Dealers' stocks in the Far East are 32,548 tons a decrease for the month of Nov. of 3,281 tons. The sales here on the 11th inst. were 510 tons. Here Dec. closed on the 11th inst. at 16.30 to 16.40c.; Jan. 16.50 to 16.60; March, 17.20 to 17.70c.; July, 18.10 to 18.20c.; Sept., 18.40 to 18.50c.; Nov., 18.80c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked, spot and Dec., 16 $\frac{3}{8}$ to 16 $\frac{5}{8}$ c.; Jan.-March, 17 to 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; Spot, first latex crepe, 17 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 17 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; thin pale latex, 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 17 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; clean thin brown crepe, 13 $\frac{7}{8}$ to 14 $\frac{1}{8}$ c.; specky crepe, 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; rolled brown crepe, 10 $\frac{1}{8}$ to 10 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; No. 2 amber, 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; No. 3, 14 to 14 $\frac{1}{4}$ c.; No. 4, 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 $\frac{3}{4}$ c. London spot, 8 $\frac{1}{2}$ d.; Dec., 8 3-16d.; Jan.-March, 8 5-16d.; April-June, 8 $\frac{3}{8}$ d.; July-Sept., 8 $\frac{7}{8}$ d. Singapore Dec., 7 $\frac{3}{8}$ c.; Jan.-Mar., 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d.; Apr.-June, 8 5-16d. On the 12th inst. prices ended 20 to 50 points lower with sales of 892 tons. London was 1-16 to $\frac{1}{8}$ d. lower. This hit the market here. Up-town interests bought. Speculation was large. Liquidation however was the dominant note. Outside prices stood up very well. On that day December ended at 16.10 to 16.20c.; Jan., 16.30 to 16.40c.; March, 17c.; May, 17.30c.; July, 17.70c.; Nov., 18.40c. Spot and Dec. ribbed, 16 $\frac{1}{4}$ to 16 $\frac{1}{2}$ c.; first latex, 17 to 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. London spot, 8d., Dec., 8 1-16d. Singapore, 7 11-16d. To-day prices closed 10 points lower to 10 higher with sales of 192 lots. Final prices are unchanged to 20 points higher for the week.

HIDES.—On the 7th inst. advanced 10 to 20 points with sales of 440,000 lbs. On that day Dec. closed at 13.85c.; March, 14.60c.; May, 15.15 to 15.24c.; Sept., 15.86 to 15.89c. New York on the 9th inst. closed 10 points lower to 5 points

higher. It was a quiet market. Russian buying imparted a better tone to the frigorifico market. Recent sales were reported in the Argentine at as high as 177-16c. Of Argentine frigorifico steers the sales were 41,000; also 4,500 Uruguayan steers sold at 15 15-16c. to 17 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. Stocks of frigorifico steers are much reduced. City packer hides were firm with practically the entire output to Dec. 1 sold. There remains some spready native steers and native bulls. Common dry hides were quiet. Country hides slow. Packer, native steers, 16c.; butt brands, 15c.; Colorados, 14c. New York City calfskins 5-7s, 1.65 to 1.70c.; 9-12s, 2.80c.; 7-9s, 2.05 to 2.10c. On the 10th inst. New York fell 15 to 30 points in a dull market. Dec., 13.50; Jan., 13.75c.; March, 14.35c.; May, 14.85c.; Sept., 15.60c. On the 11th inst. futures ended unchanged to 20 points higher despite reports of a decline in Chicago of $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in light native cows. It is a time of inventories and trade lags. Only 11 contracts were sold on the Exchange. Dec. ended on the 11th inst. at 13.50c.; Jan. at 13.85c.; May at 14.95 to 15.05c., and Sept. at 15.80c. On the 12th inst. prices were 5 points off to 5 points higher; Dec., 13.60c.; May, 15.10c.; Sept., 15.75 to 15.90c. Small lots of Maracaibo sold at 15c. To-day prices closed 5 points off to 40 points higher with Dec. ending at 14c.; Jan., 14.10c.; March, 14.55c.; May, 15.05 to 15.20c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS.—Gulf business was better. Coal trade was brisk. Later on North Pacific business increased. Oil tonnage was wanted later.

CHARTERS included: Tankers—March-April, four trips, Gulf-Continent, clean, 27s. 6d.; clean, Gulf, March, to United Kingdom, 325s. 6d.; gas oil, Philadelphia, Dec., to Providence, 13c.; fixed about Dec. 3 to Gulf north of Hatteras, 32c.; gas or lubricating oil, Black Sea, Feb.-March, to U. K.-Continent, 23s. 3d.; clean, March basis, Gulf-United Kingdom-Continent, 25s. 12 months, option 18 months; May-June delivery, 8s. 6d. 18 months; fuel or crude oil, two years Jan., 14.520 ton steamer, 8s.; Gulf, Jan., gas oil Italy, 26s. Time—Trip across South Atlantic, prompt, 65c.; West Indies round, 80c.; Dec., Trinidad trip up, redelivery north of Hatteras, option South Atlantic, \$1; prompt West Indies round, \$1; trip across, South Atlantic, redelivery United Kingdom-Continent, \$1.40; Coal—Atlantic range, Jan., to west Italy, \$2.15; early Dec. Hampton Roads to Santos, \$3.40; Hampton Roads to Rio, \$3 Jan.; late Jan., Hampton Roads to west Italy, \$2.37 $\frac{1}{2}$; Atlantic range Dec. to west Italy, \$2.25; steamer 5,000 tons, Atlantic range first half Jan. to Porto Ferrajo, \$2.15; Hampton Roads, same, second half Jan., \$2.25. Lumber—Gulf, Jan., to two Gulf ports, \$15. Wheat—Vancouver, U.-K. or Continent, Bordeaux-Hamburg range, 24s. 6d.; Dec. pool; wheat, Vancouver, U. K.-Continent, Bordeaux-Hamburg range, 24s.

COAL has been in steady demand favored by seasonal weather though retail trade after the recent activity has fallen off somewhat. Last week was very active, however at New York, Hampton Roads and Baltimore tidewater. The coal trade will enter heartily into President Hoover's plans for maintaining buying power in the United States. Replacements and betterments to the amount of \$44,000,000 have been determined on by 165 companies. Others will be contributed to the same and within the limits of their resources. All this will necessarily react favorably on other industries. The production of bituminous coal in the United States during the week ended Dec. 7 amounted to 11,450,000 tons according to reports received by the National Coal Association. Total output for the weeks ended Nov. 23 and Nov. 30 amounted to 10,972,000 tons and 9,993,000 tons respectively, according to reports received by the Bureau of Mines.

TOBACCO.—A fair demand prevailed for this time of year for Wisconsin. Withdrawals of all classes of cigars for the first 10 months of the year showed an increase it is recalled, of 1.38% over the corresponding period last year. Richmond wired that the average price for Virginia flue-cured tobacco was \$17.19 per 100 pounds during October, as compared with \$16.25 during the same time last year, and that November prices were up about \$2 over the October levels. Cigarettes have been cut to 12c. per pack, said to be below cost. Havana's tobacco sales last week were 13,710 bales; its receipts from the country 9,093 bales. Recent cold weather hurt Chicago's retail trade. Wires to the U. S. Tobacco Journal said that good prices prevailed at Virginia markets. Heavy sales were made at South Boston. Total sales to date at South Hill at 5,884,000 pounds. At Rocky Mount, N. C., there was a slight decline in prices. Oxford, N. C., sales last week were 210 pounds at an average of \$21.81 for three days. Total sales to date 14,954,390 pounds; average \$20.77. The sales this season 2,713,397 pounds larger than in the same period of last year. Yet the sales were started one week later this year. It is estimated that the crop in this section is already 75% sold. Knoxville, Tenn., wired Dec. 12: "The average price of tobacco on the burley market here held above 26 cents a pound to-day when 175,498 pounds brought \$45,639 to growers. The market closed until Monday."

COPPER.—Export sales have increased but statistics on the whole have been bearish notably in the matter of a big gain in surplus stocks. Shipments have fallen off sharply. Surplus stocks of refined copper increased in November 38,518 tons. They are the largest since December 1924 when they were 136,434 tons. Yet the statistics had no great effect on the market. There was some demand for January shipment and prices were steady. The sales for export on the 10th inst. were 2,500 tons, the largest for several week past. Electrolytic 17 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 18c. On the 12th inst. London advanced 3s. 9d. for standard to £68 16s. 3d. for spot and £68 6s. 3d. for future; sales, 200 tons spot and 900 futures; electrolytic, £82 spot and £84 futures. At the second session spot standard closed at £68 17s. 6d.; futures £68 2s. 6d., with sales of 150 tons spot and 150 futures. At the Exchange here 100,000 lbs. of April sold on the 12th

inst. at 15.74 to 15.80c., the lower price being a new low in recent fluctuation. December, 16.35c. nominally; January, 15.95 to 16c. Production fell off in November. The total in this country was 75,231 short tons against 82,575 in October.

TIN.—Small trading has been the rule even at lower prices. Buyers are indisposed to take hold freely at this time of the year. On the 11th inst. prices declined $\frac{1}{8}$ c. with London off £1 5s. to £1 10s. On the 12th inst. Dec. was 39 $\frac{3}{4}$ c.; Jan., 40c.; Feb., 40 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. with trading almost absent. Closing prices, however, were 15 to 30 cents higher for the day. March sold at the Exchange at 40c. London on the 12th inst. dropped 10s. for spot standard to £179 5s. with futures off 7s. 6d. to £182 7s. 6d. with sales of 60 tons spot and 350 futures. Spot Straits fell 15s. to £182 10s.; Eastern c.i.f. London closed on that day at £182 12s. 6d.; with sales of 275 tons. At the second session in London spot standard advanced 10s. while futures were up 12s. 6d. with sales of 40 tons of spot and 210 of futures. To-day Dec. ended at 40.75 to 41.25c.; Jan., 41.05c.; Feb., 41.25c.; March, 41.40c.; sales 115 tons.

LEAD of late has been in fair demand and is noticeably steady although the business is mostly in carlots for immediate shipments. Consumers are not disposed to buy freely. It is the time for inventories. East St. Louis, 6.10c. and New York, 6.25c. On the 12th inst. London advanced 1s. 3d. to £21 7s. 6d. for spot and £21 10s. for futures with sales of 250 tons spot and 400 futures.

ZINC on the 11th inst. prime western slab zinc dropped \$4 a ton to 5.80c. per pound East St. Louis. That means a decline since early in Nov. of \$20 a ton or 1c. per pound under the high level of the year. Some of the smaller producers, it is said, have been selling below 5.90c. At the lower prices there has been some increase in business. It is even said that 5.75c. has been accepted. On the 12th inst. London declined 2s. 6d. to £20 on the spot, while futures fell 3s. 9d. to £20 11s. 3d. with sales of 1,150 tons of futures.

STEEL.—Orders as a rule are on a very moderate scale and for prompt shipment. The output of steel rails and tin plate it is stated has recently increased. Rail mills average 85% of capacity and tin plate 75%, against 65% for the industry as a whole. For steel bars the orders are mostly for quick delivery in small lots and even such orders are small. On the other hand stocks of consumers are said to be small. Jobbing business was smaller. Youngstown, Ohio, wired that an indication of a pickup in the steel business is noted in the receipt of a substantial order from a leading producer of low priced automobiles which is interpreted as forecasting an end to the lack of buying by steel companies and the beginning of a buying movement to replenish stocks. Some of the trade reviews took the ground that the automobile interests were buying a little more freely. Material for reinforcing roads in the Central West was reported in better demand. The automobile industry is said to have passed the low point. Tin plate mills are working at a rise to 75% of capacity on the score of January specifications.

PIG IRON.—It is said that business in New York has latterly increased somewhat, but elsewhere it appears to be the old story of general dullness and it would seem a tendency to shade prices on worth-while orders. For instance, Buffalo iron is quoted at \$17.50 on small orders but \$17 is, it appears, accepted on orders of more importance. They say some seven or eight thousand tons were sold here last week. East Pennsylvania quotations, it seems, are rather elastic. They are said to be \$18.50 to \$20.50, depending upon the amount of competition. Alabama iron is usually quoted at \$14.50 for nearby territory but \$13.50 for outside account. In other words, there is no essential change in the situation. Recently as is well known, the output has undergone a drastic reduction. Eastern Pennsylvania foundry iron has recently declined.

WOOL has been dull and more or less unsettled with foreign markets lower. Boston quoted delaine 35c.; Ohio and Pa., 35 to 36c. Boston wired: "Wool values are being readjusted and stabilized gradually. At present it is difficult to quote many descriptions of wool other than nominally for there have been no sales worthy of note and during the past two week wide discrepancies are reported in prices between different houses because no one seemed to know what the wools in question were worth. Instances are reported where differences as much as 15c. a pound in medium scoured wools were noted and other cases where differences were about 10c." Boston wired a government report as follows: "Some houses are receiving a number of inquiries for wool, but the demand does not appear urgent. Buyers are making bids that are not generally being accepted. They are also asking for January dating on their purchases in order to avoid increasing the volume of raw materials on inventory at the end of the year."

At Wellington on Dec. 6th offerings, 22,500 bales of which 17,000 sold. Selection medium cross-breds. Scarcity of super grades. They were wanted by American buyers and local mills. Medium top-making mills irregular; sold to Continent with Yorkshire and France doing little. Offerings and merinos small. Cross-breds were at par to 5% lower. Prices paid for cross-breds were 56-58s, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 16d.; 48-50s, 10 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 14 $\frac{3}{4}$ d.; 44-46s, 10 to 14d.; 36-40s, 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 13 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. At Brisbane on Dec. 10th Germany and Japan

bought freely. The selection was good. Yorkshire, France and Russia also bought suitable wools. Prices firm, compared with Sydney sales. Compared to previous sales here, fine fleeces broken and pieces were unchanged, good average and inferior fleeces and skirtings were about 5% lower. The 1930 wool sales at Perth will take place Jan. 14, Feb. 18, March 25. Offerings of 23,000 bales will be made at each sale. On April 8, 16,000 bales will be offered.

At Napier on the 12th inst. 23,000 bales were offered and 16,500 sold. The buyers were Yorkshire, the Continent and America. Compared with the Wellington sales on Dec. 6 prices were par to 5% lower. Prices paid on the average for super crossbred 50-56s were 11 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 13d.; for 46-48s, 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 12d.; for 36-40s, 9 to 11d. At Brisbane on the 12th inst. prices closed firm. Selection good. Demand excellent. Germany and Japan were good buyers; also France and Yorkshire. At Adelaide on the 12th inst. offerings were 30,000 bales. Yorkshire and the Continent were good buyers. Australian mills bought. Japan took comebacks and fine crossbreds. Prices were 7 $\frac{1}{8}$ % lower than at the last sale. The 1930 sales will be on Feb. 1, March 14 and April 16.

SILK closed to-day 3 to 8 points lower with sales of 1,120 bales. December, 4.35 to 4.36c.; January, 4.37c.; February, 4.42 to 4.43c.; March, 4.42c.; April, 4.39 to 4.43c.; May, 4.38c.; June, 4.38c.; July, 4.39 to 4.39c.

COTTON

Friday Night, Dec. 13 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 281,398 bales, against 282,747 bales last week and 268,195 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1929 6,053,287 bales, against 6,338,579 bales for the same period of 1928, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1929 of 285,292 bales.

Receipts at—	Sal.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	7,981	9,125	18,750	14,068	9,053	6,184	65,161
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	7,330	7,330
Houston	14,583	22,727	22,835	13,705	11,474	21,707	107,031
Corpus Christi	303	281	298	480	774	76	2,212
New Orleans	5,662	8,767	27,720	6,764	3,802	5,575	58,290
Mobile	523	1,395	2,452	2,015	4,033	1,930	12,348
Savannah	3,299	2,693	2,671	1,015	1,459	1,322	12,459
Charleston	1,110	1,064	1,324	1,123	128	93	4,842
Wilmington	962	872	574	372	793	676	4,249
Norfolk	847	516	1,399	1,064	975	1,879	6,680
New York	---	---	29	---	---	---	29
Boston	---	---	---	255	---	---	255
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	402	402
Philadelphia	20	---	---	---	---	90	110
Totals this week.	35,290	47,440	78,052	40,861	32,491	47,264	281,398

The following table shows the week's total receipts, the total since Aug. 1 1929 and Dec. 13 stocks to-night, compared with the last year:

Receipts to Dec. 13.	1929.		1928.		Stock.	
	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1929.	This Week.	Since Aug 1 1928.	1929.	1928.
Galveston	65,161	1,338,122	107,464	2,045,493	519,937	694,195
Texas City	7,330	112,642	6,562	125,457	40,347	47,505
Houston	107,031	2,101,456	84,435	2,164,347	1,140,845	913,654
Corpus Christi	2,212	369,258	1,028	250,601	29,782	---
Port Arthur, &c.	---	11,415	---	1,700	---	---
New Orleans	58,290	1,097,304	64,031	879,721	520,983	361,847
Gulfport	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mobile	12,348	269,617	10,155	168,225	51,510	65,638
Pensacola	---	23,978	50	4,793	---	---
Jacksonville	---	737	42	81	861	694
Savannah	12,459	378,236	9,642	269,454	92,341	62,252
Brunswick	---	7,094	---	---	---	---
Charleston	4,842	153,240	3,138	130,424	44,942	40,537
Lake Charles	---	6,606	---	3,471	---	---
Wilmington	4,249	67,411	5,648	90,797	36,081	39,788
Norfolk	6,680	98,157	8,993	168,861	68,380	106,000
N'port News, &c.	---	---	---	92	---	---
New York	29	1,005	5,750	12,343	92,709	23,945
Boston	255	926	8	1,188	1,139	1,915
Baltimore	402	15,581	4,790	21,531	1,191	1,500
Philadelphia	110	502	---	---	5,021	4,641
Totals	281,398	6,053,287	311,736	6,338,579	2,646,089	2,364,111

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	65,161	107,464	60,125	112,259	118,708	126,437
Houston	107,031	84,435	66,348	135,265	79,414	56,333
New Orleans	58,290	64,031	38,918	73,948	82,730	76,543
Mobile	12,348	10,155	3,079	9,823	5,177	5,028
Savannah	12,459	9,642	8,530	25,862	24,632	16,660
Brunswick	---	---	---	---	---	---
Charleston	4,842	3,138	3,556	13,415	7,160	10,421
Wilmington	4,249	5,648	3,594	4,939	3,884	6,319
Norfolk	6,680	8,993	8,319	13,063	19,919	24,733
N'port N., &c.	---	---	---	---	---	---
All others	10,338	18,230	7,593	12,159	9,861	8,173
Total this wk.	281,398	311,736	199,962	400,731	351,485	330,647
Since Aug. 1 -	6,053,287	6,338,579	5,724,220	7,893,927	6,081,070	5,616,904

*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 164,949 bales, of which 57,600 were to Great Britain, 25,558 to France, 26,722 to Germany, 12,897 to Italy, 29,650 to Japan and China, and 12,522 to other destinations. In the corresponding week last year total exports were 257,297 bales. For the season to date aggregate exports have been 3,625,666 bales, against 4,131,564 bales

in the same period of the previous season. Below are the exports for the week.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Exports from, and Exports to (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other, Total). Rows include Galveston, Houston, Corpus Christi, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Los Angeles, San Francisco, Seattle, and Total 1928/1927.

Table with columns: From, Exports from, and Exports to (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other, Total). Rows include Galveston, Houston, Texas City, Corpus Christi, Beaumont, Lake Charles, New Orleans, Mobile, Jacksonville, Pensacola, Savannah, Brunswick, Charleston, Wilmington, Norfolk, New York, Boston, Baltimore, Philadelphia, Los Angeles, San Diego, San Francisco, Seattle, Portland, Ore., and Total 1928/1927.

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Table with columns: Dec. 13 at—, Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Foreign, Coast-wise, Total, and Leaving Stock. Rows include Galveston, New Orleans, Savannah, Charleston, Mobile, Norfolk, Other ports, and Total 1928/1927.

*Estimated.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on a very moderate scale at a decline of about 1/4c., partly owing to the fact that the Government estimate of 14,919,000 bales on the 9th inst. was larger than expected, and partly because of more or less pre-holiday liquidation, with no great demand.

On the 9th inst. came a decline of 10 to 20 points net, owing to the fact that the Government report was disappointing to those who had hoped for a sharp decline in the estimate. But it was 14,919,000 bales, or only 90,000 bales less than the estimate of Nov. 8 of 15,009,000 bales.

has been a debatable question, the latest Government estimate is 3,950,000 bales against 5,106,000 last year and 4,352,000 two years ago. Spot prices declined. After the close a rather gloomy report appeared from the Textile Institute, which stated that the sales of standard cloths in November this year as only 64.6% of production against 78.5 in October, 138.3 in September, and 101.7 in August;

On the 10th inst. prices advanced 15 to 20 points, with the technical position better, contracts rather scarce, reports of a better spot demand, a steady call from the trade, and finally a report from Washington that the sub-committee of the Senate Agriculture Committee had suggested to the Farm Board that loans on cotton be gradually increased 1c. at a time up to 20c.

To-day prices advanced slightly on trade buying and a certain amount of covering. Carolina interests are supposed to be buying January, March and May on a very fair scale for these times. And again the offerings were far from large. Some think the position is sold out, if not oversold.

Staple Premiums 60% of average of six markets quoting for deliveries on Dec. 19 1929.

Table with columns: 15-lb. 1-inch & longer, 1-lb. & longer, and Differences between grades established for delivery on contract Dec. 19 1929. Rows include Middling Fair, Strict Good Middling, Good Middling, Strict Middling, Middling, Strict Low Middling, Low Middling, *Strict Good Ordinary, *Good Ordinary, Good Middling Extra White, Strict Middling, Middling, Strict Low Middling, Low Middling, Good Middling Spotted, Strict Middling, Middling, *Strict Low Middling, *L. w. Middling, Strict Good Middling Yellow Tinged, Good Middling, Strict Middling, *Middling, *Strict Low Middling, *Low Middling do do, Good Middling Light Yellow Stained, *Strict Middling do do, *Middling do do, Good Middling Yellow Stained, *Strict Middling do do, *Middling do do, Good Middling Gray, Strict Middling do do, *Middling do do, *Good Middling Blue Stained, *Strict Middling do do, *Middling do do.

*Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotations for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Dec. 7 to Dec. 13—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland-----	17.40	17.20	17.35	17.30	17.25	17.25

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Dec. 7.	Monday, Dec. 9.	Tuesday, Dec. 10.	Wednesday, Dec. 11.	Thursday, Dec. 12.	Friday, Dec. 13.
Dec.—						
Range.....	17.21-17.32	17.00-17.31	16.94-17.17	17.08-17.16	17.00-17.08	17.00-17.05
Closing.....	17.21	17.02	17.15	17.08	17.00	17.04
Jan (1930)						
Range.....	17.26-17.41	17.07-17.40	17.03-17.28	17.14-17.23	17.08-17.16	17.04-17.16
Closing.....	17.26-17.28	17.09-17.11	17.23-17.25	17.14	17.06-17.07	17.10-17.13
Feb.—						
Range.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing.....	17.40	17.21	17.39	17.28	17.21	17.24
Mar.—						
Range.....	17.55-17.67	17.36-17.69	17.32-17.59	17.43-17.54	17.37-17.46	17.35-17.44
Closing.....	17.55-17.56	17.36	17.55	17.43-17.45	17.37	17.38-17.39
Apr.—						
Range.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing.....	17.68	17.49	17.67	17.55	17.49	17.52
May.—						
Range.....	17.82-17.94	17.62-17.95	17.59-17.84	17.68-17.78	17.61-17.72	17.59-17.70
Closing.....	17.82-17.83	17.62-17.63	17.80-17.81	17.68-17.69	17.61-17.62	17.66
June.—						
Range.....	---	17.75-17.90	---	---	---	---
Closing.....	17.88	17.75	17.87	17.75	17.68	17.73
July.—						
Range.....	17.95-18.07	17.76-18.07	17.73-17.97	17.82-17.93	17.75-17.85	17.76-17.88
Closing.....	17.95-17.96	17.76	17.94	17.82	17.75	17.81-17.83
Aug.—						
Range.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing.....	17.88	17.72	17.90	17.79	17.73	17.78
Sept.—						
Range.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing.....	17.81	17.69	17.86	17.76	17.71	17.75
Oct.—						
Range.....	17.74-17.90	17.65-17.98	17.65-17.90	17.72-17.83	17.68-17.81	17.68-17.77
Closing.....	17.74-17.76	17.66	17.83	17.72-17.73	17.68-17.70	17.71-17.72
Nov.—						
Range.....	---	---	---	---	---	---
Closing.....	---	---	---	---	---	---

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Dec. 14 1929 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.		Range Since Beginning of Option.			
Dec. 1929...	16.94	Dec. 10 17.32	Dec. 7	16.55	Nov. 13 1929	20.70 Mar. 15 1929
Jan. 1930...	17.03	Dec. 10 17.41	Dec. 7	16.76	Nov. 13 1929	20.60 Mar. 15 1929
Feb. 1930...	---	---	---	---	---	---
Mar. 1930...	17.32	Dec. 10 17.69	Dec. 9	17.05	Nov. 13 1929	19.12 Sept. 12 1929
Apr. 1930...	---	---	---	---	---	---
May 1930...	17.59	Dec. 10 17.95	Dec. 9	17.32	Nov. 13 1929	20.18 Sept. 3 1929
June 1930...	17.75	Dec. 9 17.90	Dec. 9	17.75	Dec. 9 1929	18.87 Oct. 24 1929
July 1930...	17.73	Dec. 10 18.07	Dec. 7	17.52	Nov. 13 1929	20.00 Sept. 3 1929
Aug. 1930...	---	---	---	---	---	---
Sept. 1930...	---	---	---	---	---	---
Oct. 1930...	17.65	Dec. 9 17.98	Dec. 9	17.58	Nov. 13 1929	18.56 Nov. 20 1929

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. But to make the total the complete figures for to-night (Friday) we add the item of exports from the United States, including in it the exports of Friday only.

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Stock at Liverpool-----	bales 727,000	741,000	876,000	1,109,000
Stock at London-----	---	---	---	---
Stock at Manchester-----	86,000	73,000	72,000	122,000
Total Great Britain-----	813,000	814,000	948,000	1,231,000
Stock at Hamburg-----	---	---	---	---
Stock at Bremen-----	449,000	621,000	608,000	414,000
Stock at Havre-----	233,000	215,000	276,000	210,000
Stock at Rotterdam-----	7,000	16,000	9,000	7,000
Stock at Barcelona-----	81,000	94,000	102,000	51,000
Stock at Genoa-----	58,000	60,000	27,000	76,000
Stock at Ghent-----	---	---	---	---
Stock at Antwerp-----	---	---	---	---
Total Continental stocks-----	828,000	990,000	1,022,000	758,000
Total European stocks-----	1,641,000	1,804,000	1,970,000	1,989,000
India cotton afloat for Europe-----	103,000	73,000	62,000	27,000
American cotton afloat for Europe-----	607,000	614,000	523,000	850,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe-----	132,000	107,000	107,000	111,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt-----	423,000	447,000	421,000	379,000
Stock in Bombay, India-----	754,000	764,000	404,000	250,000
Stock in U. S. ports-----	2,646,069a	2,364,111a	2,595,070a	2,944,407
Stock in U. S. interior towns-----	1,461,857a	1,232,683a	1,331,182a	1,552,303
U. S. exports to-day-----	3,650	7,219	5,886	---
Total visible supply-----	7,771,576	7,413,013	7,419,138	8,102,710

Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:

American—				
Liverpool stock-----	bales 326,000	469,000	584,000	752,000
Manchester stock-----	51,000	53,000	56,000	105,000
Continental stock-----	742,000	943,000	968,000	723,000
American afloat for Europe-----	607,000	614,000	523,000	850,000
U. S. port stocks-----	2,646,069a	2,364,111a	2,595,070a	2,944,407
U. S. interior stocks-----	1,461,857a	1,232,683a	1,331,182a	1,552,303
U. S. exports to-day-----	3,650	7,219	5,886	---
Total American-----	5,837,576	5,683,013	6,063,138	6,926,710
East India, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock-----	401,000	272,000	292,000	357,000
London stock-----	---	---	---	---
Manchester stock-----	35,000	20,000	16,000	17,000
Continental stock-----	86,000	47,000	54,000	35,000
Indian afloat for Europe-----	103,000	73,000	62,000	27,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat-----	132,000	107,000	107,000	111,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt-----	423,000	447,000	421,000	379,000
Stock in Bombay, India-----	754,000	764,000	404,000	250,000
Total East India, &c-----	1,934,000	1,730,000	1,556,000	1,176,000
Total American-----	5,837,576	5,683,013	6,063,138	6,926,710
Total visible supply-----	7,771,576	7,413,013	7,419,138	8,102,710
Middling uplands, Liverpool-----	9,47d.	10,69d.	10,68d.	6,62d.
Middling uplands, New York-----	17.25c.	20.50c.	19.40c.	12.55c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool-----	15.05d.	20.60d.	18.50d.	15.05d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool-----	13.75d.	14.00d.	12.50d.	11.75d.
Broad, fine, Liverpool-----	7.70d.	9.20d.	9.50d.	6.00d.
Tinnevely, good, Liverpool-----	8.90d.	10.45d.	10.00d.	6.45d.

a Houston stocks are now included in the port stocks; in previous years they formed part of the interior stocks.
* Estimated.

Continental imports for past week have been 144,000 bales.

The above figures for 1929 show an increase over last week of 227,322 bales, a gain of 358,563 over 1928, an increase of 352,443 bales over 1927, and a loss of 331,134 bales from 1926.

AT THE INTERIOR TOWNS the movement—that is, the receipts for the week and since Aug. 1, the shipments for the week and the stocks to-night, and the same items for the corresponding periods of the previous year, is set out in detail below:

Towns.	Movement to Dec. 13 1929.			Movement to Dec. 14 1928.				
	Receipts.		Stocks Dec. 13.	Receipts.		Stocks Dec. 14.		
	Week.	Season.		Week.	Season.			
Ala., Birmingham	3,946	88,385	5,036	19,859	2,140	41,320	3,985	9,960
Eufaula	441	15,941	572	5,669	200	12,339	200	6,136
Montgomery	1,269	53,320	1,319	34,332	1,886	48,099	575	27,963
Selma	652	69,080	4,771	42,123	599	41,321	842	26,626
Ark., Fayetteville	5,736	99,180	4,172	45,368	3,541	63,134	2,935	19,147
Forest City	876	25,097	1,188	14,406	758	18,546	1,372	9,872
Helena	1,899	48,899	1,979	21,503	3,133	46,376	2,852	23,195
Hope	976	51,499	1,373	6,956	1,105	52,976	1,859	13,293
Jonesboro	2,447	32,293	1,432	6,544	2,239	26,608	1,632	7,582
Little Rock	4,095	110,933	3,332	45,485	4,152	92,049	3,652	28,004
Newport	981	47,270	1,755	8,572	1,835	37,646	1,879	12,044
Pine Bluff	4,173	157,455	5,176	48,484	7,285	103,964	5,375	41,802
Walnut Ridge	2,275	47,670	2,721	12,718	3,554	24,738	2,886	11,392
Ga., Albany	---	6,457	---	2,631	12	3,516	54	1,955
Athens	625	28,280	500	19,217	750	24,703	700	15,462
Atlanta	5,037	79,701	1,537	64,232	8,843	81,480	8,251	57,087
Augusta	9,370	228,015	5,228	107,811	6,089	160,391	2,547	77,945
Columbus	1,130	19,439	312	3,970	4,650	32,332	3,000	9,774
Macon	1,519	69,732	1,282	24,055	1,013	44,287	832	11,651
Rome	1,875	20,978	500	17,706	3,630	25,701	500	24,585
La., Shreveport	2,082	135,830	4,932	70,990	4,457	124,791	5,024	68,471
Miss., Clark'sdale	3,593	161,406	3,332	70,461	4,403	129,451	5,503	71,714
Columbus	546	25,343	1,519	13,772	1,266	27,471	2,371	15,897
Greenwood	4,531	194,868	8,553	87,959	7,324	171,515	12,758	100,002
Meridian	1,444	47,981	1,394	10,157	936	41,405	1,575	12,132
Natchez	231	20,487	99	9,477	1,828	22,484	964	21,165
Vicksburg	573	28,994	980	10,662	947	21,684	816	11,044
Yazoo City	1,282	37,545	1,047	21,426	682	38,464	2,804	23,664
Mo., St. Louis	16,720	143,053	14,852	9,856	21,699	186,428	17,282	21,452
N.C., Greensboro	738	7,819	386	7,734	1,650	10,077	818	7,670
Oklahoma—								
15 towns*	43,680	602,576	36,126	91,460	39,613	596,119	36,684	85,611
S.C., Greenville	5,379	97,094	2,409	64,780	7,748	104,281	5,368	38,288
Tenn., Memphis	68,633	1,184,355	63,050	391,500	65,093	863,557	61,567	226,843
Texas, Abilene	1,639	24,598	1,850	705	1,420	36,914	1,582	2,451
Austin	629	9,904	686	1,463	334	44,338	398	4,569
Brenham	207	9,177	217	4,226	721	29,345	1,583	14,666
Dallas	3,264	90,375	2,347	11,335	4,287	98,776	4,336	25,943
Paris	3,121	64,653	3,067	8,970	3,236	78,433	2,434	8,605
Robstown	5	32,489	117	3,650	16	27,934	159	1,195
San Antonio	463	20,683	566	1,596	916	37,807	903	4,032
Texarkana	2,216	52,424	3,745	9,018	2,017	57,294	3,180	14,220
Waco	2,029	95,803	2,280	9,039	2,678	126,777	3,180	17,594

Total, 56 towns 211,627 4,381,050 197,719 461,857 230,185 3,851,032 217,246 123,263

* Includes the combined totals of 15 towns in Oklahoma.

The above totals show that the interior stocks have increased during the week 9,910 bales and are to-night 229,174 bales more than at the same time last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 18,558 bales less than the same week last year.

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS. The quotations for middling upland at New York on Dec. 13 for each of the past 32 years have been as follows:

1929	1928	1927	1926	1925	1924	1923	1922
17.25c.	17.65c.	19.13c.	18.25c.	19.05c.	19.00c.	18.00c.	18.00c.
20.60c.	15.00c.	19.12c.	13.10c.	19.04c.	12.00c.	12.00c.	8.00c.
18.60c.	19.19c.	18.00c.	19.11c.	9.20c.	19.03c.	12.45c.	---
12.50c.	19.18c.	28.80c.	19.10c.	15.05c.	19.02c.	8.55c.	---
19.50c.	19.17c.	30.70c.	19.09c.	15.20c.	19.01c.	8.50c.	---
23.60c.	19.16c.	18.35c.	19.08c.	9.10c.			

aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 95,474 bales.

In Sight and Spinners' Takings.	1929		1928	
	Week.	Since Aug. 1.	Week.	Since Aug. 1.
Receipts at ports to Dec. 13.....	281,398	6,053,287	311,736	6,338,579
Net overland to Dec. 13.....	37,193	327,952	29,040	232,481
Southern consumption to Dec. 13.....	125,000	2,223,000	128,000	2,140,000
Total marketed.....	443,591	8,604,239	468,776	8,711,060
Interior stocks in excess.....	9,910	1,251,938	9,110	915,194
Excess of Southern mill takings over consumption to Dec. 1.....		6355,682		265,804
Came into sight during week.....	453,501		477,886	
Total in sight Dec. 13.....		10,211,859		9,892,058
North. spinners' takings to Dec. 13.....	37,880	571,218	34,984	564,585

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Week—	Week.	Since Aug. 1—	Bales.
1927—Dec. 16.....	325,511	1927.....	9,369,697
1926—Dec. 17.....	560,047	1926.....	11,691,081
1925—Dec. 18.....	485,358	1925.....	10,692,107

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 Dec. 13.	Closing Quotations for Middling Cotton on—					
	Saturday,	Monday,	Tuesday,	Wed. day,	Thurs. day,	Friday.
Galveston.....	17.40	17.20	17.35	17.25	17.20	17.25
New Orleans.....	17.20	16.98	17.13	17.06	17.06	17.06
Mobile.....	16.40	16.30	16.50	16.40	16.35	16.40
Savannah.....	17.16	17.11	17.30	17.20	17.12	17.13
Norfolk.....	17.25	17.00	17.25	17.13	17.06	17.06
Baltimore.....	17.45	17.45	17.25	17.40	17.35	17.30
Augusta.....	17.06	16.88	17.06	16.94	16.88	16.88
Memphis.....	16.40	16.25	16.40	16.30	16.20	16.25
Houston.....	17.25	17.10	17.25	17.15	17.10	17.10
Little Rock.....	16.28	16.10	16.25	16.15	16.05	16.12
Dallas.....	16.40	16.25	16.40	16.30	16.20	16.25
Fort Worth.....		16.25	16.40	16.30	16.20	16.25

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, Dec. 7.	Monday, Dec. 9.	Tuesday, Dec. 10.	Wednesday, Dec. 11.	Thursday, Dec. 12.	Friday, Dec. 13.
December.....	17.13	16.92	17.10	17.06	17.00	17.04
Jan. (1930).....	17.24-17.25	17.02-17.03	17.18	17.11-17.13	17.04-17.06	17.08
February.....						
March.....	17.51-17.52	17.29-17.30	17.46	17.38-17.39	17.31-17.32	17.36-17.37
April.....						
May.....	17.75	17.53	17.71	17.62-17.63	17.56	17.60-17.61
June.....						
July.....	17.90	Bid	17.83	Bid	17.71	17.77
August.....						
September.....						
October.....	17.68	Bid	17.56	17.71	17.62	17.68
November.....						
Spot.....	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady
Options.....	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady	Steady

CENSUS REPORT ON COTTONSEED OIL PRODUCTION DURING NOVEMBER.—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 Dec. 9 issued the following report showing the number of bales of cotton ginned in each of the cotton-growing States the present season up to Dec. 1 in comparison with corresponding figures for the preceding seasons. It appears that up to Dec. 1 1929 12,857,971 bales of cotton were ginned, against 12,560,154 bales for the corresponding period a year ago, and 11,738,338 bales two years ago. Below is the report in full:

NUMBER OF BALES OF COTTON GINNED FROM THE GROWTH OF 1929 PRIOR TO DEC. 1 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.....	1,200,092	1,024,196	1,155,558
Arizona.....	103,147	95,389	61,294
Arkansas.....	1,251,765	1,020,138	853,624
California.....	178,910	124,813	60,326
Florida.....	29,675	19,608	17,052
Georgia.....	1,176,882	970,836	1,083,402
Louisiana.....	781,335	663,475	525,416
Mississippi.....	1,692,572	1,347,010	1,280,173
Missouri.....	161,553	94,610	78,899
New Mexico.....	64,916	57,335	57,255
North Carolina.....	599,352	740,286	787,208
Oklahoma.....	960,035	949,188	867,537
South Carolina.....	702,568	681,852	701,175
Tennessee.....	395,907	329,504	300,128
Texas.....	3,517,877	4,402,175	3,881,410
Virginia.....	35,717	36,618	23,683
All other States.....	5,668	3,121	4,200
United States.....	*12,857,971	*12,560,154	*11,738,338

*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 473,079 round bales for 1929, 518,974 for 1928 and 459,575 for 1927. Included in the above are 17,973 bales of American-Egyptian for 1929, 19,766 for 1928 and 15,379 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. 14 are 11,894,136 bales.

Consumption, Stocks, Imports and Exports—United States.

Cotton consumed during the month of October 1929 amounted to 1,470,798 bales. Cotton on hand in consuming establishments on Oct. 31 was 1,630,557 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 compared from various sources, is 25,611,000 bales, counting American in running bales and foreign in bales of 478 lbs. 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.

AGRICULTURAL DEPARTMENT'S DECEMBER 1 ESTIMATE OF COTTON PRODUCTION.—The Agricultural Department at Washington on Monday (Dec. 9) issued its report on cotton production and yield per acre as of Dec. 1 making the crop 14,919,000 bales, which is 90,000 bales less than the estimated production a month ago. The Department's estimate for the same date last year put the crop at 14,373,000 bales or an increase of 240,000 bales over the Nov. 1 1928 estimate and the crop actually turned out to be 14,478,000 bales. These figures all refer to the crop of lint cotton and do not take into consideration the linters, which in each of the last three years added over a million bales more to the size of the crop. The following is the complete official text of the report:

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 Boards (or Departments) of Agriculture and Agricultural Colleges. The final total ginings for the season will depend upon whether the various influences, affecting the harvesting of the portion of the crop still in the field, will be more or less favorable than usual.

State.	Acreage for 1929 Crop.		Yield per Acre Left for Harvest.			Production (Ginnings) 500 lbs. gr. wt. bales. a			
	Left for Harvest.	Abandonment After July 1.	In Cultivation July 1.	10-yr. Ave. 1918-1927.	1928.	1929 (Dec. 1 est.)	1927 Crop b	1928 Crop b	1929 Crop (Dec. 1 est.) b
	Acres*	Per Ct.	Acres*	Lbs.	Lbs.	Lbs.	Bales*	Bales*	Bales*
Virginia.....	88	1.3	89	246	265	250	31	44	46
North Carolina.....	1,782	2.0	1,818	260	215	197	861	836	735
South Carolina.....	2,183	2.0	2,228	185	147	185	730	726	845
Georgia.....	3,782	1.7	3,847	140	132	170	1,100	1,030	1,345
Florida.....	95	1.8	97	105	97	145	17	19	29
Missouri.....	343	2.0	350	248	210	300	115	147	215
Tennessee.....	1,120	1.5	1,137	181	185	220	359	428	515
Alabama.....	3,589	1.2	3,633	145	150	178	1,191	1,109	1,335
Mississippi.....	4,071	1.5	4,133	177	175	225	1,355	1,475	1,915
Louisiana.....	2,050	1.4	2,079	152	162	189	548	691	810
Texas.....	17,872	5.5	18,912	133	138	106	4,352	5,108	3,950
Oklahoma.....	4,492	3.5	4,655	148	136	128	1,037	1,205	1,200
Arkansas.....	3,824	1.7	3,900	166	162	186	1,000	1,248	1,490
New Mexico.....	130	1.5	132	276	360	309	70	88	84
Arizona.....	226	0.5	227	283	357	330	491	1,149	1,156
California.....	309	2.5	317	282	378	375	91	172	242
Other.....	15	--	15	194	152	223	7	7	7
U. S. total.....	45,981	3.3	47,569	155.8	152.9	155.3	12,955	14,478	14,919
Lower California.....	147	2.6	151	--	239	260	45	80	80

* In thousands. a Not including production of linters which is usually about 6% as much as the lint. b Allowances made for cross-State ginings. c Less than a 10-year average. d Including 25,000 bales Egyptian in 1927, 30,000 bales in 1928 and 34,000 bales in 1929. e Data for Lower California (Old) Mexico, are not included in California figures, nor in United States total.

CONSOLIDATED COTTON REPORT.—The Bureau of the Census and the Agricultural Department made public Monday (Dec. 9) their consolidated cotton report, which is as follows:

Ginnings to Dec. 1.....	12,857,971	running bales
Estimated total production.....	14,919,000	bales, 500-lbs. gross
Abandonment of acreage since July 1.....	3.3	per cent
Acreage for harvest.....	45,981,000	acres
Indicated yield of lint cotton.....	155.3	lbs. per acre for harvest

Bureau of the Census.—Census report shows 12,857,971 running bales (counting round as half bales) ginned from the crop of 1929 prior to Dec. 1, compared with 12,560,154 for 1928 and 11,738,338 for 1927.

Department of Agriculture.—An estimated production of 14,919,000 bales (500 lbs. gross weight) from the crop of 1929, based upon Dec. 1 indications, is shown by the Crop Reporting Board of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. This is equivalent to a yield of 155.3 lbs. of lint per acre on the 45,981,000 acres left for harvest after abandonment of 3.3% of the 47,569,000 acres in cultivation July 1.

FOREIGN COTTON CROP PROSPECTS.—The United States Department of Agriculture, in making public on Dec. 9 its estimate of the cotton crop of the United States also gave out the following information about the cotton crop in foreign countries:

Egypt.—The picking of the Egyptian cotton crop was completed in the early part of November. The crop is now estimated at 1,641,920 bales of 478 lbs. net, of which 530,396 bales are of Sakellarides variety and 1,111,524 bales are of other varieties, according to a cable received from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. Production at this time last year was estimated at 1,490,000 bales of 478 lbs. net, of which 484,000 bales were of the Sakellarides variety and 1,006,000 bales were of other varieties. The revised final estimate of last year's crop estimated in June 1929 was 1,628,000 bales of 478 lbs. net.

India.—The third forecast of acreage and the first forecast of production of the Indian cotton crop is expected about the middle of December. The total area planted up to Oct. 1, as stated previously, was estimated to be 20,812,000 acres as compared to 21,700,000 acres planted at the same date last year, according to a cable received from the Department of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics of Calcutta. The monsoon has been satisfactory over most of the cotton belt, and the condition of the crop on the whole is reported to be fair.

Uganda.—It is estimated that 684,000 acres were planted to cotton in Uganda this season, according to a cable received from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. This is a decrease of 14,000 acres under last year's acreage of 698,000 acres, which was the largest acreage planted.

Anglo-Egyptian Sudan.—It is estimated that 373,000 acres were planted to cotton in Anglo-Egyptian Sudan this season, according to a cable received from the International Institute of Agriculture at Rome. This is an increase of 95,000 acres over last year's plantings of 278,000 acres. The total production this season is forecast at 170,649 bales of 478 lbs. net. At this time last year the forecast was 138,364 bales of 478 lbs. net, while the final estimate was 142,000 bales.

China.—Developments indicate that the cotton crop in the Yangtze Valley is smaller than last year, according to cables received from Agricultural Commissioner Nyhus. On the lower lands in the Hupuh province where a considerable amount of cotton is produced, the crops suffered from locusts and too much rain. Last year's total Chinese crop is estimated at 1,844,288 bales, according to the Chinese Cotton Mill Owners Association of Shanghai.

Russia.—Cotton procurings are again falling materially behind the "plan," although still above those of last year. The strength of staple of this year's crop is reported somewhat better than last year with the length about the same, according to reports received from Agricultural Commissioner Steere in Berlin.

Acreage and production from countries reporting to date are as follows:

COTTON ACREAGE AND PRODUCTION IN COUNTRIES REPORTING FOR 1929-30 WITH COMPARISONS.

Table with columns: Item and Country, 1926-27, 1927-28, 1928-29, 1929-30, Percentage 1929-30 vs of 1928-29. Rows include United States, Russia (Asiatic), Egypt, Uganda, Mexico, etc.

Official sources and International Institute of Agriculture. a Second estimate, incomplete. b Under 1,000 acres. c In bales of 478 lbs. net

WEATHER REPORTS BY TELEGRAPH.—Reports to us by telegraph this evening denote that a good part of the week has been favorable for gathering cotton in those parts of the cotton belt where cotton is still out.

Table with columns: City, Rain, Rainfall, Thermometer. Rows include Galveston, Tex., Abilene, Tex., Brownsville, Tex., etc.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table with columns: City, Above zero of gauge, Feet. Rows include New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, etc.

RECEIPTS FROM THE PLANTATIONS.—The following table indicates the actual movement each week from the plantations. The figures do not include overland receipts nor Southern consumption; they are simply a statement of the weekly movement from the plantations of that part of the crop which finally reaches the market through the outports.

Table with columns: Week Ended, Receipts at Ports, Stocks at Interior Towns, Receipts from Plantations. Rows include Aug. 30, Sept. 13, 20, 27, Oct. 4, 11, 18, 25, Nov. 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec. 6, 13.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1929 are 7,284,320 bales; in 1928 were 7,146,523 bales, and in 1927 were 6,670,674 bales.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.—The following brief but comprehensive statement indicates at a glance the world's supply of cotton for the week and since Aug. 1 for the last two seasons from all sources from which statistics are obtainable; also the takings or amounts gone out of sight for the like period:

Table with columns: Cotton Takings, Week and Season, 1929, 1928. Rows include Visible supply Dec. 6, Visible supply Aug. 1, American in sight to Dec. 13, etc.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,223,000 bales in 1929 and 2,140,000 bales in 1928—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 6,051,440 bales in 1929 and 6,470,725 bales in 1928, of which 3,915,240 bales and 4,210,525 bales American.

Table with columns: Dec. 12 Receipts at, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Bombay, Exports from, Bombay—1929, 1928, 1927, etc.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show an increase compared with last year in the week's receipts of 1,400 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 4,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 32,000 bales.

Table with columns: Alexandria, Egypt, Dec. 11, 1929, 1928, 1927. Rows include Receipts (cantars)—This week, Since Aug. 1, Exports (bales)—This Week, Since Aug. 1, etc.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is active and in cloths quiet. Stocks of both goods and yarns are accumulating. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table with columns: 1929, 1928. Rows include August—30, Sept.—6, 13, 20, 27, Oct.—4, 11, 18, 25, Nov.—1, 8, 15, 22, 29, Dec.—6, 13.

SHIPPING NEWS.—Shipments in detail: GALVESTON—To Havre—Dec. 5—Pacific, 1,650—Dec. 9—Niagara, 3,626—Dec. 5—Pacific, 700—To Rotterdam—Dec. 4—Grantley, 8,265—Dec. 7—Luetzow, 4,592—To Japan—Dec. 5—England Maru, 6,841—Dec. 6—Forthbridge, 6,440—To Barcelona—Dec. 8—Diadem, 4,901—To Genoa—Dec. 8—Diadem, 2,950—SEA-TLE—To Japan—Nov. 29—Mishima Maru, 150—To China—Nov. 29—Mishima Maru, 550—LOS ANGELES—To Japan—Dec. 3—Bokuyou Maru, 2,200; Atago Maru, 1,000—Dec. 7—Bordeaux Maru, 4,989—To Genoa—Dec. 3—Feltre, 350—To Manchester—Dec. 7—Pacific Reliance, 366—To China—Dec. 7—Bordeaux Maru, 500—SAN FRANCISCO—To Italy—Dec. 3—Feltre, 100—To Japan—Dec. 3—Feltre, 1,500—To China—Dec. 3—Feltre, 200

	Bales.
NEW ORLEANS—To Liverpool—Dec. 5—Nubian, 10,710	
Nov. 16—Observer, 47 additional	
Press, 4,034	Dec. 11—Belgian, 5,591
To Manchester—Dec. 5—Nubian, 2,660	Dec. 7—American
Press, 2,356	Dec. 11—Belgian, 597
To Dunkirk—Dec. 6—Topeka, 600	
To Japan—Dec. 7—Radnor, 2,405	
To Gothenburg—Dec. 5—Topeka, 825	
To China—Dec. 7—Radnor, 875	
To Marseilles—Dec. 6—Ricca, 375	
To Barcelona—Dec. 6—Prusa, 300	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 10—Edam, 2,401	
To Porto Colombia—Dec. 9—Saramacca, 200	
To Arico—Dec. 9—Cartago, 100	
NORFOLK—To Liverpool—Dec. 9—Bellflower, 2,310	
To Bremen—Dec. 13—Liguria, 3,650	
To Manchester—Dec. 9—Bellflower, 3,045	
NEW YORK—To Liverpool—Dec. 6—Antonio, 200	
To Bremen—Dec. 6—Berlin, 646	
CORPUS CHRISTI—To Liverpool—Nov. 28—Cripple Creek, 5,966	
To Havre—Dec. 5—West Moreland, 2,461	
To Manchester—Nov. 28—Cripple Creek, 839	
To Dunkirk—Dec. 5—West Moreland, 300	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 5—West Moreland, 150	
To Ghent—Dec. 5—West Moreland, 1,015	
HOUSTON—To Havre—Dec. 7—Nigara, 8,337	Dec. 6—Edgemoor, 5,019
To Dunkirk—Dec. 6—Edgemoor, 440	Dec. 10—Topeka, 2,750
To Antwerp—Dec. 6—Edgemoor, 50	
To Ghent—Dec. 6—Edgemoor, 1,585	
To Rotterdam—Dec. 6—Edgemoor, 17	
To Bremen—Dec. 7—Eldena, 6,069	
To Liverpool—Dec. 11—Minnie de Larrinaga, 2,077	
Dec. 12—Rancher, 6,219	
To Manchester—Dec. 11—Minnie de Larrinaga, 1,618	
Dec. 12—Rancher, 1,180	
To Venice—Dec. 12—Gilda, 215	
To Norrkoping—Dec. 10—Topeka, 200	
To Bergen—Dec. 10—Topeka, 50	
To Drammen—Dec. 10—Topeka, 28	
To Genoa—Dec. 10—Ida Zo, 2,282	Dec. 12—Lavada, 5,900
To Naples—Dec. 10—Ida Zo, 600	
To Leghorn—Dec. 10—Ida Zo, 300	Dec. 12—Lavada, 200
MOBILE—To Japan—Dec. 5—Birchark, 1,000	
To China—Dec. 5—Birchark, 1,000	
SAVANNAH—To Liverpool—Dec. 7—Topa Topa, 800	
CHARLESTON—To Bremen—Dec. 10—Sachsen, 2,700	
To Hamburg—Dec. 10—Sachsen, 800	
To Liverpool—Dec. 10—Schoharie, 3,060	
To Manchester—Dec. 10—Schoharie, 425	
WILMINGTON—To Liverpool—Topa Topa, 3,500	
	164,949

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

	Nov. 22.	Nov. 29.	Dec. 6.	Dec. 13.
Sales of the week	39,000	36,000	30,000	26,000
Of which American	20,000	15,000	18,000	13,000
Sales for export	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Forwarded	61,000	66,000	68,000	66,000
Total stocks	658,000	699,000	726,000	727,000
Of which American	267,000	319,000	326,000	326,000
Total imports	79,000	105,000	107,000	74,000
Of which American	50,000	83,000	54,000	38,000
Amount afloat	341,000	289,000	291,000	299,000
Of which American	202,000	165,000	155,000	179,000

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Spot.	Saturday,	Monday,	Tuesday,	Wednesday,	Thursday,	Friday,
Market, 12:15 P. M.	Quiet.	Quiet.	Quiet.	More demand	A fair business doing.	Quiet.
Mid. Up'ds	9.67d.	9.64d.	9.51d.	9.59d.	9.53d.	9.47d.
Sales	3,000	5,000	5,000	6,000	5,000	5,000
Futures.	Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	Quiet	Steady.
Market opened	1 to 4 pts. advance.	1 to 4 pts. decline.	8 to 11 pts. decline.	7 to 9 pts. advance.	3 to 6 pts. decline.	3 to 6 pts. decline.
Market, 4 P. M.	Q't but st'y advance.	Quiet decline.	Steady decline.	Q't but st'y advance.	Quiet decline.	Steady unch'g'd to 4 pts. dec.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Dec. 7 to Dec. 13.	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
	12.15 p. m.	12.30 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	4.00 p. m.	12.15 p. m.	4.00 p. m.
December	d. 9.31	d. 9.29	d. 9.27	d. 9.16	d. 9.18	d. 9.24
January (1930)	d. 9.33	d. 9.31	d. 9.30	d. 9.19	d. 9.21	d. 9.27
February	d. 9.34	d. 9.32	d. 9.31	d. 9.21	d. 9.23	d. 9.29
March	d. 9.41	d. 9.39	d. 9.38	d. 9.28	d. 9.30	d. 9.36
April	d. 9.42	d. 9.40	d. 9.39	d. 9.29	d. 9.31	d. 9.37
May	d. 9.50	d. 9.48	d. 9.47	d. 9.37	d. 9.38	d. 9.44
June	d. 9.50	d. 9.48	d. 9.47	d. 9.37	d. 9.38	d. 9.44
July	d. 9.52	d. 9.50	d. 9.50	d. 9.40	d. 9.41	d. 9.47
August	d. 9.52	d. 9.50	d. 9.50	d. 9.40	d. 9.41	d. 9.47
September	d. 9.50	d. 9.48	d. 9.47	d. 9.38	d. 9.39	d. 9.45
October	d. 9.46	d. 9.45	d. 9.44	d. 9.35	d. 9.36	d. 9.42
November	d. 9.44	d. 9.44	d. 9.43	d. 9.34	d. 9.35	d. 9.41
December	d. 9.43	d. 9.43	d. 9.43	d. 9.33	d. 9.34	d. 9.40

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Dec. 13 1929.

Flour was still, for the most part, quiet here for domestic consumption, and trade was not much better at the West than in the New York district. As for export, the truth, so far as it could be made out, was that only a moderate business. Later prices fell 10c., with wheat lower and demand for flour small. Exports from New York last week were 83,634 sacks against 73,217 in the previous week. Foreign buyers are purchasing in small lots.

Wheat declined with export demand disappointing and visible supplies falling more slowly than had been expected, while, on the other hand, there was more or less selling out by tired holders. On the 7th inst. prices fell 2 to 2½c. despite the fact that Argentina crop news was still bad and an American estimate of the crop there was 143,000,000 bushels, or 175,000,000 less than last year. That would point to an exportable surplus of 63,000,000 bushels. Other

estimates had been 100,000,000 and upward. A Liverpool statistician had even, it seems, put it at as high as 148,000,000. But all this counted for nothing. For the moment, at least, it had been discounted. Buenos Aires, too, was 1 to 1½c. lower, and Rosario ½ to 1½c. lower. Liverpool was only ¼ to ¾c. higher. Rallying power was lacking. Export demand was poor. Japan bought some American wheat on the Pacific Coast, but it was not a factor in this market. The Stanford Research Bureau estimated the minimum world's import requirements at 752,000,000 bushels, or 56,000,000 above Liverpool's recent figures. A maximum of 848,000,000 bushels was suggested as possible. A Chicago house, with a representative in the Argentine, estimated the Argentine wheat crop at 146,000,000 bushels. This would make the exportable surplus approximately 60,000,000. Broomhall figured the crop at 213,000,000 bushels and the export surplus at 133,000,000. The carryover will be around 15,000,000 bushels.

On the 9th inst. prices declined 2½ to 3c., with rye off 3c., Liverpool 2 to 2½d., and Buenos Aires ¾c. In Argentina rains fell over Sunday followed by clearing weather. Export sales were only 400,000 bushels. World's shipments were larger; that is, 11,957,000 for the week. The winter wheat belt had beneficial snows and rains, and the forecast was for more. One Argentine crop estimate was 201,000,000 bushels. That, it is figured, would leave an export surplus of 121,000,000 bushels; another was 125,000,000. Recently some estimates were 100,000,000 bushels or less. The United States visible supply decreased last week 2,112,000 bushels against an increase in the same week last year of 2,168,000. Total now 182,490,000 bushels against 136,781,000 last year. On the 10th inst. prices at one time were ½ to 1c. lower, with the cables lower and nothing stimulating in the other news. Yet the close was at a net rise of ¼ to ½c. on covering in what looked like a short market. Liverpool, though 1½ to 1½d. lower, did not fully respond to a previous decline in Chicago. Hail damage was reported in the Buenos Aires Province of Argentina. Australia's crop was estimated, it is true, at 116,000,000 bushels, against an estimate as low as 90,000,000 recently, but Buenos Aires was ¾ to 1c. higher at noon. Chicago has recently declined 10c., and export business is expected to increase on any drop from this level of prices. On the 10th inst. export sales were 750,000 bushels.

On the 11th inst. prices wound up 2½ to 2½c. lower, with big stocks, only a moderate export inquiry, the weather favorable at the West, the cables off 1½ to 2c. at Liverpool, and 2½c. at Buenos Aires. On top of this there was a good deal of liquidation. Liverpool reported increased offerings from Argentina, both of new and old crop. On the 12th inst. prices fell 3c. from the early high point, ending 1½c. net higher. At one time it was 2 points higher. Covering of shorts had some effect. The technical position was better after a decline in 8 days of 13c., partly on income tax selling. Export sales were 600,000 bushels. Late offerings were small. It was feared that the Farm Board was about to take some action tending to help prices. Two Chicago Board of Trade memberships were sold, one for \$21,000 and another for \$24,000, the latter at an increase of \$4,000 over the last previous sale. To-day prices ended 1½ to 1½c. lower on heavy liquidation, although the foreign markets were higher than due. Liverpool closed ½ to 1½c. higher, but Buenos Aires at the American close was 1½c. lower. Export sales, moreover, were only 300,000 bushels of Manitoba and hard winter. The new wheat has a satisfactory appearance. The Argentine surplus, it is asserted, may fall below 100,000,000 bushels. There were a number of rallies. But the pressure to sell finally left prices noticeably lower. Final prices show a decline of about 7c. for the week.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 hard	135¼	132¾	132¾	130¾	132	130¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	125	122½	123	120½	122	120½
March	132½	129¾	130½	127½	129½	127½
May	136½	133¾	134¾	131¾	133¾	131¾
July	136¾	133¾	134	131¾	133¾	131¾

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
December	140	136¾	137¾	135½	136	135½
May	147½	144½	144¾	141¾	143	142
July	149¾	145¾	145¾	143	144¾	143¾

Indian corn has declined very little on December. In fact, that month has been relatively steady, though other months have dropped a couple of cents. The influence of wheat and some increase in receipts is reflected in this decline. But of late the weather has been rather bad and prices have held up very well, with stock low and increasing only slowly. Deliveries on December contracts were small. The feeding demand is encouraged by the good prices ruling for hogs and cattle. On the 7th inst. prices declined ½ to 1c., partly in sympathy with wheat; also receipts, it was feared, might increase in the near future, unless the weather should be bad. On the 9th inst. prices closed ¾c. lower. Yet there was no great pressure to sell. Such decline as there was simply followed the downward trend of wheat, though not at all decisively, for the weather was none too good. Rains and snows prevailed. They caused some buying. The cash demand was good. Both shippers and industries bought. Country offerings were fairly large. The United States visible supply increased last week 597,000 bushels against 1,403,000 in the same week last year. The total was 3,864,000 bushels against 6,637,000 a year ago.

On the 10th inst. futures ended $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1c. higher, with the weather bad, consumptive demand good, fair sized receipts had been previously taken on sales to arrive, and offerings for forward shipment were moderate and mostly at a rise of 1 to 2c. above the market. The undertone, in other words, was very firm. At one time prices were 1 to 2c. higher. A reaction came later on realizing. On the 11th inst. prices ended only $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. lower, though wheat fell 2 to 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., for corn news encouraged resistance to any weaker tendency in other grain. The cash demand was still brisk. Shippers and industries wanted it. Outside markets were overbidding Chicago. The crop movement was so small as to make it plain that farmers were dissatisfied with current prices. They have, moreover, a friend at court. Meanwhile, consumers' stocks, despite persistent buying, are said to be small, for the consumption is large.

On the 12th inst. prices advanced $\frac{3}{8}$ to 1c. Distant months at times weakened with wheat. December was the firmest feature. Speculation was rather more active. The weather of late has been unfavorable. To-day prices ended $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower on moderate trading. For a time the tone was firm, owing to bad weather, reports of a small country movement, the strength of the cash markets, and at least a fair cash demand. But the weakness of wheat finally pulled down corn. December was relatively steady. Final prices show a decline for the week of $\frac{3}{8}$ c. on December and 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ to 2c. on March and May.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 yellow	Sat. 107 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mon. 106 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 106 $\frac{1}{4}$	Wed. 106	Thurs. 107 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fri. 107 $\frac{3}{4}$
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December	Sat. 89 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mon. 89	Tues. 89 $\frac{1}{4}$	Wed. 89 $\frac{1}{4}$	Thurs. 90 $\frac{1}{4}$	Fri. 89 $\frac{3}{4}$
March	Sat. 95 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mon. 94 $\frac{3}{4}$	Tues. 94 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 94	Thurs. 94 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fri. 94
May	Sat. 97 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mon. 96 $\frac{3}{4}$	Tues. 96 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 96 $\frac{1}{4}$	Thurs. 96 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fri. 96 $\frac{1}{2}$

Oats dropped about 2c. in sympathy with the decline in other grain, but, on the other hand, cash interests have been good buyers. Oats have independent strength and are believed to be only held back by the decline in wheat and corn. On the 7th inst. prices declined $\frac{1}{2}$ c. in response to the decline in other grain. On the 9th inst. prices declined $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ c. in the end, in sympathy with the decline in other grain. Yet there was no real weakness. The cash demand was still good and the country movement small. The United States visible supply decreased last week 33,000 bushels against 1,227,000 in the same week last year; total 27,501,000 bushels, against 13,236,000 last year. On the 10th inst. futures ended $\frac{1}{4}$ to $\frac{1}{2}$ c. higher, with offerings small and cash demand unabated. On the 11th inst. prices fell $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c., but this was merely to keep in sort of line with other grain. For the cash demand was still good and the offerings small. On the 12th inst. prices ended $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ c. higher. Buying orders overcame the effect of selling by the Northwest. To-day prices ended $\frac{3}{4}$ c. lower under liquidation, with shorts about the only buyers. There was a fair cash demand, and the country movement was not more than moderate. Still there was enough long selling and enough sympathy with other grain markets to cause some net decline. Final prices show a decline for the week of 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK.

No. 2 white	Sat. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$	Mon. 57	Tues. 57	Wed. 56 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thurs. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri. 57 $\frac{1}{2}$
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DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December	Sat. 46 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mon. 46	Tues. 46 $\frac{1}{4}$	Wed. 45 $\frac{3}{4}$	Thurs. 45 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri. 44 $\frac{3}{4}$
March	Sat. 49 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mon. 49	Tues. 49 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 46 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thurs. 48 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fri. 48
May	Sat. 50 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mon. 50 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 50 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wed. 49 $\frac{3}{4}$	Thurs. 49 $\frac{3}{4}$	Fri. 49 $\frac{1}{4}$

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

December	Sat. 61 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mon. 60 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 60 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 59 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thurs. 60 $\frac{1}{4}$	Fri. 58 $\frac{3}{4}$
March	Sat. 66 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mon. 65 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 65 $\frac{1}{2}$	Wed. 63 $\frac{3}{4}$	Thurs. 63 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri. 62 $\frac{3}{4}$
July	Sat. 66 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mon. 65 $\frac{1}{2}$	Tues. 65	Wed. 63 $\frac{3}{4}$	Thurs. 63 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri. 62 $\frac{3}{4}$

Rye prices dropped about as much as wheat and in sympathy with the decline in that cereal. Moreover, carlot deliveries were authorized by the Directors of the Board of Trade as permissible on and after Dec. 14. That alone caused liquidation. On the 7th inst. prices declined $\frac{1}{2}$ to 1c. with wheat. December was the best sustained. On the 9th inst. prices fell 3 to 3 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. owing partly to the decline in wheat and partly to the decision of the Chicago Board of Trade that carlot deliveries on track may be made on December contracts on and after Dec. 15. That seemed to mean that there will be plenty of rye. In other words, a pinch in December deliveries is less likely. The United States visible supply decreased last week 305,000 bushels against an increase of 14,000 last year. The total is now 11,564,000 bushels against 5,575,000 last year. On the 10th inst. futures ended $\frac{1}{4}$ to 1 $\frac{1}{4}$ c. higher in answer to higher prices for other grain. December was particularly strong, whatever might be said or done. But larger arrivals are expected very soon for delivery on December.

Chicago wired that the leading longs were not showing any signs of weakness and that there was uneasiness among the shorts in December. The longs have taken all grain delivered so far, and warehouse receipts for 550,000 bushels have been cancelled in public elevators. One boat was loaded with rye yesterday, presumably for winter storage. On the 11th inst. prices dropped 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ to 3c. in sympathy with the decline in wheat. Also there was more or less liquidation. The cash demand showed no improvement. December's relative strength is expected to attract large shipments to Chicago this month. On the 12th inst. prices ended $\frac{3}{8}$ c. lower to $\frac{3}{8}$ c. higher. December was sold steadily by cash interests and was the weakest month. Some 250,000

bushels were sold to go to store. To-day prices closed 1 to 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ c. lower, due largely to the weakness of wheat and the absence of any foreign demand. Also there was more or less scattered liquidation. Final prices show a decline for the week of $\frac{6}{8}$ to 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ c., December being the weakest.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

December	Sat. 109 $\frac{1}{4}$	Mon. 106 $\frac{3}{4}$	Tues. 106 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 103 $\frac{3}{4}$	Thurs. 103 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri. 102 $\frac{3}{4}$
March	Sat. 109 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mon. 105 $\frac{3}{4}$	Tues. 106 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 104 $\frac{1}{2}$	Thurs. 104 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri. 103 $\frac{3}{4}$
May	Sat. 107 $\frac{3}{4}$	Mon. 104 $\frac{3}{4}$	Tues. 105 $\frac{3}{4}$	Wed. 103	Thurs. 103 $\frac{1}{2}$	Fri. 101 $\frac{3}{4}$

Closing quotations were as follows:

FLOUR.

Spring pat. high protein	\$6.85 @ \$7.35	Rye flour, patents	\$6.30 @ \$6.70
Spring patents	6.35 @ 6.85	Seminola, No. 2, pound	4 $\frac{3}{4}$
Clears, first spring	5.80 @ 6.20	Oats goods	2.75 @ 2.80
Soft winter straights	5.70 @ 6.20	Corn flour, white	2.50 @ 2.55
Hard winter straights	6.10 @ 6.50	Barley goods	
Hard winter patents	6.50 @ 6.95	Coarse	3.25
Hard winter clears	5.35 @ 5.75	Fancy pearl Nos. 1, 2,	
Fancy Minn. patents	8.35 @ 9.10	3 and 4	6.00 @ 6.50
City mills	8.35 @ 9.05		

GRAIN.

Wheat, New York—		Oats, New York—	
No. 2 red, f.o.b.	1.41 $\frac{1}{2}$	No. 2 white	57 $\frac{1}{4}$
No. 2 hard winter, f.o.b.	1.30 $\frac{1}{2}$	No. 3 white	55 $\frac{3}{4}$
Corn, New York—		Rye, New York—	
No. 2 yellow all rail	1.07 $\frac{1}{4}$	No. 2 f.o.b.	110 $\frac{3}{4}$
No. 3 yellow all rail	1.04 $\frac{1}{2}$	Barley, New York—	
		Malting	73 $\frac{3}{4}$

For other tables usually given here, see page 3752.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Dec. 7, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS.

	Wheat bush.	Corn bush.	Oats bush.	Rye bush.	Barley bush.
United States—					
New York	1,866,000	13,000	194,000	41,000	265,000
" afloat	335,000				
Boston	326,000		8,000	3,000	
Philadelphia	975,000	6,000	252,000	14,000	4,000
Baltimore	5,113,000	14,000	85,000	29,000	161,000
Newport News	725,000				
New Orleans	3,409,000	46,000	128,000	7,000	426,000
Galveston	2,983,000	10,000			316,000
Fort Worth	5,318,000	89,000	527,000	9,000	192,000
Buffalo	9,291,000	795,000	3,174,000	381,000	594,000
" afloat	11,972,000	160,000	383,000	233,000	566,000
Toledo	3,088,000	12,000	202,000	5,000	10,000
" afloat	210,000		919,000		
Detroit	190,000		8,000		
Chicago	24,831,000	993,000	4,947,000	4,642,000	547,000
" afloat	370,000			826,000	
Milwaukee	511,000	406,000	4,362,000		523,000
Duluth	21,579,000		1,255,000	3,146,000	731,000
" afloat	357,000		150,000		
Minneapolis	32,604,000	91,000	7,014,000	1,912,000	4,872,000
Sioux City	944,000	178,000	524,000		16,000
St. Louis	4,137,000	148,000	352,000	12,000	91,000
Kansas City	23,439,000	36,000	18,000	16,000	183,000
Wichita	2,004,000				
St. Joseph, Mo.	7,145,000				
Peoria	5,628,000	60,000	8,000		54,000
Indianapolis	63,000	104,000	1,149,000		105,000
Omaha	2,020,000	334,000	864,000	8,000	36,000
On Lakes	10,572,000	361,000	961,000	250,000	198,000
On Canal and River	475,000				
Dec. 7 1929	182,490,000	3,864,000	27,501,000	11,564,000	9,902,000
Nov. 30 1929	184,602,000	3,267,000	27,534,000	11,869,000	9,849,000
Dec. 8 1928	135,104,000	9,602,000	12,262,000	5,529,000	8,707,000

Note.—Bonded grain not included above: Oats—New York, 402,000 bushels; Philadelphia, 3,000; Baltimore, 4,000; Buffalo, 254,000; Duluth, 15,000; total, 681,000 bushels, against 896,000 bushels in 1928. Barley—New York, 690,000; Buffalo, 1,272,000; Buffalo, afloat, 1,071,000; Duluth, 98,000; total, 3,131,000 bushels, against 6,281,000 bushels in 1928. Wheat—New York, 5,192,000 bushels; Boston, 1,712,000; Philadelphia, 3,263,000; Baltimore, 4,022,000; Buffalo, 8,532,000; Buffalo afloat, 14,634,000; Duluth, 187,000; Toledo afloat, 123,000; on Lakes, 1,018,000; Canal, 83,000; total, 38,766,000 bushels, against 38,630,000 bushels in 1928.

Canadian—

Montreal	6,786,000	1,638,000	498,000	1,288,000
Ft. William & Pt. Arthur	44,186,000	4,027,000	3,993,000	12,953,000
" afloat				227,000
Other Canadian	21,621,000	4,138,000	1,284,000	1,590,000

Summary—

American	182,490,000	3,864,000	27,501,000	11,564,000	9,902,000
Canadian	72,593,000		9,803,000	5,775,000	16,058,000
Total Dec. 7 1929	255,083,000	3,864,000	37,304,000	17,339,000	25,960,000
Total Nov. 30 1929	259,057,000	3,267,000	35,533,000	17,572,000	25,550,000
Total Dec. 8 1928	183,945,000	9,602,000	18,563,000	8,021,000	15,810,000

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Dec. 6, and since July 1 1929 and 1928, are shown in the following:

Exports—	Wheat.			Corn.		
	1929.		1928.	1929.		1928.
	Week Dec. 6.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.	Week Dec. 6.	Since July 1.	Since July 1.
North Amer.	6,440,000	153,646,000	274,467,000	56,000	1,962,000	5,585,000
Black Sea	736,000	13,939,000	1,792,000	197,000	4,031,000	1,717,000
Argentina	3,341,000	91,249,000	51,788,000	4,697,000	97,761,000	148,913,000
Australia	520,000	20,469,000	22,848,000			
India		320,000	1,064,000			
Oth. countr's.	920,000	18,156,000	23,060,000	179,000	20,357,000	18,535,000
Total	11,957,000	297,779,000	375,019,000	6,011,000	124,111,000	174,750,000

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED DEC. 10.—

The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Dec. 10, follows:

At the beginning of the week temperatures were rather low for the season over much of the country east of the Mississippi River, with the line of freezing again extending to the east Gulf coast and northern Florida. Thereafter the weather moderated until near the close, when there was a slight reaction to cooler. Precipitation was largely of a local character until the 7th, when a "low" of rather slight intensity was central over Arkansas, attended by rain over the lower Mississippi Valley area. This "low" moved eastward on the 7th-8th, attended by general rain or snow over practically all sections east of the Mississippi River, while there were snows over parts of the Northwest. The weather remained generally

moderate and dry west of the Rocky Mountains, except for some local rains on the immediate north Pacific coast, but toward the close of the week there were widespread rains or snows over the greater part of the Northwest, extending as far south as central California.

Chart I shows that the week as a whole was moderately cold for the season in the more northern States east of the Rocky Mountains, in the lower Ohio Valley and in much of the Southeast. In most cases, however, the minus departures from normal temperature were not large, being generally less than 5 deg., except locally. In the middle Atlantic area the period was somewhat warmer than normal, and was abnormally warm quite generally in Central and Southern States west of the Mississippi River. In some central Rocky Mountain districts the plus departures from normal temperature ranged from 6 deg. to 9 deg., and in the Great Basin of the West from 6 deg. to 11 deg.

Low temperatures continued in the East the first part of the week, when freezing weather again extended into northern Florida, and temperatures from 4 deg. to 6 deg. below freezing were reported from the east Gulf coast and freezing as far south as Corpus Christi, Tex. Zero temperatures were confined to the interior of the Northeast, some northwestern districts and locally in the Rocky Mountain area.

Chart II shows that precipitation was light rather generally east of the Rocky Mountains, although moderate to locally heavy falls were reported over a narrow belt from northeastern Texas northeastward, and a few other localities had from 0.5 to 1 inch during the week. Over a large area of the Southwest, extending from the central Great Plains southwestward to western Texas and the south Pacific coast, the week was rainless. Generous to heavy falls were reported from the north Pacific sections, extending as far south as central California, but in the interior the amounts were generally light, though a few localities reported rather substantial falls.

The further heavy frosts and freezing temperatures early in the week in extreme southern Sections did additional damage to truck crops in various parts of the Gulf coast area and in northern Florida, but the reaction to much warmer weather later was favorable and some recovery was reported. Rains in Florida were also helpful, while late reports indicate that no extensive damage was done by the recent freezes in south Atlantic sections. Much of the week was more favorable for outside operations in the South ern States.

In the interior the milder weather removed the snow cover from nearly all of the principal winter wheat area, though a light deposit remains in many places in the northern Ohio Valley and farther west as far south as Iowa. From 2 to 12 inches of snow covers Michigan, while western and northern New York and New England are still blanketed. The winter wheat crop appears to have not suffered materially from the recent unusually cold weather, as most of the belt had a fair protection of snow. The week was generally favorable also for outside operations in the interior States, by reason of the milder conditions, but at the same time most fields were rather soft and muddy.

In the far West, generous rains relieved droughty conditions in most places as far south as central California, the falls being especially substantial in coast areas. They were generally lighter in the interior, though some sections there also had generous rains. Toward the close of the week rather heavy snows were widespread over the northwestern Great Plains, especially in Montana, where considerable benefit to the soil will result.

SMALL GRAINS.—The snow cover that prevailed over the main wheat area last week has largely disappeared and wheat appears in satisfactory condition, with very little damage from the cold weather. There was some injury to oats in parts of the Southeast by the freeze, but in general there was not much damage and winter cereals are in satisfactory condition in the East. Grains need moisture and a snow cover in the central Rockies and the Great Basin, while the far Southwest continues dry. There were general rains in the agricultural sections of the Pacific Northwest and some wheat will benefit, but they probably came too late to be of much help to large acreages.

CORN AND COTTON.—The milder weather over the Corn Belt made much better conditions for housing the crop than have recently prevailed, though the melting snow and thawing soil caused soft and muddy fields in many sections. In the western belt the weather was generally favorable, with husking and cribbing progressing satisfactorily; housing is largely completed in many places.

The first part of the week was too cold for picking cotton in the north-central and northeastern belt and very little was accomplished. The latter part was more favorable and considerable of the outstanding crop was gathered. In the western belt conditions were generally favorable for scrapping and fields have been mostly cleaned.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Cold first of week, but considerably warmer middle and latter parts. Rainfall generally light. Favorable for outdoor work and for marketing tobacco. Winter grains in good condition. Large shipments of winter truck.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Cold, with soil wet and frozen at beginning of week; some late-sown wheat apparently damaged, though early-seeded in satisfactory condition. Considerable hog killing. Latter part of week mild; favorable for picking cotton. Late reports indicate damage to truck in east by freeze was not heavy.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Comparatively little winter truck damage by recent freeze, and more seasonable weather after first of week favorable for truck growth, winter cereal germination, and further plowing and planting, except soil too wet for much land preparation in north, with comparatively little wheat planted thus far. Cotton picking still proceeding in north, but practically finished elsewhere. Sweet potato harvest nearly completed. Considerable hog killing.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Freezing temperatures to southern border and coast at beginning of week, with some damage to truck. Warmer latter part; moderate general rains on 7th beneficial in south. Grinding sugar cane nearly finished. Wheat and oats look fairly well, not being much damaged by cold. Still some corn, sweet potatoes and a few scattered patches of cotton to be harvested. Seeding winter cereals progressing slowly.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Showers in central and moderate rains in north and west improved soil and benefited truck, strawberries and young citrus, but frost from part in central unfavorable for truck and freezing in north and west killed truck and standing seed cane and damaged strawberry bloom. Oats improved by showers. Truck and cane planting continued in south.

Alabama.—Montgomery: General rains on 7th, but mostly light; remainder of week fair. First part unseasonably cold; remainder much corn ungetharm. Little farm work accomplished; some cotton and much corn ungetharm. Little farm work accomplished; some cotton and much corn ungetharm. Little farm work accomplished; some cotton and much corn ungetharm. Little farm work accomplished; some cotton and much corn ungetharm.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Clear and cold to Thursday; mostly cloudy and unseasonably warm thereafter, with generally light to moderate rains. Mostly unfavorable for farm activities. Pastures fair progress.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Little damage to winter truck. Cane harvest killed cane, but stalks not split; little damage to winter truck. Cane harvest killed cane, but stalks not split; little damage to winter truck. Cane harvest killed cane, but stalks not split; little damage to winter truck.

Texas.—Houston: Week opened cold, with frost to lower coast doing considerable damage to tender truck; latter part unusually warm. Heavy rains in extreme east, but little elsewhere. Progress of pastures, wheat, oats and hardy truck good; condition fair to very good. Plowing and picking and cotton made good progress and some wheat and oats sown. Citrus and truck shipments large. Livestock condition good.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Temperatures seasonable and precipitation negligible; mostly favorable for field work. Good progress in scrapping cotton; picking nearly finished. Winter grains good to excellent progress and condition. Wheat pasturing good; native pasture getting short.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Three or four fair days, but too cold for picking cotton. Some plowing in south; ground frozen or too wet elsewhere. Rice threshing progressed rapidly and completed in most portions. Some corn gathered. Considerable butchering. Wheat, oats, meadows, winter truck and livestock in good condition.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Wheat, oats, rye and barley appear coming in good shape, although probably retarded slightly by severe weather, due to decided thermal changes of past week. Weather delayed picking much bottom cotton.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Moderated from severe cold at beginning to temperatures above normal. Freezes caused some heaving, but injury to winter grains slight. Snow cover melted and soft fields impeded removal of corn. Favorable for handling tobacco.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Dec. 13 1929.

More stabilized conditions have developed in most sections of the textile markets during the past week. Although in a number of instances where increased sales were noticeable, they were largely at the expense of prices. This was particularly the case in the cotton goods division, where the establishment of lower levels encouraged the placing of good sized orders. In such instances where quotations were named for the first quarter of next year, thus eliminating uncertainties, buyers were more willing to enlarge their activities. As to the woolen division, any such decline in prices for the spring season's fabrics as were thought to be imminent were forestalled by the Wool Institute when the latter published a list of the mills which will maintain present levels for the remainder of the season. This action did much to dispel any hopes buyers may have entertained regarding a general reduction, and stimulated confidence for the coming season, and this was reflected in the expanded business which was placed during the latter half of the week. By thus stabilizing the market at practically the inception of the new season, the Wool Institute accomplished much in assuring a successful spring business. In the silk division, at a meeting of the Silk Association of America, the importance of monthly reporting of stocks, sales, and production as an indication of the trend of the industry was brought to the attention of the trade, and it is probable that the Association will begin to compile such statistics. Conditions have been rather quiet in the floor covering division, awaiting the display of the additional spring 1930 lines which will be shown by manufacturers on Monday next.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—Under the stimulus of lower prices, business in the markets for domestic cotton goods assumed somewhat larger proportions. Two sets of statistics published during the first half of the week, namely the Government's estimate of the cotton crop and the November figures covering the production and distribution of finished cloths as compiled by the Cotton Merchants' Association of New York, encouraged buyers in their tactics to obtain more advantageous concessions. Although the Census Bureau estimated the cotton crop at 14,919,000 bales, or 90,000 less than on the previous month, the raw cotton market, which had been buoyed prior to the report, declined soon after the latter was issued. The cloth statistics for last month showed that the average weekly production amounted to 69,029,000 yards, with sales at 64.6%, and shipments 80.1% of production, while stocks on hand increased 19% and unfilled orders decreased 13.5%. Such evidences of continued over-production in excess of actual consumption, in spite of the vigorous efforts on the part of the leaders of the industry to curtail output schedules, was seized upon by buyers as a good excuse for forcing prices downward. They succeeded in a number of instances, as some quotations declined to a basis where factors thought that they discounted practically all unfavorable developments and were about as low as they could possibly go. At the same time, buyers, believing that prices were approaching a favorable level, were more disposed to operate. As a result, transactions expanded, and it was noted that many types of goods that had been in the doldrums recently were being revived. Confidence in the current situation was expressed by many in the trade who were of the opinion that with prices scraping bottom conditions should show some material improvement within the near future. Print cloths 28-inch 64x60's construction are quoted at 5c., and 27-inch 64x60's at 4½c. Gray goods in the 39-inch 68x72's construction are quoted at 7½c., and 39-inch 80x80's at 9½c.

WOOL GOODS.—With the majority of winter merchandise moved as a result of the cold wave, attention in the markets for woolens and worsteds centered in the progress of goods for the coming spring season. During the earlier part of the week it seemed as though prices for the latter would not hold and that reductions were imminent. However, the action of the Wool Institute on Wednesday, when it was authorized to publicly announce the names of the mills which would maintain their list prices on all re-orders and new business for the spring 1930 season practically assured a stable market. Both the larger and smaller units of the industry were included among the mills which would maintain spring quotations at levels already established. Apparently, the action of the Institute met with the approval of manufacturers, who should now feel that they can proceed with their plans for the new season.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Little in the way of new developments were noted in the local linen markets. Business continued relatively limited, being centered largely in small lots for immediate shipment of merchandise suitable for the holiday trade. The call was for a miscellaneous line suitable for gift purposes such as boxed handkerchiefs and other goods as could be disposed of quickly. Current reports indicate that the interest in dress linens has been improving of late, and it is expected that the popularity of these fabrics will expand in retail channels within the near future owing to the many attractive stylings and coloring treatments. Burlaps were again easy in sympathy with a decline in primary markets. Light weights are quoted at 5.45c., and heavies at 7.15c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BONDS SALES IN NOVEMBER.

We present herewith our detailed list of the municipal bond issues put out during the month of November, which the crowded condition of our columns prevented our publishing at the usual time.

The review of the months' sales was given on page 3,661 of the "Chronicle" of Dec. 7. Since then several belated November returns have been received, changing the total for the month to \$84,092,716. The number of municipalities issuing bonds in November was 277 and the number of separate issues 380.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bond issues from Adams Co., Ind. to Hamilton Co., Ohio.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Continues the list of municipal bond issues from Hamilton Co., Ohio to Prowers Co., S. D. No. 6.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists various municipal bonds from 1930-1959.

Total bond sales for November (277 municipalities, covering 280) separate issues... \$84,092,716.

BONDS OF UNITED STATES POSSESSIONS.

The following items included in our totals for previous months should be eliminated from the same.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists eliminated bond items.

We have also learned of the following additional sales for previous months:

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists additional bond sales.

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for October. These additional October issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$116,795,838.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN NOVEMBER.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists Canadian municipal debentures.

CANADIAN SALES FOR PREVIOUS MONTHS.

Table with columns: Page, Name, Rate, Maturity, Amount, Price, Basis. Lists Canadian sales for previous months.

NEWS ITEMS

Cumberland, Md.—Annexation of Suburban Sections Planned.—On Dec. 30 a special election will be held to decide whether suburban sections are to be annexed...

Maryland.—State Tax Basis Shows \$129,238,587 Gain.—From a statement issued on Dec. 7 by the State Tax Commission, the 1929 taxable basis for the State shows an increase of \$129,238,587 over last year's total of \$2,444,212,510 for real estate, motor vehicles, other tangible property and securities.

The 1929 taxable basis for State purposes for real estate, motor vehicles, other tangible property and securities is \$2,570,451,097, an increase of \$129,238,587 over last year, according to a report issued yesterday by the State Tax Commission.

This, however, is not the complete tax basis for State purposes, M. J. Lindsay, Chief Supervisor of Assessments, explained. Assessments on other items, such as business corporations, domestic corporate shares, distilled spirits, non-stock corporation personal property, fidelity, casualty and guaranty company shares, bank, trust company, financial and other moneyed corporation shares, non-stock corporation securities and savings deposits have not yet been compiled, Mr. Lindsay said.

Increase in Real Estate.—The assessment on real estate and other tangible personal property for this year is \$1,986,746,997, an increase of \$84,414,980 compared with last year's figures for the same items, which were \$1,902,332,017.

Motor vehicles this year have been assessed at \$55,755,925, a decrease of \$3,436,986 as compared with the 1928 assessment, which was \$59,192,911. The reason for this decrease, Mr. Lindsay said, was that motor vehicles were assessed annually and depreciation allowed each year, and the assessment of new cars failed to offset depreciation on machines assessed previously.

This year's assessment of securities shows an increase of \$48,260,593, the total for these items being \$527,948,175, as compared with last year's total of \$479,687,582.

Real estate, motor vehicles and other tangible personal property are subject to the full State rate of 25 7/10-100 cents, but securities are subject to a 15-cent rate.

Nebraska.—Financial Condition.—On Dec. 4, W. M. Stebbins, State Treasurer, made an oral announcement to the effect that the State is in excellent financial condition since there isn't a bond outstanding and the State has been operating on a cash basis since 1900, reports the U. S. "Daily" of Dec. 10 which contained the following on the subject:

The State of Nebraska is strictly on a cash basis, paying cash as it goes. W. M. Stebbins, State Treasurer, stated orally Dec. 4, in commenting upon his monthly statement for November. In 1875 there was outstanding against Nebraska about \$500,000 in bonds. The last of these bonds were paid and cancelled in 1900, Mr. Stebbins said. For 30 years there has not been a bond against the State.

The full text of his supplement to the monthly report follows: We have \$4,683,471.44 in the treasury, which is ample to pay every outstanding claim against any fund in our State. We have no red ink, not a dollar borrowed money, not an overdraft against any fund, and not paying a dollar of interest anywhere. If we continue the policy of raising the money before we spend it, we will keep out of the red and there will accumulate no deficits.

Besides the cash in the treasury, there are \$13,675,894.82 in bonds held by the State, drawing interest. Approximately \$2,000,000 of these belong to the Soldiers' Relief Fund. Income from these, amounting to about \$10,000 per month, is disbursed to them or their dependents as first aid to those in need.

The remainder of the bonds, \$11,675,894.82, belongs to the permanent school fund, income from which amounts to over \$500,000 annually. Besides the above school bonds, the State has unsold school lands valued at \$20,000,000, yielding a yearly rental income of over \$500,000. Each year the income from the school bonds and school land, amounting to over \$1,000,000, is divided among all the public schools in our State.

The new capital, now nearing completion, having taken 10 years to build ranks as one of the outstanding and finest in the nation. This building, costing approximately \$10,000,000, when completed will be paid for since we are paying cash as we build. We never paid one dollar of interest on it. Since 1875 Nebraska has not only paid cash and wiped out all indebtedness, but including bonds and school lands, has accumulated properties in our institutions, &c., valued at over \$70,000,000.

It should be a source of pride and gratification to every Nebraska citizen to know our State is in such fine condition and so outstanding financially among the States of the Union.

North Carolina.—Reduction of State Debt Started.—The Raleigh "News and Observer" of Dec. 5 had the following to say regarding the reduction of the State's bonded debt:

"A start, albeit a slow one, is now being made on cutting down North Carolina's huge State debt, which rose from \$7,557,000 on Nov. 30 1929, to \$184,269,600 (including bonds authorized but not issued) on June 30 1931. By June 30 1930, the debt will be down to \$180,821,600 and on June 30 1931, it will be further reduced to \$176,659,000, unless favorable action is taken in the meantime on a referendum on an additional \$2,000,000 bond issue for veterans' loans which will be submitted at the 1930 election.

"Although the authorized debt included \$18,927,000 that has not yet been put into bonds, commitments have been made covering all of the money except \$400,000 for a new prison farm and about two-thirds of the amount has already actually been spent.

"The General Assembly of 1929 called a virtual halt to the bond issues of recent sessions, authorizing only \$1,970,000, all of which was for permanent improvements.

"Bonds are now beginning to mature in some volume and \$3,448,000 will fall due during this fiscal year, and \$4,162,600 in the next fiscal year..."

Taking even the larger amount, however, it would require more than 50 years at the same rate to pay off the indebtedness incurred in the last nine years."

Purdon Road District No. 2 (P. O. Corsicana), Tex.—Bond Sale Temporarily Enjoyed.—A special dispatch to the Dallas "News" of Dec. 6 reports that an injunction was filed in the District Court at Corsicana in the afternoon of Dec. 5, seeking to restrain the Navarro County Commissioners Court from selling the \$135,000 road bonds on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3358—and it further states that the District Judge granted a temporary restraining order against the commissioners. The suit is said to have been brought by local taxpayers who alleged that the amount of the bonds exceeds one-fourth of the assessed value of the district's real property and is therefore unconstitutional. The case has been set down for a hearing on Dec. 14.

Tennessee.—Road Note Bill Passed by Senate.—On Dec. 5 the Senate passed a house bill giving the funding board of the State the authority to borrow \$10,000,000 in notes for highway and public works purposes, after an amendment had been accepted which reduces the interest rate from 6% to 5½%, in conformity with the \$25,000,000 issue that was granted in the regular session, reports the Nashville "Banner" of Dec. 6. In the Dec. 7 issue of the above named newspaper it is stated that both houses approved a bill providing for an extension of five years on the time of payment of \$3,200,000 highway short term notes.

Taxation Measure Before Legislature.—The following is a summary of the tax bills which have been introduced at the special legislative session now in progress, as given in the U. S. "Daily" of Dec. 11:

- H. B. 26.—Prohibiting levy of State ad valorem property taxes after the year 1930.
H. B. 28.—Amending gasoline tax law in regard to purchases in carload lots.
H. B. 30.—Inspectors of petroleum products.
H. B. 49.—Making the commissioner of finance and taxation a member of the State funding board.
H. B. 68.—Amusement tax of 1 cent for every 10 cents or fraction thereof.
H. B. 69.—New corporation excise tax.
H. B. 70.—Estate tax.
H. B. 84.—Increasing tobacco tax rate.
S. B. 68.—Carbonic liquid gas tax.
S. B. 71.—Amends law imposing tax on income from stocks and bonds.
S. B. 79.—Requires tobacco dealers to obtain license.
S. B. 85.—Motor oil tax.
S. B. 88.—Cosmetics tax of 10% on all preparations used to improve complexion and in beauty treatments generally.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

AKRON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Summit County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$266,000 coupon school building construction and equipment bonds offered on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3352—were awarded as 4½s, to the First Citizens Corp., of Columbus, for a premium of \$859.60, equal to a price of 100.32, a basis of about 4.47%. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due \$19,000 on Oct. 1 from 1936 to 1949, incl.

ALBUQUERQUE MUNICIPAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Albuquerque), Bernalillo County, N. Mex.—BOND SALE.—A \$300,000 issue of 4½% refunding bonds is reported to have been purchased by the State Board of Finance for the Common School Permanent Fund.

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Dec. 20 by Wallace Lawrence, City Manager, for the purchase of a \$750,000 issue of 4½% annuitant, public improvement and funding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due as follows: \$15,000, 1935 to 1938; \$30,000, 1939 to 1943; \$21,000, 1944 to 1965 and \$26,000, 1966 to 1968, all incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable at the Central-Hanover National Bank in New York City. Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York City, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% of the bonds bid for, payable to the City, is required.

ALHAMBRA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 issue of 5% coupon water works bonds offered for sale on Dec. 3—V. 129, p. 3352 & 3502—was awarded to the American National Co., of San Francisco, for a premium of \$5,488, equal to 103.653, a basis of about 4.67%. Dated August 1 1929. Due \$5,000 from August 1 1930 to 1959, incl. Interest payable on Feb. & August 1.

ALHAMBRA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the County Clerk, until Dec. 16, for the purchase of a \$240,000 issue of 5% semi-annual school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due \$12,000 from 1931 to 1950, incl.

ALLIANCE, Stark County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Elsie H. Whittingham, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 24, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$68,500: \$20,000 special assessment st. improvement bonds. Due \$2,000 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl.
20,000 city's portion street improvement bonds. Due \$2,000 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl.
19,000 water mains extension bonds. Due \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1948, incl.
9,500 special assessment street improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$500 in 1930, and \$1,000 from 1931 to 1939, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929. Bids for bonds to bear interest at a rate other than above stated will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be ¼ of 1% or multiples thereof. The purchaser shall furnish and print the necessary bonds with coupon bonds, and will also be required to furnish the legal opinion as to the validity of the bonds. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

ALTOONA CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Blair County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—W. N. Decker, Secretary of the School Board, is reported to be receiving sealed bids until 4.30 p. m. on Dec. 23, for the purchase of \$800,000 4¼% coupon school bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 15, as follows: \$25,000, 1931 to 1957 incl., \$40,000, 1958 and 1959 and \$45,000 in 1960. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Central Trust Co., Altoona. A certified check for \$5,000 must

accompany each proposal. At the general election held in November the voters unanimously approved the proposal to issue \$2,000,000 in bonds for school building construction purposes. The measure received a favorable vote of about 7 to 1.—V. 129, p. 3043.

ANDERSON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL UNIT NO. 1 (P. O. Palestine), Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$40,000 issue of school bonds is reported to have been disposed of to an undisclosed purchaser.

ASHEVILLE, Buncombe County, N. C.—NOTE SALE.—A \$500,000 issue of 6% anticipation notes has recently been purchased by Eyer & Co., of New York. Dated Nov. 27 1929. Due on Sept 15 1930. Payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York City.

ASTORIA, Clatsop County, Ore.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of not to exceed 6% semi-annual bonds aggregating \$115,625.87, offered on Dec. 2—V. 129, p. 3043—was not sold as no bids were received. The \$18,125.87 issue of improvement bonds was turned over to the contractor. Due in 10 years and optional after one year. The \$97,500 issue of refunding bonds will be reoffered in the near future. Due from Dec. 1 1932 to 1948, incl.

AUBURN, De Kalb County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Forrest Potter, City Clerk, will be received until 1 p. m. on Jan. 15, for the purchase of \$40,000 5% school improvement bonds. Dated March 20 1930. Denom. \$500. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for must accompany each proposal.

AUDUBON, Camden County, N. J.—OFFER \$162,000 5¼% BONDS.—Morris, Mather & Co., of New York, are offering an issue of \$162,000 5¼% coupon or registered sewer bonds for public investment on a basis to yield 5%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature on Dec. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1935 to 1945 incl.; \$5,000, 1946 to 1968 incl., and \$3,000 in 1969. Award was made on Nov. 26 at a price of 101.34, a basis of about 5.15%.—V. 129, p. 3503.

BAR HARBOR, Hancock County, Me.—BOND SALE.—The \$80,000 4¼% coupon incinerator plant bonds offered on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3353—were awarded to Estabrook & Co., of Boston, at a price of 99.83, a basis of about 4.54%. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and mature \$15,000 annually from 1932 to 1937, incl. The following other bids were submitted:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Rate Bid. Includes E. H. Rollins & Sons (99.65) and Harris, Forbes & Co. (99.82).

BEACHWOOD (P. O. Warrensville, R. F. D.) Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5½% bonds aggregating \$337,882.93 offered on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3353—were awarded to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland, for a premium of \$906.00, equal to a price of 100.26:

- \$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.

The accepted tender was the only one received.

BEAVER FALLS SCHOOL DISTRICT, Beaver County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—James L. Wasson, Secretary of the Board of School Directors, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 20, for the purchase of two issues of 4½% coupon school bonds aggregating \$500,000, consisting of a \$350,000 issue and a \$150,000 issue. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due annually on Jan. 1 from 1935 to 1949, incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest payable at the office of the treasurer of the district. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the School District, must accompany each proposal. Bids may be submitted for the entire offering or a portion thereof. Legality of the bonds will be approved by Reed, Smith, Shaw & McClay, of Pittsburgh.

BELL COUNTY (P. O. Belton), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$26,000 issue of 5% serial road district No. 3 bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on Dec. 4. (The attorney general's department approved these bonds on Dec. 5).

BERGEN COUNTY (P. O. Hackensack), N. J.—BOND SALE.—A syndicate composed of Graham, Parsons & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co., B. J. Van Ingen & Co., and Phelps, Fern & Co., all of New York, was the successful bidder for \$1,258,000 bonds of the \$1,270,000 coupon or registered public improvement issue offered for sale on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 2503. The accepted tender was a price of 101.01 for the bonds as 4½s, a basis of about 4.39%. Dated Dec. 15 1929. Due on Dec. 15, as follows: \$50,000, 1930 to 1939, incl.; \$60,000, 1940 and 1941; \$65,000, 1942 to 1950, incl., and \$53,000 in 1951. The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 4.25 to 4.50%, according to maturity. A detailed statement of the financial condition of the county was published in—V. 129, p. 3663.

BETTENDORF, Scott County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by H. F. Abramson, City Clerk, until 8 p. m. on Dec. 16 for the purchase of an issue of \$11,723.68 sewer bonds.

BINGHAMTON, Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following 4½% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$530,000 offered on Dec. 12—V. 129, p. 3663—were awarded to the Marine Trust Co., of Buffalo, at a price of 102.25, a basis of about 4.22%:

- \$300,000 Woodrow Wilson School enlargement bonds. Due \$10,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1959 incl.
100,000 pavement bonds. Due \$10,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1939 incl.
46,000 Sixth Ward Fire Station Site Bldg. and equipment bonds. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 to 1938 incl., and \$1,000 in 1939.
30,000 West Junior High School Bldg. and equipment bonds, series B. Due \$3,000 on Dec. 1 1930 to 1939 incl.
14,000 Pine Street School Bldg. reconstruction bonds. Due \$1,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1943 incl.
20,000 Brandywine drainage and storm water sewer bonds. Due \$1,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1949 incl.
12,000 DeForest Street bath house site and highway improvement bonds. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1935 incl.
8,000 city hospital reconstruction and alteration bonds. Due \$1,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1937 incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and are being reoffered by the purchasers for public investment at prices to yield 4.15 to 4.10%, according to maturity. The bonds are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York and Connecticut and are also said to be direct obligations of Binghamton, which reports an assessed valuation for 1929 of \$126,877,435 and a net bonded debt, including the current bonds, reported to be \$8,054,681.

BOONEVILLE SEWER DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Booneville), Logan County, Ark.—BOND SALE.—The \$50,000 issue of 6% semi-annual sewer bonds offered for sale on Dec. 5—V. 129, p. 3664—was awarded to the National Securities Co., of Little Rock, at a price of 99, a basis of about 6.17%. Due in from 1 to 15 years. Other bidders were: M. W. Elkins & Co., of Little Rock and the State Bank, of Pine Bluff.

BROCKWAY TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Yale), St. Clair County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$95,000 school bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 129, p. 3664—were awarded as 5½s, to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., and the First National Co. of Detroit, both of Detroit, jointly. The bonds are dated Dec. 5 1929 and mature on June 10, 1943 to 1948, incl.; \$4,000, 1949 and 1950; \$5,000, 1951 to 1953, incl., and \$6,000 from 1954 to 1959, incl.

BROOKHAVEN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Terryville), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Joseph S. Kessler, President of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 19, for the purchase of \$26,800 school bonds, to bear int. at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in a multiple of ¼ of 1%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000; one bond for \$800. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$800, 1935; \$1,000, 1936 to 1945, incl., and \$2,000, 1946 to 1953, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J. L.) payable at the First National Bank, Port Jefferson. A certified check for 3% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal.

BROOKLINE, Norfolk County, Mass.—BOND OFFERING.—Albert P. Briggs, Town Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 16, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 3/4% coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$340,000:

\$250,000 bridge bonds. Due \$25,000 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl. 90,000 street construction bonds. Due \$9,000 from 1931 to 1931 to 1940, incl.

Both issues are dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000.

BROWARD COUNTY PORT DISTRICT (P. O. Fort Lauderdale), Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2.30 p. m. on Dec. 28, by C. C. Fruman, Chairman of the Port Authority, for the purchase of a \$275,000 issue of 6% semi-annual port authority bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 15 1929. Due \$11,000 from Oct. 15 1934 to 1958, incl. The right is reserved to reject any or all bids and no bid of less than 90% of the par value and accrued interest at the date of delivery of said bonds will be considered.

BROWNWOOD, Brown County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$160,000 sewer bonds has been purchased at par by the Brown-Crummer Co., of Wichita.

BUFFALO, Erie County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$3,590,000 offered on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3353—were awarded to a syndicate composed of White, Weld & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., B. H. Rollins & Sons, O'Connell & Co., Emanuel & Co., all of New York, also O'Brian, Potter & Stafford, of Buffalo, at a price of 100.036, a net interest cost basis of about 4.095%, stated herewith: \$2,000,000 school construction and equipment bonds sold as 4 1/4s. Due \$100,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1949, incl.

540,000 sewer construction series C bonds sold as 4s. Due \$18,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1959, incl. 500,000 series B bonds issued to finance the construction of an addition to the Buffalo City Hospital sold as 4s. Due \$25,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1949, incl. 200,000 city's portion street repaving series A bonds sold as 4 1/4s. Due \$20,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1939, incl. 180,000 South Park Conservatory repair series A bonds sold as 4 1/4s. Due \$18,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1939, incl. 100,000 street extension series B bonds sold as 4s. Due \$5,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1949, incl. 70,000 river channel improvement series A bonds sold as 4 1/4s. Due \$7,000 on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 15 1929. The purchasers are reoffering the 4 1/4% bonds to yield 4.05%; the 4% bonds are priced to yield 4%. The offering notice stated that the securities are legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York and also says that they are direct obligations of the City of Buffalo. A detailed statement of the financial condition of the city was published in—V. 129, p. 3664. The following is an official tabulation of the bids received:

Table with columns: Syndicate, Series, Int. Rate, School, Price Bid. Lists various syndicates like White, Weld & Co., Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co., etc., and their respective bid prices for different bond series.

CAMDEN COUNTY (P. O. Camden), N. J.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of coupon or registered bonds offered on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3353—were awarded as 4 1/4s, to a syndicate composed of White, Weld & Co.; Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.; Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., and the Detroit Co., all of New York, as stated herewith:

\$1,301,000 county building bonds (\$1,335,000 offered) sold at a price of 102.66, a basis of about 4.29%. The bonds mature on Jan. 1, as follows: \$30,000, 1931 to 1942, incl.; \$35,000, 1943 to 1956, incl.; \$40,000, 1957 to 1967, incl.; \$11,000, 1968.

486,000 park bonds (\$500,000 offered) sold at a price of 103.06, a basis of about 4.30%. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1978, inclusive, and \$6,000 in 1979.

Both issues are dated Jan. 1 1930. Second high bidders for the bonds were as follows: M. M. Freeman & Co., Eldredge & Co., and Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co., jointly, bidding for \$1,308,000 bonds as 4 1/4s, offered \$1,335,706.20. The Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Dewey, Bacon & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., and Emanuel & Co., jointly, bidding for \$489,000 bonds as 4 1/4s, offered \$500,345.

CAMERON COUNTY (P. O. Brownsville), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—A \$15,000 issue of 5 1/2% improvement bonds was registered by the State Comptroller on Dec. 6. Due serially.

CAMERON COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Brownsville), Tex.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received by Lute P. Stover, District President, until Dec. 12, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,650,000 6% semi-annual water bonds.

CAMILLUS (P. O. Camillus), Onondaga County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Herbert H. Paddock, Town Supervisor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 19, for the purchase of \$70,000 coupon or registered water district bonds, to bear int. at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$5,000, 1934 to 1943, incl., and \$4,000 from 1944 to 1948, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & D. 1) payable at the Camillus Bank. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser.

CANTON, Lincoln County, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Dec. 17, by Geo. Hokenstad, City Auditor, for the purchase of a \$34,010.54 issue of special assessment, paving bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%.

CARLTON, Dickinson County, Kan.—PRICE PAID.—The \$3,000 issue of 5% semi-annual electric light bonds that was awarded to the United Power & Light Co. of Abilene—V. 129, p. 3664—was awarded at par. Due \$300 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

CATSKILL, Greene County, N. Y.—APPROVE \$575,000 BOND ISSUE.—At a special election held on Dec. 3 the voters unanimously approved a proposal to issue \$575,000 in bonds to finance the installation of a water works system. The measure received a favorable vote of more than 2 to 1.

CEDAR RAPIDS INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Cedar Rapids), Linn County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual school bonds offered for sale on Dec. 6—V. 129, p. 3503—was awarded to the Foreman National Corp., of Chicago, for a premium of \$1,335, equal to 101.335, a basis of about 4.34%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due \$5,000 from Jan. 1 1931 to 1950, incl. The other bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Premium. Lists bidders like Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, White-Phillips Co. of Davenport, etc., and their premium amounts.

CHAPEL HILL, Orange County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 19, by J. A. Osborne, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$55,000 issue of coupon public improvement bonds (comprising a consolidated issue of various civic purpose bonds). Bidder will name the rate of interest, not exceeding 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1947 and \$3,000, 1948 to 1954, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D. 1) payable in gold in New York. Prin. only of bonds may be registered. Approving opinions of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, and J. L. Morehead, of Durham, will be furnished the purchaser. Required bidding forms will be furnished by the clerk or the said attorneys. A certified check for \$1,100, payable to the order of the Town Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

CHESTER TOWNSHIP, Burlington County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia recently purchased an issue of \$145,000 6% coupon or registered improvement bonds. Dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1956, incl.; \$6,000, 1957 to 1962, incl., and \$3,000 in 1963. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (June and Dec. 1), payable in gold at the Moorestown Trust Co., Moorestown. Legality approved by Caldwell & Raymond of New York. The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 5.25%.

Financial Statement table with columns: Assessed valuations, 1929; Assessed valuations, real property only, 1927, 1928 and 1929—; Net debt.

CHICAGO, Cook County, Ill.—BOND OFFERING.—George K Schmidt, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec 19 for the purchase of the following issues of 4% bonds, aggregating \$1,278,000:

\$3,315,000 Wabash Ave. bridge bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Due \$195,000 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1947, inclusive. 2,325,000 Robey St. impt. bonds. Dated Dec. 16 1929. Due \$465,000 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1935, inclusive. 900,000 playground, park and bathing beach bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$50,000, 1931 to 1946, incl., and \$100,000 in 1947. 221,000 Kimball Ave. street impt. bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Due \$13,000 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1947, incl. 283,000 East 71st St. impt. bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$16,000, 1931 to 1946, incl., and \$27,000 in 1947. 144,000 Kimball Ave. street impt. bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Due \$9,000 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1946, incl. 90,000 103rd St. impt. bonds. Dated July 1 1927. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1931 to 1946, incl., and \$10,000 in 1947.

All of the above bonds are in \$1,000 denom. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer or at the Guaranty Trust Co., New York. Bids will be received for the whole or any part of the offering. Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Comptroller. The approving opinion of Chapman & Cutler, Chicago, will be furnished to the purchaser.

Official advertisement of the scheduled sale of these bonds appears on the last page of this section.

CHIRENO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Chireno) Nacogdoches County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—A \$22,500 issue of 5% school bonds is reported to have been purchased at par by the State of Texas. Due in 40 years.

CHISHOLM, St. Louis County, Minn.—BONDS OFFERED BY PURCHASERS.—The \$712,000 issue of coupon funding bonds that was purchased by the Northern National Corp., of Duluth, as 5 1/4% bonds, at par—V. 129, p. 3198 & 3354—is now being reoffered for public subscription by the successful bidder priced to yield 5% for all maturities. Dueserially from July 1 1930 to Jan. 1 1942, incl. These bonds are reported to be legal investment for savings bank and trust funds in Minnesota, and are also exempt from Federal income taxes.

CINCINNATI CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Hamilton County, Ohio.—BIDS FOR \$2,300,000 BONDS.—Although no award had been made up until a late hour Friday night, the following bids were reported to have been submitted for the \$2,300,000 school bonds offered as 4 1/4s on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3354. The First National Bank and Eldredge & Co., both of New York, jointly, offered 101.45 for the bonds as 4 1/4s. Halsey, Stuart & Co., of New York, also offered 101.45 for the bonds as 4 1/4s. Halsey, Stuart & Co., of New York, also bid for 4 1/2% bonds was tendered by the First Union Trust Co., Chicago. The Guaranty Co. of New York bid 100.021 for the bonds as 4 1/4s and 4 1/2s. No explanation as to the cause of the delay in awarding the bonds has been made.

CLAY COUNTY (P. O. Brazil), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$27,270 4 1/2% Frank Simonson et al., Jackson Township highway improvement bonds offered on Dec. 7—V. 129, p. 3198—were awarded at a price of par to the Citizens National Bank, of Brazil. Dated Dec. 2 1929. Due \$1,515 on May 15 from 1931 to 1948, incl. The accepted tender was the only one received.

CLEVELAND, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The three issues of coupon bonds, aggregating \$980,000, offered on Dec. 12 (V. 129, p. 3354) were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo and M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia, jointly, at a price of 100.149, an interest cost basis of about 4.31%, as follows:

\$750,000 city's portion paving and sewer bonds sold as 4 1/4s. 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 sold as 4 1/4s. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$13,000, 1931 to 1936, incl., and \$14,000 from 1937 to 1939, incl. 110,000 Department of Public Health and Welfare bonds, sold as 4 1/4s. Due \$10,000 on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1941, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and are to be reoffered by the purchasers on Dec. 16. Eldredge & Co. of New York were second high bidders, offering 100.039 for the same combination of 4 1/4s and 4 1/2s. A detailed statement of the financial condition of the city has published in V. 129, p. 3664.

CLINTON COUNTY (P. O. Frankfort), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Bert D. Ogle, County Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Jan. 6 for the purchase of \$11,586.55 Henry A. Hagan et al. drain construction bonds. Denom. \$1,158.66. Due \$1,158.66 on Nov. 15 from 1930 to 1939, incl. Interest payable on May and Nov. 15. A certified check for \$200, payable to the order of the County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

COASTAL HIGHWAY COMMISSION (P. O. Columbia), S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$300,000 issue of 5% coupon highway bonds offered for sale on Dec. 9 (V. 129, p. 3504) was awarded to the Peoples Securities Co. of Charleston, for a premium of \$570, equal to 100.19, a basis of about 4.95%. Dated Aug. 1 1929. Due on Feb. 1 as follows: \$34,000, 1931 to 1938, and \$28,000 in 1939.

COLUMBIA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 47 (P. O. Verona), Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds that was offered for sale on Dec. 10 (V. 129, p. 3665) was awarded to the State Bond Commission as 5 1/2s at a price of 100.14.

CORAL GABLES, Dade County, Fla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Percy V. Wright, City Clerk, until 8 p. m. on Dec. 17 for the purchase of a \$96,000 issue of 6% refunding bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on Mar. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1932 to 1938, and \$15,000, 1939 to 1943, all incl. Prin. and semi-ann. int. payable in gold in New York City. Masslich & Mitchell of N. Y. City will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2%, payable to the City Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

CORTLANDT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Peekskill), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$108,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3665—were awarded as 4.80s to George B. Gibbons & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.31, a basis of about 4.78%. The bonds are dated July 1 1929 and mature on July 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1936, incl.; \$2,000, 1937 to 1941, incl.; \$3,000, 1942 to 1951, incl.; \$4,000, 1952 to 1961, incl.; \$3,000, 1962 to 1966, incl.; \$2,000, 1967 to 1969, incl.; and \$1,000 in 1970 and 1971.

COUNTY WATER DISTRICT (P. O. San Gabriel), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. on Dec. 17, by Lupie Valencia, Secretary of the Board of Directors,

for the purchase of a \$60,000 issue of 5 1/2% water bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 2 1930. Due \$5,000 from Jan. 2 1939 to 1950, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Security First National Bank in Los Angeles. A certified check for 3% of the bid, payable to the District is required.

CRANSTON, Providence County, R. I.—NOTE SALE.—The First National Bank of Boston recently purchased an issue of \$500,000 notes on a 4.47% discount. The notes are dated Dec. 10 1929 and mature on Dec. 1 1930. S. N. Bond & Co. of Boston, the only other bidder, offered to discount the issue at 4.88%.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—The \$1,200,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-ann. general fund warrants that was recently reffered to the public—V. 129, p. 3504—was registered by the State Comptroller on Dec. 3. Due from July 1 1930 to 1949, incl.

DALLAS, Dallas County, Tex.—BONDS RE-OFFERED BY PURCHASERS.—The eight issues of 4 1/2% coupon bonds aggregating \$4,490,000 awarded on Oct. 2 to a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., of New York, at 95.838, on a basis of about 4.85%.—V. 129, p. 2420—is now being offered for public subscriptions by the successful bidders at prices to yield from 5.75 to 4.65%, according to maturity. The bonds are due serially from May 1 1930 to 1969, inclusive.

Financial Statement as Officially Reported.

Valuation for purposes of taxation 1928.....	\$600,773,500
Total bonded debt, including this issue.....	32,135,900
Water debt.....	\$10,285,000
Sinking fund.....	1,111,022
Net bonded debt.....	20,739,878
Population, 1910 census, 92,104; 1920 census, 158,976; present estimate, 280,000.....	

The assessed valuation is 45% of the actual value. The City owns its own water works and other property with a total valuation of \$38,920,476, almost twice the net bonded indebtedness. The above statement does not include obligations of other municipal corporations which have taxing power against property within the city.

DAVISS COUNTY (P. O. Washington), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—E. O. Chaffin, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 2 p. m. on Dec. 27 for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds, aggregating \$13,360:

- \$6,400 Nolan Jones et al highway improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 15 1929. Denom. \$320. Due \$320 on July 15 1931, \$320 Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$320 on Jan. 15 1941.
- 1,960 Alva M. Jones et al highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$98. Due \$98 on July 15 1931, \$98 Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$98 on Jan. 15 1941. Dated Dec. 15 1929.
- 5,000 A. W. Stuckey et al highway improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1930. Denom. \$250. Due \$250 on July 15 1931, \$250 Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$250 on Jan. 15 1941.

Principal and semi-annual interest of all of the above bonds (Jan. and July 15) payable at the office of the County Treasurer.

DENNISON, Tuscawawas County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—O. C. Johnston, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Dec. 19, for the purchase of \$7,372 5/8% city's portion street improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Denom. \$800, one bond for \$972. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$972 in 1931, and \$800 from 1932 to 1939, inclusive. Bids for bonds to bear interest at a rate other than above stated will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or multiple thereof. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and October 1) payable at the Dennison National Bank. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

DENVER (City and County) Colo.—BOND SALE.—Various issues of improvement district bonds, bearing interest at 5 1/2%, to the amount of \$105,000, have recently been purchased by the U. S. National Co. of Denver, at an over the counter sale. Coupon bonds in denoms. of \$1,000, \$500 and \$100. Maturities vary from 1 year to 12 years. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the Bankers Trust Co. in New York City.

(We are informed by our Denver correspondent that the City and County will offer to the general public, 5 1/2% coupon improvement district bonds to the estimated amount of \$800,000, which will be sold in any amount that is desired. Requests should be addressed to J. H. Goode, Manager of the Bond Department, City Hall, Denver, Colo.)

DOTHAN, Houston County, Ala.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that two issues of bonds aggregating \$165,000, have recently been jointly purchased by Marx & Co., and Steiner Bros., both of Birmingham. The issues are as follows: \$90,000 improvement and \$75,000 refunding bonds.

DUPAGE COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 31, III.—BOND SALE.—H. H. Lampert & Co. of Chicago, on March 19 purchased an issue of \$20,000 5 1/2% coupon school building bonds at a price of 101.30, a basis of about 5.37%. Dated July 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$2,000 on July 1 from 1940 to 1949, incl. Interest payable in January and July.

EAST BATON ROUGE PARISH (P. O. Baton Rouge) La.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 14, by F. A. Woods, Secretary of the Police Jury, for the purchase of an issue of \$103,000 semi-annual airport certificates of indebtedness. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 15 1930. Due on Jan. 15 as follows: \$25,000, 1931 and \$26,000, 1932 to 1934 incl. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany the bid.

EAST IRVINGTON SEWER DISTRICT (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$56,000 sewer bonds offered on Dec. 5—V. 129, p. 3504—were awarded as 4.40s to Farson, Son & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.631, a basis of about 4.35%. Dated Dec. 1 1929 and due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1934 to 1961, incl. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co.....	4.70%	100.895
Batchelder & Co.....	4.60%	100.79
Roosevelt & Son.....	4.70%	100.288
Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc.....	4.50%	100.66

ELKINS, Randolph County, W. Va.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the special election held on Nov. 26—V. 129, p. 2421—the voters defeated the proposed issuance of \$135,000 in 6% semi-annual electric light construction bonds by a small margin. The following article on the unsuccessful election is taken from the "Electrical World" of Dec. 7:

"At a special municipal election held in Elkins, W. Va., on Nov. 26 to submit for the second time the question of the issuance of bonds to the amount of \$135,000 for construction and installation of a municipal electric light and power plant, the voters failed to ratify the issue. Although its proponents had a majority of 304, that was 38 votes less than the necessary three-fifths. Exactly 1,900 votes were cast, there being 1,102 for ratification and 798 votes against, 1,140 being necessary to ratify the issue. When first submitted at the general municipal election held on March 5, the bond issue was approved by the voters, but the Attorney-General's office at Charleston held the issue to be invalid, owing to the provisions made for the payment of maturing bonds.

"Before the question was submitted the first time the Monongahela-West Penn Public Service Co. announced a reduction in rates which became effective early in the spring, and that appears to have been a factor last week in leading many to vote against the installation of a municipal plant.

EL PASO COUNTY (P. O. El Paso), Tex.—OFFERING DETAILS.—In connection with the offering scheduled for 10 a. m. on Dec. 20, of the \$550,000 issue of 5% road bonds.—V. 129, pp. 3355 and 3665—we are now informed that the bonds mature on Jan. 15 as follows: \$4,000, 1931; \$7,000, 1932; \$9,000, 1933; \$0,000, 1934 and 1935; \$13,000, 1936 to 1940; \$19,000, 1941 to 1945; \$20,000, 1946 to 1950; \$24,000, 1951 to 1955 and \$26,000, 1956 to 1960, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 15) payable at the office of the County Treasurer, the State Treasurer or the Guaranty Trust Co. in New York. Authority: Sect. 2, Art. 11, and Sect. 9 of Art. 8, State Const. Chap. 1 and 2 of Title 22, Rev. Civ. Stat. of Tex. 1925. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to E. B. McClintock, County Judge, is required.

EL PASO-HUDSPETH COUNTIES ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. El Paso), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. A. Escalada, El Paso County Auditor, until 10 a. m. on Dec. 20, for the purchase of a \$700,000 issue of 4 1/2% road bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 10 1928. Due \$35,000 from Apr. 10 1938 to 1957 incl. Prin. and

int. (A. & O. 10) payable at the County Treasurer's office, the office of the State Treasurer, or at the National City Bank in New York. Authority: Sect. 52, Art. 3 of State Const., Chap. 16, First Called Session of the 39th Leg. of 1926, and Chap. 80, Gen. Laws, 40th Leg. A certified check for 2% of the bid, payable to E. B. McClintock, County Judge, is required. (This report supplements that given in V. 129, p. 3665).

Financial Statement.

	El Paso Co.	Hudspeth Co.	District Total.
Actual value (estimated) \$172,786,300.00	\$172,786,300.00	\$12,034,140.00	\$184,820,440.00
Assessed val. (1929)-----	86,393,150.00	6,017,070.00	92,410,220
Tot. bonded debt & int. bearing warrants----	\$5,544,127.19	\$202,271.58	\$5,746,398.77
Cash in skg. funds & skg. fund investments-----	675,423.17	18,752.92	694,176.09
	\$4,868,704.02	\$183,518.66	\$5,052,222.68
Original issue-----			\$950,000.00
Bonds Nos. 1 to 250, inclusive, sold-----			250,000.00

Balance to be sold Dec. 20 1929 ----- \$700,000.00
Bonds No. 1 to 25 incl., redeemed Apr. 10 1929 ----- 25,000.00
Bonds have been approved by Attorney-General of the State of Texas, also Chapman and Cutler, attorneys of Chicago and New York, Turney, Burges, Culwell & Pollard, attorneys, El Paso, Texas.

	El Paso Co.	Hudspeth Co.	District Total.
Population: 1920 census.....	101,860	962	101,822
Estimated, 1928-----	140,000	3,500	143,500

How ascertained: Data in the hands of the Chamber of Commerce, based on increase of scholastic census, increase of water and gas meters, estimate issued by census office, &c.
Area, square miles: El Paso Co., 923; Hudspeth Co., 4,621; district total, 5,544.

ERIE, Erie County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 4 1/2% coupon improvement bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 129, p. 3504—were awarded to Glover, MacGregor & Cunningham, and George B. Applegate, both of Pittsburgh, for a premium of \$1,813, equal to a price of 103.02, a basis of about 4.42%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature \$3,000 on Dec. 1 from 1931 to 1950, incl.

The following is a list of the other bids submitted:

Bidder	Premium.
Eric Trust.....	\$606.00
M. M. Freeman & Co., Philadelphia.....	1,542.00
Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland.....	1,447.00
J. H. Holmes & Co., Pittsburgh.....	677.00
Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh.....	1,446.00
W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., Philadelphia.....	1,131.00
Prescott Lyon & Co., Pittsburgh.....	1,652.00
Security Savings & Trust Co.....	1,025.40
Union Trust Co., Pittsburgh.....	1,666.80
E. H. Rollins & Sons, Philadelphia.....	1,749.60

FAIRMONT UNION INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fairmont) Marion County, W. Va.—BOND SALE.—A \$250,000 issue of school bonds is reported to have been purchased by the State of W. Va.

FAIRVIEW, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,800 6% bonds offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 2892 were awarded at a price of par as follows: \$125,300 street improvement bonds sold to the Guardian Trust Co. of Cleveland. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$12,300 in 1931, \$12,000, 1932 to 1935 incl., and \$13,000 from 1936 to 1940 incl. Issues herewith were sold to the First National Bank of Rock River.

FAIRVIEW, Major County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—A \$30,000 issue of 5% electric light and power distribution bonds has been purchased by the sinking fund.

FISHER COUNTY (P. O. Roby), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$1,210,000 5% serial road, series F bonds was registered on Dec. 5 by the State Comptroller. (On Dec. 5, the attorney general's department approved these bonds.)

FITCHBURG, Worcester County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—A \$200,000 temporary loan was sold recently to the Atlantic National Bank at a 3.75% discount, plus a premium of \$1. The loan is dated Dec. 10 1929 and is payable on March 21 1930. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder	Discount.
Safety Fund National Bank (Fitchburg)-----	4.075%
Worcester County National Bank.....	4.04%
Shawmut Corp.....	4.11%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.....	4.18%

FLINT, Genesee County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Ned J. Vermilya, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7:30 p. m. (eastern standard time) on Dec. 16, for the purchase of \$417,000 5% special improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 16 1929. Due on Dec. 16 as follows: \$83,000, 1930; \$82,000, 1931, and \$36,000 from 1932 to 1938, incl. Bonds are registrable as to both principal and interest. Both principal and semi-annual interest will be payable at the office of the City Treasurer. These bonds are sold in anticipation of the collection of deferred installments of improvement taxes subject to the approval of Miller, Canfield, Paddock & Stone, of Detroit. Bids may be made on the entire offering of \$417,000 bonds or on two blocks, one consisting of 1930 to 1932 maturities and the other of the 1933 to 1938 maturities. A certified check for \$3,000, payable to the order of the city must accompany each proposal.

FREEMONT, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Howard E. Pearsall, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 18, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$85,000, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 or 1-10th of 1%:

\$50,000 series B water bonds. Due \$2,000 on Dec. 1 from 1930 to 1954, inclusive.
35,000 series C public improvement bonds. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1938, incl., \$2,000, 1939, and \$1,000 from 1940 to 1945, incl.

Both issues are dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 1) payable in gold at the Citizens National Bank, Freeport. A certified check for \$1,500, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished to the successful bidder.

GAINESVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Gainesville), Cooke County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$110,000 4 1/4% school bonds has been purchased at par by an undisclosed purchaser.

GAUGA COUNTY (P. O. Chardon), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,341 special assessment improvement bonds offered on Nov. 25—V. 129, p. 3044—were awarded as 5 1/4s to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, for a premium of \$93.60, equal to a price of 100.70, a basis of about 5.11%. The bonds are dated Dec. 20 1929 and mature on Dec. 21 as follows: \$1,341, 1930; \$1,000, 1931 and 1932; \$2,000, 1933; \$1,000, 1934 and 1935; \$2,000, 1936; \$1,000, 1937 and 1938, and \$2,000 in 1939.

GEORGIA, State of (P. O. Atlanta)—WARRANT SALE POSTPONED.—We are now informed that the date for receiving bids on the \$2,000,000 issue of warrants has been changed from Dec. 15—V. 129, p. 3666—to Dec. 16.

GIRARD, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds, aggregating \$9,000 offered on Dec. 6—V. 129, p. 3355—were awarded as 5 1/4s to the Davies-Bertram Co. of Cincinnati, the only bidder, for a premium of \$2, equal to a price of 100.02, a basis of about 5.74%:

\$6,000 storm and sanitary sewer construction bonds. Due \$1,200 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1934, incl.
3,000 sanitary sewer construction bonds. Due \$600 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1934, incl.

Both issues are dated May 1 1929.

GRANITE, Greer County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of sewer extension bonds offered for sale on Dec. 3—V. 129, p. 3666—was awarded to Calvert & Canfield of Oklahoma City, as 6s, for a premium of \$11, equal to 100.02, a basis of about 5.99%. Due \$2,500 from Dec. 15 1934 to 1951, incl.

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Silver City) N. M.—BOND OFFERING.—It is reported that sealed bids will be received early in January by Hesse Mersfelder, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of 5% court house and jail bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$25,000 from 1932 to 1939 incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Central-Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York.

(The last sale of these bonds was not consummated—V. 129, p. 1478.)
HAMILTON COUNTY (P. O. Chattanooga) Tenn.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—We are now informed that sealed bids will be received until Jan. 16, instead of on Jan. 10, as originally scheduled—V. 129, p. 3666—by Will Cummings, County Judge, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,650,000 general improvement bonds.

HANCOCK COUNTY (P. O. Findlay) Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$24,130 offered on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3355—were awarded as is to McDonald Callahan & Co., of Cleveland, for a premium of \$145, equal to a price of 100.60, a basis of about 4.88%: \$16,650 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$1,650, 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.

HARLAN COUNTY (P. O. Harlan) Ky.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of 5% road and bridge bonds has been recently purchased by the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1928 and \$15,000 in 1929. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Peck, Shaffer & Williams of Cincinnati, will furnish the legal approval.

HASKELL COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Haskell), Tex.—BONDS REGISTERED.—An issue of \$125,000 5% serial road bonds was registered on Dec. 4 by the State Comptroller. (These bonds were approved on Dec. 5 by the attorney general's dep't.)

HASKELL COUNTY ROAD DISTRICT NO. 7 (P. O. Haskell), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Dec. 18, by Joe A. Jones, County Judge, for the purchase of an issue of \$125,000 5% semi-annual road bonds. Due in 40 years. A certified check for 5%, payable to the County Judge, must accompany the bid.

HAVERFORD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Llanerch), Delaware County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 school building construction bonds offered on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3666—were awarded as 4 1/4%, at par and accrued int., to the Girard Trust Co., of Philadelphia. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1939 and mature on Jan. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1931 to 1957, incl.; \$4,000, 1958 and 1959, and \$3,000 in 1960.

HAYWOOD COUNTY (P. O. Brownsville), Tenn.—INTEREST RATE.—The \$100,000 issue of road improvement bonds that was awarded to J. C. Bradford & Co., of Nashville, at a price of 100.35—V. 129, p. 3666—bears interest at 5%, giving a basis of about 4.96%. Due from 1935 to 1959, incl.

HERKIMER, Herkimer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$7-801.20 5 1/4% land purchase bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 129, p. 3666—were awarded to the First National Bank, of Herkimer, for a premium of \$2, equal to a price of 100.02, a basis of about 5.49%. The bonds mature annually from 1930 to 1934, incl.

HILLSBORO, Marion County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 issue of 4 1/4% semi-annual special improvement bonds offered for sale on Dec. 3—V. 129, p. 3505—was awarded to the Branch-Middlekauff Investment Co. of Wichita, at a discount of \$298.20, equal to 99.00%. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Due in from 1 to 10 years.

HILLSDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Eden), Jerome County, Ida.—BOND SALE.—A \$16,000 issue of school bonds is reported to have been purchased at par as is by the State Department of Public Investments. Due in 20 years.

HOKE COUNTY (P. O. Raeford), N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by D. K. Blue, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until 2 p. m. on Jan. 6, for the purchase of a \$25,000 issue of 5 1/2% highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1932 to 1944; and \$2,000, 1945 to 1950, all incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable in New York. Issued under authority of the County Finance Act. There will be no auction sale. A certified check, payable to the above clerk, must accompany the bid.

HOT SPRINGS, Fall River County, S. Dak.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 20 by L. E. Highley, Mayor, for the purchase of an issue of \$110,000 5% semi-annual judgment bonds.

HUNTERDON COUNTY (P. O. Flemington), N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—E. Dale Opydyke, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 24, for the purchase of \$276,000 coupon or registered road and building bonds, to bear int. at either 4 1/4, 4 1/2, 4 3/4 or 5%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$14,000, 1931 to 1934, incl.; \$15,000, 1935 to 1938, incl.; and \$20,000 from 1939 to 1946, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the Hunterdon County National Bank, of Flemington. 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, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Reed, Hoyt & Washburn, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser.

HUNTINGTON (P. O. Huntington Station), Suffolk County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$73,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered on Dec. 6 (V. 129, p. 3505) were awarded as 4.40s to Sherwood & Merrifield, Inc., of New York, at a price of 100.06, a basis of about 4.39%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature on Nov. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1934 to 1940, incl., and \$5,000, 1941 to 1949, incl.

INDIANAPOLIS, Marion County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sterling R. Holt, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 25, for the purchase of \$79,000 4 1/2% coupon park district bonds, issue No. 1. Dated Dec. 15 1929. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$160. Due \$3,160 on Jan. 1 from 1932 to 1956, incl. Principal and semi-annual int. payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A certified check for 2 1/2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The bonds are stated to be an obligation of the park district of the city.

ISANTI COUNTY (P. O. Cambridge), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 1 p. m. on Dec. 17 by F. A. Norell, County Auditor, for the purchase of an \$18,400 issue of semi-annual ditch bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%.

ITTA BENA, Leflore County, Miss.—BONDS VOTED.—At an election held recently the voters approved a proposal calling for the issuance of \$50,000 in school construction bonds by a count of 113 "for" to 2 against.

JENKINTOWN, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 4 1/2% coupon general improvement bonds offered on Dec. 6 (V. 129, p. 3200) were awarded to Elkins, Morris & Co., of Philadelphia for a premium of \$724.50, equal to a price of 101.61, a basis of about 4.30%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature on Dec. 1 1959; optional Dec. 1 1939. The following is an official list of the other bids received:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate, Bid. Includes Graham, Parsons & Co., Jenkintown Bank & Trust Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., M. M. Freeman & Co.

JERICHO WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Oyster Bay), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$350,000 coupon or registered water works system extension bonds offered on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3667—were awarded as 4.30 to the Bankers Co. of New York for a premium of \$416.50, equal to a price of 100.11, a basis of about 4.29%. The bonds are dated Dec. 15 1929 and mature on Dec. 15, as follows: \$3,000, 1934 to 1943, incl.; and \$24,000 from 1944 to 1948, incl. The following is a list of the other bids submitted:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes Bancamerica-Blair Corp., Batchelder & Co., George B. Gibbons & Co., Phelps, Fenn & Co., Lehman Bros., and the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., jointly, Rutter & Co., Graham, Parsons & Co.

JOHNSTON COUNTY (P. O. Smithfield), N. C.—NOTE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Luma McLamb, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, until noon on Dec. 18, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of revenue anticipation notes.

JOLIET PARK DISTRICT, Will County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—Halsey, Stuart & Co. of Chicago, submitted the accepted tender of 103,657, for the \$200,000 5% coupon park bonds offered for sale on Dec. 11. Premium paid was \$7,315; interest cost basis of about 4.54%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 1 as follows: \$10,000, 1930 to 1947, incl., and \$20,000 in 1948. Principal and semi-annual int. (May and Nov. 1) payable at the First National Bank, Joliet. Legality will be approved by Chapman & Cutler of Chicago.

JUNCTION, Kimble County, Texas.—BOND SALE.—The \$45,000 issue of sewer bonds offered for sale on July 16 (V. 129, p. 318) was awarded to the O'Neil Engineering Co. of Dallas as is at par.

KENOSHA, Kenosha County, Wis.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 issue of coupon school bonds that was offered on Dec. 6—V. 129, p. 3356—was awarded to the Harris Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, as is, for a premium of \$8,871, equal to 104.43, a basis of about 4.56%. Dated Dec. 12 1929. Due \$10,000 from Dec. 12 1930 to 1949, incl. The following is an official tabulation of the bids and bidders:

Table with columns: Bidder, Bid-Par & Accr. Int., Premium. Lists various bidders like A. B. Leach & Co., Northern Trust Co., Chatham, Phenix Co., Harris Trust & Savings Co., etc.

KENTUCKY, STATE OF (P. O. Frankfort)—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$11,667,000 issue of 5% bridge construction bonds that was offered on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3356—was not sold as the only bid received was rejected by the State Highway Commission. It is reported that the set up of the bonds will be revised and that bids will again be received early in the year. The New York "Herald Tribune" of Dec. 11 commented on the unsuccessful offering in part as follows:

"A group of Middle Western investment banking firms submitted the sole tender made for the bonds, which was \$8.60 for bonds covering all projects, with the exception of the Evansville-Henderson structure across the Ohio River. On that project 90.40 was offered. The syndicate submitting this offer comprised Stifel, Nicolaus & Co., St. Louis, Mo.; C. W. McNear & Co., Chicago, and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo, Ohio. Among the reasons given by the commission for rejecting the tender were inaccuracies in the set-up and the low prices offered.

"When the Highway Commission made its last previous attempt to dispose of these bonds a joint tender by Stifel, Nicolaus & Co. and C. W. McNear & Co. was the highest offer submitted. The highway body finally decided to accept the offer after considerable negotiations with the representatives of the bankers, but the transaction was nullified by the Kentucky Court of Appeals because of "private dealing." The meeting yesterday was attended by all members of the commission appointed by Governor Flem D. Sampson and also by Ben Johnson, who was recently ousted by the Governor.

"Money to be raised by the sale of these bonds is eventually to be applied to the total cost of twelve bridges that are to be purchased or constructed. The five bridges to be purchased will cost \$1,288,000, while the seven bridges to be built will take \$10,379,000. These bridges are to be paid for with tolls collected and applied to the debt."

BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids will be received by James A. Scott, Chairman of the State Highway Commission, until 10 a. m. on Jan. 6, 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 liquidated damages. 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.

LAKEVIEW, Lake County, Ore.—BOND SALE.—The \$75,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water system bonds offered for sale on Nov. 25—V. 129, p. 3045—was awarded at par to the Lakeview Water Co. of Lakeview. The only other bid was an offer of 98.00 tendered by Pelce, Fair & Co. of Portland. (This corrects the report appearing in V. 129, p. 3045.)

LA PORTE COUNTY (P. O. La Porte), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Lyman A. Ohming, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 20, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$21,661.54:

Table with columns: Amount, Description. Includes \$8,350.09 Herman L. Bessler ditch construction bonds, \$7,605.71 William S. Travis ditch construction bonds, \$5,705.74 William A. Marsh ditch construction bonds.

All of the above bonds are dated Aug. 15 1929. Interest payable on Jan. and July 1.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the scheduled sale on Dec. 30 of \$400,000 4½% sewerage bonds and \$100,000 4½% bridge bonds, notice and description of which was given in—V. 129, p. 3667—R. E. Sanderson, City Comptroller, sends us the following:

Assessed valuation, 1929—Real	Personal	\$116,511,345.00	38,436,180.00
Total		\$154,947,525.00	
Tax rate, 1929—City	State, county, school	\$11.96	17.06
Total tax rate per \$1,000 valuation		\$29.02	
Total bonded debt (not incl. current offering)	Other debt	\$6,707,300.00	13,988.00
Total debt Dec. 1 1929		\$6,721,288.00	
Water debt included in the above	Sinking funds Dec. 1 1929	\$1,240,000	\$1,705,048.05
Water	Electric light	\$101,928.57	1,217,322.83
General	Mich. Heat & Power	363,008.92	22,787.73
		\$1,705,048.05	

Total debt less sinking funds \$5,016,239.95
The City of Lansing will retire \$273,000 of bonds on Jan. 2 1930. This issue of \$500,000 will therefore only mean an increase of \$227,000 to the City's total indebtedness.

LARCHMONT, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The sale of the two issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$216,000 scheduled to have been held on Dec. 16—V. 129, p. 3667—has been indefinitely postponed. The proposed offering consisted of \$150,000 general improvement bonds and \$60,000 water purification plant bonds.

LAWTON, Comanche County, Okla.—BOND ELECTION.—On Jan. 6 a special bond election will be held to pass upon the proposed issuance of \$475,000 to be used as follows: \$200,000 for water works; \$175,000 waterway improvements; \$71,000 for fire stations and city hall improvement and \$29,000 storm sewer extension bonds.

LETCHER, Sanborn County, S. Dak.—BOND SALE.—The \$12,500 issue of 5% annual municipal auditorium bonds offered for sale on Nov. 25—V. 129, p. 3356—was awarded to the National Bank of Letcher. Dated Dec. 2 1929. Due on Dec. 1 1949. No other bids were received.

LETCHER COUNTY (P. O. Whitesburg), Ky.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$110,000 5¼% funding bonds has been purchased by the Weil, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on Nov. 1 1949. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the Central-Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York City. Chapman & Cutler of Chicago, approved legality of the bonds.

LINCOLN TOWNSHIP FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Standish), Arenac County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 school building construction bonds offered on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3505—were awarded as 5½% to Bumpus & Co., of Detroit. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930 and mature on Jan. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1931 to 1955, incl.; and \$2,000 from 1956 to 1960, incl.

LITTLE ROCK, Pulaski County, Ark.—BONDS OFFERED.—Sealed bids were received until 3 p. m. on Dec. 11, by W. L. Clippard, Chairman of the Board of Commissioners, for the purchase of a \$33,000 issue of sewer improvement district No. 14 bonds.

LUBBOCK INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Lubbock) Lubbock County, Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$650,000 issue of 5% school bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 129, p. 3667—was not sold as all the bids were rejected. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due from Jan. 1 1931 to 1970, inclusive.

LYNBROOK, Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—John T. Wendt, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 23, for the purchase of \$283,000 coupon or registered public improvement bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, stated in a multiple of ¼ or 1-10th of 1%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$13,000, 1932 and \$15,000 from 1933 to 1950, incl. Prin. and semi-annual interest (January and July 1) payable in gold at the Peoples National Bank & Trust Co., Lynbrook. Bids must be for all of the bonds and must state a single interest rate therefor. A certified check for \$5,000, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished without cost.

MADISON COUNTY (P. O. Madisonville) Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$175,000 issue of 5% semi-annual road bonds offered on Nov. 23—V. 129, p. 3357—was not sold as no bids were received. Dated Oct. 10 1929. Due serially in 40 years.

MAHONING COUNTY (P. O. Youngstown), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—F. E. Lancaster, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 27 for the purchase of \$20,300 5% road improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$4,300, 1931, and \$4,000 from 1932 to 1935, incl. Interest payable on April and Oct. 1. Bids may be submitted for bonds to bear an interest rate other than above stated, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be ¼ of 1% or multiples thereof. A certified check for \$500, payable to Warren A. Steele, County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by the above-mentioned official at the same time for the purchase of the following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$57,160:

\$38,360 road improvement bonds. Dated Aug. 1 1928. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,360, 1930; \$4,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.; \$3,000, 1936; and \$4,000 from 1937 to 1939, incl. A certified check for \$500, payable to Warren A. Steele, County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

\$18,500 road improvement bonds. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,850, 1931; \$2,000, 1932 to 1938, incl.; \$1,000, 1939, and \$2,000 in 1940. A certified check for \$500, payable to Warren A. Steele, County Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

Bids for the above bonds to bear int. at a rate other than specified will also be considered.

MANCHESTER, Hillsborough County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—The Board of Trustees of the Cemetery Funds of Manchester on Nov. 19 purchased a total of \$73,000 4½% coupon bonds at a price of par and interest, consisting of \$50,000 sewers and \$23,000 fire apparatus purchase bonds. Both issues are dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in 20 years. Interest payable in March and September.

MANSFIELD, Richland County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—P. L. Kelley, City Auditor, received sealed bids until 1 p. m. on Dec. 12 for the purchase of \$20,500 5½% storm sewer construction bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due as follows: \$500, April 1, and \$1,000, Oct. 1, from 1931 to 1940 inclusive. Interest payable on April and Oct. 1.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 27, by C. L. Walmsley, Supervisory Board Clerk, for the purchase of a \$9,500 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000, one for \$500. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1938 and \$500 in 1939. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Bankers Trust Co., in New York City. A certified check for \$500 must accompany the bid.

MARSHALL COUNTY (P. O. Plymouth), Ind.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$3,379.58 offered on Nov. 27—V. 129, p. 3201—were awarded to Rudolph V. Shakes, of Plymouth, at a price of par:

\$1,982.08 Clarence F. Baker et al., drain construction bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$198.19 in 1930, and \$198.21 from 1931 to 1939, incl.

\$1,397.50 Marion Schroeder et al., drain construction bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due \$139.75 on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

MARSHALL, Calhoun County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—John F. Gauss, City Recorder, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Dec. 16 for the purchase of \$30,000 coupon city hall bonds to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 6%, payable semi-annually. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denom.

\$1,000. Due as follows: \$1,000 from 1930 to 1934, incl.; \$2,000 1935 to 1939, incl., and \$3,000 from 1940 to 1944, incl. A certified check for \$500 is required.

MECHANICSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cumberland County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—George A. Mincemoyer, Secretary of the Board of Directors, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Dec. 27, for the purchase of \$190,000 4½% coupon school bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$9,000, 1933; \$3,000, 1934; \$4,000, 1935 to 1939, incl.; \$5,000, 1940 to 1943, incl.; \$6,000, 1944 to 1947, incl.; \$7,000, 1948 and 1949; \$3,000, 1950; \$7,000, 1951; \$9,000, 1952; \$3,000, 1953; \$9,000, 1954; \$10,000, 1955 to 1957, incl.; \$11,000, 1958; \$12,000, 1959, and \$6,000 in 1960. Principal and semi-annual interest payable in Mechanicsburg. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for is required.

MERIDIAN, Lauderdale County, Miss.—BOND SALE.—Three issues of bonds, aggregating \$307,770, were purchased by the Commerce Securities Co. of Memphis as follows:

\$131,770 street improvement bonds, as 6s. Due in 10 annual installments. 101,000 street intersection bonds, as 6s. Due in 10 annual installments. (The above bonds were sold for a premium of \$5,500, equal to 102.36, a basis of about 5.50%.)

\$75,000 airport bonds, as 5½s, for a premium of \$525, equal to 100.70%, a basis of about 5.17%. Due \$3,000 from 1930 to 1954, incl. (This report supplements that given in V. 129, p. 3046.)

MIDLAND COUNTY (P. O. Midland), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$150,000 issue of court-house bonds offered for sale on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3201—was awarded to the Midland National Bank, of Midland, for a premium of \$500, equal to 100.33. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due from Jan. 1 1931 to 1970, incl.

MITCHELL COUNTY (P. O. Osage), Iowa.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At the special election held on Dec. 6—V. 129, p. 3357—the voters defeated the proposition to issue \$1,100,000 in primary road bonds. The U. S. "Daily" of Dec. 12 commented on the unsuccessful election as follows: The Mitchell County election was the last bond referendum scheduled for this year and was the only one in which the paving bond program received a rebuff. Thirty-nine counties this year have authorized issuance of \$33,970,000 in primary road bonds, which, with previous issues, brings the road bond total of 79 of the 99 Iowa counties to \$100,505,657.

MOBILE, Mobile County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by S. H. Hendrix, City Clerk, until noon on Dec. 24, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 5% water works, series A bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1932 to 1955 and \$1,000, 1956 to 1959, all incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Irving Trust Co. in New York City. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for \$1,000, payable to the City, must accompany the bid.

MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—1930 TAX RATE.—The city tax rate for 1930 was fixed at \$20.02 per \$1,000 valuation as compared with \$16 per \$1,000 valuation in 1929, according to the Toledo "Blade" of Dec. 9. The report states that the increase is due to higher state and school taxes.

MONROVIA, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The \$15,000 issue of improvement bonds offered for sale on Dec. 2 (V. 129, p. 3506) was awarded to G. W. Bond & Son of Santa Ana as 7½s for a premium of \$111, equal to 100.74. Dated Nov. 12 1929. Due serially in 23 years. Interest payable on Jan. 1 and July 1.

NEWBURGH COMMON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 4 (P. O. Foster-town), N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 coupon school bonds offered on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3668—were awarded as 4.90s, to the Marine Trust Co., of Buffalo, at a price of 100.527, a basis of about 4.85%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature on Dec. 1, as follows: \$1,000, 1930 to 1947, incl., and \$2,000, 1948 to 1958, incl. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder	Int. Rate	Rate Bid
Mattawan Savings Bank, Beacon	5.00%	100.00
Batchelder & Co., New York	5.10%	100.08
Newburgh Savings Bank, Newburgh	5.25%	100.00
Newburgh National Bank	5.25%	98.00
Prudden & Co., New York	5.40%	100.017
Edmund Seymour & Co., New York	5.50%	100.88

NEW HANOVER COUNTY (P. O. Wilmington), N. C.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$130,000 6% anticipation notes was purchased on Nov. 19 by W. O. Gay & Co., of New York. Dated Nov. 19 1929. Due on May 19 1930.

NEW ROCHELLE, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Hugh B. Gardner, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 16, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,013,000, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5%, stated in multiples of ¼ of 1%:

\$638,000 school bonds, series of 1929. Due on May 1, as follows: \$19,000, 1932 to 1963, incl., and \$30,000 in 1964.

206,000 Real Property bonds, series of 1929. Due on May 1, as follows: \$6,000, 1932 to 1963, incl., and \$14,000 in 1964.

142,000 municipal improvement bonds, series of 1929. Due on May 1, as follows: \$17,000, 1932 to 1938, incl., and \$23,000 in 1939.

27,000 sewer bonds, series of 1929. Due \$1,000, May 1 1932 to 1958, incl.

All of the above bonds will be dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. All or none bids or bids for any portion of the offering will be received. Prin. and semi-annual int. (May and Nov. 1) payable at the office of the City Treasurer but interest will, at the request of the registered holder, be remitted by mail in New York exchange. 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 and the seal thereon. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City of New Rochelle, must accompany each proposal. No bid for less than par and accrued interest will be considered. Delivery of the bonds is to be made at the office of the International Germanic Trust Co., Broadway and Beaver Sts., New York, on Dec. 27, at 11 a. m. or as soon thereafter as bonds can be prepared. The legality of the securities is being examined by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, whose approving opinion will be furnished to the purchaser.

Financial Statement (Nov. 1 1929).
Assessed valuation of real property other than franchises... \$178,184,165.00
Assessed valuation of franchises... 2,950,235.00

Total... \$181,134,400.00
Bonded debt, including these issues... 10,885,855.36
Construction certificates outstanding... 583,809.90

Total... \$10,672,665.26
Less fund for redemption (cash)... 138,211.27

Net debt... \$10,534,453.99
Population, 1925 census, 44,222.

NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, Wis.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Dec. 21, by T. S. Walmsley, Commissioner of Public Finances, for the purchase of two issues of 4½% semi-annual certificate aggregating \$536,800, as follows: \$730,000 permanent paving and \$106,800 temporary surfacing certificates. The following is a record of the last important sale, as it appeared in V. 129, p. 3202:

The \$3,000,000 issue of 4½% coupon sewerage, water and drainage, series B bonds offered for sale on Nov. 12—V. 129, p. 2573—was awarded to a syndicate composed of Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Chicago; the First National Bank, the Bancamerica-Blair Corp., the Old Colony Corp., R. W. Pressprich & Co., George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc., and Rogers Caldwell & Co., all of New York, at a price of 95.078, a basis of about 4.81%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due from 1931 to 1979, incl.

The following are the other bids for the bonds as given in the New York "Herald-Tribune" of Nov. 13:

The second highest bid was 93.30, submitted by a banking syndicate comprising the Bankers Co., the Guaranty company, Essbrook & Co., the Detroit company, Ames, Emerich & Co., Eldredge & Co., Kean, Taylor & Co., Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, the Mercantile Commerce Co., and Watson, Williams & Co.

The final bid was made by a group headed by Harris, Forbes & Co. and including the National City Co., the Continental Illinois Co., the Chatham-Phoenix Corp., Stone & Webster and Blodgett, Inc., the Hibernia Security Co., Inc., and a number of New Orleans banks. This group offered 93.159 for the obligations.

NEW YORK, N. Y.—AWARD \$65,000,000 CORPORATE STOCK AND SERIAL BONDS.—Comptroller Charles W. Berry at 12 m. on Dec. 11 opened the proposals solicited for the purchase of \$65,000,000 4½% gold corporate stock and serial bonds—V. 129, p. 3668—and awarded the entire offering to a syndicate managed by the National City Co., of New York, the individual members of which are listed below, on its "all or none" tender of 102.3487, which represents an interest cost basis of 4.351%. The sale netted the city a premium of \$1,526,655 and consisted of: \$27,000,000 corporate stock issued for the following purposes: \$10,000,000 for the supply of water; \$7,000,000 for Rapid Transit Railroad construction; \$7,000,000 for the construction of docks and \$3,000,000 for various municipal purposes.

The corporate stock is due on Dec. 1 1979. To be issued in coupon form and interchangeable; denoms. of \$1,000 for coupon bonds, or in registered form in any multiple of \$10.

\$36,000,000 serial bonds issued for the construction of schools. Due as follows: \$28,000,000 payable in 40 equal annual installments from Dec. 1 1930, and \$8,000,000 payable in 50 equal annual installments from Dec. 1 1930.

2,000,000 serial bonds issued for various municipal purposes. Payable in 40 equal annual installments from Dec. 1 1930.

The two issues of serial bonds aggregating \$38,000,000 will be issued in coupon or registered form in denoms. of \$1,000.

The above issues of corporate stock and serial bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929. In addition to the accepted tender, the National City group offered a price of 100.25 for all or any part of the total offering. One other "all or none" bid was received, that of 101.91, submitted by a syndicate headed by the Chase Securities Corp., of New York. Comptroller Berry commented as follows at the conclusion of the sale: "Needless to say the result is highly gratifying. It proves the soundness of the city's financial condition and once again shows the confidence of our leading financial groups in the faith and credit of the city." The Comptroller is quoted as stating that no further sale of city bonds will be held for another year, and that hereafter the city will issue long-term obligations annually instead of at half-year intervals as heretofore.

SECURITIES OFFERED FOR PUBLIC INVESTMENT.—The successful bidders immediately reoffered the securities for public subscription as follows: Of the \$38,000,000 serial bonds, the 1930 to 1935 maturities are priced to yield about 4.10% to 4.25%; the 1936 to 1979 maturities are priced to yield about 4.30%. The \$27,000,000 corporate stock is priced at 104.50 and interest, yielding about 4.28%.

The following is a list of the individual investment houses participating in the award:

The National City Co. (Manager).	American Trust Co.
The First National Bank, New York.	Ames, Emerich & Co.
Bankers Co. of New York.	The Northern Trust Co., Chicago.
Guaranty Co. of New York.	Dewey, Bacon & Co.
Brown Brothers & Co.	W. R. Reynolds & Co., Jackson, Mich.
Lee, Higginson & Co.	Phelps, Penn & Co.
Kissel, Kinnicutt & Co.	Robert Winthrop & Co.
The Equitable Trust Co. of New York.	First National Co. of Detroit
Continental Illinois Co.	Schelle Brothers.
Lazard Freres.	Sitro Brothers & Co.
The First National Corp. of Boston.	R. H. Moulton & Co.
Guardian Detroit Co.	Emanuel & Co.
The Detroit Co., Inc.	Commercial National Bank & Trust Co. of New York.
Salomon Brothers & Hutzler.	Hannabs, Ballin & Lee.
Kountze Brothers.	Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co.
Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc.	Lawrence Stern & Co., Chicago.
Estabrook & Co.	Foster, McConnell & Co.
R. L. Day & Co.	Bull & Eldredge.
Chatham Phenix Corp.	Colston, Heald & Trail.
Kean, Taylor & Co.	Edward Lowber Stokes & Co., Phila.
First Union Trust & Savings Bk., Chic.	Anglo-California Tr. Co., San Francisco.
Eldredge & Co.	Pacific National Co., Seattle.
C. F. Childs & Co., Inc.	First Wisconsin Co., Milwaukee.
The Union Trust Co. of Pittsburgh.	Mercantile-Commerce Co., St. Louis.
Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh.	National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Albany.
George B. Gibbons & Co., Inc.	New York State National Bank, Albany.
L. F. Rothschild & Co.	

We present herewith a summary of the bids submitted for both the corporate stock and serial bonds, as prepared by the Bureau of Accountancy, and a statement of the financial condition of the city as of Dec. 1 1929:

No. of Bid.	Name of Bidder.	Amount of Bid.	Price Bid.	Bid for (Kind of Bid).
1.	Morris Propp	\$100,000	100	50-yr. rap. transit corp. stock
2.	J. A. Sisto & Co.	2,000,000	102.01	50-yr. corporate stock.
3.	Goldman Sachs & Co.	2,000,000	102.3950	40-yr. serial bonds—Various municipal purposes.
4.	Kings County Trust Co.	500,000	101.20	50-yr. corporate stock.
		500,000	101	50-yr. corporate stock.
5.	Bryant Park Bank	100,000	100	50-yr. corporate stock.
6.	Bryant Park Bank	100,000	100	50-yr. serial bonds.
7.	Martin Madden	250,000	103	Corp. stock and serial bonds.
		1,000	103.33	Serial bonds.
8.	Hy. G. Schneider, exec'tor	1,000	103.50	Serial bonds.
		1,000	103.75	Serial bonds.
		100	103.40	Corporate stock.
		100	103.45	Corporate stock.
9.	Hy. G. Schneider, trustee for 50 persons	100	103.50	Corporate stock.
		100	103.75	Corporate stock.
		100	103.80	Corporate stock.
	Nat'l City Co. & Associates, v.iz.:			
	National City Co.	65,000,000	100.25	All or any part of corporate stock and serial bonds.
10.	First National Bank and Banks Co. of N. Y.	65,000,000	102.3487	All or none of corporate stock and serial bonds.
11.	Guaranty Co. of N. Y., Brown Bros. & Co. and Associates	27,000,000	100	All or any part of corp. stock.
12.	Chase Sec. Corp., v.iz.:	38,000,000	100	All or any part of serial bonds.
13.	Chase Securities Corp. and Banamerica-Blair Corp.	65,000,000	101.91	All or none of corporate stock and serial bonds.
14.	Internat'l Manh't'n Co., Marine Tr. Co. of Buffalo, Empire Trust Co., Barr Bros. & Co., Inc., R. W. Pressprich & Co., A. B. Leach & Co., Inc., F. S. Moseley & Co., Wood, Gundy & Co., A.M. Lamport & Co., Inc.			

\$265,553,500

Recapitulation.

Total number of bids	14
Total amount of bids	\$265,553,500
Highest bid price	102.3487
Amount of premium realized	\$1,526,655
Yield—Income basis	4.351%

Financial Statement.

Assessed valuation of taxable realty—1929	\$17,133,817,310
In addition to the real estate which is fully taxable there is also \$916,330,000 of residential property exempt from taxation for local purposes (under emergency housing laws of 1921) which will become fully taxable from and after Jan. 1 1932.	
Gross funded debt, incl. bond & corporate stock notes	\$1,943,225,922
Less sinking fund holdings	\$361,415,842
Net funded debt	1,581,810,080
From which should be deducted water, self-sustaining and exempted debt as follows:	
Rapid transit	\$51,013,725
Docks	69,943,054
Water supply	305,302,328
	\$426,259,107
Less amount of sinking funds for above issues	89,973,542
	336,285,565
Net debt, incl. bond & corporate stock notes	\$1,245,524,515
Population, 1920 U. S. census, 5,620,048; present estimate, 6,100,000.	

These serial bonds and corporate stocks will retire 65,000,000 of the outstanding notes which are included in form a part of the gross funded debt as stated above.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Dedham), Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The National Mount Wollaston Bank recently purchased an issue of \$20,000 Tuberculosis Hospital maintenance notes at a 4.07% discount. The notes are dated Dec. 10 1929 and mature on Apr. 16 1930. The following other bids were received:

Bidder	Discount.
First National Bank of Boston	4.09%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.	5.10%

NORTH END CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Trenton), Dade County, Ga.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$12,500 issue of 5% school bonds that was purchased by J. H. Hillsman & Co., Inc., of Atlanta—V. 129, p. 2720—is due from 1930 to 1954, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co. in New York City. Legality approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

Financial Statement.

Actual values	\$1,000,000
Assessed values, 1929	685,000
Total bonded debt (this issue only)	12,500
Population	1,500

NOVI TOWNSHIP, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Earl Banks, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Dec. 17, for the purchase of \$7,000 fire protection apparatus special assessment improvement district bonds, to bear int. at a rate not exceeding 6%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due in five equal annual installments from Jan. 1 1931 to Jan. 1 1935. Prin. and int. to be paid at such bank or trust company that the successful bidder may designate. The cost of the printing of the bonds and of the legal opinion in regard to same must be borne by the purchaser. Proposals must be accompanied by a certified check for 5% of the amount bid, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official.

OAKLAND COUNTY (P. O. Pontiac), Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—A. W. Spencer, County Drain Commissioner, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) on Dec. 16, for the purchase of approximately \$650,000 Birmingham Gardens Drain District bonds. Dated Jan. 2 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in from 1 to 15 years. A certified check for \$10,000, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. Bids must be submitted on the form adopted and furnished by the County Drain Commissioner.

OKLAHOMA, STATE OF (P. O. Oklahoma City)—BONDS OFFERED FOR SALE.—Bids are now being received by the School Land Commission, Walter L. Hart, Secretary, for the purchase at par of \$1,100,000 in bonds now being held by the State. According to the "Oklahoman" of Dec. 7, these bonds include: Atoka county road bonds, \$19,750; Hartshorne board of education bonds, \$30,000; Hugo board of education bonds, \$5,000; Checotah board of education bonds, \$35,000; Altus board of education bonds \$1,000; Poteau board of education, \$76,000; Sallisaw board of education, \$30,000; Claremore board of education, \$60,000; Holdenville board of education, \$20,000; Mangum board of education, \$78,000; Beckham county consolidated school district No. 2, \$21,000; Garber board of education, \$35,000; Sand Springs board of education, \$20,000; El Reno board of education \$97,000; McCurtain county road bonds, \$98,000; and Oklahoma county road bonds, \$310,000.

OLD FORT, McDowell County, N. C.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Dec. 23, by I. L. Caplan, Town Clerk, for the purchase of a \$10,000 issue of water bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6% stated in multiples of ¼ of 1%, and must be the same for all of the bonds. Bids are not to be for less than par and interest. Denom. \$500. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due \$500 from April 1 1932 to 1951 incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City. Purchaser will be furnished the legal approval of Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston. A certified check for 2% par of the bonds bid for payable to the Town Treasurer, is required.

ORANGETOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Pearl River), Rockland County, N. Y.—BOND OFFERING.—Charles M. Haughey, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 23, for the purchase of \$45,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due Nov. 1, as follows: \$22,000 in 1942, and \$23,000 in 1943. Prin. and semi-annual int. (M. & N. 1) payable at the First National Bank & Trust Co., Pearl River. 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 successful bidders will be furnished with the opinion of an approved law firm that the bonds are binding and legal obligations of the Board. These bonds were previously offered as 5s on Nov. 20. No bids were received.—V. 129, p. 3507.

PALMYRA, Burlington County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—George J. Spencer, Borough Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 23, for the purchase of the following issues of coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$81,000, to bear interest at the rate of either 5 ½%, 5 ¼, 5 ¼ or 6%.

\$46,000 assessment bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1932; \$6,000, 1933, and \$7,000 from 1934 to 1938 incl.

35,000 general improvement bonds. Due Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1947 incl., and \$1,000 from 1948 to 1950 incl.

Both issues are dated Jan. 1 1930. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) payable in gold at the Palmyra National Bank, Palmyra. At the request of the holder interest on registered bonds will be remitted by mail in New York exchange. 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 Borough, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Caldwell & Raymond, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser.

PETERSBURG, Boone County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$28,500 issue of funding bonds is reported to have recently been purchased by an undisclosed investor.

PHILLIPS COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 24 (P. O. Malta) Mont.—BOND SALE.—A \$2,000 issue of school bonds was awarded to the State Board of Land Commissioners, as 6s, at par.

PIMA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Tucson), Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 6 by the District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$375,000 issue of school building bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Due \$25,000 from 1936 to 1950 incl. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

(On Nov. 25 this district voted \$500,000 bonds. We are informed that the school board has purchased \$125,000 and the above bonds are the remaining portion.)

PITTSBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Martinez) Contra Costa County, Calif.—OFFERING DETAILS.—In connection with the offering scheduled for Dec. 16 of the \$200,000 issue of 5% school bonds—V. 129, p. 3669—we now learn that the bonds are in \$1,000 denoms. and are due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1933; \$5,000, 1934 to 1936; \$7,000, 1937 to 1939; \$8,000, 1940 to 1942; \$9,000, 1943 to 1945; \$11,000 in 1946 and \$10,000, 1947 to 1955, all inclusive.

PITTSFIELD, Berkshire County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Boston Safe Deposit & Trust Co. recently purchased a \$200,000 temporary loan at a 3.90% discount, plus a premium of \$9.

The loan is dated Dec. 11 1929 and is payable on May 22 1930. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder	Discount.
Shwamut Corporation	3.97%
First National Bank of Boston	3.98%
Guaranty Company of New York (plus \$3)	4.00%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$7)	4.06%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.	4.15%
Faxon, Gade & Co.	4.19%

PONTIAC, Oakland County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The following special assessment bonds aggregating \$192,000 offered on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3669—were awarded as 5s to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., of Detroit, for a premium of \$63, equal to a price of 100.03, a basis of about 4.99%: \$155,000 water mains bonds. Due \$31,000 from 1930 to 1934, incl. 15,000 curb and gutter bonds. Due \$3,000 from 1930 to 1934, incl. 12,000 sidewalk bonds. Due \$4,000 from 1930 to 1932, incl. 10,000 drain bonds. Due \$2,000 from 1930 to 1934, incl. All of the above bonds will be dated Dec. 1 1929.

The following is a list of the other bids received:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Includes Union Trust Co., Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Guardian Detroit.

PORT ANGELES, Clallam County, Wash.—BOND SALE.—An \$800,000 issue of 6% water supply bonds has recently been turned over to the contractor. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due in 1960 and optional in 1945.

PORTO RICO (Government of)—BOND SALE.—The \$750,000 issue of 4 1/4% coupon series A to S, Isabela Irrigation bonds offered for sale on Dec. 12—V. 129, p. 3669—was awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co., Inc., of New York, at a price of 102.139, a basis of about 4.38%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due from July 1 1952 to 1970 incl. The second highest bid was an offer of 101.857 by the Bancamerica-Blair Corp., of New York, while Harris, Forbes & Co. of New York offered 101.351 for the next highest tender. Other bids were as follows:

Table with columns: Bidder, Amount, Price Bid. Includes Barr Bros. & Co., Fletcher American Co., Ames, Emerich & Co., Inc., The Herrick Co., Hallgarten & Co., Chase Securities Corp., Hornblower & Weeks, U. S. National Bank, Galveston, Texas.

PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—The following statistics have been prepared in connection with the scheduled sale on Dec. 23 of \$221,793.27 6% special assessment street improvement bonds, notice and description of which was given in—V. 129, p. 3669.

Table with columns: Item, Amount, Price Bid. Includes Assessed valuation, Real property, Personal, Total bonded debt, Assessment bonds, Voted bonds, Water works ext. bonds, Balance to date in sinking fund, Tax rate, * Prin. and int. paid from water works earnings.

POTTSVILLE, Schuylkill County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$22,500 4 1/4% sewer bonds offered on Dec. 7—V. 129, p. 3669—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Philadelphia, for a premium of \$1, equal to a price of 100.004, a basis of about 4.49%. The bonds are dated April 1 1929 and mature in 20 years; optional after five years. The accepted bid was the only one received.

The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment at a price to yield 4.25%. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. payable at the Pennsylvania National Bank, Pottsville. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia.

Table with columns: Item, Amount, Price Bid. Includes Assessed valuation (1929), Real valuation (estimated), Bonded debt (including this issue), Sinking fund, Net debt, Population (estimated), 24,000.

PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY (P. O. Upper Marlboro), Md.—BOND SALE.—The \$207,000 4 3/4% coupon school bonds offered on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3507—were awarded to Stein Bros. & Boyce, of Baltimore, at a price of 104.39, a basis of about 4.40%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930 and mature on Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1932 to 1936, incl.; \$5,000, 1937 to 1943, incl.; \$8,000, 1944 to 1947, incl.; and \$10,000 from 1948 to 1960, incl.

The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment at a price to yield 4.30%. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes Baltimore Trust Co., Alex Brown & Sons, Robert Garrett & Son.

RAEFORD, Hoke County, N. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$200,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water system bonds offered for sale on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3669—was sold to Splitzer, Roriek & Co., of Toledo, for a premium of \$13, equal to 101.56, a basis of about 5.82%. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from Dec. 1 1932 to 1951 inclusive.

RICHLAND, Lexington and Saluda Counties (Joint Obligations), P. O. Columbia, S. C.—BOND SALE.—The \$500,000 issue of coupon highway bonds offered for sale on Dec. 12—V. 129, p. 3507—was awarded to a syndicate composed of the Guaranty Co. of New York; Hannahs, Ballin & Lee, both of New York, and the Peoples Security Co. of Charleston, as 5s, at a price of 101.601, a basis of about 4.82%. Dated Dec. 2 1929. Due from Jan. 17 1931 to 1945, inclusive.

ROCHESTER, Monroe County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—The following note issues aggregating \$1,410,000 offered on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3670—were awarded to the Lincoln Alliance Bank, of Rochester, at a 4.07% interest rate:

Table with columns: Amount, Item, Price Bid. Includes \$400,000 local impmt. bonds (general), 200,000 school construction notes, 100,000 local impmt. notes (special), 50,000 sewage disposal const. notes, 40,000 municipal land purch. notes, 20,000 transit subway const. notes, \$350,000 overdue tax notes (1928), 100,000 bridge design and construction notes, 75,000 overdue tax notes (1912-27), 50,000 municipal bldg. const. notes, 25,000 munic. aviation field notes.

All of the above notes are dated Dec. 12 1929 and mature on March 12 1930. The following is a list of the other bidders:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate. Includes F. S. Moseley & Co. (plus \$5), First National Corp. of Boston, Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$14), S. N. Bond & Co., Barr Bros. & Co. (plus \$11).

RYE CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Rye), Westchester County, N. Y.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the scheduled sale on Dec. 17 of \$350,000 not to exceed 6% interest school bonds—V. 129, p. 3670—we learn that the bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930, are in \$1,000 denoms., and mature on Jan. 1, as follows: \$10,000 1931 to 1950 incl., and \$15,000 from 1951 to 1960 incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) payable in gold at the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. Interest rate is to be stated in a multiple of 1/4 or 1/10th of 1%. A certified check for \$7,000, payable to John L. Flores, Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Clay, Dillon & Vandewater, of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser without cost.

Table with columns: Item, Amount, Price Bid. Includes Assessed Valuation, School district No. 2, School district No. 3, Total Central High School district, Estimated real value of property within the district, Estimated amount of next year's assessed valuation, Total, Central High School district, Bonded Indebtedness, School district No. 2, School district No. 3, Total, Amount of this issue, Grand total, Estimated population (Central High School district), 6,500.

Note.—Article 6-C of the education law provides that the expenses of a Central High School district, including payment of principal and interest on bonds issued, must be apportioned between the school districts, on the

basis that the assessed valuation of each district bears to the total assessed valuation of the districts included in the Central High School district. Under this provision, based on the present assessed valuation, the expenses of the Central High School district are apportioned as follows: District No. 2, 33%; District No. 3, 67%.

SABINE PARISH (P. O. Many), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 2 by G. C. Reeves, Secretary of the Parish School Board, for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of school bonds.

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Siler, Carpenter & Roose of Toledo, recently purchased an issue of \$39,042.29 5 1/4% coupon street improvement bonds at a price of 100.19. Dated April 1 1929. One bond for \$1,042.29, all others for \$1,000. Due annually on April 1 from 1931 to 1940 incl. Interest payable in April and October.

SALT LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Salt Lake City), Utah.—NOTE SALE.—An issue of \$1,200,000 4 1/4% tax anticipation notes has recently been purchased by the Old Colony Corp., of New York, at a price of 99.55, a net int. cost of about 4.71%. Due on Dec. 31 1930. Prin. and int. payable at the First National Bank of Boston, or in New York City. Legality approved by Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York City.

SAN LUIS OBISPO, San Luis Obispo County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$45,000, offered for sale on Aug. 5—V. 129, p. 841—are now reported to have been purchased by the National Bankruptcy Co. of San Francisco as follows: \$25,000 sewage disposal plant bonds for a premium of \$238, equal to 100.95, a basis of about 4.89%. Due \$1,000 from July 1 1930 to 1954 incl. 20,000 culvert and bridge bonds for a premium of \$38, equal to 101.19, a basis of about 4.98%. Due \$500 from July 1 1930 to 1969 incl. Legality approved by Orrick, Palmer & Dahlquist of San Francisco.

SCHENECTADY, Schenectady County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—The \$1,345,977.17 temporary loan notes offered on Dec. 12 (V. 129, p. 3670) were awarded to S. N. Bond & Co. at a 4.47% interest rate plus a premium of \$16. The notes are dated Dec. 13 1929 and are due on May 13 1930. The notes are issued in anticipation of the issuance of \$1,136,803.60 street improvement bonds and \$209,173.57 sewer improvement bonds. One other bid was received which was rejected as conditional.

SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Bert Fix, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 24 for the purchase of \$14,000 5% Fire Department apparatus purchase bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 1 as follows: \$500, 1931, and \$1,500 from 1932 to 1940 incl. Interest payable on June and Dec. 1. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. Bids for bonds to bear interest at a rate other than above stated will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% of multiples thereof.

SOUTH CAROLINA, State of (P. O. Columbia)—BOND SALE POSTPONED.—The \$10,000,000 issue of not to exceed 4 3/4% coupon or registered highway bonds that was scheduled for sale on Dec. 17—V. 129, p. 3508—will not be awarded on that date as the sale was indefinitely postponed on Dec. 10 after a justice of the State Supreme Court had signed a writ against the issue. The following report on the action is taken from the "Herald Tribune" of Dec. 11:

"Sale of a \$10,000,000 State of South Carolina highway bond issue, originally scheduled for Dec. 17, was indefinitely postponed yesterday, when Chief Justice R. C. Watts, of the State Supreme Court, signed a writ of error against the issue. Justice Watts wrote a dissenting opinion on the case Oct. 12, when the Justices of the Supreme Court, sitting en banc with the 14 judges of the Circuit Courts, held the \$65,000,000 state highway bond issue constitutional by majority vote. The present action reopens the question of the validity of the road bond act, which received the signature of Governor Richards last Spring. The fight on the validity of the measure will now be carried to the United States Supreme Court.

"In a petition presented to Chief Justice Watts, the constitutionality of the act was attacked on the grounds that it had never been submitted to the taxpayers of the State for a vote. The act provided for the emission of not more than \$20,000,000 bonds in any one year until the highway building program was completed. Prompt steps were taken by State officials to sell \$10,000,000 of the bonds this year so that the road program could be started, but a considerable delay now seems likely."

SOUTH EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—Jessie M. Klumph, Village Clerk, states that no bids were received on Dec. 11 for the \$114,162.6% road improvement bonds offered for sale—V. 129, p. 3671. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature on Oct. 1 as follows: \$11,162, 1931; \$12,000, 1932; \$11,000, 1933; \$12,000, 1934; \$11,000, 1935; \$12,000, 1936; \$11,000, 1937; \$12,000, 1938; \$11,000, 1939, and \$12,000 in 1940.

SOUTHFIELD TOWNSHIP (P. O. Birmingham), Oakland County, Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—William C. Clark, Township Clerk, states that the \$15,000 special assessment not to exceed 6% improvement bonds offered on Nov. 29—V. 129, p. 3203—were not sold. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature \$3,000 on Mar. 15 from 1931 to 1935 incl.

SOUTH PLAINFIELD, Middlesex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of coupon or registered bonds, aggregating \$73,000, offered on Dec. 9 (V. 129, p. 3508) were awarded as 5 1/2% to M. M. Freeman & Co. of Philadelphia for a premium of \$100, equal to a price of 100.13, a basis of about 5.47%:

Table with columns: Amount, Item, Price Bid. Includes \$32,000 public improvement bonds, Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$5,000, 1930 and 1931; \$4,000, 1932 to 1934, incl., and \$5,000 in 1935 and 1936. 27,000 public improvement assessment bonds, Due on Sept. 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1930; \$5,000, 1931, and \$6,000 from 1932 to 1934, incl. 14,000 temporary improvement bonds, Due on Sept. 1 1935.

All of the above bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929. The successful bidders paid a premium of \$50 for the \$14,000 issue and a premium of \$50 for the two other issues combined. Bids were also submitted by E. J. Coulton & Co., New York; J. S. Rippel & Co. of Newark and H. B. Hand & Co. of Newark.

STAMFORD, Fairfield County, Conn.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$100,000 temporary loan offered on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3671—were awarded to F. S. Moseley & Co., of New York, at a 4.30% discount, plus a premium of \$1. The loan is dated Dec. 9 1929 and is payable on March 14 1930. The following other bids were received:

Table with columns: Bidder, Discount. Includes First Stamford National Bank (plus \$1.50), S. N. Bond & Co. (plus \$1), Old Colony Corp., Phelps, Penn & Co.

STANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Stanford), Lincoln County Ky.—BOND DETAILS.—The \$38,000 issue of 5% school bonds that was purchased by Caldwell & Co. of Nashville—V. 129, p. 3671—was awarded at par. Due on May 1 as follows: \$4,000, 1934 to 1942 and \$2,000 in 1943.

STEELTON, Dauphin County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—E. H. Rollins & Sons, of Philadelphia, recently purchased an issue of \$10,000 4 1/4% coupon street improvement bonds at par plus a premium of \$1.26, equal to a price of 100.0126, a basis of about 4.49%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$1,000 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl. Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) payable at the Steelton Bank & Trust Co., Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia. The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 4.25%.

Table with columns: Item, Amount, Price Bid. Includes Assessed valuation (1929), Real valuation (est.), Bonded debt (incl. this issue), Less: Water works bonds, Sinking fund, Net debt, Population (est.), 14,000.

STOCKTON, San Joaquin County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk until Dec. 16, for the purchase of two issues of semi-annual bonds aggregating \$400,000 as follows: \$250,000 5% municipal improvement bonds, Dated Aug. 1 1924. Due as follows: \$35,000, 1941; \$53,000, 1943 to 1946 and \$3,000 in 1947.

150,000 4 1/4% harbor bonds, Dated July 2 1927. Due as follows: \$8,000, 1939; \$75,000, 1940 and \$67,000 in 1941.

STRONGSVILLE, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—H. V. Polk, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Dec. 21, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% special assessment bonds totaling \$33,399:

- \$15,194 sidewalk bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$2,694, 1931; \$3,000, 1932 to 1934 inclusive, and \$3,500 in 1935.
- 14,065 water mains bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,065 in 1931, \$1,500, 1932 to 1934 inclusive; \$1,000, 1935, and \$1,500 from 1936 to 1940 inclusive.
- 4,140 sidewalk bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$1,140 in 1931, and \$1,500 in 1932 and 1933.

All of the above bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929. Bids for bonds to bear interest at a rate other than above stated will also be considered, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid, such fraction shall be $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% or multiple thereof. Principal and semi-annual interest payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid must accompany each proposal.

SUNNYSIDE, Yakima County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 8 p. m. on Dec. 27 by K. H. Stone, City Clerk, for the purchase of a \$53,500 issue of coupon water works bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$500. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the City Treasurer's office or at the State's fiscal agency in New York. Legality approved by Ereston, Thorgrimson & Turner of Seattle. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

SWAMPSCOTT, Essex County, Mass.—NOTE SALE.—The Sagamore Trust Co., of Lynn, recently purchased an issue of \$100,000 notes at a 3.70% discount. Dated Dec. 5 1929 and due on Nov. 12 1930. The following is a list of the other bids received:

	Discount.
Atlantic National Bank (plus \$1).....	3.75%
Central National Bank (plus \$5).....	3.87%
Security Trust Co. (Lynn).....	3.89%
Manufacturers National Bank (plus \$1.25).....	3.94%
Shawmut Corporation.....	4.17%

TACOMA, Pierce County, Wash.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 24, by the City Treasurer, for the purchase of two issues of semi-annual coupon bonds aggregating \$615,000 as follows: \$350,000 sewer and \$265,000 viaduct bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 5%. A certified check for 5% is required.

TAMA COUNTY (P. O. Toledo), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—The \$72,000 issue of 5% annual certificates offered for sale on Nov. 27—V. 129, p. 3359—was awarded to the county bond and redemption fund. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 31 as follows: \$45,000 in 1930 and \$27,000 in 1931. No other bids were received.

TAUNTON, Bristol County, Mass.—LOAN OFFERING.—Lewis A. Hodges, City Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 5 p. m. on Dec. 17, for the purchase at a discount of a \$200,000 temporary loan. Dated Dec. 19 1929. Denom. \$25,000, \$10,000 and \$5,000. Due \$100,000 on Dec. 13 and on Oct. 23 in 1930. The notes will be engraved under the supervision of the Old Colony Trust Co., Boston. Legality to be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge of Boston.

TECUMSEH, Pottawatomie County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 7 p. m. on Dec. 20 by Henry C. French, City Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of bonds, aggregating \$136,000 as follows: \$129,500 water works extension bonds and \$6,500 sanitary sewer system bonds. (The above bonds were unsuccessfully offered on Nov. 19—V. 129, p. 3508.)

TEXARKANA SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Texarkana), Bowie County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$225,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Dec. 2—V. 129, p. 3048 was awarded to a group consisting of Halsey, Stuart & Co. of New York, the Dallas Trust & Savings Bank of Dallas and the State National Securities Co. of Houston as 5s, at a discount of \$1,912, equal to 99.15, a basis of about 5.07%. Dated Dec. 15 1929. Due from 1931 to 1969 incl. The following is an official statement: Other bids were received as follows: From Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, for par and accrued interest less \$2,300; from Caldwell & Co. for par and accrued interest less \$4,350; from Stix & Co. for par and accrued interest less \$5,793. Bids were also made on a depository basis as follows: Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, for par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$720. Caldwell & Co., par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$1,125. Hall & Hall, par and accrued interest plus a premium of \$111.

TOLEDO, Lucas County, Ohio.—NOTE OFFERING.—Earle L. Peters, Director of Finance, will receive sealed bids until 11:30 a. m. on Dec. 16, for the purchase of \$250,000 5% Street Cleaning Department notes. Dated Dec. 15 1929. Denom. \$5,000. Due \$125,000 on June 15 and on Dec. 15 in 1931. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and December) payable at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., New York. Bids will also be considered for the notes to bear interest at a rate other than above stated, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1%. A certified check for 2%, payable to the Commissioner of the Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey, of Cleveland, will be furnished at the successful bidder's expense.

TOPEKA, Shawnee County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds aggregating \$220,357.90, offered for sale on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3671—were awarded to the Northern Trust Co. of Chicago, for a premium of \$1,051, equal to 100.47, a basis of about 4.55%, on the bonds divided as follows:
 \$131,234.07 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ % East Side sewage disposal plant bonds. Due from Dec. 16 1930 to 1939 incl.
 89,123.83 4 $\frac{1}{4}$ % water main extension bonds. Due from Dec. 16 1930 to 1939.

TULSA, Tulsa County, Okla.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The \$1,250,000 issue of semi-annual street improvement bonds that was jointly purchased on July 30 by the First National Bank and the Exchange National Bank, both of Tulsa, as 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ s, at par—V. 129, p. 841—is now being re-offered for public subscription by the Continental Illinois Co. of Chicago, priced at 100 and interest. Due serially from Aug. 1 1934 to 1953 incl. The offering circular gives the following information:
 The assessed valuation of Tulsa is \$136,936,678, the net bonded debt is \$5,862,831 and the estimated population is 180,000.
 These bonds are, in the opinion of counsel, direct general obligations of the entire City payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all taxable property therein. Legality approved by Messrs. Chapman & Cutler.

UNION COUNTY (P. O. Marysville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo, on Dec. 9 were awarded a total of \$36,500 bonds, at par plus a premium of \$168.40, equal to a price of 100.46. Included in the award was an issue of \$26,900 road improvement and bridge construction bonds, dated Jan. 1 1930 and due annually on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1935, incl.

URBANA, Champaign County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The H. C. Speer & Sons Co. of Chicago, on Nov. 23 purchased an issue of \$90,000 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ % coupon school building construction bonds at a price of par. Dated Nov. 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Registerable as both principal and interest. Due in 1947. Interest payable in May and November.

VALLEY, Douglas County, Neb.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$7,000 issue of 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ % semi-annual refunding bonds that was reported sold—V. 129, p. 3672—was purchased by the Farmers State Bank, of Valley. Due in 1939.

WARREN COUNTY (P. O. McMinnville), Tenn.—BOND SALE.—A \$25,000 issue of road and bridge improvement bonds has been purchased by the Commerce Union Co. of Nashville, for a premium of \$260, equal to 101.04.

WARREN, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,545 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ % water works extension bonds offered on Nov. 29—V. 129, p. 3204—were awarded to the First Citizens Corp., of Columbus, for a premium of \$41, equal to a price of 100.30, a basis of about 5.35%. The bonds are dated Sept. 1 1929 and mature as follows: \$2,545, Mar. 1 and \$2,000, Sept. 1 1931; \$2,000, Mar. 1 and \$3,000, Sept. 1 1932, and \$2,000 on Mar. & Sept. 1 1933.

WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—Thomas B. Kelly, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Dec. 27, for the purchase of \$2,000,000 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ % coupon or registered funding bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due \$200,000 on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (M. & N. 1) payable at the First National Bank of Boston. The aforementioned bank will supervise the preparation of the bonds and will certify as to their genuineness. A certified check for 1% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The legality of the bonds will be approved by Storey, Thorndike, Palmer & Dodge, of Boston.

WATERTOWN, Jefferson County, Wis.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$11,000 issue of water works plant bonds that was reported sold—V. 129, p. 3672—was awarded to the City Water Department, as 4 $\frac{3}{8}$ s, at par. Due in from 1 to 6 years.

WATERTOWN, Wilson County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of electric light plant bonds is reported to have recently been purchased by the American National Co. of Nashville.

WAUSHARA COUNTY Y (P. O. Wautoma), Wis.—BOND SALE.—We are informed that the \$178,000 issue of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % semi-annual highway bonds that was unsuccessfully offered on Sept. 18—V. 129, p. 1954—has since been purchased by John Nuveen & Co. of Chicago. Dated March 1 1929. Due on March 1 as follows: \$38,000, 1935; \$90,000, 1936 and \$50,000 in 1937.

WEST READING, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 4 $\frac{3}{4}$ % coupon borough bonds offered on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3509—were awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co., of Philadelphia, for a premium of \$4,184.10, equal to a price of 104.64, a basis of about 4.38%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature on Dec. 1, as follows: \$2,000 in 1937, and \$4,000 from 1938 to 1959, incl.

The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder—	Premium.
West Reading Title & Trust Co.....	\$4,050.00
E. H. Rollins & Sons.....	3,718.80
W. H. Newbold's Son & Co.....	2,391.21
Mellon National Bank.....	2,241.00
Colonial Trust Co. (Reading).....	27.00

WEST VIEW (P. O. Olmstead Falls), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—OTHER BID.—The Bank of Berea Co., the only other bidder, on Dec. 2 offered a price of par for the two issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$35,900 awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co. of Toledo, for a premium of \$101.13, equal to a price of 100.28, a basis of about 4.96%.—V. 129, p. 3672.

WEST VIRGINIA, State of (P. O. Charleston).—BOND SALE.—The \$900,000 issue of coupon or registered road bonds offered for sale on Dec. 9—V. 129, p. 3672—was jointly awarded to Otis & Co. of Toledo, and L. F. Rothschild of New York, as follows: \$480,000 as 4s, due \$60,000 from July 1 1935 to 1945, and \$420,000 as 4s, due \$60,000 from July 1 1946 to 1952, incl., at a price of 100.139, a net interest of about 4.23%.

BONDS RE-OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—The above bonds are now being re-offered for public subscription by the successful bidders, at prices to yield from 4.15 to 4.10%, according to maturity.

WILLIAMS COUNTY (P. O. Bryan), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Mont Stuller, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 4 for the purchase of \$49,161.46 6% road improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 10 1930. Due as follows: \$4,161.46 on March 10 and \$5,000 on Sept. 10 1931, and \$5,000 March and Sept. 10 from 1932 to 1935, incl. Bids will also be considered for bonds to bear interest at a rate other than above stated, provided, however, that where a fractional rate is bid such fraction shall be $\frac{1}{4}$ of 1% or multiple thereof. A certified check for \$2,458.07, payable to the order of the Board of County Commissioners, must accompany each proposal.

WHITLEY COUNTY (P. O. Columbia City), Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Eugene E. Glassley, County Treasurer, will receive sealed bids until 10 a. m. on Dec. 21, for the purchase of the following issues of 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ % bonds, aggregating \$35,120:
 \$23,200 Aims L. Martin et al., Richland and Cleveland Townships highway impt. bonds. Denom. \$580. Denom. \$580. Due \$580 on July 15 1930, \$580, Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1950, incl., and \$580 on Jan. 15 1951.

11,920 John G. Emrick-Earl Herron et al., Union Township highway improvement bonds. Denom. \$596. Due \$596 on July 15 1931; \$596, Jan. and July 15 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$596 on Jan. 15 1941. Both issues are dated Nov. 15 1929. Interest payable on Jan. and July 15.

WOOD COUNTY (P. O. Bowling Green), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds, aggregating \$79,080 offered on Dec. 2—V. 129, p. 3205—were awarded as 5 $\frac{1}{4}$ s, for a total premium of \$110.60, to Otis & Co. of Cleveland, equal to a price of 100.14, a basis of about 5.23%:
 \$35,000 Perry Township road impt. bonds sold for a premium of \$49. Due \$3,000 March 1 and \$4,000 Sept. 1 1931 to 1935, incl.
 25,000 Perrysburg Township road impt. bonds sold for a premium of \$35. Due \$2,000 March 1 and \$3,000 Sept. 1 1931 to 1935, incl.
 8,000 Montgomery Township road impt. bonds sold for a premium of \$11.20. Due \$800 on March and Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1935, incl.
 6,000 Washington Township road impt. bonds sold for a premium of \$8.40. Due \$600 on March and Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1935, incl.
 5,000 Troy Township road impt. bonds sold for a premium of \$7. Due \$500 on March and Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1935, incl.
 All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929.

WOOSTER, Wayne County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following bond issues, aggregating \$56,997.25, offered on Dec. 10 (V. 129, p. 3509), were awarded to Seasongood & Mayer of Cincinnati as 5s, for a premium of \$109, equal to a price of 100.18, a basis of about 4.93%:
 \$53,052.55 sanitary sewer bonds. Due as follows: \$2,052.55, April 1 and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1931; \$2,000 April 1 and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1932 and 1933; \$3,000 April and Oct. 1 1934; \$2,000 April 1 and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1935; \$3,000 April and Oct. 1 1936; \$2,000 April 1 and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1937; \$3,000 April 1 and \$2,000 Oct. 1 1938; \$3,000 April and Oct. 1 1939; \$2,000 April 1 and \$3,000 Oct. 1 1940.

3,944.70 assessment sewer improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$344.70 in 1931 and \$400 from 1932 to 1940, incl.
 Both issues are dated Dec. 1 1929. The following is an official tabulation of the bids received:

Beall Avenue Bonds.		Christmas Run Sewer Bonds.		
Int. Rate.	Premium.	Int. Rate.	Premium.	
Seasongood & Mayer (successful bidders).....	5	\$1.00	5	\$108.00
W. L. Slayton & Co., Toledo.....	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.00	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	312.00
Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Toledo.....	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	7.00	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	375.00
Otis & Co., Cleveland.....	6	2.00	5	72.00
The Herrick Company, Cleveland.....	6	22.00	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	588.00
McDonald-Callaham & Co., Cleveland.....	5	1.00	5	36.00
The Guardian Trust Co., Cleveland.....	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	20.00	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	281.00
Assel, Goetz & Moerlein, Cincinnati.....	5	Both issues		75.00
Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., Cincinnati.....	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	9.86	5	143.24
The Title Guar. & Trust Co., Cincinnati.....	4 $\frac{1}{4}$	20.52	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	275.87
Well, Roth & Irving, Cincinnati.....	6	3.00	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	271.00
Breed, Elliott & Harrison, Cincinnati.....	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	1.00	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	403.20
N. S. Hill & Co., Cincinnati.....	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	---	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	222.45
David Robison & Co., Toledo.....	6	---	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	285.50
Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit.....	---	---	5 $\frac{1}{4}$	583.57

WYANDOT COUNTY (P. O. Upper Sandusky), Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Z. G. Murray, President of the Board of County Commissioners, will receive sealed bids until 11:30 a. m. on Dec. 23, for the purchase of \$7,027.65 6% road improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$727.65 in 1932, and \$700 from 1934 to 1941, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the office of the County Treasurer. A certified check for 5% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the County Auditor, must accompany each proposal.

WYANDOTTE, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Edward C. Bryan, City Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern stand-

ard time) on Dec. 17, for the purchase of \$49,400 street improvement and sewer extension special assessment bonds, to bear 5% int., payable semi-annually. The bonds will mature annually over a period of 5 years. Prin. and int. payable at the Wyandotte Savings Bank. Successful bidder to pay for the printing of the bonds and legal opinion. A certified check for 5% of the purchase offer, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

YONKERS, Westchester County, N. Y.—NOTE SALE.—Richard Whitney & Co. of New York, recently purchased an issue of \$300,000 notes at a 4.08% interest basis. The notes are payable on June 6 1930. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder	Interest Rate.
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (plus \$13)	4.39%
F. S. Moseley & Co. (plus \$10)	4.39%
National City Co. (plus \$8)	4.50%
S. N. Bond & Co. (plus \$13)	4.58%

YOUNGSTOWN, Mahoning County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of bonds, aggregating \$375,000 offered on Dec. 6—V. 129, p. 3205—were awarded to Otis & Co. of Cleveland, for a premium of \$119, equal to a price of 100.03, a basis of about 4.625% as follows: \$200,000 Andrews Ave. street improvement bonds sold as 4½s. Due \$20,000 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

175,000 city's portion street improvement bonds sold as 4½s. Due \$17,500 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

Both issues are dated March 1 1929. The purchasers paid a premium of \$113 for the \$200,000 issue and a premium of \$6 for the \$175,000 issue. The entire award of \$375,000 bonds is being reoffered for public investment priced to yield 4.35%. Legality subject to approval by Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland. Other bids for the bonds were as follows: H. M. Bylesby & Co. of Chicago offered a premium of \$2,338.33 for both issues as 4½s; the Continental Illinois Co. of Chicago offered a premium of \$11 for \$200,000 bonds as 4½s and \$175,000 bonds as 4½s.

Financial Statement.	
Assessed valuation	\$369,794,130
Total debt, including these bonds	9,861,748
Water works debt, included in the above	\$930,000
Sinking fund other than for water works debt	737,321—1,667,321

Net debt (less than 3%) \$8,194,427
Population (1920 Census), 132,358; present official estimate, 180,000.

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

BEVERLY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Rockton), Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$13,054 5% improvement bonds offered on Dec. 2—V. 129, p. 3360—were awarded to Dymont, Anderson & Co. of Toronto, at a price of 95.60, a basis of about 5.58%. The bonds are payable in 20 annual installments. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder	Rate Bid.	Bidder	Rate Bid.
C. H. Burgess & Co.	95.57	H. R. Bain & Co.	94.66
R. A. Daly & Co.	95.51	Harris, Mackeen & Co.	94.12
J. L. Graham & Co.	95.17	Gairdner & Co.	93.10

LOUISEVILLE, Que.—BOND SALE.—The \$65,000 issue of improvement bonds offered on Dec. 10 (V. 129, p. 3673) was awarded to the Credit Anglo-Francaise Ltd., Montreal, at a price of 98.78. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929. Rate of interest and maturity not given. Alternative bids were asked for 5½% bonds, due serially in five years, and 5% bonds maturing serially until 1962. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Paul Fleury	97.25
Corporation des Prets de Quebec	97.60
L. G. Beaubien & Co., Montreal	97.67
Dube, Leblond & Co., Quebec	97.95
Societe Generale de Finance, Montreal	98.09
Versailles, Vidicaire & Boulais, Montreal	98.31
Banque Canadienne Nationale	98.52

MONTREAL, Que.—BOND OFFERING.—L. F. Philie, City Treasurer, is reported to be receiving sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Dec. 17 for the purchase of two issues of 4½ or 5% bonds, aggregating \$18,500,000, one issue of \$14,000,000 due in 20 years and another of \$4,500,000 due in 40 years. Bonds are payable in Canada and New York.

NORFOLK COUNTY (P. O. Simcoe), Ont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids addressed to Jonathan Porter, County Treasurer, will be received until 2 p. m. on Dec. 17, for the purchase of an issue of \$40,900 5% improvement bonds, due in 15 installments of principal and interest; annual payment \$3,940.38. According to the offering notice the equalized assessment for taxation is \$27,900,000 and the present debenture debt approximately \$530,000.

ONTARIO COUNTY (P. O. Whitby) Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$98,000 5% highway improvement bonds offered on Dec. 10—V. 129, p. 3673—were awarded to Stewart, Scully Co. of Toronto, at a price of 97.56, a basis of about 5.37%. The bonds mature in 15 annual installments. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
Wood, Gundy & Co.	97.407
Dymont, Anderson & Co.	97.27
Gairdner & Co.	97.27
C. H. Burgess & Co.	97.09
J. L. Graham & Co.	97.08
R. A. Daly & Co.	97.047
Mathews & Co.	97.036
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.	96.805
Bickel, Clark & Co.	96.26
Bell, Gouinlock & Co.	96.10

SARNIA, Ont.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 5% Grain Elevator Annex construction bonds offered on Dec. 6—V. 129, p. 3673—were awarded to McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. of Toronto, at a price of 96.39,

a basis of about 5.46%. Coupon bonds, due annually from 1930 to 1949 incl. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder	Rate Bid.
C. H. Burgess & Co., Toronto	96.373
Dymont, Anderson & Co., Toronto	96.171
Wood, Gundy & Co., Toronto	96.14
J. L. Graham & Co., Toronto	96.09
Mathews & Co., Toronto	95.79
Dominion Securities Corp., Toronto	95.05

TORONTO, Ont.—TO VOTE ON \$19,000,000 DEBENTURE BY-LAW.—At the annual municipal election to be held on Jan. 1 the rate-payers will be asked to approve a by-law calling for the issuance of \$19,000,000 in debentures for various improvement purposes. The sale of the debentures, if authorized, will be spread over a period of 15 years. The information following is taken from the official notice of the scheduled election as it appeared in the Dec. 12 issue of the Toronto "Globe":

"The said debentures shall be issued in sets or series of such amounts and at such times as may be required during the progress of the said works, provided that the aggregate principal amount of the said debentures to be issued in any one year shall not exceed \$6,500,000 and that all of the said debentures shall be issued within a period of 15 years after the date of the first debentures issued hereunder.

"The debentures of each set or series shall bear date the first day of January of the year in which such set or series is issued and the principal of same shall be payable in 40 instalments during a period of 40 years commencing at the expiration of five years after their date and may be made payable in currency and/or in sterling at any place or places in Canada, Great Britain, the United States of America or elsewhere. The amount of the instalments of principal of each set or series payable in each of such 40 years shall be such that, with the interest in respect to the debentures of such set or series payable semi-annually, the aggregate amount payable for principal and interest in respect to such set or series in each year shall be as nearly as possible the same; provided that each instalment of principal may be for an even \$1,000 or multiple thereof.

"The debentures shall bear interest from their date at the rate of 5% per annum, or at such other rate as the Council may from time to time by by-law determine, which interest shall in the case of each debenture be payable half yearly at the place or places where the principal of the debenture shall be made payable. Coupons for the payment of the interest, signed by the Treasurer, shall be attached to each debenture, and the signature of the Treasurer to such coupons may be stamped, lithographed or engraved thereon. The amount of the interest payable on each debenture for a period of five years from its date shall be added to and form part of the cost of the said works, and shall be paid out of the proceeds of the sale of the debentures to be issued under the authority of this by-law, and it shall not be necessary to levy any annual rate to pay such interest.

"During the last 40 years of the currency of each set or series of the said debentures there shall be raised in each year by a special rate sufficient therefor on all the rateable property within the City of Toronto a specific sum sufficient to pay the amount of principal and interest of the said set or series of debentures falling due in such year provided that in any year the rates in respect to all of such sets or series of debentures then outstanding may be combined into one special rate."

WINDSOR, Ont.—BOND SALE NOT CONSUMMATED.—BONDS REOFFERED.—The sale on June 17 of \$685,442 Jockey Club purchase bonds and \$365,202.34 local improvement bonds, both issues bearing 5% interest, aggregating \$1,050,644.34, at a price of 96.46, a basis of about 5.40%, to McLeod, Young, Weir & Co. of Toronto (V. 123, p. 324), apparently was not consummated, as M. A. Dickinson, City Clerk, has issued a call for sealed bids to be opened at 12 m. on Dec. 16 for the purchase of an issue of \$19,906.75 local improvement bonds in addition to the two issues mentioned above. All three issues are to bear 5% interest, payable semi-annually. The \$685,442 Jockey Club purchase bonds are payable in 30 annual installments. The \$365,202.34 local improvement bonds are dated Dec. 1 1928, one bond matured, and are payable in 10 annual installments. The \$19,906.75 local improvement bonds are dated Dec. 1 1927, two bonds matured, and are payable in 20 annual installments. Bids must be for each block separately. Bonds and coupons are payable at Windsor.

Statistical Information Oct. 31 1929.	
Assessment liable for all taxes, 1929:	
Real property	\$72,069,325.00
Business assessment	5,659,850.00
Income assessment	1,725,225.00
	\$79,454,400.00
Exempted property:	
Real property liable for school rates only	\$1,073,125.00
Business assessment, liable for school rates only	363,950.00
	1,437,075.00
Real property liable for local improvements only	17,282,450.00
Total for all assessments	\$98,173,925.00
Total sinking fund on hand and invested	165,528.96
Liabilities—	
Debenture debt for all purposes	\$12,939,920.84
	Sinking Fund on Hand & Invested.
Namely, for:	
Waterworks	\$1,028,733.73
Hydro-electric system	1,455,922.28
Schools	3,892,193.25
Sundry purposes	2,460,889.67
Local improvements—City's share	1,367,060.64
Ratepayers' share	2,735,121.27
	\$12,939,920.84
	\$165,528.96
Value of municipal assets Dec. 31 1928	\$17,579,534.73
Gross receipts from waterworks, 1928	323,707.80
Gross receipts from hydro-electric system 1928	1,095,807.80
Population, 1929, 70,031; population 1924, 52,638. Area of municipality, 3,225.28 acres. Rate of taxation 1929: General, 19.911 mills; schools, 16.089 mills; total, 36.000 mills.	

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