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The Financial Situation.

The country seems to be rapidly getting back to a normal basis, at least financially, after the speculative debauch which eventuated in the stock market panic of October and November. Member bank borrowing at the Federal Reserve banks is rapidly being reduced, there having been a further contraction the past week in amount of \$130,360,000; and it should not be forgotten that it is a healthy sign for borrowing at the Reserve institutions to show a falling off, when trade itself is declining and there is really no need for excess banking credits, such as the Reserve banks supply, in the ordinary commercial requirements of the country. While speculation was raging so wildly on the Stock Exchange, the country lost sight of this vital fact, and came to regard member bank borrowing as finding full justification when responding merely to the growing absorption of credit on the Stock Exchange.

It is gratifying to know that we are now getting back to first principles and to see bank credit once more adjusting itself to the true needs of the mercantile world, wholly free from speculative considerations. All the more is it important to bear that fact in mind as the Federal Reserve banks are still wedded to the idea that it is their bounden duty to offset diminished member bank borrowing in the shape of rediscounts by purchases of Government securities and bankers' acceptances through their open market operations, the idea being to keep substantially the same amount of Reserve credit outstanding as before. This is a policy at all times full of menace, but especially so at the present time, when the country is confronted with a large outflow of gold, which will do no harm if left to the operation of ordinary economic law, but should not be artificially stimulated, since the process amounts simply to emitting paper money, in the shape of Federal Reserve notes, to supplant the gold going out, and, in fact, actually leads to the expulsion of the gold.

As it happens, we have had within the last ten days a capital illustration going to show how implicitly economic law can be depended upon to work out its own adjustment in a perfectly normal way without adventitious interference on the part of any human agency, whether the Federal Reserve authorities or some other body that attempts to substitute its own fallible judgment of what should be done for the sure working of the law of economics. All the foreign exchanges have suddenly weakened, and gold exports have ceased, except to France, which has simply become a sinkhole for the metal. During the month of December the gold exports aggregated no less than \$72,200,000 in round figures, the outflow having unquestionably been stimulated by the Federal Reserve policy of thrusting out Reserve credit when the diminution in member bank borrowing showed so plainly that no true need existed for the Reserve credit withdrawn by the member banks. In addition, \$22,000,000 more of gold was ear-marked for foreign account, making, with the gold exports, a combined loss of the metal to the country in this single month of almost \$95,000,000.

Such a heavy outflow of the metal in so short a period undoubtedly furnished occasion for anxiety, even though we have adequate supplies of the metal. This week all of a sudden the outflow is checked, no further engagements of the metal having taken place, except to France, and as explaining the situation there has been within a week a decided weakening, as already stated, of all the foreign exchanges. This decline in exchange rates within so brief a span is such a notable occurrence that it is desirable that a record of it should be made. Cable transfers on London were down yesterday to 4.87 17/32 as against 4.88 3/8 on Dec. 23. Dutch guilders sold down to 40.34 against 40.37 Dec. 24. Swiss francs in the same manner dropped from 19.46 1/2 to 19.40 1/4. Cable transfers on Berlin fell from 23.96 1/8 to 23.86 1/2. All the Scandinavian exchanges declined in similar fashion, the Danish crown for cable transfers dropping from 26.84 1/2 to 26.78, the Swedish crown from 26.98 to 26.88, and the Norwegian crown from 26.84 to 26.78. Even cable transfers on Paris, which never fluctuate very widely, are down from 3.94 5/16 to 3.93 7/16.

What is the explanation of the sudden weakness in foreign exchange rates, with the cessation, at least for the time being, of gold exports, except to France. The explanation is unquestionably found in the rise in call loan rates on collateral security at New York. From Nov. 22 to Dec. 19, inclusive, call loan money on the New York Stock Exchange was uninterruptedly quoted at 4 1/2%. On Dec. 20 there was an advance to 5%, on Dec. 23 to 5 1/2%, and on Dec. 26 to 6%. And since this latter date up to and including Thursday (Jan. 2) 6% was the ruling rate for demand loans on security collateral though yesterday

the rate got back to 5%. Thus all these incidents, namely, the firming up of the money market, the weakening of the foreign exchanges, and the let-up in the gold shipments are seen to be interrelated events.

It would be hazardous to attempt to say whether there is in these various incidents we have just related an element of permanency or not, but the lesson is the same, whether the train of events is merely of a temporary nature or is permanent. The one great fact is that they show how surely economic law, if left unimpeded, works out its own adjustment. The matter is of importance because it demonstrates so plainly that interference or intervention on the part of the Federal Reserve Board is unnecessary and uncalled for. No credit regulation of any kind is demanded or justifiable, however benign the purpose. What is incontrovertibly indicated as the requirement is a "hands off" policy on the part of the Reserve banks. If there is anything wrong in the existing situation, it can be depended on, as this experience of the last 10 days so signally proves, quickly to right itself without the application of artificial means and without extraneous intervention of any kind.

What is said above is especially pertinent and timely in any consideration of the weekly returns of the Federal Reserve banks which each week are demonstrating anew that the Federal Reserve authorities *are* using adventitious methods in their conduct of Federal Reserve operations and in dispensing Federal Reserve credit. As already noted, what they are engaged in doing is to thrust out new Reserve credit as member banks yield up the use of such credit through reduction of their borrowings at the Reserve institutions. It looks, though, as if now the job along this line were really getting too big for the Reserve banks, inasmuch as member bank borrowing is being reduced so very fast. This week's statements show that the 12 Reserve institutions further increased their holdings of U. S. Government securities in amount of over \$25,000,000, the total of such holdings now being \$510,587,000, as against \$485,043,000 last week, and have at the same time enlarged their holdings of acceptances in the sum of over \$37,000,000, the amount this week at \$392,209,000 comparing with \$354,943,000 last week, and yet this augmentation under both heads, though reaching \$62,810,000, falls far short of the reduction in the discount holdings, which reached no less than \$130,360,000, the amount of these discounts, which reflect member bank borrowing, being down to \$632,421,000 as against \$762,781,000 last week.

The result altogether, therefore, is that the aggregate of Reserve credit outstanding is substantially less this week than last week, notwithstanding the large additions during the week to both the holdings of acceptances, the amount of the bill and security holdings the present week being \$1,547,517,000 as against \$1,612,537,000 last week. As Reserve deposits of the member banks were increased in amount of over \$35,000,000 during the week, the result of the diminished borrowing of the member banks is seen in the reduction in the amount of Federal Reserve notes in circulation from \$1,989,159,000 Dec. 24 to \$1,909,723,000 Dec. 31. Gold reserves at the same time show a recovery of a portion of the large losses sustained in previous weeks, having

risen during the week from \$2,821,640,000 to \$2,857,051,000.

Brokers' loans this week register an increase of \$96,000,000, having risen from \$3,328,000,000 Dec. 24 to \$3,424,000,000 Dec. 31, but at this latter figure compare with \$5,330,000,000 a year ago. While the total of these loans on securities to brokers and dealers by the reporting member banks in New York City show the increase for the week already noted, the change in the character of the loaning, to which attention has been directed in previous weeks, is again in evidence, only in much more effective manner. The whole of the increase in the grand total for the week, and more, too, is found in the loans made by these reporting member banks on their own account, the amount in this category having risen from \$845,000,000 to \$1,167,000,000. Loans for account of out-of-town banks, on the other hand, are slightly lower, being down from \$716,000,000 to \$709,000,000, while in the third category, comprising the so-called loans "for account of others," there has been a shrinkage of \$219,000,000, the amount of the same having dropped during the week from \$1,767,000,000 to \$1,548,000,000. On Oct. 9 the loans "for account of others" stood as high as \$3,941,000,000.

In our issue of last week we referred to the large and general losses the railroads were showing in their November earnings, gross and net, this being presumably indicative of an almost immediate falling off in traffic as a result of the stock market panic in October and November. We also noted that the comparisons of the net results were relatively poorer than the comparisons of the gross revenues, and suggested that this was probably because the managers of the roads, desirous of heeding the injunction of President Hoover, were reluctant to curtail expenses in proportion to the falling off in traffic and gross revenues. Some more returns for the month of November have come in the present week, and they are of the same unfavorable character. Thus the New York Central, as compared with the November of the previous year, shows a loss of \$833,340 in gross revenues and of \$350,472 in net before the deduction of taxes; the Lehigh Valley a loss in gross of \$1,280,606 and in net of \$1,125,397; the Lackawanna a loss of \$664,390 in gross and of \$544,335 in net; the Pere Marquette \$487,994 loss in gross and \$1,058,740 in net; the "Big Four" \$446,448 loss in gross and \$495,523 in net; the Boston & Maine \$295,994 loss in gross and \$610,857 in net; the "Soo" \$790,660 loss in gross and \$507,615 in net; the Long Island \$109,830 loss in gross and \$271,592 in net; the Atlantic Coast Line, \$852,875 loss in gross and \$738,220 in net, and the Seaboard Air Line \$487,062 loss in gross and \$188,489 in net—all roads and systems in widely separated parts of the country.

Business on the Stock Exchange this week has again been on a light scale, but the market has shown a rising tendency, as a result of which very substantial advances in prices were recorded up to Thursday afternoon, when somewhat of a downward reaction occurred. Prices moved upward on Saturday last, and again on Monday and Tuesday, the advances for the three days combined reaching very substantial proportions in the case of nearly all the leading stocks. On Thursday, the first day's business in the new year, the initial sales showed a fur-

ther upward movement, but in the afternoon considerable selling on a light volume of business was indulged in, apparently by operators for a decline, Montgomery Ward & Co. and Sears, Roebuck & Co. being made special objects of attack on the theory that profits in the mail order business during the next few months will likely be adversely affected by the slowing down of general business. The downward reaction was carried somewhat further on Friday morning, but in the afternoon the market regained tone and the tendency of prices was again upward, though only in a moderate way, and with the market displaying considerable irregularity. Fox Film, which had broken badly on talk of a receivership, enjoyed a brisk recovery on reports that the receivership would be avoided.

As stated above, trading was on a relatively small basis. On the New York Stock Exchange the sales at the half-day session on Saturday were 1,634,510 shares; on the full day Monday they were 4,159,860 shares, on Tuesday, 2,678,070 shares; Wednesday was New Year's Day and a holiday; on Thursday the sales were 2,932,720 shares, and on Friday 2,073,350 shares. On the New York Curb Exchange the sales on Saturday were 822,700 shares; on Monday, 1,839,200 shares; on Tuesday, 842,100 shares; on Thursday, 778,900 shares, and on Friday, 554,400 shares.

Net changes in prices for the week are generally on the up side, notwithstanding the reaction on Thursday. United Aircraft closed yesterday at 50 against 46 on Friday of last week; American Can at 120⁷/₈ against 114¹/₂; United States Industrial Alcohol at 134¹/₂ against 134¹/₂; Commercial Solvents at 29³/₄ against 29¹/₄; Corn Products at 90¹/₄ against 88⁷/₈; Shattuck & Co. at 38 against 36³/₄; Columbia Graphophone at 29 against 27³/₈; Brooklyn Union Gas at bid 134 against 136¹/₂; North American at 97 against 93; American Water Works at 91¹/₄ against 85; Electric Power & Light at 51¹/₄ against 45⁵/₈; Pacific Gas & Elec. at 53 against 51³/₄; Standard Gas & Elec. at 113¹/₂ against 112¹/₈; Consolidated Gas of N. Y. at 99 against 95¹/₈; Columbia Gas & Elec. at 74¹/₈ against 70¹/₄; Public Service of N. J. at 85 against 76⁷/₈; International Harvester at 79¹/₂ against 77⁵/₈; Sears, Roebuck & Co. at 84³/₈ against 88¹/₄; Montgomery Ward & Co. at 47 against 47¹/₄; Woolworth at 69³/₄ against 70; Safeway Stores at 113³/₄ against 115¹/₄; Western Union Tel. at 196³/₄ against 186; Amer. Tel. & Tel. at 221¹/₄ against 217¹/₂, and Int. Tel. & Tel. at 73³/₈ against 70¹/₄.

Allied Chemical & Dye closed yesterday at 258 against 257¹/₂ on Friday of last week; Davison Chemical at 29 against 28¹/₂; E. I. du Pont de Nemours at 117⁷/₈ against 114; Radio Corp. at 42³/₄ against 41¹/₂; General Electric at 245¹/₂ against 230¹/₂; National Cash Register at 75 against 74³/₄; Fox Film A at 21 against 21; International Combustion Engineering at 5¹/₈ against 6³/₈; International Nickel at 31¹/₂ against 30³/₄; A. M. Byers at 90¹/₂ against 84⁵/₈; Timken Roller Bearing at 78 against 75⁵/₈; Warner Bros. Pictures at 40¹/₄ against 40¹/₈; Mack Trucks at 71³/₄ against 70¹/₄; Yellow Truck & Coach at 14¹/₄ against 14¹/₄; Johns-Manville at 123 against 116¹/₄; National Dairy Products at 48¹/₂ against 46¹/₂; National Bellas Hess at 9³/₄ against 10³/₈; Associated Dry Goods at 29 against 29¹/₂; Lambert Co. at 98⁷/₈ against 95¹/₄; Texas Gulf Sulphur at 56¹/₂ against 53³/₄, and Kolster Radio at 4 against 4. Notwith-

standing the general rising tendency, quite a few more stocks dropped to new low levels for the year, the list including the following:

STOCKS MAKING NEW LOWS FOR THE YEAR.

<p><i>Railroads—</i> M. St. P. & S. S. M. Leased Lines. New York Rys. pref. Norfolk Southern. Twin City Rapid Transit. Twin City Rapid Transit pref.</p> <p><i>Industrial and Miscellaneous—</i> Abitibi Power & Paper. Air-Way Elec. Appliance. American Beet Sugar pref. American Seating. Arnold Constable. Beacon Oil. Belding-Hemingway. Bloomingdale Bros. Brockway Motor Truck pref. Bucyrus-Erie pref. (7). Butterick Co. Cannon Mills. Cavanagh-Dobbs pref. Century Ribbon Mills pref. Certain-Teed Products. City Ice & Fuel. Comm. Investment Trust warrants. Consolidated Textile. Continental Motors. Crosley Radio. Cuba Cane Sugar pref. Fashion Park Assoc. pref. Filene's Sons. Filene's Sons pref. Fisk Rubber. Fisk Rubber 1st pref. Fox Film class A.</p>	<p><i>Industrial & Miscell. (Concl.)—</i> Goodrich pref. Grand Stores. Grant (W. T.). Hahn Dept. Stores pref. Kelly-Springfield Tire. Lehigh Valley Coal pref. Loft. Maytag pref. McCrory Stores class A. Melville Shoe. Michigan Steel. National Air Transport. National Surety. Newton Steel. Oil Well Supply. Oppenheim, Collins & Co. Pittsburgh Terminal Coal. Pressed Steel Car pref. Punta Alegre Sugar. Real Silk Hosiery pref. Seagrave Corp. Shubert Theatres. South Porto Rico Sugar. Standard Comm. Tobacco. Standard Investing. Standard Plate Glass pref. Symington. Tobacco Products div. cdfs. B. United Biscuit. United Elec. Coal. Universal Pipe & Radiator. U. S. Leather class A. Willys-Overland pref. Wilson & Co.</p>
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The steel shares have shared in the general improvement. United States Steel closed yesterday at 168¹/₂ against 165³/₄ on Friday of last week; Bethlehem Steel at 93¹/₈ against 91⁵/₈, and Republic Iron & Steel at 75¹/₂ against 74. The motor stocks are also somewhat higher. General Motors closed yesterday at 41¹/₄ against 40¹/₄ on Friday of last week; Nash Motors at 55¹/₈ against 53; Chrysler at 37¹/₈ against 36; Packard Motors at 16³/₄ against 15⁷/₈; Hudson Motor Car at 59¹/₈ against 54¹/₂, and Hupp Motors at 23³/₄ against 21. In the rubber group Goodyear Rubber & Tire closed yesterday at 63¹/₂ against 64 on Friday of last week; B. F. Goodrich at 42 against 40³/₈; United States Rubber at 24³/₄ against 23³/₈, and the preferred at 50 against 49⁵/₈.

Railroad stocks show irregular changes for the week. Pennsylvania RR. closed yesterday at 73³/₄ against 73³/₈ on Friday of last week; New York Central at 170 against 167¹/₂; Erie RR. at 57¹/₄ against 57; Del. & Hudson at 161¹/₂ against 164; Baltimore & Ohio at 116 against 115; New Haven at 111¹/₂ against 111; Union Pacific at 219¹/₂ against 210¹/₂; Southern Pacific at 122³/₄ against 119¹/₄; Missouri Pacific at 88 against 88¹/₂; Kansas City Southern at 82¹/₄ bid against 81; St. Louis Southwestern at 59¹/₂ bid against 60; St. Louis-San Francisco at 107⁵/₈ against 109; Missouri-Kansas-Texas at 48⁵/₈ against 44⁵/₈; Rock Island at 115 against 113⁵/₈; Great Northern at 90¹/₄ against 95, and Northern Pacific at 86 against 85³/₄.

The oil shares fluctuated within a narrow range. Standard Oil of N. J. closed yesterday at 65⁷/₈ against 64⁵/₈ on Friday of last week; Simms Petroleum at 26¹/₈ against 23³/₈; Skelly Oil at 31¹/₈ against 31¹/₂; Atlantic Refining at 38³/₄ against 37³/₄; Pan American B at 60 against 59; Phillips Petroleum at 35 against 34⁵/₈; Texas Corp. at 55¹/₂ against 55⁵/₈; Richfield Oil at 24¹/₂ against 24¹/₂; Standard Oil of N. Y. at 32⁷/₈ against 32⁵/₈, and Pure Oil at 23³/₈ against 24.

The copper shares have fluctuated within a narrow limit. Anaconda Copper closed yesterday at 73¹/₄ against 74¹/₄ on Friday of last week; Kennecott Copper at 58⁷/₈ against 58; Calumet & Hecla at 29⁷/₈

against $28\frac{3}{4}$; Andes Copper at bid 33 against $34\frac{3}{8}$; Inspiration Copper at $27\frac{1}{4}$ against $26\frac{3}{4}$; Calumet & Arizona at $82\frac{1}{2}$ against 84; Granby Consolidated Copper at $53\frac{1}{2}$ against 51; American Smelting & Refining at $73\frac{5}{8}$ against $72\frac{5}{8}$, and U. S. Smelting & Refining at $34\frac{7}{8}$ against 36.

Share prices on the important European Stock Exchanges were firm in most sessions of the short business week now closing, and the markets were further heartened by an increase in trading activity. Business was resumed Monday at London and Paris after a holiday period that took in virtually the entire previous week, while at Berlin also some extension of the holidays took place. In the current week, however, only the New Year's Day was observed. The market tone in the British and Continental centers improved materially over that prevalent in the closing months of the year now past. Prices moved off on all European markets late in 1929 to the lowest levels of the year, and in some instances to the lowest figures in several years. The hope was general, therefore, that the turn of the year would in this case prove a turning point of the markets as well. One important reason for optimism on the European exchanges, it was pointed out, is the profound change in the international financial atmosphere that developed after the crash in prices at New York. Money rates have fallen sharply in all centers and gold has again moved toward Europe in considerable volume. The Bank of England has been enabled to build up its gold reserve to some extent, while the anomalous position of the Bank of France in international finance is in process of adjustment. On the whole, the developments were viewed as favorable from the long range point of view, although much confusion exists regarding the immediate outlook.

The London Stock Exchange resumed business in a quiet mood Monday, after the long holiday, but the tone was generally steady. Gilt-edged securities were marked up and some buying also was noted in the international list, but the gains in the latter were not always maintained. British industrial stocks made small advances, while the copper and oil shares were irregular. Activity increased on the London Exchange on the final day of 1929, but price movements were uncertain. Further improvement took place in the gilt-edged section, and international issues also were traded in at higher levels. Sharp drops were noted, on the other hand, in shares of companies connected with silver production owing to the fall in the price of the metal. India stocks also were weak on the political developments. The business of the new year was begun Thursday in a cheerful atmosphere with the volume of trading about at the previous level. Gilt-edged securities continued their improvement, and a number of the international issues also gained. India securities again sold off. Additional advances were made in the gilt-edged list yesterday but share prices at London were irregular otherwise.

Business was resumed on the Paris Bourse Monday in a quiet but firm session. Transactions were not numerous, but the list progressed steadily. The better atmosphere was attributed partly to improvement in the political situation, while some influence also was exerted by the action of the French Parliament in voting reductions of taxes on securities dealings. Bank stocks, chemical issues and elec-

trical shares made the best gains. Buying developed on a large scale Tuesday at Paris and confidence in the future of French business appeared to prevail in all departments of the market. The tendency was firmer than for many weeks, partly because plenty of money was available for the year-end settlements at $2\frac{1}{2}\%$. The initial session of 1930 also was bright at Paris. The Bourse was firm and active, with the advance taking in virtually all stocks. Shares of the electrical and copper industries, coal mine stocks and rentes showed the greatest gains. Some profit-taking was noted at Paris yesterday, but the list in general remained steady.

The Berlin Boerse was firm in Monday's session, with trading at a comparatively brisk pace. Gains up to seven points were registered in the mining group, shipping stocks, dye trust shares and electrical issues. The German public appeared to take an interest in the transactions for the first time in a long while. The Berlin market lost its tone Tuesday and most of the gains of the previous day were cancelled. The liquidation was attributed largely to professional operators who were anxious regarding the conference of governments at The Hague. After an uneasy opening Thursday, the Boerse again turned upward and the entire list improved. Reductions in private discount rates and the more favorable outlook in the international money markets were factors in the improvement. The Berlin market remained firm in yesterday's session.

A degree of uncertainty regarding the five-power naval limitation conference which is to begin in London Jan. 21 has been occasioned by the French memorandum outlining more precisely the position of the Paris Government. The memorandum was drawn up by the French Government in accordance with the understanding among all five powers that preliminary discussions would be advisable in order to adjust difficulties in advance of the meeting. It was dispatched to London Dec. 21, and subsequently to Washington, Tokio and Rome, as well as the capitals of all other powers that have participated in the work of the Preparatory Disarmament Commission at Geneva. Although published Dec. 27, the official text was not available in Washington until Saturday, Dec. 28. The document reiterated the French viewpoint that any agreement reached at London must be subservient to the general disarmament plans of the League of Nations; that the problems of land, sea and air armaments must be considered as interdependent; that the Kellogg-Briand treaty cannot be regarded as a guarantee of the security of nations; that French naval needs must be based on the requirements of the French Empire, and that the sea power problem in the Mediterranean might yield to a suggested naval accord to which Britain, France, Italy and Spain would subscribe.

Comment in Washington on the French memorandum was, of course, guarded, but it was made plain in unofficial circles that keen disappointment was felt. "The immediate reaction of interested quarters," a Washington report to the New York "Times" said, "is that, unless the unexpected should happen, France will not sign any treaty for naval armament reduction and limitation at London. It is believed that France has so solidified her position that no loophole to permit her participation in a five-power disarmament agreement is offered." The view was accordingly expressed in Washington that

a three-power agreement and possibly a four-power agreement will eventuate from the London conference. In a dispatch to the New York "Herald Tribune" the point was made that the French memorandum "strikes another blow at the plan to abolish submarines." A question debated even more seriously in Washington, the dispatch said, was whether the memorandum might not make the British Admiralty averse to accepting a low cruiser tonnage. "But the severest blow from the viewpoint of American policy," it was added, "probably comes from the French refusal to recognize the Kellogg-Briand pact as a sufficient guarantee of national security to form the basis for a naval arms reduction agreement." It was emphasized in several reports that hopeful views still prevailed in some official quarters in Washington. "But it is evident that the more general view here is that France by its preliminary memorandum has taken itself out of consideration as a signatory of a disarmament treaty at London," a report of last Saturday to the New York "Times" said.

Other capitals also discussed the French memorandum with keen interest, but the views were generally more optimistic than those expressed in Washington. "British statesmen rather welcome Paris' frank statement of her position," a London dispatch of last Saturday to the New York "Times" reported. "They think it has helped the situation rather than hurt it, since it was inevitable, sooner or later, that the French would make their attitude known." In London the French note was taken to mean that France is ready to accept limitation on the basis of her naval program, but wishes further political arrangements before agreeing to any radical reductions. There was no inclination, on the other hand, to hide the fact that the French position will complicate the work of the London conference and lessen the chances of large reduction because of Britain's desire to maintain a safe situation in the Mediterranean. Tokio reports indicated that Japanese officials were inclined after study of the French memorandum to take a graver view of the London conference prospects. "The French document creates the feeling that France is not greatly concerned to achieve success," a special cable of Dec. 28 to the New York "Times" said. Comment in Rome was restricted to official circles, as no Italian newspapers discussed the French note. Official quarters viewed the French position with equanimity, according to a Rome dispatch of last Saturday to the New York "Times," since it appeared to coincide with the main foundations of the Italian policy.

Among the results of the French statement of policy was an immediate increase of interest in the London conference at Madrid. Premier Primo de Rivera announced last Saturday that he was discussing the Spanish position with the Foreign Secretary, "with regard to the disarmament conference and the problem of the Mediterranean, in which it is believed Spain has the duty to interfere on the preliminary plan because of her geography and history." A further announcement made Tuesday was to the effect that the Madrid Government had handed a naval note to Foreign Minister Briand of France through Ambassador de Leon at Paris. The note demanded, Madrid dispatches said, that any parleys on a "Mediterranean Locarno" include Spain, and requested an exposition by the powers of their attitude toward Spanish participation. Geneva

reports early this week indicated that the League of Nations expects an invitation from the powers to send an "observer" to the London conference. This expectation was strengthened by the French memorandum. "The fact that such an invitation, which the British gave Geneva to understand in September that they would issue, has not already been received," a dispatch to the New York "Times" said, "is attributed to Prime Minister MacDonald's having since become anxious lest even this tenuous link with the League ruffle the American delegation."

Preliminary discussions among the various governments were continued this week in the hope of smoothing out some of the points of difference. Important conversations to this end were begun late last week in Paris between Premier Tardieu and Ambassador Walter E. Edge. In explaining the French standpoint, M. Tardieu was understood to have spoken at these meetings in the same frank way and in the same vein in which the memorandum was written. "Aside from what the talks may bring forth," a Paris special to the New York "Times" said, "there can be no doubt that they were inspired by the disquieting reaction in Washington to the French memorandum." It was indicated in Paris Monday that Premier Tardieu will probably hold a conference with Secretary of State Stimson before the opening of the London meeting. A meeting preliminary to the formal parley also has been arranged between Prime Minister MacDonald and M. Tardieu. Discussions have been started in London, meantime, between British representatives and the Japanese delegates, who arrived in the British capital Dec. 27. In a formal statement issued in Rome Sunday, Dino Grandi, Italian Foreign Minister, reiterated Italian readiness to "reduce armaments to the minimum, provided other countries are ready to do the same."

A further stage in the complex and intricate international negotiations for placing the Young plan of German reparations payments in effect was reached last evening, when representatives of 13 governments and an informal delegation from the United States gathered at The Hague for the second time to consider adoption of the new plan. The first Hague conference lasted throughout the month of August 1929, and it revealed numerous differences among the governments of which the most important was the schism between the British and French representatives occasioned by Chancellor Snowden's demand for an increased share of unconditional annuities. Adjustment of this matter proved enormously difficult, and it took up most of the first Hague session. The diplomats, unable to elaborate the working sections of the plan, adjourned at the end of August after appointing several sub-committees to complete the work of the Paris experts. The delegates who assembled last night will consider the reports of the five important sub-committees, which will be presented in the form of a jurists' committee report, combining all the other reports and constituting the international legal form of the Young plan for adoption of the interested governments. If the document is accepted by the various delegations, it will be referred back to the several governments for parliamentary ratification and will be placed in effect immediately after it has been thus approved.

Although a number of difficulties still face the delegations at The Hague, the course of the confer-

ence will probably be smoothed by the long series of private discussions among the governments that have been in progress since the first Hague adjournment. Recent reports have indicated that the governments are in substantial agreement on the allocation of unconditional annuities. Of the differences still outstanding, the most important appears to be that of the application of sanctions in the event of failure by Germany to make the scheduled payments. Premier Andre Tardieu of France is pledged to insist on sanctions, while the Germans have indicated plainly that they regard the sanctions permitted under the Treaty of Versailles as no longer a part of their reparations policy. A second important point of possible dissension is believed to center around the problem of reparations payments by non-German defeated States. The current Hague conference will probably be a short one, as the Ministers are scheduled to attend several other important conferences later this month. The British delegation is again headed by Chancellor Philip Snowden. France sent a delegation of 56 experts, headed by Premier Tardieu and Foreign Minister Aristide Briand. The list of German representatives is headed by Dr. Julius Curtius, Minister for Foreign Affairs, and Dr. Joseph Wirth, Minister for Occupied Territories. Belgian delegates will be headed by Premier Henri Jaspar; the Italians by Foreign Minister Dino Grandi, and the Japanese by ranking European ambassadors. Chancellor Johann Schober will be present for Austria; Count Stephen Bethlen for Hungary, and Foreign Minister Marinkovitch for Yugoslavia. Edwin C. Wilson, First Secretary of the American Embassy at Paris, will serve as unofficial observer for the United States.

Payment by Germany of American claims arising out of the World War will be made directly to the United States Government under the terms of a special agreement concluded at Berlin last Saturday after several months of negotiations. Signatures were attached to the document by Dr. Erwin Ritter of the German Foreign Office, and Edwin C. Wilson, First Secretary of the American Embassy in Paris, but the agreement will require the approval of the United States Congress, to which it is now to be submitted. Proposals for the agreement are understood to have been made by the United States Government in accordance with its frequently expressed desire to remain aloof from European concerns such as reparations. Under the scheme now elaborated Germany will pay the annuities allocated to the United States without utilizing the medium of the Bank for International Settlements, which is an integral part of the Young plan of reparations payments signed at Paris June 7 1929. The agreement, however, will go into force on the same date that effect is given the arrangement by the Reich with other creditor powers under the Young Plan.

The payments by Germany will be used to liquidate two categories of American claims: those awarded by the German-American Mixed Claims Commission, and the United States Government's claim for army of occupation costs in arrears. Treasury records show, according to a Washington report to the New York "Herald Tribune," that on Sept. 1 these claims were considered to amount to \$256,656,213 on mixed claims account, and \$193,936,765 on army of occupation costs, or a total of \$450,592,978. Mixed claims are to be paid in full,

but the army costs will be reduced approximately 10%, while the period of payments will be prolonged. This arrangement was discussed at a White House conference on May 19 last between President Hoover and members of his Cabinet, and the majority and minority leaders of both houses of Congress. At that time the Experts' Conference in Paris was re-arranging the scale of German reparations payments and the United States Government agreed to a proportionate reduction of its claims.

Announcement that the agreement had been reached was made both in Berlin and in Washington last Saturday. The Berlin statement indicated that the form of the agreement is closely similar to that of the debt funding agreements existing between the United States and other powers. The priority of the Dawes loan of 1924 is maintained. Formal execution of the agreement, it was pointed out, will take place only after the Reichstag and Congress give their consent. The Berlin statement added that since Germany, under the Young plan, is not the debtor of the individual powers but of the community of powers, the agreement will have to be taken into consideration at The Hague conference in the sense that the American annuities are to be eliminated. "The two governments are in accord as to the form and terms of such an agreement," the Washington statement said, "but it cannot be definitely concluded until the executive branch of the Government has been so authorized by the Congress. The purpose of the negotiations was to enable the executive branch of the Government to submit to the Congress in definite form an agreement acceptable to the German Government, so that the Congress, before granting the necessary authority, would have before it the form of the agreement. The schedule of payments conforms to the annuities proposed by the Young committee for the United States. From each of the annuities to be received 40,800,000 reichsmarks are to be allocated to the satisfaction of mixed claims and the balance to the satisfaction of our Government's claims on account of army costs. This is substantially in accord with the program outlined at the White House conference of May 9 1929, which was attended by a number of the leaders of both houses of Congress.

Several important financial measures were voted by the French Parliament Monday with the avowed aim of enhancing the position and prestige of France in international financial dealings. The most important of the measures approved by the Chamber of Deputies provides for reduction of the stamp tax on the sale of foreign securities in France from 4% of the principal to 2%. It was noted in a Paris dispatch of Dec. 30 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" that this step is intended to facilitate the creation of a market in Paris for foreign bonds. The large stamp tax previously in force had virtually closed the French market to foreign loans. The heavy impost of 2% still required leaves a considerable impediment in the way of any extended flotations of foreign securities in France, according to bankers in New York, but it is thought that some foreign financing may now be done there because of the low interest rates prevalent in Paris. The proposal to reduce or do away with the tax on foreign loans was under discussion in Paris for several months, with Ministers of Finance Henri Cheron and M. Moreau, Governor of the Bank of France,

strongly in favor of the move. A second step voted by the Chamber of Deputies with the aim of reducing the costs of financial dealings in France consists of a reduction in the transfer tax upon securities from 50 centimes per cent. to 40 centimes per cent. This tax is based upon the average market price for the preceding year. The financial reform measures include also the elimination of income taxes upon the interest of future departmental, municipal and colonial loans, while the tax on foreign exchange operations also is abolished. The latter measure, it is believed, will encourage foreign acceptance financing in Paris, a bank having recently been organized for this purpose by leading French financiers.

Heavily increased duties on importations of foreign cars into France are contemplated by the Paris Government, threatening to reopen once again the protracted discussions on tariff matters that have been prominent in diplomatic relations between France and the United States in recent years. The reported projects are aimed at all foreign cars and trucks, dispatches say, but since American cars constitute the only important importations, the measures appear to be aimed at the American product particularly. "The situation is an alarming one for Americans, and the whole question has been brought to the urgent attention of the Embassy here," a report of last Saturday to the New York "Times" said. The current developments are considered the outcome of long urging by French automobile manufacturers that the French Government increase the duties on foreign cars. Although American sales form only a small portion of the total sales of cars and trucks in France, they are steadily increasing and have become a source of irritation to the French makers. "What Americans here fear," the "Times" dispatch said, "is that the project of the new laws now being circulated among members of the Chamber is the beginning of a movement to drive them from the market, for, if reliable reports prove correct, the Government plans contemplate two laws. The first would raise the duty on parts for assembly and replacement to three times the previous rates, or 125% of the value of the product. The second measure, which is understood to be in the hands of the printer, would raise the duty on completed cars from the present 45% ad valorem to about 90%."

Further reports on the matter indicated this week that Ambassador Edge has called the attention of the French Government officials to the grave fears expressed by American automobile representatives in Paris in regard to the plans for almost prohibitive tariff schedules on foreign cars. Several conferences were held among American automobile representatives in Paris and plans were discussed for combating the reported step by the Paris Government. It was recalled that European producers have recently revived their movement of several years ago for restriction of American imports. This movement never progressed beyond the stage of conversation, but another meeting is scheduled for Jan. 15 next, at Prague. In French automobile circles, existing and increased tariffs were defended upon the ground of national industrial preservation. French motor car tariffs are admittedly high, but so are American ones, it was pointed out, and it was emphasized that fewer than 1,000 foreign cars are

sold in the United States each year. "With an important national motor car industry to protect," a Paris dispatch to the New York "Times" reported, "the French hold that the tariff must be considered only a means to stem the tide of foreign importations." Current sales of American cars in France are understood to approximate 22,000 cars a year, most of them being assembled in European plants from parts of American manufacture.

Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, American Ambassador to Germany, announced officially in Berlin late last week that he had resigned his post, thus confirming long current rumors of this impending step. Although Ambassador Schurman's resignation had been generally expected ever since the Presidential elections in the United States, his statement was received with genuine regret by the German public and officials of the Reich Government. He assumed his post in June 1925, as the successor to Alanson B. Houghton, who was the first American Ambassador to Germany after the World War. In a Berlin report of Dec. 27, it was stated that the "German press, without exception, makes a cordial acknowledgment of Dr. Schurman's services in behalf of a better understanding between the United States and Germany, citing the widespread esteem and confidence in which he is held in German official and social circles." President Hoover took action last Saturday to fill this important post in the diplomatic service, naming Senator Frederic Moseley Sackett of Kentucky as his choice to succeed Dr. Schurman. Senator Sackett is an intimate friend of President Hoover and served in his Food Administration organization during the World War. He is on the point of completing his firm term in the Senate, which he entered after a distinguished business career. The German Government informed President Hoover, Monday, that Senator Sackett will be persona grata as American Ambassador to Berlin.

A cabinet crisis in Poland of more than three weeks' duration was ended last Sunday with the formation of a new government by Casimir Bartel, to take the place of the Switalski regime. The resignation of former Premier Switalski was occasioned Dec. 6 1929 by a conflict in the Polish Diet, or Sejm, between the forces of the Dictator, Marshal Joseph Pilsudski and the united Opposition parties. Although the opposition groups have gained strength in the last year or two, Poland is still dominated by Marshal Pilsudski and his famous group of Colonels. President Moscicki, who also is an adherent of M. Pilsudski, held numerous consultations with the military leader during December, and finally issued a decree on Dec. 21 nominating M. Bartel as Premier to form a new government. The list of Ministers, completed last Sunday, shows only minor changes beside that of the Premier himself. Four new Ministers are named and these represent concessions to the Opposition parties, but the Colonels group is favored in turn by a rearrangement of portfolios and by the retention of Colonel Prystol as Minister of Labor.

Marshal Pilsudski remains the virtual head of the government, according to a dispatch of Jan. 1 from Warsaw to the New York "Times." "The real difficulty with his dictatorship," the dispatch continued, "is that he refuses to be the real dictator. He tries to work within the constitutional frame-

work, which permits the Opposition to block him quite seriously. Parliament made use of its constitutional rights and threw out the Colonels' Cabinet, but could do nothing more. The Marshal, who holds the real power, produced another Cabinet, which is as much Pilsudski's as former Premier Switalski's. The methods have changed; the system remains unaltered. The Opposition, in overthrowing the Switalski Government, aimed a deadly blow at the present regime, but did not succeed in effecting a Parliamentary form of government. So the Opposition can claim only a partial victory." The list of new Ministers follows:

Prime Minister—CASIMIR BARTEL.
Foreign Affairs—AUGUST ZALESKI.
Interior—HENRY JOZEFSKI.
War—Marshal JOSEPH PILSUDSKI.
Finance—Colonel IGNAZ MATUSZEWSKI.
Justice—FELIX DUTKIEWICZ.
Education—ADOLF CZERWINSKI.
Communications—ALFONSO KUHN.
Commerce and Industry—EUGENE KWAITKOWSKI.
Agriculture—WIKTOR LESNEWSKI.
Public Works—MAX MATAKIEWICZ.
Labor—Colonel ALEKSANDER PRYSTOL.
Agrarian Reforms—W. STANIEWICZ.
Posts—Colonel IGNAZ BOERNER.

Changes of considerable importance in the plan of government of the Spanish Dictator, General Primo de Rivera, are about to be inaugurated, according to press dispatches from Madrid. Much comment was caused in the Spanish capital last Sunday by an article in the Madrid newspaper "A. B. C.," in which General de Rivera declared that his dictatorship begins to show signs of decay and that it will be necessary during 1930 to replace it by some other regime which would act as a connecting link between the dictatorship and the future government. It was held in some reports that Premier de Rivera was about to resign as the result of a political crisis. All such rumors were denied by General de Rivera Thursday when interviewed by a group of newspaper men. He announced, however, that King Alfonso had approved a "political plan" looking toward reorganization of the Patriotic Union and that later on another plan would be submitted for a national government, presumably to replace the present dictatorship. Provincial and municipal elections are to be held throughout Spain in February and subsequent months, the Premier said, and the Assembly will at the same time hold plenary sessions during the months it will still have of legal life. "When it is possible to estimate the situation of the country through the work of the Assembly and through the renewal of the fourth part of the Municipal Councils and the Provincial legislatures, the Government will submit to the King another plan calling for either organism suitable to the situation," the Premier explained. "The plan just approved by the King will be in force until June or July. As to the persons affected, there will be no changes for the present."

Prominence was given at a Nationalist Congress in Lahore this week to vague stirrings in India toward nationalism and completely independent statehood along the lines of Western nations. Similar movements have characterized much of the Orient since the World War and its accompanying propaganda first impressed upon Eastern peoples the right of every capable nation to a government of its own choice. It was known in London for some months that the Lahore Congress, which lasted from

Dec. 29 to Jan. 1, would demand either complete independence or at least dominion status. In order to reassure Indian leaders, the Labor Government issued a statement last fall in which it was declared that dominion status of India was the ultimate aim of the London Government. Leading figures in India, such as Mahatma Gandhi and Pundit Nehru, made clear in December that they would be content with dominion status only if it were granted immediately, failing which they would declare for complete independence.

In preliminary meetings at Lahore on Dec. 27 resolutions to this effect were passed, and as immediate dominion status was obviously not forthcoming, independent statehood was made the aim of the Congress. This ideal was accordingly placed before the Congress at its opening, and after a day of debate it was accepted on Dec. 30 by an overwhelming majority. Although the Congress is genuinely representative of only a small portion of India, its influence is great because of the hold on the popular imagination possessed by such leaders as Mahatma Gandhi. A working committee organized by the Congress is to continue deliberations on steps for enforcing the demand for freedom. "Civil disobedience" or the complete abstention of Indian Nationalists from compliance with British government and laws, while refraining from payment of taxes, is considered the probable present resource of the Nationalist movement. If actually instituted, such a campaign will prove exceedingly embarrassing to the Labor Government in England, even though it is considered that the present forces in India are well able to cope with any situation that may arise.

Efforts to hasten the abrogation of extraterritorial privileges of foreign nationals in China were made by the Nanking Nationalist Government on Jan. 1, in accordance with the much discussed plan of Nanking for prompt abolition of such rights. The privileges have been the subject of negotiations between China and the various world powers for the past year, and the powers generally have conceded that gradual relinquishment of extraterritoriality would take place as Chinese courts and the Chinese legal system are modernized. Chinese prestige appeared to require, however, that an attempt be made to end the privileges outright on Jan. 1 in accordance with the prospect long held out by the Nanking Government to the Chinese people. Accordingly, a "mandate" was issued in Chinese treaty ports on Dec. 28 1929 stating that all foreign nationals, beginning Jan. 1, "must abide by all laws, regulations and orders duly promulgated by either central or local authorities." The Nationalist Government promised to "assume full responsibility for the protection of life and property and other legitimate interests of all foreigners in China." This version of the "mandate" was supplied by the Kuomin, the official Nationalist news agency. The official text of the mandate, as published in Washington and other capitals, Dec. 30, added the significant paragraph that "The executive Yuan and the judicial Yuan are hereby ordered to instruct the Ministries concerned to prepare as soon as possible a plan for the execution of this mandate and submit it to the legislative Yuan for examination and deliberation, with a view to its promulgation and enforcement." In a Washington report of Jan. 2 to the Associated

Press, Secretary of State Stimson was quoted as saying that study of this document showed the Chinese Government to be in accord with the American position on abolition of extraterritoriality.

The Bank of Belgium on Dec. 31 reduced its rate of discount from 4½%, the figure in effect since Nov. 14, to 3½%. The Riksbank on Jan. 1 reduced to 4½%, according to previous announcement. Otherwise there have been no changes this week in the discount rates of any of the European central banks. Rates continue at 7½% in Austria; at 7% in Germany and Italy; at 5½% in Spain; at 5% in England, Norway, and Denmark; at 4½% in Holland and Sweden, and at 3½% in France and Switzerland. In the London open market discounts for short bills yesterday were 4¼@4 5/16% against 4⅞% on Friday of last week, and 4⅜% for long bills against 4 11/16% the previous Friday. Money on call in London yesterday was 3¼%. At Paris open market remain at 3½%, and in Switzerland at 3 3/16%.

The Bank of England statement for the week ended Dec. 31 shows the large increase of £40,982,359 in other deposits of which £39,248,495 was to the account of bankers and £1,733,864 to other accounts. The marked rise in the first item presumably reflects the end of the year settlements. To the same cause may be attributed the increase of £19,870,526 in discounts and advances. This last item together with securities, which rose £278,383 makes up loans on other securities, in which an increase of £20,148,909 appears. Loans on government securities expanded £14,535,000 and public deposits £3,521,000. Bank deposits now total £110,297,026 in comparison with £71,048,531 last week and as against £64,016,000 a year ago. Discounts and advances now aggregate £42,170,602, last week the figure was £22,300,076 and last year £47,745,000. Circulation contracted £9,791,000 and this together with a gain of £88,159 in bullion brought about an increase of £9,879,000 in reserves. The reserve ratio of 22.68% compares with 22.80% last week and 24.24% a year ago. No change was announced in the 5% discount rate. Below we furnish a comparison of the various items for the past five years:

BANK OF ENGLAND'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	1929.		1928.		1927.		1926.	
	Dec. 31.	Jan. 2.	Jan. 4.	Jan. 5.	Jan. 5.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 6.	Jan. 6.
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Circulation	369,782,000	378,294,000	137,728,370	139,803,280	143,406,685			
Public deposits	12,350,000	22,336,000	13,617,917	11,526,613	12,002,444			
Other deposits	147,819,829	122,047,000	142,730,261	141,057,054	124,829,091			
Bankers accounts	110,297,026	64,016,000						
Other accounts	37,522,803	38,030,000						
Govt. securities	81,658,855	62,636,000	48,293,992	36,097,634	46,362,526			
Other securities	60,184,105	64,706,000	91,716,288	103,203,152	87,461,097			
Disct. & advances	42,170,602	47,745,000						
Securities	18,013,503	16,962,000						
Reserve notes & coin	36,332,000	35,034,000	34,324,877	31,327,357	21,016,510			
Coin and bullion	146,115,746	153,329,533	152,303,247	151,380,637	144,673,195			
Proportion of reserve to liabilities	22.68%	24.24%	21.95%	20.53%	15¾%			
Bank rate	5%	4¾%	4¾%	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.

In its statement for the week ended Dec. 28, the Bank of France reports an increase of 280,753,619 francs in gold holdings. Total of gold now stands at 41,668,420,261 francs, as compared with 31,977,034,230 francs in the corresponding week last year. Credit balances abroad and bills bought abroad show decreases of 42,000,000 francs and 78,000,000 francs respectively. A large increase is shown in French commercial bills discounted, namely 1,367,000,000

francs. A large gain also appears in note circulation, namely 1,421,000,000 francs. Due to this gain, the total of notes outstanding now amount to 68,570,168,395 francs, which compares with 63,915,978,770 francs in the corresponding week last year. Advances against securities record a decline of 22,000,000 francs, while creditor current accounts reveal a gain of 266,000,000 francs. A comparison of the various items of the Bank's return for the past two weeks and also for the corresponding week last year is shown below:

BANK OF FRANCE'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.		Status as of	
	Dec. 28 1929.	Dec. 21 1929.	Dec. 28 1929.	Dec. 29 1928.
	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.	Francs.
Gold holdings	280,753,619	41,668,420,261	41,387,666,642	31,977,034,230
Credit bals. abr'd	42,000,000	7,248,641,236	7,290,641,236	13,510,491,654
French commercial bills discounted	1,367,000,000	8,577,057,108	7,210,057,108	1,911,962,980
Bills bought abr'd	78,000,000	18,071,199,824	18,149,199,824	19,139,647,967
Adv. agt. securs.	22,000,000	2,521,886,719	2,543,886,719	2,223,117,669
Note circulation	1,421,000,000	68,570,168,395	67,149,168,395	63,915,978,770
Cred. curr. accts	266,900,000	19,588,210,547	19,322,210,547	19,231,290,708

The Bank of Germany in its statement for the fourth week of December shows an increase of 18,452,000 marks, in gold and bullion. This increase raises the total of the item to 2,283,116,000 marks, as compared with 2,729,331,000 marks last year and 1,864,643,000 marks two years ago. Reserves in foreign currency reveal a loss of 2,150,000 marks, while deposits abroad remain unchanged. Due to an increase in bills of exchange and checks of 657,933,000 marks during the week, the item now aggregates 3,226,643,000 marks. Notes in circulation record an increase of 464,630,000 marks, bringing the total of the item up to 5,043,677,000 marks, which compares with 4,930,069,000 marks of the corresponding week last year. A decrease appears in silver and other coin of 7,747,000 marks, in notes on other German banks of 10,761,000 marks, in other assets of 40,156,000 marks, and in investments of 89,000 marks. Advances and other daily maturing obligations record increases of 152,649,000 marks and 306,816,000 marks, while other liabilities declined 3,315,000 marks. Below we furnish a comparison of the Bank's items for the past three years:

REICHSBANK'S COMPARATIVE STATEMENT.

	Changes for Week.			
	Dec. 31 1929.	Dec. 31 1928.	Dec. 31 1927.	Dec. 31 1926.
	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.	Reichsmarks.
Assets—				
Gold and bullion	18,452,000	2,283,116,000	2,729,331,000	1,864,643,000
Of which depos. abr'd	Unchanged	149,788,000	85,626,000	81,437,000
Res've for'n curr.	2,150,000	403,227,000	155,273,000	281,986,000
Bills of exch. & checks	657,933,000	3,226,643,000	2,678,447,000	3,128,656,000
Silver and other coin	7,747,000	89,111,000	81,766,000	42,727,000
Notes on oth. Ger. bks	10,761,000	3,979,000	8,151,000	5,250,000
Advances	152,649,000	204,648,000	176,909,000	78,320,000
Investments	89,000	92,469,000	92,299,000	93,431,000
Other assets	40,156,000	563,167,000	530,015,000	499,248,000
Liabilities—				
Notes in circulation	464,630,000	5,043,677,000	4,930,069,000	4,564,047,000
Oth. daily mat. oblig.	306,816,000	755,170,000	816,051,000	779,113,000
Other liabilities	3,315,000	193,209,000	298,238,000	284,920,000

An easier tendency in money rates, traditional after the turn of the year, was displayed this week in the New York money market. Although dividend and interest payments were exceptionally heavy at the year-end just passed, call loan rates remained relatively moderate. The official figure for demand loans on the Stock Exchange was 6% for all transactions Monday, Tuesday and Thursday. With funds available in increasing volume yesterday, call loans fell from the opening figure of 6% to 5% for new business. In contrast with these figures, call loans at the end of 1928 soared to 12%. Withdrawals by the banks, Monday, aggregated \$50,000,000, but this development marked the termination of the period of stringency. Funds were available Tuesday and Thursday at 5½% in the unofficial "outside" mar-

ket, while such offerings were made yesterday at 4½%. Time loans were arranged throughout the week at the unchanged figures of 4¾@5%. That the tendency of money rates throughout the world is still downward was indicated Tuesday by a reduction in the discount rate of the Belgian central bank from 4½% to 3½%. An advance of \$96,000,000 in brokers' loans against stock and bond collateral was reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York for the week ended Wednesday night. Gold movements through the port of New York, reported for the same period, consisted of exports of \$11,255,000, and imports of \$99,000. The stock of gold held earmarked for foreign account increased \$2,000,000 in the week ended Wednesday. The practice of reporting gold movements daily was inaugurated Thursday by the Federal Reserve Bank, but no movements occurred on that day. The bank reported exports of \$8,500,000 yesterday.

Dealing in detail with the call loan rates on the Stock Exchange from day to day, all loans on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday (Wednesday was New Year's Day and a holiday) were at 6%, including renewals. On Friday, however, after renewals had again been effected at 6%, there was a decline in the rate for new loans to 5%. In time money there has been little or not activity, and quoted rates have remained unchanged at 4¾@5% for all dates. For commercial paper in the open market there has been a good demand, but business has been restricted owing to the limited offerings. 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%, with New England mill paper also quoted at 5¼%.

The market for prime bankers' acceptances was active the present week at unchanged discounts until Thursday, when the rate was reduced ⅛% for 30, 60 and 90 days in both the bid and the asked columns. The Federal Reserve Banks further increased their holdings of acceptances during the week from \$354,943,000 to \$392,209,000. Their holdings of acceptances for foreign correspondents also were further increased, rising from \$540,863,000 to \$547,962,000. Directly and indirectly, therefore, the Reserve Banks have become the market for over \$940,000,000 of acceptances—in exact figures \$940,171,000. The posted rates of the American Acceptance Council are now 4% bid and 3⅞% asked for bills running 30 days, and also for 60 and 90 days; 4⅛% bid and 4% asked for 120 days, and 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 have also been reduced and are now as follows:

		SPOT DELIVERY.					
		—180 Days—		—150 Days—		—120 Days—	
		Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligib. bills	-----	4¼	4½	4¼	4½	4¼	4½
		—90 Days—		—60 Days—		—30 Days—	
		Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.	Bid.	Asked.
Prime eligible bills	-----	4	3¾	4	3¾	4	3¾

FOR DELIVERY WITHIN THIRTY DAYS.

Eligible member banks	-----	4¼ bid
Eligible non-member banks	-----	4¼ bid

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

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

Federal Reserve Bank.	Rate in Effect on Jan. 3.	Date Established.	Previous Rate.
Boston	4¼	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	4½	Dec. 20 1929	5
Dallas	5	Mar. 2 1929	4½
San Francisco	4½	Dec. 6 1929	5

Sterling exchange was in some demand during the early part of the week as a result of final year-end transfers, but fell sharply in Thursday's and Friday's market. The lowest quotation for the week, however, 4.87 17-32 for cable transfers, represents a rather firm sterling market for this season, when it is considered that par of exchange is 4.8665. The range this week has been from 4.87 1-32 to 4.87 7/8 for bankers' sight, compared with 4.87 1/4 to 4.87 15-16 last week. The range for cable transfers has been from 4.87 17-32 to 4.88 5-16, compared with 4.88 5-32 to 4.88 5-16 a week ago. For several months to come sterling should be seasonally firm with relation to the dollar. Aside from this, however, the tone of sterling is presently satisfactory from the English point of view because of the improvement in the London gold situation. The gradual softening of money rates throughout Europe and the more normal course of money in New York are influences affecting the market broadly in a way to improve the action of foreign exchange for some months, certainly until toward the autumn of 1930, when, owing to seasonal factors, exchange should again turn against London and the Continent in favor of New York. The London money market displayed unusually early January ease, with the expectation of further gold arrivals of about £6,000,000 in the next few weeks.

Although present rates of exchange on London must be considered firm and even high, and despite the fact that seasonal factors are now expected to give a firm tone to sterling, lower quotations are expected to develop presently as a result of the general easing in money rates. Bankers believe that the Bank of England will soon make another reduction in its discount rate, which would naturally cause an easing in sterling. However, this tendency would to some extent be counteracted by normal seasonal strength of London funds and by the decidedly easier tone in money here which is to be expected in the next three months. This week the Bank of England showed an increase in gold holdings of £88,159, the total standing at £146,115,746, which compares with £153,329,533 a year ago. Gold holdings are now only £7,250,000 less than in the first statement of 1929 and only a little less than £4,000,000 under the Cunliffe minimum of £150,000,000. It is expected that this figure will be reached at some time during January and that thereafter it will be the policy of the Bank of England to maintain the Cunliffe minimum as far as practicable.

On Saturday the Bank of England sold £314,956 in gold bars, received £298,626 in sovereigns from abroad, exported £2,000 in sovereigns and bought £17 in foreign gold coin. On Monday the Bank sold £188,522 and bought £3,990 in gold bars, received £197,240 in sovereigns from abroad, and exported £2,000 in sovereigns. On Tuesday the Bank

bought £576,304 in gold bars, received £24,875 in sovereigns from abroad, and set aside £250,000 in sovereigns. On Thursday the Bank exported £2,000 in sovereigns and sold £12,011 in gold bars. On Friday it received £922,011 from abroad and released £250,000 in sovereigns, bought £5,123 in foreign gold coin and £4,742 in gold bars. Next week £500,000 in sovereigns and £746,000 in gold bars will be available at London and the following week £907,000, the greater part of which is expected to go into the Bank of England.

At the Port of New York the gold movement for the week Dec. 26-Dec. 31 inclusive, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, consisted of imports of \$99,000 from Latin America. Exports totaled \$11,255,000, shipped to France. There was an increase of \$2,000,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. In tabular form the gold movement at the Port of New York for the week ended Dec. 31, as reported by the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, was as follows:

GOLD MOVEMENT AT NEW YORK, DEC. 26-DEC. 31, INCLUSIVE

<i>Imports.</i>	<i>Exports.</i>
\$99,000 chiefly from Latin America	\$11,255,000 to France
\$99,000 total	\$11,255,000 total

Net Change in Gold Earmarked for foreign Account.
Increase \$2,000,000

In addition to the foregoing the Federal Reserve Bank has also reported the gold movements for Thursday and Friday separately and will hereafter supply these daily reports regularly. On Thursday there were no imports and no withdrawals, with no change in the amount of gold earmarked. On Friday there were no receipts of the metal, but a withdrawal of \$8,500,000 for shipment to France, with no change in the amount of gold earmarked.

Canadian exchange continues at a discount. Bankers do not expect any material improvement in the Canadian rate in the month immediately ahead, for while Canadian banks have greatly reduced their short term loans in the New York market since October, there is evidence that Canadian money is again seeking investment in this center although credit is in demand throughout the Dominion. Meanwhile the disproportionate trade balance of Canada with respect to the United States continues to increase and bankers seem to be of the opinion that even were Canada to ship gold to New York the discount on Montreal funds could not be materially corrected.

Referring to day-to-day rates sterling exchange on Saturday last was firm in a quiet market. Bankers' sight was 4.87½@4.87¾; cable transfers 4.88⅛@4.88 3-16. On Monday an easier tone developed. The range was 4.87⅝@4.87⅞ for bankers' sight and 4.88@4.88 5-16 for cable transfers. On Tuesday the market was dull but firm. The range was 4.87 7-16@4.87¾ for bankers' sight and 4.88 3-32@4.88 3-16 for cable transfers. On Wednesday, New Year's, there was no market. On Thursday sterling developed a decidedly easier tone. The range was 4.87 5-16@4.87¾ for bankers' sight and 4.87¾@4.88 for cable transfers. On Friday the market was still easier, the range was 4.87 1-32@4.87⅝ for bankers' sight and 4.87 17-32@4.87⅝ for cable transfers. Closing quotations on Friday were 4.87¼ for demand and 4.87⅝ for cable transfers. Commercial sight bills finished at 4.87, sixty-day bills at 4.83¼, ninety-day bills at 4.81½, documents for payment (60 days) at 4.83¼,

and seven-day grain bills at 4.86 5-16. Cotton and grain for payment closed at 4.87.

The Continental exchanges have been dull and following the completion of year-end operations are inclined to ease. Further ease is expected until the beginning of tourist traffic. Foreign exchange quotations are relative, however, and while rates may drop from recent high figures, they will nevertheless be maintained at levels proportionate to normal parity with the dollar. Money rates continue to work easier at the Continental centers. It is interesting to note that on Tuesday the Bank of Belgium reduced its rate of re-discount 1% to 3½%. As a natural consequence, there was a slight sagging in the rate for belgas, but the movement was only a part of the general trend of the Continental exchanges. French francs are in the strongest position of all the Continentals and the Bank of France continues to increase its gold holdings as the tide of money keeps sweeping into Paris, compelling the French bankers to take on gold which they sell to the Bank of France and which the Bank is compelled by statute to buy. As noted above in the remarks on sterling, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York reported gold shipments to France totaling \$19,755,000 since Dec. 26. This week the Bank of France shows an increase in gold holdings of 280,753,619 francs, bringing the total as of Dec. 27 to 41,668,000,000 francs, which compares with 31,977,000,000 francs at the end of 1928. Bankers assert that the Bank of France is not intervening in any way on the exchange market and that it grants no special facilities to private banks importing gold, but confines itself to buying at the current rate such gold as is offered, which, as stated above, it is bound to do by statute. The Bank's only means of actually preventing gold imports would be to purchase foreign exchange on the market in sufficient quantities to arrest the rise of franc exchange before the gold point should be reached. It did this during the period of de facto stabilization preceding legal stabilization, but since the latter action the Bank's policy has tended toward reducing foreign exchange reserves, which public opinion in Paris considers to be excessive. The Bank would certainly be blamed if it increased them. Under the circumstances it is obviously powerless to arrest the gold influx. The movement could be stopped if French investors were to purchase foreign securities in large quantities and measures have already been taken in France to facilitate the placing of such securities in Paris by reduction of the tax on income derived from them. But time must elapse before the effect of this measure is fully felt.

German marks, while off from the highs recorded in recent weeks, are firm. As a result of the changed international money conditions in the last quarter, German interests are looking toward the United States for increased working capital. The extension of such credits to Germany and Central Europe is expected to give firmness to the undertone of mark exchange. While German borrowing on this side could be easily increased, it is not expected to reach the proportions of a few years ago as there are not wanting signs that home capital in Germany is increasing rapidly. The demands for credit are so insistent that money rates in Germany, though easier than they were, are much higher than in the other important Continental centers and must doubtless prove attractive to American and other funds for a

long time to come. Money rates in Germany are expected to ease off, however, from the present exceedingly high ranges, and bankers there anticipate a reduction in the Reichsbank's rate of rediscount.

The London check rate on Paris closed at 123.95 on Friday of this week, against 123.85 on Friday of last week. In New York sight bills on the French centre finished at 3.93 3-16, against 3.93 $\frac{7}{8}$ on Friday a week ago; cable transfers at 3.93 7-16, against 3.94 $\frac{1}{8}$, and commercial sight bills at 3.92 $\frac{7}{8}$, against 3.93 $\frac{5}{8}$. Antwerp belgas finished at 13.97 for checks and at 13.98 for cable transfers, against 14.00 and 14.01. Final quotations for Berlin marks were 23.85 $\frac{1}{2}$ for checks and 23.86 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 23.93 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 23.94 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week earlier. Italian lire closed at 5.23 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and at 5.23 $\frac{1}{2}$ 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 $\frac{3}{4}$, against 2.97; on Bucharest at 0.60 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 0.60 $\frac{1}{2}$; on Poland at 11.25, against 11.25; and on Finland at 2.52, against 2.52. Greek exchange closed at 1.30 $\frac{1}{4}$ and at 1.30 $\frac{1}{2}$ for cable transfers, against 1.30 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 1.30 $\frac{1}{2}$.

The exchanges on the countries neutral during the war have moved in lines parallel with sterling and the major Continental units and from the same seasonal set of influences. While off from last week, they are firm. Exchange on Amsterdam shows proportionately a greater drop, but this is due largely to the fact that aside from events normal to exchange at the beginning of January the Dutch bankers are sending surplus and short term funds to London, New York, and the German centers. Spanish pesetas have been fairly steady, although fractionally easier than a week ago. The fluctuations in the peseta are largely the result of speculative operations and the movements in the currency are hardly related to the general course of the major foreign exchanges. The easier peseta rates of the last few weeks arise partly from political uncertainties in Spain and the dearth of satisfactory financial news as to what course the economic currents may take as a consequence of political dictation. Foreign exchange traders say that the currency is extremely sensitive and that a trade of 100,000 pesetas can easily cause a fluctuation in the rate of as much as 10 points. It is understood that the Madrid Government has decreed that all import duties must be paid 25% in gold, or in paper with gold backing. Up to the present duties had to be paid 100% in gold or gold exchange. Thus, the present ruling makes it possible to pay 75% of duties on imports in pesetas. Two reasons seem to have prompted the action. The first is the fact that Spain has a plentiful quantity of gold and could, if it wished, stabilize the peseta at parity with gold cover beyond requirements. The second reason for the action is a desire to stimulate trade.

Bankers' sight on Amsterdam finished on Friday at 40.32, against 40.35 $\frac{1}{2}$ on Friday of last week; cable transfers at 40.34, against 40.37 $\frac{1}{2}$; and commercial sight bills at 40.28 $\frac{1}{2}$, against 40.31 $\frac{1}{2}$. Swiss francs closed at 19.39 $\frac{1}{4}$ for bankers' sight and at 19.40 $\frac{1}{4}$ for cable transfers, in comparison with 19.44 $\frac{1}{4}$ and 19.45 $\frac{1}{4}$ a week earlier. Copenhagen checks finished at 26.76 and cable transfers at 26.78, against 26.82 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.84 $\frac{1}{2}$. Checks on Sweden closed at 26.86 and cable transfers at 26.88,

against 26.94 $\frac{1}{2}$ and 26.96 $\frac{1}{2}$; while checks on Norway finished at 26.76 and cable transfers at 26.78, against 26.82 and 26.84. Spanish pesetas closed at 13.31 for checks and at 13.32 for cable transfers, which compares with 13.39 and 13.40 a week earlier.

The South American exchanges show a slightly better tone than in recent weeks, although the fundamental conditions in all these countries are unchanged. This week however, exchange on both Argentine and Brazil closed easier than on Friday of last week. The recovery in the Argentine peso since the Buenos Aires Government placed an embargo on gold a few weeks ago is only a normal rebound, as the slump which followed the Government announcement carried the peso unwarrantedly low. The main difficulty affecting exchange on Buenos Aires is the demoralization of the wheat export season and labor and business troubles resulting partly from this drawback. Another factor is the steady increase in foreign imports by Argentina, especially of manufactured goods and luxuries, coming particularly from the United States, which have not been offset by exports. The fact that Argentina has been unable to borrow successfully during the past year in the New York market is also a depressing element in peso exchange. The closing of the conversion office should hardly be considered as having an important bearing. It is of interest to note that between 1914 and 1927 the conversion office was closed, which means that the country was not on a gold basis. However, between 1923 and 1927 approximately \$227,000,000 of Argentine external bonds were sold in the New York market. Now that money conditions have changed in New York, the South American countries are expecting an improvement to result in exchange with the development of borrowing facilities. Brazilian milreis continue to show a weaker tone, as there seems to be little likelihood of immediate improvement in the coffee situation, although measures have already been adopted by the Coffee Institute of Sao Paula for liquidation of large stocks withheld from the market in recent years for price stabilization. Peruvian exchange has been showing an unsettled tendency recently. This is in large measure due to radical agitation affecting business unfavorably. A bill has recently been proposed in the Peruvian Senate to place a heavy tax on foreign interests operating in Peru.

Argentine paper pesos closed on Friday at 40 11-16, as compared with 40 13-16 on Friday of last week; and at 40 $\frac{3}{4}$ for cable transfers, against 40 $\frac{7}{8}$. Brazilian milreis finished at 10.85 for checks, and at 10.88 for cable transfers, against 10.97 and 11.00. Chilean exchange closed at 12.10 for checks and at 12.15 for cable transfers, against 12 $\frac{1}{8}$ and 12 3-16; Peru at 3.77 for checks and at 3.78 for cable transfers, against 3.74 and 3.75.

The Far Eastern exchanges are essentially unchanged from recent weeks. The Chinese units continue to be quoted low as a result of the low ruling prices for silver. There has been very little change in the silver situation since the collapse of the Chinese pool in silver around Dec. 23, when the price in London dropped to the lowest point at which the metal had been sold in that market since 1903, and in New York sold at its lowest level since 1915. The great drop in silver prices is at-

tributed largely to the fact that India has adopted gold. It is estimated that the Indian Government has sold 30,000,000 ounces of silver during the past year. China is believed to have imported more silver last year than ever before, but internal conditions have prevented the country from taking as much as it might have absorbed. Japanese yen are firm. As announced recently, Japan is expected to remove the embargo on gold completely by Jan. 11. Closing quotations for yen checks yesterday were 49.10@49 3-16, against 49.00@49 1/8. Hong Kong closed at 40 7/8@41 5-16, against 41.75@42 5-16; Shanghai at 51 5/8@51 3/4, against 52 5/8@52 7/8; Manila at 50, against 50; Singapore at 56 3/8@56 5/8, against 56 3/8@56 1/2; Bombay at 36 9-16, against 36 9-16; and Calcutta at 36 9-16, against 36 9-16.

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

FOREIGN EXCHANGE RATES CERTIFIED BY FEDERAL RESERVE BANKS TO TREASURY UNDER TARIFF ACTS OF 1922
DEC. 28 1929 TO JAN. 3 1930, INCLUSIVE.

Country and Monetary Unit.	Noon Buying Rate for Cable Transfers to New York Value to United States Money.					
	Dec. 28.	Dec. 30.	Dec. 31.	Jan. 1.	Jan. 2.	Jan. 3.
EUROPE—						
Austria, schilling	140656	140674	140686		140702	140651
Belgium, belga	140027	139970	139960		139926	139751
Bulgaria, lev	.007220	.007237	.007240		.007217	.007222
Czechoslovakia, krone	.029690	.029681	.029661		.029615	.029602
Denmark, krone	.268291	.268136	.268120		.268040	.267803
England, pound sterling	4.881182	4.880991	4.881100		4.878703	4.875230
Finland, markka	.025165	.025171	.025170		.025166	.025160
France, franc	.039401	.039389	.039392		.039379	.039334
Germany, reichsmark	239186	238930	238944		238830	238555
Greece, drachma	.012997	.012993	.013000		.012994	.012988
Holland, guilder	.403690	.403427	.403491		.403406	.403254
Hungary, pengo	175139	175110	175167		175146	175032
Italy, lira	.052345	.052350	.052349		.052347	.052327
Norway, krone	.268278	.268113	.268102		.268037	.267801
Poland, zloty	.112005	.112025	.112083		.112033	.112008
Portugal, escudo	.045116	.045133	.044983		.045000	.044880
Rumania, leu	.005979	.005976	.005991		.005974	.005975
Spain, peseta	134340	134797	133605		133395	133046
Sweden, krona	.269560	.269206	.269162		.269071	.268797
Switzerland, franc	194478	194247	194244		194206	193958
Yugoslavia, dinar	.017724	.017735	.017729		.017729	.017704
ASIA—						
China—						
Chefoo, tael	.542083	.536666	.534583		.534583	.534166
Hankow, tael	.535156	.529531	.527968		.528906	.527031
Shanghai, tael	.520089	.515089	.514642		.515892	.514017
Tientsin, tael	.550208	.544583	.542500		.542500	.542083
Hong Kong, dollar	.414285	.412500	.407142		.406160	.405821
Mexican, dollar	.375625	.372187	.371562		.372500	.369062
Tientsin or Pelyang, dollar	.377500	.375000	.372500		.372916	.372500
Yuan, dollar	.374166	.371666	.369166		.369583	.369166
India, rupee	.363760	.363892	.364035		.364035	.363732
Japan, yen	.490031	.490428	.490406		.490390	.490625
Singapore (S.S.) dollar	.560000	.560000	.560000		.560000	.560416
NORTH AMER.—						
Canada, dollar	.989843	.989500	.988998		.988550	.988203
Cuba, peso	.999237	.999237	.999237		.999237	.999237
Mexico, peso	.479500	.479575	.479300		.479300	.479475
Newfoundland, dollar	.987375	.987045	.986675		.986125	.985782
SOUTH AMER.—						
Argentina, peso (gold)	.929396	.933993	.938035		.930527	.918189
Brazil, milreis	1.109475	1.09861	1.09933		1.09416	1.09277
Chile, peso	1.20864	1.20862	1.21026		1.20710	1.20741
Uruguay, peso	.944222	.942716	.949384		.952645	.942970
Colombia, peso	.963900	.963900	.963900		.963900	.963900

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

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

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

Saturday, Dec. 28.	Monday, Dec. 30.	Tuesday, Dec. 31.	Wednesday, Jan. 1.	Thursday, Jan. 2.	Friday, Jan. 3.	Aggregate for Week.
\$ 134,000,000	\$ 141,000,000	\$ 176,000,000	\$ Holiday	\$ 227,000,000	\$ 217,000,000	Cr. 895,000,000

Note.—The foregoing heavy credits reflect the huge mass of checks which come to the New York Reserve Bank from all parts of the country in the operation of

the Federal Reserve System's par collection scheme. These large credit balances, however, reflect only a part of the Reserve Bank's operations with the Clearing House institutions, as only the items payable in New York City are represented in the daily balances. The large volume of checks on institutions located outside of New York are not accounted for in arriving at these balances, as such checks do not pass through the Clearing House but are deposited with the Federal Reserve Bank for collection for the account of the local Clearing House banks.

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

Banks of	Jan. 2 1930.			Jan. 3 1929.		
	Gold.	Silver.	Total.	Gold.	Silver.	Total.
England	146,115,746	—	146,115,746	153,329,533	—	153,329,533
France a	333,347,362	(d)	333,347,362	255,816,274	(d)	255,816,274
Germany b	105,866,400	—	994,600,107,661,000	132,155,250	—	994,600,133,179,850
Spain	102,598,000	28,339,000	130,935,000	102,362,000	28,037,000	130,399,000
Italy	56,120,000	—	56,120,000	54,638,000	—	54,638,000
Netherl'ds	37,290,000	—	37,290,000	36,214,000	—	36,214,000
Nat. Belg.	32,750,000	1,289,000	34,039,000	25,553,000	—	26,820,000
Switzerl'd	22,449,000	1,108,000	23,557,000	19,258,000	—	18,566,000
Sweden	13,331,000	—	13,331,000	13,122,000	—	13,122,000
Denmark	9,581,000	361,000	9,942,000	9,600,000	—	10,091,000
Norway	8,148,000	—	8,148,000	8,160,000	—	8,160,000

Total week 868,394,508 32,091,600 900,486,108 810,238,057 34,506,600 844,744,657
Prev. week 864,474,855 32,088,600 896,563,455 808,717,273 34,434,600 843,151,873

a These are the gold holdings of the Bank of France as reported in the new form of statement. b Gold holdings of the Bank of Germany are exclusive of gold held abroad, the amount of which the present year is £7,489,400. c As of Oct. 7 1924. d Silver is now reported at only a trifling sum.

The Foreign Political Outlook for 1930.

The beginning of a new year rarely marks, in politics, either the beginning or the end of a definite historical period. Politics is a continuous affair in which balance sheets are drawn up only at irregular intervals, and then only for parts of the business rather than for the enterprise as a whole; and while the holiday season is usually marked by some slowing down of political activity, the ceaseless succession of events goes on without much reference to the calendar. The year 1930 is something of an exception to the rule in that two important international happenings, the second Hague Conference on the Young Plan and the London Naval Conference, have their beginnings in January. For the rest, the political reviews and forecasts which statesmen and political leaders are accustomed to give out at the opening of a new year will usually be found to deal almost wholly with matters which have their origin, perhaps, far in the past, which have developed in various ways during the year just closed, and which are reasonably certain to influence the course of national or international politics during the year to come.

The increased interest in international affairs which has developed in this country during the past decade is occasionally referred to in a way that suggests some confusion of thought regarding the relative significance of national and international interests. It would doubtless be quite wide of the mark to assume that because Great Britain and France and Germany are specially interested, for example, in reparations or naval limitation, and because the newspapers give a good deal of front-page display to discussions of those questions, reparations or naval limitation are necessarily the chief things of which the peoples of Great Britain or France or Germany are thinking. Every country has its domestic or local issues which are vital to it, and which are likely, when several countries are considered together, to present a bewildering variety of interests; and those domestic issues, often quite as much as international ones, determine public opinion and governmental action. What has thrown international or world politics to the front since the great war is the world-wide interlacings of industry and trade, the prodigious increase in the volume and geographical range of foreign travel, and the political dependence of one country upon others for the solution of problems common to them

all. As far as ease of communication between its parts is concerned, the world is smaller to-day than it was even a year ago, and ease of communication brings community of interest in politics as well as in economic and social life.

The distinguishing characteristics of world politics at the moment are, first, the continuance of certain instabilities and controversies connected with what M. Briand has called the liquidation of the war; second, a marked trend toward conservatism in government on the part of the larger and better organized states; and, third, the reappearance of certain old rivalries and nationalistic ambitions which suggest a preparation for new alliances.

In Germany, for example, we have within a few weeks seen the stability of the Mueller Government threatened by a violent Nationalist attack upon the Young Plan, and by a sharp reminder from Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, President of the Reichsbank, that the financial reforms needed to enable Germany to meet its obligations under the Young Plan had not been inaugurated. Fortunately, the popular referendum which the Nationalists succeeded in forcing failed to jeopardize the Young Plan as far as German adherence to it is concerned, while the Mueller Government, after venting its resentment with some asperity upon Dr. Schacht, yielded to his demands and carried through the Reichstag the financial legislation which he had declared to be necessary. Dr. Schacht further succeeded in substituting temporary advances from the Reichsbank in place of a proposed foreign loan, and forced the appointment of a financial administrator for Berlin as a means of checking the financial extravagance of the municipal council. Whether it was good political policy for Dr. Schacht to make himself a kind of financial dictator just at this time is a question which can be answered with more assurance later, but he has obviously injected into German politics a strong element of conservatism from which German politics as well as German finance should benefit substantially.

The immediate future of the British Labor Government is of special interest, internationally because of the approaching London conference, the re-establishment of diplomatic relations between Great Britain and Russia, and the disturbed situation in India, and nationally because of the unsatisfactory state of British industry and the continuance in full force of the unemployment crisis. Mr. MacDonald's natural orientation as Premier is toward an amicable and speedy liquidation of the remaining war issues, a friendly attitude toward Russia notwithstanding its Communist activities, and the extension of a larger measure of self-government to India. To these is to be added, apparently, an inclination toward some kind of political understanding with the United States—an understanding which, to the French mind, takes definitely the form of a working political alliance. Yet the MacDonald Government has been as exacting as M. Poincare ever was in insisting upon the full share of reparations due under the Versailles Treaty, it still feels the need of keeping a sharp watch on Russia, and the outspoken demand for complete Indian independence, as opposed to dominion status, is one which no British Government is likely soon to grant. The life of the Government appears to hang upon its ability to obtain substantial results from the London Conference, its attitude toward the Young Plan

and the International Bank when these matters come up at The Hague, and its treatment of unemployment. At this latter point no important amelioration of a distressing situation has yet been brought about.

The obvious trend of the MacDonald Government is toward conservatism. No one any longer expects the British Labor Party to do anything particularly radical. Its socialism is hardly distinguishable now from a progressive liberalism, and its foreign policy is essentially at one with the general policy to which Great Britain has long been accustomed. To these indirect but powerful influences affecting the course of the Government is to be added the fact that Mr. MacDonald, with only a plurality party support in the House of Commons, is dependent upon the votes or abstention from voting of Liberals or Conservatives to give him a majority in any crucial test of strength; and when such questions as India or national defense are raised, the Opposition is pretty certain to show an underlying conservatism.

Conservatism, too, is the prevailing domestic note in the politics of France, where the Tardieu Government, profiting by the long and distinguished labors of M. Poincare, is laying broad plans for internal reorganization, tax reduction and public works. The Mussolini Government in Italy, apparently as firmly seated as ever, has passed its period of agitation and violence and settled down to a conservative administration of the country's economic life, with vast projects of public works and social reforms which bid fair to make over Italy from one end of the peninsula to the other. The rumored retirement of Primo de Rivera, while it presages a formal end of the dictatorship which has existed in Spain for several years, is not expected, apparently, to carry with it a return to full representative Government, but a half-way system whose keynote will almost certainly be conservative. There is no political radicalism in Switzerland or The Netherlands, and the conservatism of Czechoslovakia amounts almost to reaction.

The mention of France, Italy, Spain and Czechoslovakia, on the other hand, brings us to the other characteristic of European politics at the moment, namely, the reappearance of old rivalries and the search for alliances. Whatever the ultimate effect of the recent French note in which the views of the Tardieu Government regarding naval defense were elaborated, the note has been widely hailed as a skillful move on the part of France to block the consummation of anything resembling an Anglo-American alliance, and to emphasize the predominant position of France on the Continent. If M. Tardieu has acted in this matter in accord with the traditions of French foreign policy, he is seeking indirectly the restoration, in essentials if not in form, of the Anglo-French entente under which Great Britain remained the leading naval Power and France the leading military Power. To an Anglo-French entente, however, France adds alliances or suggested alliances in other directions. It has for several years had alliances or working agreements, defensive, offensive or both, with Czechoslovakia, Poland and Rumania, and the recent naval note shows it reaching out tentatively toward a naval understanding with Spain and the formation of a Mediterranean Locarno. Into such an agreement Italy certainly, and Greece, Turkey

and Albania probably, would in time be drawn. It is well within the bounds of possibility that the London Conference should result in the formation of a Mediterranean naval bloc.

Italy, which under Mussolini has several times shown a disposition to play an independent role in international affairs, is reaching out on its own account for greater influence in the Mediterranean and the Balkans. Its demand for a navy equal to that of any other Continental Power, while obviously aimed at France, has the Mediterranean particularly in mind. Its connection with the Fascist or Heimwehr agitation in Austria is obscure, and its political relations with Jugoslavia have thus far been unhappy, but all the indications point to a desire on the part of the Mussolini Government to add to its influence in Balkan affairs. In the controversy which has developed between Rumania and Hungary over the payment of reparations, involving as it does the political rights and wishes of some hundreds of thousands of Hungarians whom the Treaty of Trianon arbitrarily transferred to alien rule (a controversy which a special commission of the first Hague Conference has found insoluble, and which will apparently be ventilated fully at the second session of the Conference which has just begun), it is to be expected that Rumania, already backed by Czechoslovakia, will also have the support of Italy.

It is not alone with Europe, nor even with America, that European statesmen are at the moment concerned. The political situation in China has again raised perplexing and anxious questions. The high hopes that were entertained of the Nationalist Government in China have been to a very large extent dissipated. What seemed for some months to be a well-directed movement toward political reorganization has degenerated into a disorderly enterprise which holds out little promise of an early restoration of order and little assurance of financial stability. A few able and high-minded leaders still stick to their posts, but the Chinese war lords are again active, the Kuomintang is torn by personal or partisan intrigues, and war reigns where peace was looked for. Under such circumstances the formal termination on Jan. 1 of foreign extra-territorial rights in China brings China sharply into the range of European and American interests. The bright spots in the situation are the apparent willingness of the Nanking Government to put the edict into effect gradually, thereby giving time for further negotiations, and the conclusion of a preliminary agreement between China and Russia regarding the Chinese Eastern Railway.

If recent events are an indication of the future, the new year is likely to see world politics moving more or less steadily along several clearly marked lines. Less will be said about universal peace, but more will be done to keep armaments down and deter nations from resorting to war. Every effort, we may be sure, will be made at The Hague to remove the reparations question from controversial politics, while by June 30 at the latest there should be no more French troops in Germany. Revolutionary activities will have to contend with increased conservatism in government as well as in political temper, at the same time that stabilized currencies and reorganized finances should continue to aid economic recovery and development. The Far East and the Pacific area generally seem likely to occa-

sion more interest in this country and in Europe than during the past year, partly because of the problems of treaty rights which the Chinese situation presents, and partly because the London Conference, if it yields to the requests of Japan, will make necessary some revision of naval arrangements in the Pacific. The danger that lurks in the formation of new political alliances or understandings is that they may bring to life again the old theory of a balance of power, and by emphasizing rivalries administer a check to the strong movement for peace. If that danger can be avoided, there will be appreciably less reason to fear the combinations that may be made.

Federal Guaranty for Deposits in National Banks.

Notwithstanding the utter failure of the guaranty of deposits in the several States where it has been tried, Representative Brand of Ohio has introduced a bill in the House providing for a \$50,000,000 fund to guaranty deposits in banks of the Federal Reserve System, with an additional proviso for maintenance of the fund at a level of \$25,000,000 by appropriations from time to time. We have not the details of this measure, but we can discuss the principles involved without them. And it matters not whether the banks are to be taxed or the Government is to stand alone as the guardian of depositors, the plan is to be condemned severely as putting the Government directly into the banking business.

As developed by the King resolution for the investigation of the broad field of banking in general, it is a most inopportune time to consider this proposition. For if we are to have nation-wide branch banking, the Nationals in the Reserve System will have an appeal to the people not possible to the State banks, whether or not these shall have a guaranty fund under State laws. It is true that a National guaranty fund is stronger than that of any State fund, but the very fact of providing for subsequent appropriations to keep the fund at a level of \$25,000,000 is warrant for the belief that no one knows what such a fund should be.

If the National banks are to be taxed to maintain the fund, in some way, their depositors must pay for it. If the Government is to establish the fund out of general taxes the people must pay for it, for the benefit of a special class—that of bank depositors. In either case the principle is wrong. The individual depositor has a right to the full return of his deposit, and it cannot be said he should be taxed, though indirectly, to pay depositors in other banks that perchance may sometime fail. To tax a citizen, not a depositor in a National bank, to pay losses to those who voluntarily put their money in National banks, is to take property without compensation, and must be contrary to the Constitution. But the chief objection to any and all such plans is that it involves rank paternalism and sets up a form of protection that is contrary to the spirit of a democratic republic where men are free to engage in business at their will and to handle or hoard their money as they may see fit. Nothing could more clearly turn an impersonal government into a Little Father than this.

Why not guaranty the money hid away in an old stocking against thieves? Why not insure it against fire? Why guaranty depositors and not stockholders? Why protect the depositors against losses and

not the borrowers against fraudulent investments? Washington is fast becoming the great center for all business relief. Men *will* speculate whenever there is a chance. Why not insure them against the recurring changes in prices? There is so much the Government might do! So much it will sometime do if it yields to every petition. What has the Government to do with member National banks save to give them a supervision in a formal manner for the benefit of all the people. It owns no stock in them. If it may be said to temporarily borrow from them, it does so in the open market and is under no obligation to grant them favors. Though it compelled entrance into the Federal Reserve System, it left them otherwise free as independent units to carry on their business.

In discussing the banking situation, much is made of the large number of failures among the small National banks through the country districts, and the further fact that none of the large city banks have been under stress. No doubt Mr. Brand has these small and supposedly weak banks in mind in formulating his scheme for the protection of depositors. But many of these city central banks are members of the Federal Reserve, and they, too, must be included in the guaranty. If so, in case of a failure, which still is possible, however improbable, the fund of \$25,000,000 would not go very far. Should such a call be made on the fund it would either hopelessly entangle the small member banks or let the Government in, possibly, for hundreds of millions of dollars. To thus put the taxes of the people in jeopardy for the benefit of bank depositors is contrary to justice, if indeed it can be permitted under our organic law. The scheme is not only untenable, it is vicious in the extreme. We have no expectation that such a bill can pass—but there seems to be an inordinate desire in some minds to make the Government responsible for bank failure losses.

The relation of debtor and creditor prevails between bank and depositor, and while the bank in some of its ways is a quasi public institution, it is the exercise of a right to engage in the business of dealing in credits. All patronage by the people is voluntary. Capital stock must be exhausted before depositors can lose anything. Examination by skilled banking accountants is required and gladly accepted. But no depositor need patronize a bank save by his own free choice. There is, therefore, no valid reason why the Government should intervene in these voluntary relations and contracts between bank and customer. As well ask a Government to protect the merchant or manufacturer against losses from bad debts. The Government has no lawful right to guaranty deposits.

As far as these member banks are themselves concerned, if a Federal assessment is to be made, it is a wrong to make the good banks pay for the inefficiency of the bad ones. Since the big city banks have proved good and some of the small country banks faulty, must the city banks be forced to pay these losses? Necessarily it follows, looking at the scheme as a whole, the added liability, though unexpressed and contingent, weakens instead of strengthens the system of banking. Though a fascination exists at the announcement that the Government backs an enterprise, in truth such a law may be repealed at any time, complicating any previous promises, and paving the way for interminable lawsuits; as has been the case with State guarantees, when the bur-

den became too heavy to bear and the people sought to escape from the taxation. If the people must have a protector for their money, a strong box for their accumulations, they already have the benefit of the Postal Savings Banks. These, contrary to expectations, have not grown in the public regard and are comparatively sparsely used.

No; banking is a business. Banks that make no loans are restricted in deposits. Deposits make loans; and loans make deposits. Merchants and others make deposits that they may have a safe place for their funds when not in use, also to establish a credit relation which will furnish them added funds for short time use. The Federal Government has no connection with these transactions. To step in and promise payment to the depositors of failed banks is wholly supererogatory and a gratuity at the expense of all the taxpayers. It is another step toward paternalism and socialism. Without sharing in profits, without putting up any of the capital, without control in management, the Federal Government is to be asked to pledge the resources of the country and the energies and accumulations of the people to guaranty that no depositor shall lose by his connection with a National bank. It is a proposal utterly devoid of merit.

The Recent Lure of "Investment Trusts."

The iridescent hues of a bubble are beautiful to behold. But when the bubble vanishes in thin air the colors are gone. In the midst of prosperity there are many rainbows, and when the rush and lure are past, we sometimes look in vain for the pot of gold at the rainbow's end. Therefore it is that in the lull after the "smash" we may examine prevalent movements, only to find them fashions that caught us unawares. Let us consider for a moment what are known as "investment trusts." It is now apparent, though the end is not yet to the initial period of our examination, that there have grown up various kinds of these companies. Though we cannot assume that the entire species is fungous in nature, we can say that time must elapse before we will be able to make a satisfactory classification. It is shown, of course, that there have been investment companies of long standing. But these have been few in number and have sprung from legitimate corporate financial activities, attracting limited popular attention, and making no sensational appeal for stockholders. It is within say five years past, and mainly within the last three years, that so-called "investment trusts" have grown in the sunlight or shadow of a great "prosperity."

In the United States they have been coeval with the widespread passion for buying and selling stocks. They have themselves issued vast quantities of their own stocks, which, in most cases, met with quick absorption. In England, where these companies originated, they were brought into being for two specific purposes. First, to enable small investors to participate in the profits of investment and operating companies scattered over the world. And, second, to enable these small investors to thus participate in the ownership and profits at a minimum risk of loss through diversified holdings by the parent company—the "trust." These foreign prototypes of ours did not spring up out of feverish speculation. They were for the purpose of "safety first." Small investors could not secure proper information of these English investment and trading

companies. A holding company organized for that purpose could. To own stock in it afforded an opportunity. But these "investment trusts" were in fact "trusts." They bought and held shares for their own stockholders, and by diversification earned good dividends at lessened risks and paid them to these stockholders. This is by no means to say that there were no wrecks along the way in the experimental stages, for it was the case that the lure of quick and exceptional gains caused diversion sometimes from the straight and narrow path of selecting only substantial shares in well-established concerns that could and should be held for long time.

Turning to the recent phenomenal growth of our own so-called "investment trusts," we find them growing up in the very atmosphere of speculation. They must, therefore, needs buy into new-formed companies as well as old. Naturally, the greater profits were in the class of new corporate creations, and to this lure we may expect they have more or less succumbed. More than this, the rapid increases in the stock market of shares, old and new, induced the spirit of "trading," of buying and selling for profits in price. As for earnings, speaking broadly, it is too soon to estimate the solidity of these "trusts," for they have not had time to prove their earning power through the earning power of their investments. The "bull market" was long—just at what point did these "investment trusts" secure their stocks? In view of the sudden and extensive collapse of values, it is important to know. What part have they sold and what part do they now hold? Since they exemplify a new financial fashion, is it not reasonable to believe that the lure of trading was a stronger incentive than the lure of investment for holding? Published reports *do* tell us that many of these new creations have been "trading" companies. We know that these so-called "investment trusts" have sold over a billion dollars of their own stocks in the few years prior to the smash. Could they have done so save that the "people" came to believe that by investing in these new fashioned companies they could reap a part of all the profits on the Exchange?

It would be invidious to insinuate that *any* of these "investment trusts" are financially unstable at this time. But it is entirely proper to suggest that owing to prevalent conditions there are two classes which we may denominate "sheep" and "goats." It is our idea that "trading trusts" are not inherently as sound as "permanent holding trusts," for the latter are not as subject to fluctuating markets. As we are probably to have legislation on this subject if publicity be required at frequent intervals, stockholders will be enabled to trace the changes in the stocks held or traded in and to know the nature of such stocks, whether preponderately industrial, public utility, railroad, bank, or what-not.

There is likely to gather about this recent growth a political storm, which bodes ill to careful and efficient legislation. As an example, the other day in a political address at Chicago Governor Roosevelt said in the course of his remarks on the growth and change in the country: "Because we have discovered that vast numbers of manufacturers and combinations of manufacturers employing hundreds of thousands of men can produce things which make for our own ease at prices within our incomes, and in so doing can produce millionaires at the top and

better paid workmen at the bottom, we have, without much thought, given our tacit approval to such combinations, and have, indeed, become so obsessed with their apparently magic power that during the recent period of wild speculation and senseless inflation, any half-dozen of decrepit and moribund industries, by merely pooling their individual debts and inefficiencies, could attract the public's money to any stock issue they chose to float because they were a 'combination,' a 'merger,' or a 'holding company.'" The warning in these words lies in the charge that we have been blindly following what may well be called a financial fashion. The lure was quick return and the method mere imitation.

The fever has run its course. There will be fewer of these companies organized in the next three years than in the past three. "Investment trusts" will have time to prove themselves, will have opportunity to free themselves from the get-rich-quick virus, will grow gradually into substantial and stable integers worthy the purchase of those not schooled in "stocks and bonds," and will assume a valuable place in our financial machinery. Meantime investors and law-makers should strive to analyze their peculiar nature and preserve the good without too severe restrictions and animadversions, allowing the ill-conceived ones to perish by reason of their own frailty.

James Speyer Analyzes the Situation—Compares the Present with the Past—Conditions Making for Prosperity.

Writing under date of Dec. 31, James Speyer, of Speyer & Co., says:

"The extraordinary activity of our stock markets, despite repeated warnings by the Federal Reserve Board and others, with its unfortunate consequences, which might have been much more serious had it not been for prudent and efficient management by our Stock Exchange authorities, has resulted in a return of our money and loan markets to more normal conditions. People with savings to invest, and there will be more millions so to invest each year in this blessed land of ours, will again be mainly guided by considerations of safety and actual income return.

"History generally repeats itself—with slight variations. We must remember that the prices quoted on the Stock Exchange are not an unfailling barometer of our country's state of trade; but that this barometer is also frequently influenced by speculative pressure one way or another. It is not unlikely that some well-meaning persons, even if they have not been sufferers themselves, will try to find some way to prevent similar occurrences in future, and that they, and some legislators, may propose the usual investigations with a view to putting the blame on 'Wall Street.' If they will examine the situation calmly, they will find that 'Wall Street' is not different from 'Main Street,' and that, in fact, too many people from 'Main Street,' perhaps somewhat neglecting their regular business, have been in 'Wall Street' of late. In both 'Streets' there live all sorts of people; but the majority, even if some of them may occasionally be carried away by their impulses, are hard-working, honest and well-meaning, and have their country's good at heart.

"Unlike those of former times, this collapse has found almost all of our big railroads, financial institutions, and other corporations well fortified and strong in cash. Notwithstanding unfortunate individual losses, there is no reason to expect any important failures, and most of our corporations, being managed by far-seeing and broad-minded men, will probably be able to avoid—even with a natural recession from the great business activity of the last year or two—the lowering of wages or dismissal of men, so that unemployment should not assume any large proportions.

"Shipments of gold—which we can spare and which others need—too long delayed, have at last begun. While they are likely to continue, they should not prove a disturbing influence; on the contrary, nothing gives more convincing proof of our country's improved financial position than these shipments at this time. It is only one or two

generations ago that we were dependent upon European capital. Formerly most of our panics were caused through withdrawals of European capital, then required to develop our railroad system and to finance our enterprises generally. When, at the same time, on account of some financial heresy or for some other reason, European investors took fright and tried to sell us back our securities, there were only few purchasers, and this aggravated the panics. All this is changed now. European credit balances are small compared to our own money supply and accumulated wealth, and, even without considering war debts, it is probably true to-day that our investments in foreign securities are in excess of European investments in our own bonds and shares. This marks a tremendous transition from a debtor to a great creditor nation.

"This position as a great creditor nation, however, does not make us independent of economic and financial conditions in foreign countries, which, with the principal exception of France, are not very favorable at the present time. The consequences of the war, or perhaps more correctly of the Peace Treaties, are still being felt, especially as contrary to modern business development, Europe was cut up into smaller units—not always homogeneous national units at that—each one trying to 'protect' itself, through customs barriers.

"Through our co-operation, by our foreign loans, and by the Dawes and later by the Young plan, we have tried to help European countries to achieve a more satisfactory state of affairs; but it is evident that the last word has not yet been spoken in that respect. We may also justly claim that we have been generous in settling the war debts. Our country is to be particularly congratulated in having at the head of the Treasury Department Mr. Mellon, a gentleman who has unselfishly placed his wide experience and his sound judgment at the service of his countrymen. It must, of course, be evident to everyone that, quite apart from purely financial considerations, the amount of moral influence which our country can exert in European affairs will depend very largely on how we conduct our own affairs. It is unfortunate that at this time, when most European countries have to depend largely on industrial exports, we should consider increasing our own tariff, and the delay and uncertainty of Congressional action in this respect cannot have a favorable influence on our own activities. It is also unfortunate that the existing prohibition legislation has proved a failure, which does not increase our prestige abroad.

"While excessive optimism was largely responsible for our late temporary trouble, we must remember that the optimism of our people has made this country what it is, and that American confidence in the future is justified. Situated as we are, fairly immune from foreign aggression and free from foreign entanglements, blessed with raw materials and a productive soil, with practically a whole continent as our heritage, without interior customs barriers, with one hundred and twenty million contented and free people under self government, everyone—without class distinction—has opportunity to work and progress. Our people realize all this, and if we remain mindful of our obligations towards our country, towards each other, and towards foreign nations, our peaceful evolution and progress will continue and 'prosperity' (not 'booms' or 'depressions') will in the future, as in the past, be the normal state of the United States of America."

JAMES SPEYER.

New York, Dec. 31 1929.

Findings of U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals Reversing Conviction of Guy Huston of Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank.

From the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 30 we take the following relative to the opinion of the U. S. Circuit Court of Appeals, which as we reported in our issue of Nov. 16, page 3102, reversed the conviction of Guy Huston of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank:

The text of the opinion of the United States Circuit Court of Appeals for the Eighth Circuit in the criminal case against Guy Huston, arising out of the affairs of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank, completely demolishes the charges that there were criminal irregularities on the part of Mr. Huston and William H. Gold, former President of the Bank, in connection with its affairs.

Huston and Gold, in 1927, were convicted by a jury in the United States District Court in Minnesota on charges of using the mails in a scheme to defraud in connection with the sale of stock of the Bank. First press reports were to the effect that the conviction had been reversed by the Court of Appeals on a technicality. This report was

totally unfair to Mr. Huston and Mr. Gold. On the contrary, the Court of Appeals reversed the lower court's action after reviewing the entire record in the case, which consisted of more than 2,500 printed pages, on the ground that the evidence failed to sustain the charges of criminal misconduct and that a verdict of not guilty should have been directed by the trial judge.

History of Southern Minnesota Bank.

The Court of Appeals, in its opinion, reviews exhaustively the history of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank and Guy Huston's connection with it.

The Bank was chartered on June 25 1919. By November 1919, it had nearly \$2,000,000 of loans on its books. Then, the constitutionality of the Farm Loan Act was attacked, and this made it difficult for the Bank to sell bonds and obliged it to stop making loans, so that it ran at a loss down to the fall of 1921, and assessments were made on the stockholders to meet the deficit.

After the Farm Loan Act was held constitutional by the Supreme Court, in 1921, the Bank again began the sale of its bonds. By May 1 1922 the point was reached where no more bonds could be sold, because of capital stock limitations. Loans then outstanding were \$3,750,000. Up to that time Mr. Huston had no connection with the Bank, but did have in mind the organization of another Joint Stock Land Bank in the same general territory. William H. Gold was then President of the Bank. He became acquainted with Mr. Huston at meetings of the American Association of Joint Stock Land Banks, of which Mr. Huston was President.

The 1922 Huston Contract.

The outcome of the situation was that a contract was made between the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank and Mr. Huston, on June 19 1922, for the sale of 10,000 shares of the stock of the Bank, and for the sale of an aggregate of \$15,000,000 of bonds to be later issued.

Huston obligated himself to buy 1,000 shares at 115, and to use his best efforts to sell the remaining 9,000 shares at 115, retaining as his compensation any excess of price over 115 on the first 4,000 shares, and dividing the profit, if any, with the Bank on the second 5,000 shares. He was to undertake to sell the bonds at the best price obtainable, at a price to net the Bank not less than 101. On the first \$7,500,000 bonds sold he was to receive one point on each bond sold, payable one-tenth each year for ten years, and two points on each bond as sales cost. On the second \$7,500,000 bonds, he was to receive not more than one-quarter of a point profit in any case.

The contract was to remain in force until all the stock and bonds were sold; the stock was to be sold by Jan. 1 1924, and if the stock was not sold fast enough to meet the needs of the Bank, Huston could be required to take up 500 shares a month from Sept. 1 1922.

Cancellation of 1922 Contract.

Huston had sold all but 1,500 shares of stock, and \$1,500,000 of the bonds when this contract was canceled by agreement, dated in December 1923, but actually effective the previous April or May. The cancellation contract was made to enable the Bank to carry out an agreement with J. S. Bache & Co. to handle the sale of its stock in connection with a merger which had been arranged with the First Joint Stock Land Bank of Minneapolis. The cancellation contract recited that as there would have become due to Guy Huston Co., to whom the contract had been assigned by Guy Huston, the sum of \$150,000 on the completion of the contract of June 19 1922, in consideration of the cancellation, the Southern Minnesota Bank promised to pay that sum in twenty semi-annual installments of \$7,500 each, commencing in July 1924.

In the spring of 1924 the situation of the Southern Minnesota Bank was as follows: It had made loans of just under \$20,000,000, not including the loans taken over from the Minneapolis Bank of \$6,000,000. These loans had been taken in accordance with the Farm Loan Act and under the safeguards therein provided. It had carried through a successful merger with the Minneapolis Bank. Its capital stock was \$1,800,000. It had paid dividends at the rate of 8% from July 1 1922 to January 1923, and at the rate of 9% from Jan. 1 1923.

The Court of Appeals in its opinion states:

"The sale of its stock and bonds after the termination of the 1922 contract with Mr. Huston was much less successful than it had been under that contract. There existed some delinquencies.
Delinquent interest on farm loans.....\$261,830.00
Lands acquired.....212,145.69
Tax certificates.....122,099.92
but they were not unusually large in comparison with the volume of business done."

No Fraud in 1924 Contract.

On May 15 1924 the Bank and the Guy Huston Co. entered into another contract to sell additional stock and bonds to be issued by the Bank. The stock was to be sold from time to time at such prices as the parties deemed should be for the best interest of the Bank, and the Huston Co. was to receive two and one-half points a share as its full compensation for selling the stock. The bonds were to be sold also at such prices as the parties deemed advisable, but not less than 101, and the Huston Co. was to receive as compensation for negotiating the sale of bonds one-quarter of a point on each bond.

Concerning this contract, the court says:

"There is nothing on the face of the contract which indicates fraud, or any intention on the part of the parties thereto to defraud. On the contrary, the provisions of Sections 12 and 13 tend to negative the idea that the contract was part of a scheme to defraud."

The prosecution, however, had charged that this contract was an essential feature of the alleged scheme to defraud, the other significant part of which was the formation of a company known as the Farmers Fund, Inc.

Formation of Farmers Fund, Inc.

Prior to June 1924, the Southern Minnesota Bank had acquired certain lands in the course of its operations by foreclosure of mortgages and otherwise. This was due, in large part, to the depression in agriculture which existed from 1921 to 1924. The officers of the Bank thought that these lands should be disposed of to a separate corporation and handled by it. The matter was taken up with members of the Farm Loan Board, and the plan of the separate corporation was approved by them.

Accordingly, The Farmers Fund, Inc., was formed on May 15 1925, with a capital of \$100,000. The lands owned by the Southern Minnesota Bank were conveyed to it for a cash consideration of \$75,000 and mortgages taken back covering the full amount of the mortgage loans originally made upon the lands by the Southern Minnesota Bank, together with all costs and disbursements. In addition, the Golds and Guy Huston gave bonds in the total sum of \$100,000 to cover any possible loss which might be sustained by the Farmers Fund, Inc., in connection with the transfers of said real estate.

Purpose of Farmers Fund Legitimate.

As to this transaction, the court says:
 "That this plan of having a separate corporation take over the lands thus held by the Bank was a very common one, the court will take judicial notice; that the plan was approved by members of the Farm Loan Board, and that it was for the best interest of the Bank, is established by the uncontroverted evidence.
 "The government contends that the formation of the Farmers Fund, Inc., was a mere subterfuge; that whatever capital it had was furnished by the Southern Minnesota Bank. A careful examination of the evidence convinces that the capital was furnished by Guy Huston—\$75,000 in cash and \$25,000 in credit on the books of the Guy Huston Co., \$15,000 of this credit was shortly paid over; that the stock of this corporation was taken and owned by him with a double liability attached; that the transaction was bona fide and without the intention on the part of anyone to defraud; that later on, when the Farmers Fund, Inc., was taken over by the Farms Co. of Massachusetts, and it became necessary to increase the capitalization, \$136,000 more was furnished for that purpose by Guy Huston. In return he took B stock in Farms Co. of Massachusetts, an issue subordinate to the A stock.
 "That one of the purposes in forming the Farmers Fund, Inc., was to transform certain non-liquid assets of the Southern Minnesota Bank into liquid assets is clear from the evidence; that the purpose was accomplished is also clear; and that such purpose was legitimate and without intent to defraud anyone is equally clear."

Stock Increase in 1925 Necessary.

The prosecution further claimed that an increase in the stock of the Bank from \$1,800,000 to \$3,000,000, i.e., 12,000 shares, which was voted on Feb. 10 1925, was another step in the alleged scheme to defraud. At that time the Bank had made loans amounting to \$26,900,000 in round numbers. It still had a lee-way for making loans of \$1,500,000 and it had applications for loans equal to that amount.
 On this point the Court of Appeals says:
 "Clearly, if the Bank was to expand its business, an increase of stock was necessary as a basis for an issue of further bonds. The Farm Loan Board knew of the proposed issue of stock.
 "Commissioner Cooper testified: 'I discussed with W. H. Gold . . . and also with Mr. Huston, the matter of increasing the capital stock of the Southern Minnesota Bank . . .
 "After these conversations with Mr. Gold and Mr. Huston, the capital stock of this Bank was increased. At these conversations I knew the Bank had acquired some land, and believed it would have to take on more. I told Mr. Gold I thought it would be advisable to increase his capital stock so he could take care of all good applications that I believed at that time were available to the Bank.
 "I had on my desk at the time, which I think I either showed him or told him about, a report covering this territory, and particularly the territory in which the Southern Minnesota Bank was operating, which showed that during a period of four or five months previous, mortgage loans in the sum of about \$19,000,000 had been made by companies other than Federal or Joint Stock Land Banks, and that made me believe that there must be available here good business which the Bank could take if it had the necessary capital and was able to sell these bonds, and which it would be desirable for the Bank to do."

Erroneous Judgment No Crime.

The court then quotes from the testimony of several of the directors of the Bank, as well as from Mr. Gold and Mr. Huston, to the effect that at the time the increase of stock was voted, that they believed there was opportunity to make good loans if they had funds available, and that the turn had come in the agricultural situation.
 On this point the Court of Appeals says:
 "All of these men were mistaken in the views they held early in 1925 as to the outlook for the future business prosperity of the Bank. They did not foresee the agricultural depression which set in during 1926, nor did they foresee the change in policy soon to be made by the Farm Loan Board in regard to the payment of dividends, and in regard to the guilt or innocence of these defendants in respect to this increase of stock, due consideration must be given to the facts and circumstances as they saw them in 1925. Erroneous judgment may be as consistent with good intentions as with bad. And in this matter of the increase of stock, we think the record fails to show any substantial evidence of bad faith or intent to defraud on the part of the defendants. At most, the evidence shows erroneous judgment on their part when considered in the light of subsequent events."

The Alleged Mail Fraud.

After thus reviewing and disposing of the various steps in the alleged scheme to defraud, the Court of Appeals takes up the specific charge alleged in the indictment against the defendants, namely, that they made a fraudulent use of the mails as part of the alleged scheme. To sustain this charge, the government relied mainly on a statement in a printed circular, copies of which were distributed by mail by Huston (and various other brokers as well) to investors. This statement, which the government claimed was false and fraudulent and upon which claim

the criminal charge against Huston and his associates was based, was as follows:

"Dividends: The initial dividend was declared as of July 1 1922, at 8%. In January 1923 the rate was increased to 9% and in May 1925 the board of directors announced that the dividend rate of the capital stock had been increased from 9 to 10%. The increase to be effective July 1, the first quarterly dividend of \$2.50 per share will be paid Oct. 1 1925."

There was no claim that the dividends were not in fact paid as stated, or that the directors had not passed the resolution to increase the dividend; but the government claimed that the dividends paid had not in fact been earned, and that the failure to disclose in the circular that they had not been earned amounted to a fraudulent use of the mails.

All Dividends Paid from Earnings.

The books of the Bank were kept on what is known as the accrual basis, the basis on which the Farm Loan Board required their books to be kept. The government contended that in determining whether dividends had been earned, however, the books should be considered on a cash basis.

On this question the Court says:
 "The uncontradicted evidence shows that all dividends paid . . . had in fact been out of net earnings; and that there were no false representations in reference to such payment . . .
 "Much correspondence was had in the fall and winter of 1924 between William H. Gold and Guy Huston relative to raising the dividend rate to 10%. Misgivings and doubts were expressed at one time or another by each of them. In the spring of 1925 all of the circumstances seemed favorable to such a step and it was taken. This correspondence, to our mind, shows integrity of purpose instead of a scheme to defraud. Misgivings and doubts are indicative of honesty rather than of villainy.
 "The foregoing evidence; the fact that dividends of 9% had been earned and paid; the testimony that it was the belief of the defendants, as well as of others well informed, that the agricultural depression was about over; the absence of any substantial evidence to the contrary, lead irresistibly to the conclusion that the defendants honestly believed and had reasonable ground to believe that a dividend of 10% could and would be paid on the stock of the bank."

In summing up their opinion, the Court says:
 "We have now discussed at some length the more important details of the alleged fraudulent scheme set out in the indictment; the other details alleged have been examined and considered, but will not be discussed. We have also discussed a number of the alleged false representations which are claimed to have been made in connection with the alleged fraudulent scheme. The remaining alleged false representations have also been examined and considered, but will not be discussed."

No Fraudulent Scheme Nor Misrepresentations.

After enumerating several well established rules of law, the Court concludes:
 "Applying these rules to the evidence in the case at bar, we are of the opinion that the alleged fraudulent scheme and the alleged false representations are without substantial support in the record; and that the items of evidence pointed out by the government as supporting the indictment are as consistent with the innocence of the defendants as with guilt on their part; and that a verdict of not guilty should have been directed by the trial court . . . The judgment as to each of the defendants is reversed."

Unjust Publicity.

In view of the wide-spread publicity given by the press of the country to the charges against Mr. Huston and his associates, and to his trial, conviction and sentence in 1927, and in view of the general impression that seems to prevail that the troubles of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank arose from criminal misconduct on the part of Mr. Huston involving misappropriation of funds, common justice requires that the same publicity should be given to the fact that the Circuit Court of Appeals has exhaustively reviewed all of the relations between Mr. Huston and the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank, and all of his actions in connection with the sale of its securities, and not only finds that there was no misconduct, but in describing his conduct repeatedly uses such phrases as the following:
 "This shows integrity of purpose instead of a scheme to defraud."

The Court, moreover, indicates its opinion that the troubles of the Southern Minnesota Joint Stock Land Bank were simply due to the fact that the directors of the Bank, in common with many other well-informed people, were mistaken in the view they held early in 1925 as to the outlook for future agricultural prosperity, in that they did not foresee the agricultural depression which set in during 1926. This, and the change in policy made by the Farm Loan Board in regard to the payment of dividends, in regard to the handling of lands acquired under foreclosure, were the causes, the Court points out, which led to the troubles of the Bank.

Indications of Business Activity

THE STATE OF TRADE—COMMERCIAL EPITOME.
Friday Night, January 3 1930.

For the first quarter of 1930 the orders thus far as near as can be judged from the latest returns are of fair to good size. Railroads and fabricating trades are reported to be buying steel on a better scale, and production has increased somewhat, with rail mills operating, it is stated at as high as 85%. In other words there has been some recovery from the sluggishness in the inventory period. Some increase in business in textiles here has marked the recent trading although within the past week the demand has not been at all brisk. But the feeling is hopeful in the textile business of the country. It is believed that the consumer is carrying comparatively small stocks of cotton goods and other textiles and that after a prolonged period of curtailment the mills themselves are not oversupplied with their product. There is increased activity in the automobile industry. The increase, is confined largely to the cheaper cars. Yet it is said that in one case the production of a high priced car is larger than it was a year ago. This however, seems to be an instance of the exception proving the rule of only a moderate degree of activity in output aside from that of the lower priced cars. Of late stocks have advanced

somewhat with money on call easy to-day at 5%. Sterling and franc exchanges are below the point where exports of gold can be made profitably and in December about \$72,000,000 of the yellow metal went to Europe.

Wheat has at times advanced sharply, but the net changes for the week are practically negligible. No big export demand has yet appeared, but what is taken to be well informed opinion leans to the belief that Europe will have to buy wheat from the United States on a considerable scale this year, owing mainly to the sharp decrease in the crop of Argentina. It is doubted whether Russia will be a large shipper of wheat to the markets of western Europe. Corn has declined 1 or 2 cents, coincident with a larger movement of the crop and with prospects of still larger movement with good weather. Much of the corn is too moist. Other grain markets show little net change for the week. Cotton has declined slightly with speculation quiet and not much demand for the actual staple at the present time. Exports are far behind those of last year up to this date, and Manchester's trade suffers from a disturbed political situation in India and China, especially in India, where the old threats are heard of a boycott of British goods as Nationalists increase their demands on the British Government. But it appears that England

is not overmuch disturbed by the political agitation in India and thinks that with the police and troops on the scene it will be able to handle the situation. Of course, the mild weather here of late has injured trade more or less. Food prices have declined partly on this account, especially in dairy products and eggs. Declines in prices of commodities during the past week have predominated rather than gains. Provisions have declined slightly, lard falling 13 to 15 points. Sugar has declined with European and Cuban interest selling. And yet the Single Selling Agency in Cuba sold the other day some 50,000 tons and the actual staple has latterly been steadier. European interests were selling here to-day, and the actual raw sugar was quiet, at 2 1-16c. cost and freight. Coffee in an oversold market has advanced sharply. In fact, March Santos is nearly 80 points higher than a week ago and May Santos more than half as much. Rio futures have also advanced some 20 to 30 points under the stimulus of higher prices in Brazil and a somewhat better tone in Exchange. Spot Santos and mild coffee have been very firm. Beyond all this however, is the fact that everybody here has been a bear on coffee until the technical position became so strong that a sharp advance was inevitable. Brazil, Europe and New York have all at times been buying while offerings have been comparatively small. Rubber in a dull market has declined 30 to 40 points. Lumber has been less active in the Pacific Coast States, so far as production is concerned. This may have a stimulating effect later on. There is a reduction of 33 1-3% it appears in the citrus fruit crops in both Florida and California. Southern and Central California needs rain.

In most branches of trade collections are not satisfactory. At best they are only fairly so and in not a few branches they are actually slow and this has been the case for months past. Comparative warm weather of late has hurt the sale of heavy clothing. It was 58 degrees here. Storms in some parts of the country have stimulated the sale of rubber goods. Bituminous coal business has been less active, owing partly to milder weather and partly because of a slowing down of industry in recent weeks. Also there have been some strikes to curtail operations, as well as the usual decrease at the holiday season. The sales of silks, woolsens and worsteds have been comparatively small, but a better business is very generally expected in all these textiles as well as in cotton goods, before long. Raw silk was rather steadier but trade was still quiet. Wool has been in rather better demand and steady.

Retail trade has been on a fair scale but nothing more. The feeling in wholesale and jobbing lines is cheerful, although nobody expects any outburst of activity this month. The feeling rather is that there will be a gradual improvement in the national business in the first half of 1930.

On Dec. 31 the stock market was active and 1 to 12 points higher, including United States Steel, Western Union, Allied Chemical and Dye, American Tobacco, America and Foreign Power, American Tel. & Tel., General Electric, North American Co., Republic Iron and Steel, Sears Roebuck and on through a long list of the market's leaders. The sales were 2,678,070 shares. Stocks have latterly been more or less unsettled and to-day for a time were irregular, rallying later on, with money down to 5%, and the stock trading comparatively light. The feature was the activity in Fox Film A which ended 3 3/4 points higher. It is understood that call money was rather weak at 5%. Foreign exchange declined. French francs are below the level at which gold shipments can be made at a profit to the banks. The increase in brokers' loans of \$98,000,000 has had no particular effect. It was accompanied, it was understood, by not a little short covering. It seems to have indicated year end business rather than any marked increase in speculation. Bonds to-day were quiet but firm.

Fall River, Mass., wired Jan. 1 that the strike at the Bourne Mills which caused the closing of the plant for 13 weeks was terminated Dec. 31, weavers accepting the offer of the company to dispense with the multiple system and allow the weavers to continue operating 20 looms each instead of 40 as the mill had planned to do at the time the strike was called. The mills will reopen with about half of its normal force of 500 employees and gradually increase the number. One hundred and twenty-four weavers were on strike. At Fall River, trade was quiet. Heavy selling over the last week-end of print cloths by the Southern mills at cut prices had its effect on the trade at Fall River. In Massachusetts while cotton mill conditions are not bright, increased production is expected. In Rhode Island, while

no definite statement can be made as to the permanency of employment for workers in the textile industry, it is felt that in this line, as with other industries, efforts will be made to increase production. Providence, R. I., wired: "The cotton industry can expect permanent relief from the unsatisfactory experience it has undergone in recent years only through consolidations and mergers of existing plants into larger units, a trend which has already demonstrated its practicability, it is declared in the annual report of the Rhode Island Textile Association. In Maine there was a gain in the volume of employment in the cotton textile industry in 1929 and a continuance of this improvement is expected.

In North Carolina the textile mills in several localities have been operating on greatly curtailed schedules but the 1930 outlook in this industry is considered brighter. Charlotte, N. C. wired that the Davona Mills which have been idle for several months will be started up again in about two weeks. The company has been reorganized during the period of idleness. About 600 operatives will be employed. In South Carolina the textile mills have been operating on curtailed schedules with no immediate prospects of any immediate prospects of any improvement. Manchester, England's trade has suffered from the disturbed political conditions in India and China and at times from a decline in silver.

As to the weather, on Dec. 30 it was 29 to 40 degrees here. Boston had 32 to 42 degrees; Chicago, 32 to 46; Cincinnati, 36 to 54; Cleveland, 28 to 46; Detroit, 26 to 40; Kansas City, 42 to 64; Milwaukee, 32 to 52; St. Paul, 30 to 46; Montreal, 22 to 32; Omaha, 38 to 62; Philadelphia, 30 to 44; Portland, Me., 30 to 40; Portland, Ore., 30 to 50; San Francisco, 40 to 50; Seattle, 44 to 48; St. Louis, 44 to 66; Winnipeg, 30 to 36. On Dec. 31 here it was 37 to 51 degrees. Maximum temperatures in the West were in the 40's and upper 50's. On the 2nd inst. the temperatures here were 46 to 55 degrees. To-day the maximum temperatures were 55 degrees. The forecast is for fair and colder to-morrow. Overnight Boston was 44 to 58; New York, 50 to 58; Chicago, 26 to 38; Cincinnati, 32 to 54; Milwaukee, 26 to 40; St. Paul, 2 to 32; Winnipeg, 10 below to 32 above.

Secretary of Commerce Lamont Finds Business in 1929 at Record Levels, Despite Recent Recessions—Construction Only Branch of Industry Showing Less Activity in 1929.

In response to requests for a statement of conditions and prospects for the coming year, Robert P. Lamont, Secretary of Commerce, reports that "American business in 1929 reached higher levels than ever before, notwithstanding recessions in some lines in the later months." "Measured by quantities, not value," says Secretary Lamont, "the output of our manufacturing industries broke all previous records, being 8% higher than in 1928. The mineral production shows precisely the same percentage of gain, and here, too, a new high level was established. Freight loadings rose by 3%. Employment in manufacturing industry and the amount of wage payments were both considerably greater in 1929 than in the preceding year." A "continuance of prosperity and progress" is looked for by Secretary Lamont, who in his statement, made available Jan. 1, has the following to say:

Our domestic trade, as indicated by the sales of department stores, mail-order houses, and chain-store systems, attained peaks never before touched. When allowance is made for price changes the latest figures show that in volume, our foreign commerce also reached new high levels, being much greater than ever in the abnormal war period.

Commodity prices have been steady, with a slight downward tendency. There has been no undue accumulation of stocks of goods. Dividend payments of industrial and public-utility corporations were 20% greater than in 1928. There was a decline of 7% in failures among industrial and commercial concerns, as measured by the amount of liabilities; this may be considered a dependable indicator of the general soundness of business.

The only important branch of business showing less activity in 1929 than the year before was construction—the decrease in new contracts being very largely confined to residential building.

The solid economic progress that I have indicated was not in any sense the result of a "boom." Its very substantial character helped greatly to alleviate the effects of the marked break in prices of stock-exchange securities during October and November.

The most important single indicator of economic activity is the index of the output of the manufacturing industries. This showed an increase of approximately 20% over 1923—a very active year. There was a strong demand during the year for coal and for the metals. This increased production of mineral and manufactured commodities was reflected—as I have already mentioned in a larger movement of railway traffic.

Automobile production last year reached about 5,500,000 units, by far the largest output ever attained. Although the closing months showed a greater seasonal decline than usual, the very large production during the other months brought about an increase, for the year as a whole, of 27% as compared with 1928. The exports of automobiles have rapidly increased reaching a peak total in 1929.

While there was some advance in the general level of wholesale prices in 1928 over 1927, the year 1929 showed a slight recession. This was not the

result of any sudden break. During most of the individual months, even when factories and mines were most active, the prices were somewhat lower than in the corresponding period of 1928. Increase in industrial efficiency accounts both for the greater output and the general downward tendency in prices.

The new construction contracts awarded fell off considerably. But the back-log of large contracts placed during 1928 and in the early months of 1929 made possible an actual volume of construction nearly as large as that reported for 1928. There was a lowering in the demand for materials particularly identified with residential construction, such as lumber, brick, cement, and enameled sanitary ware.

Except possibly for certain branches of the construction industry, legitimate business found funds plentiful and reasonably cheap, despite the sharp rise of interest rates before the stock-market crash. A widespread between the rates on brokers' loans and the rates charged to business borrowers was maintained by the Federal Reserve Board, in co-operation with the nation's bankers. Long-term business borrowing was accomplished very extensively by floating stocks on a rising market—often to retire bond issues. Thus the year-end finds most of the lay industries of the country with stronger capital structures, and in better cash-and-inventory positions, than at any time in our history.

Following the security liquidation in October and November, interest rates declined to the lowest levels in eighteen months. Foreign lending, so essential to our export business, was resumed to some extent in the final quarter—through heavy withdrawals from our market of foreign-owned short-term funds. Foreign purchasing power was stimulated, also, by sympathetic liquidation of securities in every important country.

Exports of American manufactured goods reached the huge total of approximately \$3,250,000,000, about 9% greater than in 1928, and about 80% more than in 1922. This growth of exports has made possible more continuous employment of American labor and capital. Import trade was also exceptionally large, especially when allowance is made for the recent decline in the prices of certain major important commodities. The large volume of imports is the result of our high purchasing power and of the increasing productive capacity of many foreign countries.

Although some of our industries lagged behind, there was on the whole, during 1929, less disparity between slow and active branches of business than has been apparent in other recent years.

Broadly speaking, the business history of 1929 recorded the continuation of a movement which has been substantially unbroken for an exceptionally long period. It is impossible, of course, to forecast what temporary ups and downs may occur. But the nature of the economic development of the United States is such that one may confidently predict, for the long run, a continuance of prosperity and progress.

Secretary of Treasury Andrew W. Mellon Looks For Revival of Industrial Activity in Spring and Steady Progress During 1930.

In a statement given out at Washington on Dec. 31, Secretary of the Treasury Andrew W. Mellon finds nothing "in the present situation that is either menacing or warrants pessimism." "I have every confidence," says Secretary Mellon "that there will be a revival of activity in the spring and that during the coming year the country will make steady progress." Mr. Mellon's statement follows:

Forecasting the future course of business can never be done with any certainty that it will be borne out by subsequent events. No one can fully appraise the complex forces which are always at work, and it is hazardous to attempt doing so.

I see nothing, however, in the present situation that is either menacing or warrants pessimism. During the winter months there may be some slackness or unemployment, but hardly more than is usual at this season each year. I have every confidence that there will be a revival of activity in the spring and that during the coming year the country will make steady progress.

In the credit situation the trend of money rates is downward. There is plenty of credit available, and we have reason to expect that the rates for new capital in building construction and expansion will be such as to facilitate the promotion and accomplishment of new undertakings.

Statements from the executives of railroad, public utility and industrial concerns during the President's recent conferences were, almost without exception, to the effect that their expenditures for new construction and expansion in 1930 will be as much or more than in 1929.

The Government's finances are in a sound condition, which warrants the cut in taxes, and the Government itself is in a position to do its part in helping the country to meet and solve the problems which are ahead.

President Hoover Advised by Department of Commerce That Holiday Trade This Year Equalled That of a Year Ago.

President Hoover is much encouraged by reports he has received from the Department of Commerce showing that the general volume of Christmas trade for the entire country this year equalled that of 1928 according to the Washington advices Dec. 27 to the "Herald-Tribune" which added:

It was said at the White House to-day that the President regarded these reports as definitely removing all doubt that the American consumer was not panic-stricken by the recent stock market collapse and that business could look forward to the coming year with greater assurance.

While some sections reported decreases in trade, most of them due to industrial fluctuations not attributed to the stock market situation, others reported increases. The Department of Commerce found that the country as a whole maintained an even level.

The President also has been greatly encouraged by reports he has received from the Governors of 26 States showing the amount of money to be expended on public works in the coming year. These 26 States, it was announced, reported public improvement projects aggregating \$825,000,000. The President is confident the remaining States will report proportionately large estimates.

When President Hoover mustered the business, industrial, agricultural and labor leaders of the Nation in Washington to survey with them the general situation in the light of the stock market crash, he also asked the State Governors by wire to make surveys and report the amount of public improvements their respective States contemplated during 1930.

The reports received thus far were in response to that request.

Guaranty Trust Survey Looks for Continued Slowing Down in Early Months of Year with Recovery in Spring—Over Production a Factor in Business Recession.

Attempts to appraise the business situation and to forecast the trend for 1930 are occupying the business community generally, states the current issue of the "Guaranty Survey," published Dec. 30 by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York. "A consensus of opinion from authoritative sources," continues the "Survey," "seems to indicate a continued business recession during the early months of the year, some measure of recovery in the spring, and gradual improvement following, with fairly good results for the year as a whole. The closing year began well but ended badly. The new year bids fair to reverse the process by beginning badly and ending well." Citing the lessons from the stock market break, the "Survey" says:

"Out of the confusion which followed the reaction on the stock market, several important conclusions may be reached: first, that general business conditions have been less affected than was broadly feared; second, that the most important factor in the present business recession was over-production in important industries, from which a period of readjustment was inevitable. The movement of stocks registered an effect rather than a cause of this condition.

"It is further evident that economic laws have resumed their sway in important particulars: first, supply and demand must still be correlated if industry is to prosper; second, real value is only soundly based on earnings; third, action begets reaction, and a period of over-speculation and over-production inevitably brings about deflation and recession.

"Recent developments have fortified the optimism with which business men regard the prospects for 1930. Although there is no failure to appreciate the importance of the collapse of stock prices as an influence on general business or to ignore the historical fact that such a collapse has almost invariably been followed by a major business recession, emphasis has very properly been placed on certain fundamental differences between the conditions that exist at present and those that have usually been witnessed at similar times in the past.

Unique Features of Present Situation.

"In the first place, the inflation of stock prices was accompanied by no corresponding advance in prices of commodities and by very little accumulation of inventories; consequently, no corrective process in this direction is required. In the second place, the inflation involved no crucial credit strain. The absence of the glutted commodity markets and over-taxed credit structure that ordinarily exist during the early stages of a business recession is the most favorable element of the present situation.

"These encouraging factors are at least partly borne out by actual developments, although it is, of course, still too early to know what the actual effects of the price collapse on general business may be. While business activity is unquestionably on the decline, the downward trend cannot be attributed entirely to developments in the stock market, since it began some time before the panic took place. Retail trade reports indicate that the volume of holiday buying, which would naturally be expected to be very sensitive to a drastic recession in stock prices, was not seriously curtailed.

"The vigorous measures taken by the Government to combat the downward tendency in business have also injected an element of uncertainty into the situation. Never before have public agencies interceded in such a direct and extensive way to alter the course of business, and the results necessarily unpredictable. There is no doubt, however, that the series of conferences with business executives emphasized the strong position of the country's leading industrial concerns and increased public confidence in their future. The increase in wages at the Ford automobile plants and the assurance by many other industrial executives that no effort would be made to reduce the compensation of employees indicated the fundamental change in labor policies that has contributed to the prosperity of the country in recent years and that may have an important bearing on the duration of the present recession. Out of these conferences has grown an organization of business men which, it is hoped, will be able to exert a permanent stimulating and stabilizing influence on business trends."

Wholesale Trade in November as Reported to Federal Reserve Board Indicates More Than Usual Seasonal Decrease.

Wholesale distribution decreased during November by somewhat more than is usual at this season, according to reports made to the Federal Reserve System from firms in eight lines of trade. The largest decreases over the previous month were in the sales of furniture, men's clothing, and boots and shoes. The Board's survey Dec. 28 goes on to say:

Sales in November were 3.0% smaller than for the corresponding month in 1928, decreases being reported for all lines of trade, except drugs and furniture.

The following table summarizes percentage changes in sales by lines during November, as compared with October 1929 and November 1928:

PERCENTAGE OF INCREASE (+) OR DECREASE (-) IN SALES.

	November 1929 Compared with—	
	October 1929.	November 1928.
Groceries.....	-10.0	-1.0
Meats.....	-12.9	-3.3
Dry goods.....	-18.6	-7.8
Men's clothing.....	-45.5	-9.1
Boots and shoes.....	-20.2	-13.3
Hardware.....	-15.2	-3.1
Drugs.....	-15.7	+3.5
Furniture.....	-24.3	0.0
Total, eight lines.....	-16.5	-3.0

Domestic sales of agricultural implements during November were in smaller volume than during the previous month but considerably larger than in the corresponding month a year ago.

More detailed statistics by districts and lines follow:

DEPARTMENT STORES—DATA BY DEPARTMENTS—SALES, STOCKS

Table showing percentage increase (+) or decrease (-) in sales for various departments in the Federal Reserve District for Nov. 1929 compared with Nov. 1928.

Unfilled Orders. The general index of unfilled orders of manufactured goods showed a gain as compared with the previous month but was unchanged from Nov. 30 of last year.

Table showing Index Numbers, 1923-1925=100 for Production—Raw materials and Unfilled Orders for Oct. 1929, Nov. 1929, and Nov. 1928.

a Departmental data of sales are for about 200 reporting stores with total sales in listed departments of somewhat less than \$850,000,000 per annum...

DEPARTMENT STORES—SALES AND STOCKS, BY FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICTS.

Table showing Index Numbers, Monthly Average 1923-1925=100 for sales and stocks by Federal Reserve Districts in 1929 and 1928.

a Stores for which figures are available since base period, 1923-1925. b Monthly average 1925 equals 100.

New York Federal Reserve Bank's Indexes of Business Activity—Evidence of Continued Decline.

According to the Jan. 1 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the bank's indexes generally give evidence of a decline in business activity in November.

Average daily carloadings dropped sharply, and after seasonal and growth allowance, loadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight were down to the level of December 1927.

New corporations formed in New York State declined substantially in November, and after seasonal and growth allowance were the smallest since January 1921.

Table showing Indexes of Business Activity for Primary Distribution, Distribution to Consumer, and General Business Activity for Nov. 1928, Sept. 1929, Oct. 1929, and Nov. 1929.

Monthly Indexes of Department of Commerce Indicate Further Decline in Industrial Output.

The Department of Commerce, in its monthly indexes of production, stocks and unfilled orders, issued under date of Dec. 31, says:

Industrial output during November, after adjustments for seasonal conditions, showed a decline from both the preceding month and November of last year, according to the weighted index of the Federal Reserve Board.

The general index of commodity stocks held in the hands of manufacturers showed a gain as compared with both the previous month and November of last year, the increase over both periods being largely due to greater holdings of raw materials.

Volume of Production and Trade in 1929 Expected to Exceed Yearly Records Since 1925 Says New York Federal Reserve Bank.

The following on production and trade in 1929 is from the Jan. 1 Monthly Review of the New York Federal Reserve Bank:

Despite the recession in important industries during the closing months of this year, it appears from a compilation of all of the principal series of industrial and business data that the total volume of production and trade for the full year 1929 will probably prove to have shown a slightly larger increase over the previous year than for any single year since 1925.

In the accompanying diagram is shown the year-to-year growth of industry and trade since 1919, as reflected in a broad weighted index of a large number of series, exclusive of those of financial activity.

Production of manufactures and series indicative of trade lead the groups shown below in percentage increase over 1928, followed closely by output of minerals and metals.

of business as bank debits, railroad car loadings, and electric power production also showed a substantial increase, and the food and tobacco production classification showed an increase about the same as the average for all series. Construction projects and the output of building materials were smaller than in 1928, and the quantity output of principal crops averaged about 5% smaller. In addition to the more important series listed in the subjoined table, there are numerous other items included in the group averages.

PER CENT CHANGE—1929 FROM 1928.

Manufactures—		Foods and Tobacco—	
Locomotives, shipments.....	+60	Cigarettes.....	+12
Automobiles, trucks.....	+52	Butter.....	+7
Automobiles, passenger cars.....	+26	Sugar meltings.....	+4
Cottonseed oil, crude.....	+16	Wheat flour.....	+2
Wool consumption.....	+12	Cigars.....	+1
Malleable castings.....	+8	Lard.....	0
Cotton consumption.....	+7	Beef.....	0
Silk consumption.....	+4	Pork.....	-1
Boots and shoes.....	+4	Cheese.....	-29
Sole leather and belting.....	-5	Group average.....	+4
Tires, pneumatic.....	-7		
Radiators.....	-25	Building Materials & Construction	
Group average.....	+8	Cement.....	-3
		Lumber.....	-4
Minerals and Metals—		Building permits.....	-10
Gasoline.....	+15	Building contracts.....	-12
Pig iron.....	+13	Sand-lime brick.....	-20
Copper, smelter.....	+12	Group average.....	-4
Petroleum, crude.....	+12		
Steel ingots.....	+9	Trade—	
Bituminous coal.....	+6	Mail-order sales.....	+26
Lead.....	+6	Grocery chain store sales.....	+12
Zinc.....	+1	Chain store sales.....	+11
Anthracite coal.....	-2	Merchandise imports.....	+8
Group average.....	+7	Wholesale trade.....	+3
		Department store sales.....	+3
Crops—		Merchandise exports.....	+3
Tobacco.....	+9	Group average.....	+8
Hay.....	+8		
Cotton.....	+3	General—	
Eye.....	-6	Debits, New York City.....	+24
Corn.....	-7	Electric power.....	+11
Rice.....	-7	Debits, outside New York City.....	+9
Wheat.....	-12	Life insurance sales.....	+7
Oats.....	-14	Carloadings, all other.....	+3
Barley.....	-14	Employment in United States.....	+3
Pears.....	-14	Postal receipts.....	+2
Potatoes, white.....	-23	Carloadings, mdse. and miscellaneous.....	+2
Apples.....	-25	Group average.....	+6
Peaches.....	-33		
Group average.....	-5	Average of 161 series.....	+4

Holiday Trade in Department Stores in New York Federal Reserve District Larger Than Year Ago.

The Jan. 1 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York states that "preliminary reports on holiday trade obtained from the leading department stores in the metropolitan area of New York indicated sales in the first 24 days of December about 2% larger than the corresponding period last year." The Bank also says:

The number of stores reporting increases was about the same as the number reporting decreases, but the increases in sales were somewhat larger than the decreases. Assuming that the financial reports for December will also show an average increase of 2%, total sales for the year will show an increase of 4% over those of the previous year, the largest increase since 1926.

Final November department store reports showed sales in about the same volume as in November 1928, a more favorable comparison than was indicated by the preliminary reports covering the first half of the month. Apparel store sales, however, showed a decline from a year ago for the first time since April.

Stocks of merchandise on hand in department stores at the end of November were practically unchanged from those of a year previous. Collections on charge accounts remained slightly lower than in 1928.

Locality.	Percentage Change Nov. 1929 Compared with November 1928.		Per Cent of Accounts Outstanding Oct. 31 Collected in November.	
	Net Sales.	Stock on Hand End of Month.	1928.	1929.
New York.....	+0.7	+1.3	54.7	52.3
Buffalo.....	-2.4	-0.6	54.4	50.3
Rochester.....	+1.3	+2.7	44.8	43.3
Syracuse.....	-5.8	+6.3	38.3	33.7
Newark.....	-0.8	-5.1	45.9	46.1
Bridgeport.....	-0.9	+3.7	36.7	38.4
Elsewhere.....	+2.2	-4.6	42.1	38.7
Northern New York State.....	-4.1	---	---	---
Central New York State.....	-2.3	---	---	---
Southern New York State.....	+0.6	---	---	---
Hudson River Valley District.....	+2.0	---	---	---
Capital District.....	+6.6	---	---	---
Westchester District.....	+6.4	---	---	---
All department stores.....	+0.3	+0.2	50.8	49.0
Apparel stores.....	-6.4	-0.9	49.6	48.0

Sales and stocks in the principal departments are compared with those of a year previous in the following table.

	Net Sales Percentage Change November 1929 Compared with November 1928.	Stock on Hand Percentage Change Nov. 30 1929 Compared with Nov. 30 1928.
Toys and sporting goods.....	+12.3	-1.1
Books and stationery.....	+10.8	+8.4
Shoes.....	+8.5	-2.7
Toilet articles and drugs.....	+7.9	-4.7
Hosiery.....	+7.8	+5.8
Women's ready-to-wear accessories.....	+4.4	+10.9
Women's and misses' ready-to-wear.....	+2.0	-6.6
Luggage and other leather goods.....	+1.4	+18.0
Furniture.....	+0.9	+8.9
Linens and handkerchiefs.....	+0.1	-3.2
Men's and boys' wear.....	-0.4	-7.5
Home furnishings.....	-0.5	-2.3
Cotton goods.....	-0.7	+7.1
Men's furnishings.....	-0.9	-0.8
Silverware and jewelry.....	-1.1	+12.0
Woolen goods.....	-12.3	-2.9
Silks and velvets.....	-15.0	-17.1
Musical instruments and radio.....	-28.3	-5.7
Miscellaneous.....	-3.8	-7.3

Wholesale Trade in New York Federal Reserve District Below That of Previous Year.

Regarding wholesale trade the Monthly Review Jan. 1, of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York states:

According to reports received from wholesale dealers in this district, November sales averaged 6% smaller than a year previous, the largest decrease since June 1928. Drugs and stationery sales continued to show increases, quantity sales of silk goods were considerably larger than last year although the value was smaller, and paper sales were about the same as last year, but all other lines showed decreases. The decrease in shoe sales was the largest in almost a year, and there were substantial declines in sales of men's clothing, cotton goods and hardware. Jewelry firms reported a considerable decrease in November, following increases in sales in recent months, and diamond dealers reported a decrease of nearly one-half from the sales of a year ago, the largest reduction in recent years.

Orders reported by the Machine Tool Builders Association were little more than half as large as in October and were nearly 40% smaller than in November 1928, doubtless reflecting the effects of the unusually sharp curtailment of industrial activity which occurred in November.

Stocks of groceries and drugs remained considerably larger than a year ago at the end of November, and stocks of cotton and silk goods showed small increases over last year, following decreases in October; stocks of shoes, hardware and diamonds and jewelry also were smaller than last year. Collections averaged a little slower than in November 1928, although there were exceptions to this tendency in several lines.

Commodity.	Percentage Change November 1929 Compared with October 1929.		Percentage Change November 1929 Compared with November 1928.		Per Cent of Accts Outstanding Oct. 31 Collected in November.	
	Net Sales.	Stock End of Month.	Net Sales.	Stock End of Month.	1928.	1929.
Groceries.....	-7.3	+2.9	-1.4	+16.1	68.1	69.5
Men's clothing.....	-45.5	---	-8.8	---	34.7	34.4
Cotton goods.....	-22.6	-6.7	-12.8	-1.1	---	---
Silk goods*.....	*-9.6	*+7.7	*+13.1	*+4.3	45.9	46.1
Shoes.....	-18.7	+6.9	-13.7	-14.8	45.7	42.3
Drugs.....	-25.0	-11.0	+18.4	+13.6	46.2	32.4
Hardware.....	-16.8	-4.9	-11.1	-3.8	50.4	48.1
Machine tools**.....	-44.5	---	-38.5	---	---	---
Stationery.....	-13.4	---	+4.1	---	62.4	58.2
Paper.....	-11.5	---	+0.1	---	63.0	69.4
Diamonds.....	-35.0	+2.4	-46.0	-8.5	24.0	24.3
Jewelry.....	-22.7	---	-21.7	---	---	---
Weighted average.....	-22.2	---	-6.2	---	50.4	49.2

* Quantity, not value. Reported by Silk Association of America.

** Reported by the National Machine Tool Builders' Association.

November Store Sales in New York Federal Reserve District 13% Above Volume in Same Month in 1928.

"The total November sales of the reporting chain store organizations in this district were 13% above those reported in November 1928," the Federal Reserve Bank of New York states in its Monthly Review issued Jan. 1. Continuing it says:

The increases reported in the sales of grocery, ten cent store, variety and candy chains were the largest in at least three months. The drug and shoe chain systems also showed substantial increases in their sales as compared with last year.

After allowing for the change in the number of stores operated, however, the grocery and candy chains were the only organizations that showed sales per store materially larger than a year previous.

PERCENTAGE CHANGE NOV. 1929 COMPARED WITH NOV. 1928.

Type of Store—	Number of Stores.	Total Sales.	Sales per Store.
Grocery.....	+1.5	+13.1	+11.4
Ten cent.....	+9.0	+7.1	-1.7
Drug.....	+11.5	+11.9	+0.4
Variety.....	+10.4	+8.4	-1.8
Shoe.....	+35.0	+24.4	-7.8
Candy.....	-0.4	+5.8	+6.2
Total.....	+8.0	+12.7	+4.4

Willis H. Booth, President Merchants' Association of New York, Looks for Satisfactory Business in 1930—Views of L. E. Pierson and Other Directors of the Association.

The business executives who comprise the directorate of the Merchants' Association of New York take what is, on the whole, an optimistic viewpoint with respect to the business outlook for 1930. Each of 17 directors has made a statement to the association, some of which follow:

Banking and Finance.

Willis H. Booth, President of the Merchants' Association and Vice-President of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York:

"There is no fundamental reason why business should not find itself again on the up-grade early in 1930. Low inventories are generally reported; money is available at low rates; we have ample labor. During December a sustained volume of retail buying was reported by the department stores. The seasonal reduction in employment has not been accompanied, so far as I can learn, by any decrease in wage levels.

"While the present situation is one which puts a premium on economies of production and distribution, as well as on the wise expenditure of money, it nevertheless holds within itself the justification for the prediction that 1930 will, as a whole, be a satisfactory year.

"If the managers of industry, both in production and distribution, will give more study to all the facts associated with their businesses, there is no reason why they should not report profitable operations."

Louis E. Pierson, Chairman of the Board of the Irving Trust Co.:

"The object lesson to be found in the story of the stock market collapse of 1929 is a valuable one and will not soon be forgotten. Fortunately for business, the scars will be borne principally by individuals rather than by concerns, and the economic balance of the nation is not appreciably disturbed.

"The early months of 1930 may not be so good in all respects as 1929. Still there are perfectly valid reasons for believing that the 12 months' period will round out a good year.

"Banking is sound, credit is ample for all proper purposes, money is plentiful and cheap, buying power apparently has not been seriously impaired, inventories are not excessive, and business men of the nation have shown that they fully realize as never before the importance of teamwork in preserving national prosperity."

Richard F. Hoyt, of Hayden, Stone & Co.:

"The recent break in security values has brought us to realize that our wealth should not be estimated in terms of inflated security prices and that our expenditures cannot be based on assumed security profits. Damage has been done, but it can be computed. The result is wholesome. Whereas people thought chiefly of the prices of stocks, they now speak with respect of the income they yield. We will be more thrifty for a while. Corporate earnings in 1930 will very likely be less than they were in 1929, but dividend payments as a whole should equal or exceed this year's record. Our essential prosperity is unimpaired."

Arthur Lehman, of Lehman Bros., bankers:

"A year ago, despite the evidence of prosperity and almost universal optimism, there was some question as to the outlook because it was felt by many conservative people that production had reached such a volume that it was difficult for it to continue during another year at such a swift and expanding pace.

"At the present time, although there has been a definite recession in business following upon the severe decline at the end of October and early November, and in spite of the fact that the business horizon appears to be definitely gloomy, it is my belief that business during the year 1930 will be very much nearer normal than at the moment anticipated. There is no doubt that it will start off poorly, and the setback will probably continue during the larger part of the first half of the year, but I feel that the conditions underlying business are healthier than they were a year ago and that we are going into 1930 with certain dangerous financial and speculative maladjustments corrected.

"I am very hopeful that there will be a gradual improvement beginning with the spring of the year and that by fall business will again be quite normal."

Retail.

Col. Michael Friedsam, President B. Altman & Co.:

"The present condition of the retail business, so far as my observations go, warrants an optimistic outlook for 1930. Holiday buying was strong, especially so toward the end; inventories are unusually clean, with need of less depreciation; methods of operation have consistently improved, so that net results should show an increase in ratio to the volume. On the whole, I think that the retail business is in sound shape, and I am very cheerful about the coming year."

Textiles.

Bertram H. Borden, President M. C. D. Borden & Sons:

"The recent setback in the security market has undoubtedly had the effect of slowing up business. On the other hand, I believe that fundamentally we are commercially in a very much sounder condition than when the speculative fever was at its height. In my own business, that of the cotton textile industry, we are to-day suffering from an accumulation of production which it is very evident must be eliminated before this particular industry can come back to its own.

"I am convinced that this trade has the brightest kind of outlook for 1930 provided there is a strong determination to consistently slow down machinery until a balance of production to demand has been obtained. The lowering of prices creates a decided lack of confidence on the part of the buyers and until such time as the cotton mills as a whole determine to correct the evil of overproduction we cannot have a stabilized market."

Lincoln Cromwell, William Iselin & Co.:

"The Textile manufacturers have had an average year in 1929. As a class they are no better off than a year ago. Overproduction and uncontrolled competition make the results unsatisfactory to most of the mills.

"There has been a normal consumption of textiles, and until the last two months of the year the consumption has equaled the production, and there has been no increase in the volume of stocks in the hands of manufacturers or dealers. Prices have remained very uniform throughout the year, and no losses need be taken in inventory.

"The Wall Street crash was due primarily to an excessive production of securities which accumulated in the hands of dealers and speculators until the weight of the load they were carrying broke down the speculative air castle. There has been no such overproduction of textiles and no price inflation. They are not likely to meet any considerable shrinkage of consumer demand, but the purchases of textiles for industrial purposes, which consume an important part of the product, has been slowed down by the universal feeling of caution. There is a general confidence that this condition will be short-lived and that buying in the coming spring months will make up for any lack of orders low."

Carload Shipments in First Quarter of 1930 Estimated at 7,664,499 Cars by Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards—Reduction of 43,905 as Compared With Same Period in 1929.

Shippers of the country, through estimates of the Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards, anticipate that carload shipments of the 29 principal commodities in the first quarter of 1930 (the months of January, February and March) will be approximately 7,664,499 cars, a reduction of 43,905 cars below the corresponding period in 1929, or six-tenths of 1%, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced on Jan. 1. The Association's announcement said:

The Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards, covering the entire United States, furnish these estimates quarterly to the Car Service Division so

that the railways may have a guide as to the service they are to be called upon to perform in a given quarterly period.

These estimates are based on the best information as to the outlook, so far as transportation requirements are concerned, obtainable at the present time by the commodity committees of the various boards.

Of the 13 Shippers' Regional Advisory Boards, five anticipate an increase in their respective districts in transportation requirements for the first quarter of the year compared with the same period last year, while eight expect a decrease. In practically every instance, however, the variation, compared with the same period last year, is small. The five boards which estimate an increase over the same period in the preceding year are the Atlantic States, Allegheny, Ohio Valley, Central Western and Southwestern.

Boards estimating a reduction are the New England, Great Lakes, Midwestern, Northwestern, Trans-Missouri-Kansas, Southeastern, Pacific Coast and Pacific Northwest Boards.

The estimate by each Shippers' Regional Advisory Board as to what freight loadings by cars are anticipated for the 29 principal commodities in the first quarter of 1930 compared with the corresponding period in 1929 and the percentage of increase or decrease follows:

Board—	Actual 1929.	Estimated 1930.	Per Cent of Inc. or Dec.
Central Western	324,740	329,102	1.3 Increase
Pacific Coast	302,169	299,000	1.0 Decrease
Pacific Northwest	237,649	224,692	5.5 Decrease
Great Lakes	490,583	450,871	8.1 Decrease
Ohio Valley	1,121,483	1,122,937	0.1 Increase
Mid-West	1,220,164	1,209,666	0.9 Decrease
Northwest	246,895	242,242	1.9 Decrease
Trans-Mo.-Kansas	429,731	412,425	4.0 Decrease
Southeast	859,495	838,780	2.4 Decrease
Southwest	538,438	546,216	1.4 Increase
New England	166,321	160,407	3.6 Decrease
Atlantic States	775,570	782,712	0.9 Increase
Allegheny	995,166	1,045,449	5.1 Increase
Total	7,708,404	7,664,499	0.6 Decrease

Of the five boards which anticipate an increase in freight car requirements in the first quarter of 1930 compared with the same period in 1929, the Allegheny Board ranks first due to the anticipated heavier movements particularly of coal, coke, petroleum and petroleum products, brick and clay products. In the Atlantic States board territory, it is due to the anticipated heavier movement of various commodities including coal and coke, petroleum and petroleum products; paper, paper board and prepared roofing; and in the Ohio Valley to grain, gravel, sand and stone, coal and coke; brick and clay products. In the Southwestern, the commodities particularly affecting the increase are grain, flour and other mill products, citrus fruits, ore and concentrates, gravel, sand and stone, and sugar, syrup and molasses. In the Central Western, the estimated increase is due to the anticipated heavier movement of grain, farm implements, potatoes, ore and concentrates, cement and canned goods.

Of the boards reporting reductions in the anticipated freight car requirements for the first quarter, the estimate for the Great Lakes Board showed a reduction in shipments of automobiles, ore and concentrates, iron and steel, machinery and boilers, and live stock, although a substantial increase is expected in grain shipments. In connection with the anticipated reduction in shipments of automobiles, consideration must be given to the fact that the automobile industry in the first quarter last year was unusually active with the result that the demand for freight cars for the movement of automobiles in 1929 was above the average. As to the other boards which estimate a reduction in freight car requirements during the coming three months, there were fluctuations in the estimates as to the transportation needs of the various industries. While the composite picture shows a tendency downwards, for the most part the reductions are small.

In submitting reports to the Car Service Division, each board estimated what freight car requirements will be for the principal industries found in the territory covered by that board. On the basis of this information, it is estimated that of the 29 commodities, increases in transportation requirements will develop for 15 as follows: Flour, meal and other mill products, cotton seed and products, except oil, citrus fruits, potatoes, poultry and dairy products, coal and coke, salt, petroleum and petroleum products, sugar, syrup and molasses, cement, brick and clay products, agricultural implements and vehicles other than automobiles, fertilizers, paper, paper board and prepared roofing and canned goods.

Commodities for which a decrease is estimated totaled 13 as follows: Grain, hay, straw and alfalfa, cotton, fresh fruits except citrus fruits, fresh vegetables except potatoes, live stock, ore and concentrates, gravel, sand and stone, lumber and forest products, iron and steel, lime and plaster, automobiles, trucks and parts, and chemicals and explosives.

Freight car requirements for machinery and boilers are expected to be practically the same as those for the first quarter of 1929.

The estimate as to what transportation requirements will be for various commodities for the first quarter of 1930 compared with the same period in 1929 follows:

Commodity—	Carloadings.		Est. Per Cent—	
	Actual 1929.	Estimated 1930.	Inc. %	Dec. %
Grain, all	365,114	348,409	--	4.6
Flour, meal and other mill products	235,609	239,144	1.5	--
Hay, straw and alfalfa	84,622	83,921	--	.8
Cotton	66,927	62,235	--	7.0
Cotton seed and products, except oil	48,217	48,313	.2	--
Citrus fruits	46,751	47,753	2.1	--
Other fresh fruits	46,304	42,175	--	8.9
Potatoes	63,970	64,660	1.1	--
Other fresh vegetables	69,593	66,211	--	4.9
Live stock	365,343	354,872	--	2.9
Poultry and dairy products	30,619	31,913	4.2	--
Coal and coke	2,825,398	2,903,720	2.8	--
Ore and concentrates	136,502	131,670	--	3.5
Gravel, sand and stone	383,439	381,532	--	.5
Salt	29,529	30,513	3.3	--
Lumber and forest products	832,212	780,177	--	6.3
Petroleum and petroleum products	509,490	528,220	3.7	--
Sugar, syrup and molasses	48,266	49,503	2.6	--
Iron and steel	539,582	514,868	--	4.6
Machinery and boilers	48,894	48,913	--	--
Cement	109,444	113,102	3.3	--
Brick and clay products	126,660	129,269	2.1	--
Lime and plaster	46,543	44,310	--	4.8
Agric. implements and vehicles, other than automobiles	30,235	32,445	7.3	--
Automobiles, trucks and parts	285,313	246,746	--	13.5
Fertilizers, all kinds	159,251	161,807	1.6	--
Paper, paperboard and prepared roofing	103,593	105,557	1.9	--
Chemicals and explosives	28,610	28,234	--	1.3
Canned Goods—all canned food products, (includes catsup, jams, jellies, olives, pickles, preserves, &c.)	42,374	44,257	4.4	--
Total all commodities listed	7,708,404	7,664,499	--	.6

Loading of Railroad Revenue Freight Lower.

Loading of revenue freight for the week ended on Dec. 21 totaled 842,483 cars, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced Dec. 31. Compared with the corresponding week in 1928, this was a decrease of 58,137 cars, but an increase of 12,673 cars above the corresponding week in 1927. The total for the week of Dec. 21 was a reduction of 80,757 cars under the preceding week. Details follow:

Miscellaneous freight loading for the week of Dec. 21 totaled 282,344 cars, 34,251 cars below the same week in 1928, but 5,403 cars above the corresponding week in 1927.

Loading of merchandise less than carload lot freight amounted to 228,484 cars, a reduction of 14,094 cars under the same week in 1928 and 7,559 cars under the same week in 1927.

Coal loading amounted to 202,470 cars, an increase of 10,452 cars above the same week in 1928 and 25,774 cars above the same week in 1927.

Forest products loading totaled 48,727 cars, 9,602 cars below the same week in 1928 and 4,389 cars under the corresponding week in 1927.

Ore loading amounted to 8,794 cars, a decrease of 2,151 cars under the same week in 1928, but 623 cars above the corresponding week in 1927.

Coke loading amounted to 11,087 cars, an increase of 425 cars over the corresponding week in 1928 and 1,143 cars over the same week in 1927.

Grain and grain products loading for the week totaled 36,167 cars, a reduction of 7,008 cars under the corresponding week in 1928, and 8,846 cars under the same period in 1927. In the Western districts alone, grain and grain products loading amounted to 26,046 cars, a reduction of 4,241 cars under the same week in 1928.

Live stock loading totaled 24,410 cars, 1,908 cars below the same week in 1928, but 524 cars above the corresponding week in 1927. In the Western districts alone, live stock loading amounted to 19,150, a decrease of 719 cars compared with the same week in 1928.

All districts, except the Pocahontas, reported reductions in the total loading of all commodities compared with the same week in 1928, but the Allegheny, Pocahontas, Southern and Southwestern districts reported increases compared with the same week in 1927 while the Eastern, Northwestern and Centralwestern districts showed decreases.

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
Week ended Dec. 7	936,825	984,773	877,676
Week ended Dec. 14	923,240	963,668	868,750
Week ended Dec. 21	842,483	900,620	829,810
Total	52,451,344	50,921,913	50,955,252

Freight Cars on Order Dec. 1 Totalled 30,569—Greater Number Than on Any Similar Date Since 1924.

More freight cars were on order on Dec. 1 this year than on any similar date since 1924, the Car Service Division of the American Railway Association announced Dec. 31. Freight cars on order on Dec. 1 this year totalled 30,569, the Association reports, and it adds:

This was an increase of 16,194 cars above the number on order on Dec. 1 1928, and an increase of 20,719 cars above the same day two years ago. It also was an increase of 16,005 cars above Dec. 1 1926, and an increase of 2,848 cars above the number on order on that date in 1925.

Of the freight cars on order on Dec. 1 1929, reports showed 16,326 were box cars, an increase of 8,867 compared with the same date last year. Coal cars for which orders have been placed numbered 12,102, an increase of 7,205 compared with the number of such cars on order on Dec. 1 1928. Refrigerator cars on order totalled 511, Flat cars, 1,580, and other miscellaneous freight cars, 50.

Locomotives on order on Dec. 1 this year numbered 299, compared with 123 on the same day in 1928, and 69 in 1927. On Dec. 1 1926, the railroads had 344 on order.

New freight cars placed in service in the first eleven months of 1929 totalled 76,773, of which box cars totaled 37,474; coal cars, 28,638; flat cars, 3,884; refrigerator cars, 3,509, and stock cars, 2,672. Other classes of equipment installed in service during that period totalled 596.

New locomotives placed in service in the first eleven months of 1929 totalled 716.

Freight cars or locomotives leased or otherwise acquired are not included in the above figures.

Production of Electric Power in the United States in November 1929 Exceeded Same Month a Year Ago by About 6%.

According to the Division of Power Resources, Geological Survey, the output of electrical power by public utility plants in the United States for the month of November totalled 8,240,407,000 k. w. h., an increase of around 6% over the same period in 1928 when production amounted to approximately 7,753,000,000 k. w. h. Of the total for November of the current year, 5,598,244,000 k. w. h. were produced by fuels and 2,642,163,000 k. w. h. by water power. The survey further shows:

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

Division.	Total by Water Power and Fuels.			Change in Output from Previous Yr.	
	September 1929.	October 1929.	November 1929.	October 1929.	November 1929.
New England	546,383,000	612,531,000	574,989,000	+9%	+4%
Middle Atlantic	2,066,021,000	2,236,952,000	2,160,446,000	+10%	+7%
East North Central	1,898,156,000	2,069,590,000	1,937,937,000	+7%	+3%
West North Central	486,885,000	516,584,000	493,715,000	+14%	+10%
South Atlantic	891,752,000	1,088,796,000	1,021,054,000	+15%	+10%
East South Central	317,251,000	313,489,000	303,475,000	+7%	+9%
West South Central	442,543,000	452,268,000	422,180,000	+16%	+14%
Mountain	335,123,000	326,977,000	315,259,000	+15%	-2%
Pacific	1,076,729,000	1,089,594,000	1,011,352,000	+9%	+9%
Total for U. S.	8,060,843,000	8,706,781,000	8,240,407,000	+10%	+6%

The average daily production of electricity by public-utility power plants in the United States in November was 274,680,000 k. w. h., about 2% less than the record-breaking average in October of 280,860,000 k. w. h. per day. This decrease in the demand for electricity was probably due to the slowing up of industry during November. The holidays in November—election day, armistice day, and Thanksgiving day—undoubtedly affected the demand for electricity and caused some part of the 2% decrease from the October figures.

The decrease in output occurred at fuel-burning plants and the production of electricity by the use of water power in November was the same as in October. The water-power output was still considerably below normal, owing to continued low water in power streams, especially in Pacific States.

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

	1928. a	1929.	Increase 1929 Over 1928.	Increase 1928 Over 1927.	Produced by Water Power.	
					1928.	1929.
January	7,265,000,000	8,241,000,000	13%	6%	38%	33%
February	6,868,000,000	7,429,000,000	12%	8%	38%	33%
March	7,241,000,000	7,989,000,000	10%	6%	39%	39%
April	6,845,000,000	7,881,000,000	15%	6%	43%	42%
May	7,118,000,000	8,084,000,000	14%	8%	45%	43%
June	6,998,000,000	7,768,000,000	11%	8%	44%	40%
July	7,142,000,000	8,012,000,000	12%	10%	43%	38%
August	7,510,000,000	8,354,000,000	11%	12%	40%	34%
September	7,276,000,000	8,091,000,000	11%	10%	38%	31%
October	7,922,000,000	8,706,000,000	10%	14%	36%	31%
November	7,753,000,000	8,240,000,000	6%	13%	36%	31%
December	7,912,000,000	-----	-----	10%	35%	-----
Total	87,850,000,000	-----	-----	10%	40%	-----

a Final revision. b Based on output for 28 days.

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

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

The "Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices.

The "Annalist" Weekly Index of Wholesale Commodity Prices stands at 140.9, a decrease of 0.9 points from last week (141.8) and compares with 147.5 last year at this time. The "Annalist" also says:

Lower prices of grains, live stock and eggs have lowered the farm products index 2.3 points. The food products index is lowered in sympathy 1.0 point; the textile is 0.8 point lower because of sharp reductions in cloth and yarns; further reduction in zinc prices to 39.375 cents a pound made for a fractionally lower metal index. The remaining groups remain virtually unchanged. The 1930 index opens 4.5% lower than the average of prices last year at this time.

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

	Dec. 31 1929.	Dec. 24 1929.	Dec. 31 1928.
Farm products	137.1	139.4	147.9
Food products	145.1	146.1	144.8
Textile products	139.4	140.2	156.2
Fuels	159.8	159.8	166.6
Metals	125.3	125.4	125.0
Building materials	150.6	151.5	153.8
Chemicals	134.0	134.0	134.6
Miscellaneous	123.8	123.7	124.2
All commodities	140.9	141.8	147.5

Considerable Decline in Industrial Activity in Boston Federal Reserve District.

In surveying industrial and financial conditions in the New England District, the Federal Reserve Bank of Boston, in its Jan. 1 "Review" says:

There was a sharp recession in New England industrial activity during November from the unusual high levels which prevailed in the second and third quarters of 1929, and although August marked the high point of the year, the decline in activity during September and October was relatively slight. In November, however, there was a substantial decline in activity in practically all lines of industry, not only in New England but in the entire country. Carloadings of merchandise and miscellaneous freight during November in New England fell off considerably, not only from the October volume but also from the corresponding month a year ago, and when allowances for customary seasonal changes had been made, these New England car-loadings figures for November were below the average for the three-year period 1923-25 for the first time in five years. Another type of information which is indicative of the trend of distribution is the net sales of department stores in New England. In November total net sales of all reporting New England stores were practically the same as in November 1928 and for the first 11 months of 1929 were 1.7% ahead of the corresponding period a year ago. During the first three weeks of December sales of reporting Boston de-

partment stores were nearly 2% larger than during the corresponding period a year ago. Residential building (square feet) in New England continued to decline during November, and the volume of commercial and industrial contracts awarded likewise declined from October. In each of the first 11 months of 1929 the volume of new residential building in New England was less than in the corresponding month of 1928. New England textile activity in November was distinctly curtailed, and the amount of raw cotton consumed was less than in any month since September, 1928. A similar condition prevailed in the consumption of raw wool, but between July and October New England woolen mills had been reporting a relatively greater consumption than did the cotton mills. Silk machinery activity in New England increased slightly in November from October, but less was than in November 1928. During the first 11 months of 1929 New England boot and shoe production was about 1.7% greater than in the corresponding period a year ago, despite a reduction in November of considerably more than has usually taken place between October and November. On Dec. 23 in Boston the quick call money rate was 5%, time money (six months) was quoted at 5½-6%, and commercial paper was 5-5½%. In New York quotations for brokers' prime commercial paper were 5% during the two weeks ending Dec. 21. Time money secured by mixed collateral firmed slightly from a range of 4½-4¾% during the week ending Dec. 7 to 4¼-5% during the two weeks ending Dec. 21.

Business Conditions in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District—Mercantile Activity Below that of Recent Years.

"Business in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District apart from the usual holiday expansion in retail trade, has been less active than in earlier months," so the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia reports in its Business Review issued Jan. 1. The Bank further indicates conditions in its District as follows:

Mercantile activity since the middle of November has resulted in a large volume of sales, although they have not measured up to the level attained at the same time in other recent years. Retail sales in November decreased from October instead of increasing as was to be expected; they were also somewhat smaller than those of a year earlier.

Wholesale and jobbing trade slackened seasonally. Sales during November generally showed a little more than the usual drop from the October volume. They were also slightly smaller than in November, 1928, a fact which may be due in part to the continuance of lower commodity prices. Quotations in recent weeks, however, have been fairly steady, fluctuating only within a narrow range.

Railroad shipments in this section have declined seasonally in recent weeks, but the total for the first 11 months of this year was larger than in the corresponding period last year or two years ago. This favorable showing was due chiefly to larger shipments of coal, merchandise, and miscellaneous commodities.

Sales of new automobiles, measured by passenger car registrations in this district, declined in the month a little more sharply than is usual and were smaller than in November, 1928. In the first 11 months of this year, however, sales exceeded those in the same period last year by almost 21%. Sales of ordinary life insurance in this section showed more than the usual increase from October to November; they were also substantially larger than in the same month last year. This is also true of the volume of insurance subscribed thus far this year in comparison with last year.

Check payments in the leading cities of this district showed less than the usual seasonal decline between October and November and were nearly 10% larger than in November, 1928. In the months prior to September, they were considerably larger than in other recent years. A portion of this increase, especially in some of the principal cities, probably is attributable to developments in the security markets.

Industrial activity shows marked recession from the high level in October. Factory employment in this section declined from October to November, but continued above last year. Similarly, wage payments fell off in the month, but were larger than in November, 1928. Some of the early reports for December indicate a further drop in employment, particularly in groups comprising metal and textile products.

The demand for workers by employers in November declined more sharply than is usual and was slightly smaller than a year earlier. The number of workers placed, on the other hand, has increased steadily since August and was the largest shown for November in the past six years.

The physical output of manufacturers as a rule naturally was smaller in November than in October, but in many cases it compared rather well with the volume reported for the same month last year. Production in the first 11 months of this year on the whole surpassed that in the corresponding period of last year or two years ago.

The building and real estate situation continues quiet. The volume of both building contracts awarded and permits issued in leading cities declined sharply in November and was below the level of a year ago. The recession in contract awards was due largely to a continuous decline in contracts for residential buildings, including apartment houses. The real estate market in Philadelphia shows little change. Forced sales of properties to be made, while declining from November, were substantially larger than in December, 1928.

Some improvement is noted in the demand for anthracite, owing chiefly to increased buying by householders induced by colder weather. The market for bituminous coal also shows betterment, sales to public utilities and, in some degree, to industries having increased since the middle of last month. As a result, production of both anthracite and bituminous coal has increased somewhat in recent weeks. The output of the latter in the first 11 months of this year was noticeably larger than last year, while that of hard coal was a trifle lower.

Recession in Building Activity in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

From the Jan. 1 "Business Review" of the Philadelphia Federal Reserve Bank we take the following regarding building and real estate:

Building activity at this time of year usually shows a marked recession and figures giving the total value of contracts awarded in November and the first half of December bear this out. Operations have been in smaller volume throughout the year than they were in 1928 and comparisons with earlier years show that this year's construction record closely resembles that for 1926. The decline in the past month was shared by southern New Jersey and eastern Pennsylvania, but Delaware showed the largest percentage recession in total awards. Of the larger cities, Trenton was the only one reporting an increase.

The real estate situation in Philadelphia continues quiet. The number of deeds recorded in the county declined in November, but was slightly higher than last year. The total value of mortgages recorded, however, increased in comparison with October, but was smaller than a year ago.

The number of properties offered at Sheriff's sales in December established a new high mark for the month. The total for the year was over 30% larger than last year and in every month except February the figures exceeded those for the corresponding months in past years.

Business Activity in Cleveland Federal Reserve District Irregular—Conditions in Rubber and Tire Industry

The Federal Reserve Bank of Cleveland reports, in its Jan. 1 "Monthly Business Review," that "general activity in the Fourth [Cleveland] District was irregular in November and early December. Operations at industrial plants showed a more rapid decline than is usually noted at this time of year and are now below the level of a year ago," says the Bank, which adds:

The largest reductions were shown in the iron and steel, automobile, tire and related industries, which have been declining since mid-summer at a restricted rate. Prior to November operations were greater than in the corresponding months of 1928, in spite of the declines noted.

Factory employment receded sharply in November, compared with the previous month and was less than in the corresponding month of 1928 for the first time this year. The situation in December was aggravated by the custom of many plants to curtail operations at the holiday season in order to take inventory, make repairs and changes before the beginning of the year.

Though the decline in payrolls has been slightly greater than that shown in employment, because some plants are operating only part time, the effect on retail distribution has not been very great as yet. Sales of department stores in the district, while declining from October, were only 0.9% less in November than they were in November, 1928. Holiday buying is reported to have been in good volume, and seems to have been about on the level of preceding years.

While business might be termed quiet at present, some signs of an encouraging nature have appeared, particularly in the iron and steel industry, during the past two weeks. Increased inquiries have been received for material for first quarter delivery and schedules at Youngstown plants have been advanced slightly because of a few automotive orders. Manufacturers' stocks of tires have been materially reduced by curtailed production and are now only slightly larger than they were a year ago. A general spirit of optimism seems to prevail throughout the district, judging from reports received from correspondents during the past month.

With reference to the rubber and tire industry, the Bank says:

The low rate of factory operations in the Akron territory and elsewhere in the country during the past three months has had a very favorable effect on the large tire stocks with which the industry has been confronted since early in the year. Stocks of tires have declined 3,800,000 casings since the high point in June and on Nov. 1 were 9,633,404 casings. The supply, however, is still ample and is nearly 1,000,000 casings larger than it was last year. Shipments of tires have exceeded production for the past five months, and, while demand for original equipment has receded, the replacement demand seems to be well maintained.

The volume of spring-dated orders has not been so large as has been received in former years, possibly because the stocks in hands of dealers are larger than they were a year ago. The larger manufacturers, however, state that the volume has been satisfactory in view of the general situation, feeling that the 1930 ordering has only been postponed.

It has been little more than a year since the Stevenson Restriction Act was withdrawn by the British Government. In that time there has been a large increase in the shipments of rubber, which was almost inevitable because of the artificial nature of the Act. Imports of crude rubber to the United States in the first 11 months of 1929 totaled 517,912 tons, as compared with 399,581 tons in the same period of 1928, an increase of 30%. World stocks of crude rubber increased 15% in the first 10 months of 1929. This increase in supply of crude rubber has affected the price level. For the first 10 months of 1929 the price fluctuated around 20 cents a pound, showing only seasonal changes. In November, however, the average price declined to between 16 and 17 cents and is at that level at present. This is the lowest price for many years and compares with \$1, the price in 1925.

Manufacturing Activities and Output in Chicago Federal Reserve District—Midwest Distribution of Automobiles.

A decline in the midwest distribution of automobiles and in the orders and shipments of furniture manufacturers is indicated in the following which we take from the monthly Business Conditions Report of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago:

Furniture.

Orders booked and shipments during November by furniture manufacturers in this district were below the October figures. The total volume of orders booked by 21 firms registered declines of 13.4% and 19%, respectively, from a month and a year previous. Individually, only 4 firms in the comparison with October and 4 in that with a year ago, did not follow the downward trend of the group. Shipments dropped 25.4% from the preceding month but gained 4.8% over the corresponding period of 1928. Unfilled orders on hand Nov. 30 were reduced 18.1% from Oct. 31, and aggregated 12.5% below a year ago. The average rate of operations for 15 companies dropped from 86.9% for October to 80.5% in November.

Automobile Production and Distribution.

The decline in United States production of passenger automobiles in November from October averaged 47.1%; output of 163,309 compared with 216,754 in November a year ago, or a decrease of 21.9%. Truck production of 46,513 represented a reduction of 20.9% from the preceding month and a gain of 17.2% over last November.

Distribution of automobiles in the Middle West declined further in November; the number of cars sold by wholesalers was considerably less than a month or a year previous, as were sales by retail dealers; used car sales fell off from the preceding month but remained in excess of the 1928 level. Stocks of both new and used cars continue to increase, and those on hand and end of November totaled decidedly heavier than a year ago.

on the same date. Deferred payment sales constituted 53.6% of the total retail sales by 30 dealers in November, which compares with a ratio of 50.3% in October and with 47.3% last November.

MIDWEST DISTRIBUTION OF AUTOMOBILES.
(Changes in November 1929, from previous months.)

	Per Cent Change From		Companies Included	
	Oct. 1929.	Nov. 1928.	Oct. 1929.	Nov. 1928.
New Cars:				
Wholesale—				
Number sold.....	—53.7	—32.0	31	29
Value.....	—48.3	—24.7	31	29
Retail—				
Number sold.....	—23.5	—17.7	59	52
Value.....	—25.5	—20.4	59	52
On hand Nov. 30—				
Number.....	+0.5	+64.3	60	53
Value.....	+4.3	+47.3	60	53
Used Cars:				
Number sold.....	—21.5	+11.5	60	53
Salable on Hand—				
Number.....	+6.5	+41.6	60	53
Value.....	+8.2	+16.3	60	53

Merchandising Conditions in Chicago Federal Reserve District During November—Seasonal Declines in Wholesale Trade—Increase in Retail Lines.

Seasonal declines in all reporting lines of wholesale trade during November are reported in the Monthly Business Conditions Report, dated Dec. 31, issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago. An increase of 3.3% in department store sales, as compared with October, are indicated in the Bank's Monthly Report, which has the following to say regarding merchandising conditions:

Wholesale Trade.—Seasonal declines from October were shown during November in all reporting lines of wholesale trade, and sales were also less than for the corresponding month of 1928 in all groups except groceries where a very slight increase was recorded. In the month-to-month comparison, all the firms shared in the recession except one dry goods, one shoe, two drug, and six electrical supply firms; a large majority of companies likewise shared in the decline from a year ago. In the eleven months of 1929, wholesale grocery firms have sold 1.9% more goods than for the same period of 1928, hardware sales have been 5.3% greater, dry goods 1.0%, drugs 2.0%, and electrical supplies 5.8% larger, while sales of shoes have been 4.6% smaller. November 30 stocks in most lines totaled below the preceding month but heavier than a year ago. Collections average fair and continue good for hardware firms. Prices in general remained at October levels, although more numerous reports of a downward tendency have been received.

WHOLESALE TRADE DURING THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER, 1929.

	Net Sales During Month Per Cent Change From		Stocks at End of Month Per Cent Change From	
	Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.	Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.
Groceries.....	(25) — 9.4	(25) + 0.2	(19) + 2.3	(18) — 4.5
Hardware.....	(14) — 18.3	(14) — 4.0	(10) — 4.1	(10) + 13.0
Dry goods.....	(8) — 14.5	(8) — 15.6	(6) — 11.3	(6) + 7.0
Drugs.....	(11) — 9.9	(11) — 1.0	(10) — 2.9	(10) — 9.0
Shoes.....	(7) — 32.4	(7) — 31.5	(5) — 3.5	(5) + 1.9
Electrical supplies.....	(30) — 16.5	(30) — 16.3	(23) — 5.9	(23) + 7.4

	Accounts Outstanding End of Month.			Collections During Month Per Cent Change From	
	Per Cent Change From		Ratio to Net Sales During Month.	Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.
	Preceding Month.	Same Month Last Year.			
Groceries..	(23) — 2.2	(23) — 9.2	(23) 97.4	(21) — 6.1	(20) + 3.5
Hardware..	(14) — 6.9	(14) + 1.9	(14) 222.6	(10) — 1.9	(10) + 1.5
Dry goods..	(8) — 3.3	(8) — 4.0	(8) 354.2	(7) + 3.0	(7) — 11.3
Drugs.....	(10) — 0.6	(10) + 1.8	(10) 150.9	(6) — 8.4	(6) + 0.2
Shoes.....	(6) — 7.4	(6) + 4.6	(6) 435.5	(5) — 13.5	(5) — 18.7
Elec. suppl.	(29) — 4.6	(29) + 0.4	(29) 155.8	(19) — 1.5	(19) — 4.9

Figures in parentheses indicate number of firms included.

Department Store Trade.—Total sales during November by 115 department stores in the Seventh district increased 3.3% over the preceding month but showed a decline of 1.9% from November 1928. For the 11 months of this year, sales have totaled 2.0% heavier than in the corresponding period last year. In the comparison with the preceding month, the larger cities and stores in smaller centers, contributed to the gain. Chicago, Detroit, and Indianapolis stores effected the aggregate decline shown as compared with November a year ago, while in the gain for the 11-month period, these cities and Milwaukee shared. Stocks on hand Nov. 30 averaged 1.8% heavier than a month previous, but were 0.4% under the corresponding date of 1928. Stock turnover for the month of .32 times averaged about the same as a year ago, and that for the cumulative period this year of 3.44 compared with 3.47 times for the 11 months last year. November collections totaled 3.4% more than in October and 6.9% above a year ago, while accounts receivable the end of the month were 4.3 and 7.0% heavier in the respective month-to-month and yearly comparisons. The ratio of November collections to accounts outstanding a month previous of 42.0% was practically the same as for the same period last year.

Chain Store Trade.

November sales of 21 chains operating 2,837 stores during the month aggregated 2.4% larger than in the preceding month and 13.0% more than a year ago; the number of units increased 3.1 and 16.4% in the respective comparisons, so that average sales per store declined 0.7 and 2.9%. As compared with October, sales of drug, five-and-ten cent, men's clothing, and furniture chains totaled heavier in November, while those of grocery, cigar, shoe, musical instrument, and women's clothing chains declined. Aggregate sales in all groups except musical instruments were larger than in November last year.

Other Retail Trade.

Aggregate gains of 6.5 and 1.1%, respectively, over a month and a year previous were recorded in the November sales of 26 retail shoe dealers and the shoe sections of 22 department stores in the district. For the 11 months of this year sales have totaled 4.2% heavier than during the corresponding period of 1928. Individually, the majority of dealers showed declines in all three comparisons and the majority of department stores shared in the gains reported. Stocks continue to increase somewhat; those on hand the

end of November averaged 3.0% greater than a month previous and 2.3% above a year ago. Dealers' collections in November totaled 2.6% more than in October, but were 6.7% smaller than for last November; accounts receivable the end of the month declined 4.8% in the monthly and 9.0% in the year-to-year comparison. Accounts receivable totaled 69.5% of November sales, which compares with 67.9% in October and 70.1% a year ago.

November sales of furniture and house furnishings by 24 dealers and 26 department stores declined 14.9% in the aggregate from October, and 1.9% from the same month last year. Installment sales by dealers were 17.1% smaller and 0.7% larger in the respective comparisons. Collections on installment sales were 3.5% less in November than a month previous and total collections 6.5% smaller, while as compared with a year ago, increases of 3.4 and 5.6%, respectively, were shown. Accounts receivable Nov. 30 on dealers' books had declined 2.6% from the preceding month a were 2.2% below the corresponding date of 1928. Stocks of dealers and department stores the end of November averaged 2.9% heavier than on Oct. 31 and 0.5% above a year ago.

Survey of 1929 by F. O. Wetmore of First National Bank of Chicago—Deflation of Stock Market Values Viewed as Having Little Influence on Business.

Surveying the year 1919, Frank O. Wetmore, Chairman of the First National Bank of Chicago and the First Union Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, refers to speculation as "the one outstanding feature of interest during the year"; the belief, however, is expressed that the deflation of stock market values "taken by itself has had and will have relatively little influence on business." Mr. Wetmore sees "no reason why there should not be a fairly satisfactory volume of business during the first six months of 1930." His statement follows:

The favorable business conditions that existed at the end of the year 1928 continued and improved as the year 1929 progressed, to a point where business generally undoubtedly enjoyed one of the most prosperous years in our history. To be sure, there were some lines that did not participate but this is always to be expected. The one outstanding feature of interest during the year has been that of speculation, which attained a magnitude in volume and number of people interested beyond anything known in the past. Had the results been confined to the speculative markets only, the consequences would not have been so serious, but attracting, as it did, money from all countries it was a disturbing factor in the money affairs of all important nations, and with the deflation of values in the stock market the release of funds thereby was promptly reflected in improved monetary conditions both at home and abroad. We believe that the deflation, taken by itself, has had and will have relatively little influence on business, but it is not surprising that there should be a recession in business from the great volume and the great prosperity we were enjoying during the first eight months of 1929. Business generally is in a sound position, and if we are fortunate enough to have a substantial volume of cereal and increased volume of cotton exports, the two important disturbing factors in the present situation will be corrected. We see no reason why there should not be a fairly satisfactory volume of business during the first six months of 1930.

Arthur Reynolds of Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago Says Fundamental Conditions Are Sound and Business Men Can Look Forward to New Year With Confidence.

In expressing his views as to the business outlook, Arthur Reynolds, Chairman of the Board of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co. of Chicago, says:

"Fundamental conditions are sound. Business men can look forward to the new year with confidence. I believe that at the close of 1930 it will be found that the volume has been larger than expected and profits satisfactory."

As to business in 1930, Mr. Reynolds made the further statement that "If a standard or pattern is needed, it is to be found in the average of production, trade and profits during 1927." He went on to say:

"The efforts of President Hoover will undoubtedly have an effect, but the impulse to renewed activity will be the time-honored one of depleted stocks. An added impulse will be felt from any increase in construction, and particularly from the increase in exports that is reasonably to be expected.

"It is doubtful if new building will exceed the figures for 1929, and it will be March or April before any increase is likely. But construction—including buildings, roads, public works, all kinds of industrial additions and betterments—should exceed the 1929 figures and the effect of this should be felt in the second quarter of 1930.

"An outflow of gold, for some months, is probable, and will operate as a check on the decline in money rates, unless offset by Reserve Bank purchases of Government securities and perhaps a lowering of interest rates in Europe.

"The test for the duration of the business recession should be found in the amount of expansion in the spring. If there is the normal seasonal increase, prospects will be bright indeed. If an increase, but not as large as usual, the duration of the recession will be slightly longer.

"It is scarcely a possibility, much less a probability, that industrial production will drop off to the extremely low figures of June and July 1924, or even to the average for that year, which was below that of 1923-25. The average of industrial production in 1927 seems much more reasonable, as a minimum.

"The movement of freight—probably the best index of the volume of trade—should average out as well as in 1927. The spread between production and trade will be less than in 1929, with consumption only slightly below production.

"Profits may approximate the figures for 1928 even more closely than those for 1927. An examination of the net profits of all corporations in the United States shows that the business recession of 1924 reduced profits only some 12% that year, compared with the figures of the preceding 12 months. The reduction attributable to the recession of 1927 was only a

little over 9%, compared with profits in 1926. If, in 1930, there should be as much as a 15% reduction from a conservative estimate of profits for 1929, the result would be a figure nearly as large as in 1928. A 20% reduction—an absurdly large figure—would still leave profits larger than in 1927.

"Suggesting a business average at least as large as in 1927 does not mean that all industries or all concerns in those industries will fare exactly alike. It would be too much to expect complete uniformity of business activity and profits in all lines of business and all sections of the country. And it is certain that profits will depend even more than in recent years on the quality of business management."

Industrial Employment Conditions in Chicago Federal Reserve District—Downward Trend Reported.

According to the Monthly Business Conditions Report, Dec. 31, of the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, the downward trend of employment shown in October continued during November, manufacturing industries of the Seventh [Chicago] Federal Reserve district reporting a loss of 3.0% in volume of employment and of 4.8% in payrolls for the period Oct. 15 to Nov. 15. However, the level of employment is still slightly above a year ago, says the Bank, which continues:

Of the 10 manufacturing groups included in our survey, 7 shared in the general decline from October.

Heavy recessions were reported in the rubber, food products, leather, and vehicles groups. Rubber manufacturing declined 10.5%. Food products showed a loss of 7.8% in employment and of 1.5% in payrolls, a seasonal decline in the canning industry offsetting substantially increased activity at packing plants of the district where a seasonal increase in time schedules was effective; Chicago plants also report a general wage increase of about 4% to plant workers. The number employed in leather manufacturing decreased 6.5% and their earnings were down 16.1% from the October figures, while vehicles, reflecting curtailment in the automobile industry, lost 5.9% in number of men and 6.8% in amount of earnings. Three other groups—stone, clay and glass products, metal and metal products, and lumber and wood products—showed smaller numbers employed than in October, with correspondingly greater decreases in amount of payroll.

The only group showing a substantial increase was paper and printing, reflecting the heavy demand for books and stationery at this time of the year. The gain over October amounted to 5.2% in number employed and 4.0% in total earnings. Textiles showed larger numbers employed but smaller payrolls than in October, while chemicals remained at about the same level.

Of the non-manufacturing groups, wholesale and retail trade showed a slight seasonal increase in number employed and in payrolls, while building and construction work was restricted, and coal mining payrolls declined sharply. The public utilities maintained approximately the level of October.

The free employment offices of Illinois and Indiana report increasing difficulty in placing applicants. The ratio of applicants to available positions in Illinois increased from 147 in October to 181 in November, which is the highest of any month this year, and the figure for Indiana rose to 141, as compared with 107 in October. Iowa showed better conditions, partly due to good demand for corn huskers and other farm help, as the ratio dropped to 207 from 216 in October.

EMPLOYMENT AND EARNINGS—SEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT.

Industrial Groups.	Number of Wage Earners.			Total Earnings.		
	Week Ended		Per Cent Change.	Week Ended		Per Cent Change.
	Nov. 15 1929.	Oct. 15 1929.		Nov. 15 1929.	Oct. 15 1929.	
All groups (10).....	437,441	450,938	-3.0	\$11,453,528	\$12,034,122	-4.8
Metals & metal prods. (oth. than vehicles).....	206,546	212,511	-2.8	5,298,916	5,664,066	-6.4
Vehicles.....	42,312	44,981	-5.9	1,282,417	1,376,427	-6.8
Textiles & textile prod.....	29,804	29,508	+1.0	653,046	657,927	-0.7
Food & related prods.....	50,954	55,283	-7.8	1,333,692	1,353,683	-1.5
Stone, clay & glass prod.....	10,921	11,365	-3.9	332,545	353,430	-5.9
Lumber & its products.....	29,716	30,169	-1.5	691,101	731,592	-5.5
Chemical products.....	12,758	12,796	-0.3	369,906	374,759	-1.3
Leather products.....	16,276	17,413	-6.5	329,839	392,979	-16.1
Rubber products.....	3,869	4,321	-10.5	90,832	98,828	-8.1
Paper and printing.....	34,285	32,591	+5.2	1,071,234	1,030,431	+4.0

Recessionary Tendencies of Business in St. Louis Federal Reserve District.

Trade and industry in the St. Louis Federal Reserve District have developed recessionary tendencies, according to the Monthly Review, issued Dec. 30, by the Federal Reserve Bank of St. Louis. The Bank likewise says:

In virtually all lines investigated November sales fell below those reported for October, and in a large majority of instances the totals were below those of November 1928. While many of the decreases shown from November to December were seasonal in character, they were larger than the average of the past several years. Slowing down in distribution of commodities was quite general, extending to the large urban centers, small towns and rural areas. Likewise, most classifications of merchandise were affected, though relatively the most marked declines were in goods in the luxury category and materials used by the building industry and certain lines of manufacture. Included in the lines showing smaller sales volume than a year earlier were boots and shoes, clothing, groceries, automobiles, hardware, millinery, stoves and certain iron and steel specialties. Small gains over last November were recorded in furniture, dry goods, electrical supplies, farm implements and men's hats.

Through the south, trade, both wholesale and retail, was adversely affected by the decline in the price of cotton, and the depressed price of wheat, corn and other farm products has served to hold down purchasing of commodities elsewhere in the rural areas. Department store sales in the principal cities, in November were smaller by 0.2% than a year ago, and decreases were shown by retail jewelers and other special lines. Moderate gains were reported by five and ten-cent stores, mail order houses and some chain stores. Christmas shopping got a later start than usual, and was adversely affected by unfavorable weather. Considerable improvement in distribution of holiday goods, both at wholesale and retail, however, has developed since the first week of December.

Generally through the district, according to the Employment Service of the Department of Labor, a surplus of workers exists, most marked among unskilled labor and artisans in the building crafts. Lumber and textile mills reduced their working forces, and fewer persons were employed in railroad shops, furniture and shoe factories, and plants manufacturing glass, clay products, iron and steel goods. There was a sharp decrease in building permits issued and contracts let for construction during November, the total dollar value of contracts being the smallest for any month since January, 1925. Debits to checking accounts in the chief cities of the district in November were smaller by 11.0% than in October, but 6.1% larger than in November, 1928. Decreases in both comparisons were shown in savings accounts.

Demand for anthracite coal and coke for heating purposes was materially augmented by the cold weather in late November. Industrial buying also improved slightly, due mainly to a disposition on the part of factories and public utilities to build up stocks. In the Indiana, Illinois and Kentucky fields there was a substantial reduction of loaded cars on tracks at mines and some operators reported an oversold condition on certain special grades. In these fields, where screenings had recently been in excessive supply, reduced output was accountable for their working into a much stronger position. Taken as a whole, prices were slightly lower in November than October, but were higher than at the corresponding period last year. Screenings in the western Kentucky fields advanced moderately from the extreme low point of the preceding month. In the St. Louis industrial district steaming coal was less active than heretofore, due in part to the fact that natural gas from the Louisiana fields has entered the district and has replaced coal in several important industrial plants. Internecine disagreements between rival miners' unions in the Illinois field resulted in the closing of several mines, but failed to substantially affect production. For the country as a whole production of bituminous coal during the present calendar year to December 14, approximately 295 working days, totaled 502,453,000 tons, against 471,581,000 tons for the corresponding period in 1928, and 495,592,000 tons in 1927.

As compared with recent months, freight traffic of railroads operating in the district decreased in volume, and during November the total fell below that at the corresponding period last year. Decreases were general in all classifications of freight, but most marked in grain and grain products and fuel. The decrease in the movement of grain is accounted for partly by the earlier marketing of wheat this year than in previous seasons. For the country as a whole loadings of revenue freight during the first 48 weeks this year, or to Nov. 30, totaled 49,448,796 cars, against 48,072,852 cars for the corresponding period last year and 48,379,016 cars in 1927. The St. Louis Terminal Railway Association, which handles interchanges for 28 connecting lines interchanged 197,835 loads in November, against 248,586 loads in October, and 196,502 loads in November 1928. During the first nine days of December the interchange amounted to 57,971 loads, against 65,732 loads during the corresponding period in November, and 62,935 loads during the first nine days of December 1928. Passenger traffic of the reporting roads decreased 3% in November as compared with the same month last year. Estimated tonnage of the Federal Berge Line between St. Louis and New Orleans in November was 103,300 tons, which compares with 137,021 tons in October and 148,218 tons in November 1928.

Reports relative to collections during the past thirty days reflected considerable irregularity, both in reference to the several lines and different localities. In the large centers wholesalers reported Dec. 1 settlements in good volume, with a particularly good showing being made in the case of dry goods, boots and shoes and hardware. Apparel interests complained of slow payments and numerous requests for extensions. Through the south payments were less satisfactory than earlier in the season, due partly to the decline in cotton prices. Some improvement was noted in the coal fields, also in the tobacco and rice growing areas. City retailers reported collections backward, with the volume relatively smaller than a month and a year earlier. Answers to questionnaires addressed to representative interests in the several lines through the district showed the following results:

	Excellent	Good	Fair	Poor
November 1929.....	2.7%	22.7%	65.3%	9.3%
October 1929.....	2.8	32.4	60.5	4.3
November 1928.....	1.4	34.2	52.1	12.3

Commercial failures in the Eighth Federal Reserve District in November, according to Dun's, numbered 126, involving liabilities of \$1,773,236, against 124 failures in October with liabilities of \$1,881,464 and 125 failures for a total of \$5,740,158 in November 1928.

Building Operations in Kansas City Federal Reserve District.

In surveying building operations in its District the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City has the following to say in its Jan. 1 Monthly Review:

While building and general construction work in November was effectually checked by abnormally cold weather for the time of the year and little progress in out-door work was made, the reports from cities show the value of permits for buildings compared favorably with former records for the month and season. The reports of 20 cities placed the value of November permits at \$7,337,073, or 1.7% above the October total and 6.5% above the total for November last year. Eight cities reported increases and 12 cities decreases in permit values as compared with a year ago. The record for the first 11 months of 1929 shows the value of permits issued in the 20 reporting cities was \$96,941,200, an increase of \$4,693,633 over the total for the first 11 months of 1928. The reports in detail:

	Permits.		Estimated Cost.		% Ch'ge.
	1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.	
Albuquerque, N. M.....	55	61	\$109,492	\$211,475	-48.2
Casper, Wyo.....	3	9	3,665	18,850	-80.6
Cheyenne, Wyo.....	9	13	12,460	49,750	-75.0
Colorado Springs, Colo.....	35	52	50,465	28,750	75.3
Denver, Colo.....	292	405	579,350	821,450	-29.5
Hutchinson, Kan.....	14	27	489,240	48,600	65.0
Joplin, Mo.....	62	60	17,465	109,960	52.3
Kansas City, Kan.....	159	152	3,002,150	1,593,000	88.5
Kansas City, Mo.....	65	83	109,570	338,573	-67.6
Lincoln, Neb.....	9	14	6,090	22,100	-72.4
Muskogee, Okla.....	227	258	1,193,925	1,238,607	-3.6
Oklahoma City, Okla.....	61	82	314,115	266,570	17.8
Omaha, Neb.....	56	99	238,988	79,661	200.0
Pueblo, Colo.....	15	23	34,388	17,365	98.0
Salina, Kan.....	45	44	30,607	49,360	-38.0
St. Joseph, Mo.....	25	28	68,765	66,837	2.9
Shawnee, Okla.....	48	64	49,989	61,345	-18.5
Topeka, Kan.....	183	256	605,350	1,017,290	-40.5
Tulsa, Okla.....	147	155	253,999	789,060	-67.8
Wichita, Kan.....	147	155	253,999	789,060	-67.8
Total 20 cities, November.....	1,546	1,934	\$7,337,073	\$6,886,965	6.5
Total 20 cities, 11 months.....	26,071	28,132	96,941,200	92,247,567	5.1

The value of building contracts awarded in the Tenth District in November was placed at \$13,541,217 by the F. W. Dodge Corp. in its monthly report of building contracts awarded in 37 States. The November total shows a decrease of \$2,855,436 from October and a decrease of \$366,790 from November last year. Contracts awarded in this District in the 11 months of 1929 totaled \$217,652,024, which is \$13,760,285 less than the total of \$231,412,309 reported for the like period in 1928.

Trends in Northwest Viewed by First National Bank of St. Paul.

Discussing trends in the Northwest, The First National Bank, First Saint Paul Co., and Merchants Trust Co., of St. Paul, under date of Dec. 26, state:

The volume of check payments in the Northwest for the five weeks ending Dec. 4 1929 increased 7% compared with the same period last year.

Increases occurred in Minneapolis, Saint Paul, South St. Paul, and the mixed farming cities; and decreases in Duluth, Superior, and the wheat belt cities.

Sales of merchandise by wholesalers, jobbers, and retailers in November were better than a year ago, according to reports from commercial agencies.

The value of farm products marketed in the Northwest in November compared with the corresponding month of 1928 as follows, according to data published by the Ninth District Federal Reserve Bank: Sales of wheat, rye, and flax declined 54% in dollar value; sales of hogs declined only 1%; and the value of potatoes sold increased 76%.

Wheat, corn, oats, flax, eggs, potatoes, and hogs were higher in price in November than a year ago; and the prices of rye, butter, milk, hens, cattle, and lambs were lower, according to the Dec. 15 summary of business conditions by the Ninth District Federal Reserve Bank.

There were more freight cars loaded with livestock, coal, and coke in the Northwest in November than in the same month last year; but the carloadings of grain and forest products decreased to such an extent that there was a 6% decline in the total number of cars moved of all commodities. Carloadings of merchandise declined only about 1%.

The number of carloads of freight received in St. Paul increased about 3%, compared with November 1928, and the carloads of freight shipped out of St. Paul increased 10%, according to data published by the St. Paul Association. The tonnage of freight shipped out of St. Paul by motor truck increased 51%.

Contracts awarded for new building in the Northwest increased 73%, compared with November 1928, and the value of future projects in contemplation increased 66%, according to reports of the F. W. Dodge Corp.

New building in the Northwest from Jan. 1 to Dec. 1 1929, was 15% ahead of the same period last year.

Summary.

The smaller wheat crop, the tendency of farmers to hold grain, and the abnormally early crop movement account for the declines in carloadings, in value of crops marketed, and in check payments in Duluth, Superior, and the wheat belt cities. Other data available gives no evidence of a similar decline in manufacturing or merchandising. The increase in new building in the Northwest, both for November and for the year to date, is an exception to the downward trend in effect for the rest of the nation.

Daily Volume of Trade in Kansas City Federal Reserve District During November Reaches Highest of Year—Productive Activity Declined.

According to the Jan. 1 issue of the "Monthly Review" of the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City, "expansion in fall trade in the Tenth [Kansas City] District continued through November with the daily volume the highest of the year thus far and higher than a year ago. Productive activity in most of the industries declined seasonally," says the Bank, "and the output for the month, on the whole, was smaller than for the same month last year." The Bank continues:

The accumulated total of general business for the first 11 months of 1929 was greater than in the first 11 months of 1928. The value of checks drawn by individuals, firms and corporations and cashed by the banks in 30 cities during this 11-month period was greater by 11.1% than for the like period in the preceding year. The volume of commercial loans of reporting member banks, after reaching the high level of the year in November, declined sharply in the early half of December, but was still above this time last year. Demand deposits of reporting member banks, and savings deposits of a selected list of banks, declined during November and were smaller than a year ago.

Distribution of goods by retailers to consumers was increasingly heavy during November, and in the early half of December when shopping for Christmas was at its height the volume compared favorably with that for former seasons. Department stores in cities reported to this bank their daily sales for 24 trading days in November averaged higher than for the 27 trading days in October, and sales for the month and first 11 months this year were larger than for November and the first 11 months in 1928. Distribution by wholesale firms in November, although approaching the low period of the year, was practically the same in the dollar value of goods sold and delivered as in November and the first 11 months of the preceding year.

Production in most of the industries of this district exhibited more than the customary seasonal decline in November, due in part to the observance of the two holidays and in part to the early appearance of winter, this November having been the coldest November of record for this district. In comparison with November of last year, the statistical reports show production of crude oil, lead and zinc ores, and flour decreased, while the production of coal and cement increased. The slaughter of hogs, cattle and calves at packing plants was larger, while the number of sheep slaughtered was smaller than in November last year. The returns on production for the first 11 months of the year show increases over the same period last year for all industries reported, with the exception of the slaughter of cattle, calves, and hogs, each of these classes showing a decrease of less than 1%.

Building activity slowed down during the month but the value of permits for buildings in 20 cities was larger for November than for either the preceding month or the corresponding month last year. However, the value of building contracts awarded in the district as a whole was smaller than in October this year or November last year.

Regarding wholesale and retail trade the Bank says:

Retail Trade.

Complete reports of November business at 34 department stores in cities of this district show the dollar volume of sales for the month averaged 3.7% larger than for the corresponding month last year. Increased sales were reported by 22 stores and decreased sales by 12 stores. The increase in sales was due for the greater part to early purchases for the holidays, while the unusually low temperatures during the month stimulated sales of apparel and other winter goods. The reports revealed that the aggregate of department store sales for the year to the opening of December stood 3.3% above that for the like period in the preceding year.

November sales of men's and women's apparel at reporting retail stores in cities averaged about 10% higher than in the same month last year. Sales of shoe stores were reported smaller than a year ago. Sales at retail furniture houses were smaller than a year ago.

Inventories of department stores at the close of November showed average stocks were 1.1% larger than on Oct. 31, but were smaller by 1.2% than on Nov. 30 last year.

Wholesale Trade.

The dollar of goods and merchandise sold by wholesale reporting firms in this district, at their main establishments and branch houses, continued through November at a higher daily average than for October. Since November included only 24 business days, however, the aggregate sales for the month was smaller than that for October, which included 27 business days. The November sales of wholesalers combined for five lines showed a very small increase of about 1/2 of 1% over those for the corresponding month last year.

Wholesalers, in their comments on the state of trade, said frosty weather in the last two weeks of November helped retail merchants to move winter goods in fair quantities and they were buying more freely than usual at this time of year. Business has been interfered with to some extent by bad roads, but agricultural conditions were said to be exceptionally good.

Wholesalers' stocks at the close of November averaged smaller than one month earlier. Wholesalers' stocks of hardware, furniture and drugs were larger than a year ago, while stocks of dry goods and groceries were smaller than a year ago.

Improved Supply-Demand Position Continues in Lumber.

Lumber orders received at 805 leading hardwood and softwood mills during the week ended Dec. 21 1929 were 88% of current production, as compared with 89% the week previous, and about 77% some weeks before that, according to telegraphic reports to the National Lumber Manufacturers' Association. Shipments were 81% of production, as compared with 84% a week earlier. These mills give total production as 320,007,000 feet, while 842 mills the preceding week reported 350,240,000 feet. Unfilled softwood orders at 494 mills on Dec. 21 were the equivalent of 21 days' production, the same equivalent reported a week earlier by 529 mills. Three hundred and seventy-four identical softwood mills give production as 7% less, shipments 17% less and orders 18% under the volume for the same week a year ago; for hardwoods, 199 identical mills reported production 10% less, shipments 23% less and orders 36% less.

Lumber orders reported for the week ended Dec. 21 1929 by 607 softwood mills totaled 252,716,000 feet, or 9% below the production of the same mills. Shipments as reported for the same week were 228,270,000 feet, or 18% below production. Production was 277,859,000 feet.

Reports from 225 hardwood mills give new business as 27,956,000 feet, or 34% below production. Shipments as reported for the same week were 31,918,000 feet, or 24% below production. Production was 42,148,000 feet. The Association's statement also adds:

Unfilled Orders.

Reports from 494 softwood mills give unfilled orders of 931,812,000 feet, on Dec. 21 1929, or the equivalent of 21 days' production. This is based upon production of latest calendar year, 300 day year, and may be compared with unfilled orders of 529 softwood mills on Dec. 21 1929, of 1,000,392,000 feet, the equivalent of 21 days' production.

The 316 identical softwood mills report unfilled orders as 678,737,000 feet, on Dec. 21 1929, as compared with 799,812,000 feet for the same week a year ago. Last week's production of 374 identical softwood mills was 206,931,000 feet, and a year ago it was 222,385,000 feet; shipments were respectively 167,062,000 feet and 202,290,000 feet; and orders received 179,262,000 feet and 218,906,000 feet. In the case of hardwoods, 199 identical mills reported production last week and a year ago 37,818,000 feet and 42,191,000 feet; shipments 28,492,000 feet and 37,241,000 feet; and orders 25,402,000 feet and 39,638,000 feet.

Southern Pine Reports.

The Southern Pine Association reported from New Orleans that for 117 mills reporting, shipments were 20% below production, and orders 16% below production and 5% above shipments. New business taken during the week amounted to 43,407,000 feet, (previous week 60,522,000 at 149 mills); shipments 41,433,000 feet, (previous week 58,422,000); and production 51,863,000 feet, (previous week 65,356,000). The three-year average production of these mills is 62,565,000 feet. Orders on hand at the end of the week were 135,177,000 feet, as reported by 95 mills. The 108 identical mills reported a decrease in production of 12%, and in new business a decrease of 14% as compared with the same week a year ago.

The Western Pine Manufacturers Association of Portland, Ore., reported production from 76 mills as 29,976,000 feet, shipments 26,497,000 and new business 27,537,000 feet. Fifty-seven identical mills reported production 1% less, and new business 16% less, than that reported for the corresponding week of last year.

The California White & Sugar Pine Manufacturers Association, of San Francisco, reported production from 17 mills as 9,834,000 feet, shipments 10,880,000 and orders 9,518,000 feet. The same number of mills reported production 18% less, and orders 12% less, than for the same period of 1928.

"136," includes the following models all of which are available in the three series; five-passenger sport sedan, five-passenger brougham, coupe with rumble seat, roadster, five-passenger phaeton, five-passenger sedan, seven-passenger sport phaeton, and seven-passenger sedan. The following Gardner cars are displayed at the automobile show: Series "140," eight-cylinder sedan and brougham; Series "150," eight-cylinder sport phaeton, roadster and brougham; Series "136," six-cylinder coupe. Basically, the Gardner line for 1930 remains the same as that introduced in the early summer of this year and there have been few mechanical changes, excepting those of minor importance.

Price List of Gardner Series "136," "140" and "150."

	aSeries "136."	bSeries "140."	cSeries "150."
Chassis.....	\$ 995	\$1395	\$1745
5-passenger sport sedan.....	1195	1595	1945
5-passenger brougham.....	1245	1645	1995
Coupe, with rumble seat.....	1245	1645	1995
Roadster.....	1245	1645	1995
5-passenger sport phaeton.....	1295	1695	2045
5-passenger sedan.....	1295	1695	2045
7-passenger sport phaeton.....	1545	1945	2295
7-passenger sedan.....	1595	1995	2345
a Wheelbase 122 in., 6-cylinder, 70 h.p. b Wheelbase 125 in., 8-cylinder, 90 h.p. c Wheelbase 130 in., 8-cylinder, 126 h.p.			
Note.—All prices F. O. B. St. Louis, Mo.			

Motor and Equipment Association Reports Slowing Up of Manufacturing Operations in Automotive Parts Industry As Year Ends.

Manufacturing operations in the parts-accessory industry declined in November and have continued a seasonal recession in December. The business of automotive wholesalers was also lower, but is still considered generally good, according to the Motor and Equipment Association which, on Dec. 27 said:

Output in the industry will probably resume a moderate upward trend early in the new year.

Aggregate shipments in October of a large and representative group of manufacturers in the M.E.A. were 90% of the January, 1925 base as compared with 156 in October and 150 in November a year ago.

Parts and accessory makers selling their product to the car and truck manufacturers for original equipment made shipments aggregating 81% of the January 1925 base figure as compared with 160 in October and 163 in November, 1928.

Shipments to the trade in November by makers of service parts were 135% of the 1925 base as compared with 166 in October and 149 in November a year ago.

Accessory shipments to the trade in November were 75% of the January, 1925, base as compared with 91 in October and 78 in November last year.

Service equipment shipments, that is repair, shop machinery and tools were 113% as compared with 147 in October and 122 in November, 1928.

Business of wholesaler members of the Association was considered good in November and was only moderately below October. Accounts receivable showed a drop from October.

The Paper Industry in 1929—All Previous Records Broken—Prospects for 1930.

Continuation of business in 1930 along essentially the same lines as in 1929 is shown by a recent survey of business prospects in the paper industry, conducted by the American Paper and Pulp Association, which, under date of Dec. 31, says:

The volume of business in 1929 broke all previous records. The prospects for a continued increase in volume similar to that of 1929 are not promising, yet indications point to a volume for 1930 which probably will equal that of 1929.

Expenditures for plant improvements and maintenance in 1930 approximating normal expenditures for recent years are indicated by reports from affiliated and grade associations to the American Paper and Pulp Association. A marked decrease in expenditures for the building of new productive facilities, however, is also revealed. This is looked upon as favorable rather than unfavorable because of the present over-produced condition of the industry.

An over-production capacity of approximately 25% exists in the paper industry. This excess, when viewed in connection with the rapid rise in consumption of paper in the United States during the past decade, evidences the fact that expansion has been more than was needed. This has resulted in weakening the price structure throughout the industry and profit margins have been exceedingly narrow. It is expected that heavy volume and narrow profits will continue throughout 1930.

If there is a slight falling off in volume during the first quarter of 1930 in sympathy with general business recession, it is felt that increased volume during the remainder of the year will bring the total volume to the 1929 level.

Planned expenditures for advertising constitutes one of the best indices of sales volume in certain branches of the paper industry. A recent survey of proposed expenditures, undertaken by the Association of National Advertisers, shows a total for 1930 of \$206,000,000 as compared with \$186,000,000 for 1929. This increase not only indicates sustained business volume but it is as well indicative of the optimism with which business leaders view the future.

Canadian Firms Retaining 1929 Newsprint Price for First Half of 1930.

From the New York "Times" of Dec. 31 we take the following:

W. G. Chandler, chairman of the paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association, issued the following statement last night:

"The paper committee of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association has learned to-day from authoritative sources that the Canada Power and Paper Co. and the Price Brothers Co., large producers of newsprint and members of the Newsprint Institute, are notifying their customers that the 1929 price for newsprint will be continued during the first six months of 1930 without the previous requirement of a three-year contract carrying a \$5 per ton increase for the last 30 months.

"It is understood that the price for the last half of 1930 will be determined later in the year."

Officials of the American Newspaper Publishers' Association explained that this action of the two companies brings all the large newsprint producers, with the exception of the Abitibi Paper and Power Co., into conformity with the arrangement to retain the 1929 newsprint prices for the first six months of 1930 without the contract requirement.

Some time ago provincial officials in Canada announced that they favored an increase in the price of newsprint. Agitation for the increase was followed by protests by newspaper publishers. Subsequently some newsprint companies announced an increase of \$5 per ton, stipulating, however, that for those publishers who would sign a three-year contract the increase would not be effective for the first six months of 1929. It was this contract requirement to which the A. N. P. A. statement referred.

An item regarding the action of the International Paper Co. appeared in our issue of Dec. 28 page 4050.

Cotton Outlook as Viewed by I. V. Shannon of Fenner & Beane.

A substantial betterment of the position of the cotton producer in 1930, resulting from a drastic curtailment in acreage and the marketing aid of the Federal Farm Board, is predicted by I. V. Shannon of Fenner & Beane, in an article on "The Cotton Outlook" in the current issue of "Trade Winds," the magazine of the Union Trust Co. of Cleveland, Ohio. Mr. Shannon says:

"I believe that producers will make a material reduction in their acreage next season, due to the fact that they have been forced to sell this crop well under the cost of production. A decrease always follows such market conditions.

"There is another factor which may become a very important, if not dominating, one in the planting and marketing of the next crop. I refer to the Federal Farm Board. Its work may be in the experimental stage this year, but its members apparently have mapped out a large sized job for next year.

"There is another factor which may become a very important, if not and that is through a radical reduction in the acreage. The law creating the Board gives it ample authority, as I understand it, to take adequate measures to prevent producers from creating an unavoidable surplus. Statements which some members of the Board have made indicate that they are favorably disposed to head a campaign early next year for a reduction in the acreage."

Mr. Shannon reports that 47,569,000 acres were planted to cotton as of July 1, and increase of 623,000 acres over 1928. The 1929 acreage, he says, is the second largest ever planted to cotton in the United States. Reviewing the past season, he writes:

"Planting and marketing the 1929 cotton developed so many new angles that it may be the advent of a new era in production and marketing of the Sputh's chief crop. For one thing, it marks the beginning of an effort on the part of the national government to improve conditions under which the producer markets his crop, and thus enable him to obtain adequate returns. After development was the inauguration of Southern deliveries on New York contracts at the opening of the season.

"This season also apparently records a large increase in the number of spinners adopting the policy of restricted production and buying raw supplies only on 'call,' or as needed. It also marks in the future market a further decline in the speculative interest upon which spot merchants are dependent for the absorption of their hedges. Increasing production of foreign cotton, and enlarged competition from such cotton because of improved staple, was another development.

"Field tests also show for the first time that sufficient progress has been made in perfecting the mechanical picker to indicate possibility of this becoming an important factor in harvesting the crop. Producers, on the other hand, failed to take warning of changing conditions in marketing the crop, some of which were in evidence last year, and continued to plant and market as they have done for many years."

Cotton Trade Review and Outlook by Gardiner H. Miller, President New York Cotton Exchange.

In reviewing the cotton trade, and picturing the outlook for 1930, Gardiner H. Miller, President of the New York Cotton Exchange States that "with neither an over-supply nor a scarcity of the staple, nor any serious fears at any time of an excess or a shortage, cotton prices have held steadier than usual during the year, at not far from the average levels of recent years." President Miller also states:

During the past calendar year, world production and world consumption of cotton have been approximately in balance. Since the world stock at the beginning of the year was just about normal or average, this means that the world stock at the close of the year is about normal or average.

As the trade enters 1930, it finds that the balance of supply and consumption is disturbed by the drastic curtailment of mill activity in the United States, following the break in the stock market. Consumption in this country, the largest user of cotton in the world, is down 10 or 15% from the normal level at this time of year. There is good ground for believing, however, that it will not be long before domestic consumption will be pointing upward again, and, with foreign mill activity well maintained on the average, it appears likely that the world will soon be back again onto a normal rate of consumption.

The trend of world production and consumption of cotton is still upward, and any interruption of that trend this year will doubtless prove to be only temporary.

Viewing the outlook for 1930 Mr. Miller looks for probable improvement, voicing his opinion as follows:

As to the outlook for 1930, a most important fact to be considered is the changed situation in the business world, following the debacle in the stock market. The immediate effect of the crash in stocks has been a hesitation in business and commerce throughout the country, which the cloth market and cotton mills have doubtless felt more than many other lines of business. There is good reason for believing that this hesitation in trade and the recession in industrial activity will be only temporary, and that business will revive as the year progresses.

The domestic cotton manufacturing industry could hardly fail to share in such a revival, since experience has shown that cotton manufacturing tends strongly to rise and fall with general business. As to conditions in the cotton spinning industry abroad, there is no question that most basic industries abroad have been handicapped during the past year by the high money rates, resulting from the attraction of loanable funds to Wall Street, and, with the release of these funds, foreign business will be in a position to expand more readily.

The cotton trade can look forward to 1930 with the anticipation that conditions will improve from their present status. There is a basis for a good volume of business in the fact that supplies of cotton are adequate and prices are reasonable. Present prices for cotton are low enough to stimulate a very high consumption of the staple, under normal economic conditions. Large production and large consumption are ultimately to the benefit of every one in the trade, from the grower to the spinner. It is to be hoped that the grower will obtain a greater advantage from the large and growing use of his product, by restricting his acreage but at the same time producing a larger yield per acre, thus reducing his costs.

Mr. Miller in his comments also says in part:

Third Largest Acreage on Record.

This country planted in 1929 the third largest acreage on record. According to the revised figures recently issued by the Department of Agriculture, the planted acreage this year was 47,569,000 acres, compared with 46,946,000 in 1928, a maximum of 48,730,000 in 1926, and an average of 45,662,000 in the past five years. This full acreage was planted in the face of a level of prices prevailing before and during the planting season, which was well below the average of the past decade, and which was not high as measured by the average of more recent years.

This full planting, following and accompanied by very moderate prices, bears witness to the continuing tendency of the South to plant cotton heavily and to further increase its cotton acreage, except in years when it is definitely discouraged by unusually low prices. It emphasizes the fact that the problem of securing reasonable prices to the growers must be approached from the standpoint of the supply.

Urgent Need of Larger Yield Per Acre.

In any consideration of cotton prices and of the returns to the growers, regarding which there is properly so much concern, it is important to note that the average yield per acre this past year was only 155.3 pounds, or less than one-third of a bale to the acre. The average yield in the past five years has been only 162.8 pounds.

Even assuming an average price of 20 cents to the farmer, which is well above the average level this past year, a yield of 160 pounds means a gross return to the producer, aside from what he receives for his seed, of only about \$32 per acre. Ten acres would yield only \$320. Fifteen acres would yield only \$480. There is no question that such returns are altogether inadequate to hundreds of thousands of growers whose costs are average or above average.

But this problem cannot be solved by the simple method of raising the selling price. Records of planted acreage in recent years show that, with anything like an average price for the staple, certainly with 20 cents or more, the cotton growers will add millions of acres to their cotton fields. The big acreages planted in recent years are bound to result, in some years, in crops which are far in excess of the amount of cotton which the world will use at a reasonable price.

There are only two solutions, and they should be adopted in conjunction: A restriction of acreage, combined with better seed selection and improved methods of cultivation which will give a larger yield per acre. Only in these ways can the grower permanently improve his position, for only by such lines of action can the farmers hold their selling prices up while they reduce their costs, and thus widen out their net income.

Deterioration of American Cotton Causes Concern.

A disturbing phase of the cotton growing industry of this country is the deterioration, in recent years, in the quality of our cotton. The decline has occurred mainly in the length and the character of the staple.

The facts as to this question have been brought to the attention of the trade in convincing form by a recent report of the Department of Agriculture, which showed that, out of total ginnings of 10,893,200 bales to Nov. 1 1929, 2,220,800 bales or 20.4% were below seven-eighths inch, and therefore untenderable as to staple. This deterioration of domestic cotton has coincided with an improvement of foreign crops, particularly Indian.

The importance of this deterioration in the quality of the domestic crop lies in the stimulus which it gives to the use of foreign cotton. The production of foreign cotton has increased rapidly in recent years, following the curtailment during and immediately after the World War, and during the past season foreign spinners have given preference to a very large extent, to foreign cottons, because of the unsatisfactory quality of the American staple.

It is vitally important that the cotton growing interests of this country take every possible action, by using the best seed, by the liberal use of fertilizer, and by intensive cultivation, to insure the production of character cotton of full staple, if this country is to hold its place in the world cotton trade.

World Consumption on High Level.

World consumption of cotton has been on a relatively high level, on an average, during the past 12 months, but mill activity has fluctuated widely in this country, and there have been wide differences between the levels of mill operations in foreign countries.

In the United States, the mills ran at a very high level during the five months from January to May, but inability to move their full output at normal margins then forced them to curtail sharply in the Summer. With the seasonal revival of demand in the Fall, they increased their activities again, but they had hardly got onto an increased basis of operations when the panic broke in the stock market, and, with goods business almost at a standstill, stocks of cloth at the mills began to accumulate with great rapidity. This necessitated renewed drastic curtailment, and the mills are ending the year on a relatively low level of activity.

English mills continued to run on about that basis at which the Lancashire cotton trade has become stabilized in recent years, a level equal to about 80% of the full capacity level of the industry. French and Italian mills have run practically full. German mills have shared in the general business depression in that country, with their operations at one time below

60% of normal, but recently they have found business better and they have expanded their operations to about 75%. Japan mills have been complaining of narrow margins, and have talked of curtailment for months, but they have continued to run at a relatively high rate.

A pronounced feature of the mill situation in Europe and the Orient has been the increased use of foreign cotton at the expense of American, in consequence of the lower prices of foreign cotton. The switching has occurred mainly from American to Indian cotton, as the latter has been in relatively large supply and has sold one and a half to two cents under the usual relationship with American.

Advantageous Hedge in New Future Contract.

The new southern delivery contract on the New York Exchange, on which trading began on Jan. 2 1929, has afforded a splendid hedge to growers, merchants, and spinners. With the contract now providing for deliveries at five southern ports, and two more to be added, it is more closely tied up with spot cotton than ever before. While the price of futures is below the average of recent years, this has been offset in part by the higher basis on spot cotton which has prevailed during the marketing season.

This past fall, the trade was given one of the most striking demonstrations ever provided of the valuable services rendered by the Exchanges. The South harvested and marketed its crop with unusual rapidity, at a time when spinners were unwilling to buy far beyond their needs because of the slowing down of general business, followed by the crash in stocks. Spot merchants throughout the South bought millions of bales from the growers, without having commensurate forward sales against these purchases, as they were able to protect themselves by the sale of hedges on the Exchanges. Through the medium of the Exchanges, speculative and investment buyers were found to take over the deluge of new crop cotton until spinners were prepared to buy it.

Golden Fleece Fabric and Fashion Revue Jan. 7-10.

In the ballroom suite of the Ritz Carlton Hotel this city, from Jan. 7 to 10, a "Golden Fleece Fabric and Fashion Revue" will be held daily at 2.30 p. m. and 8.30 p. m. A. D. Whiteside, President of the Wool Institute, Inc. in a statement regarding the Revue says:

The Golden Fleece Fabric and Fashion Revue is to be the forerunner of spring and fall showings of American loomed wools and worsteds fashioned into the smartest and most attractive attire for the American woman for every appropriate occasion.

This initial fashion Revue will demonstrate that the looms of the American mills have been brought to the highest efficiency in the world. They now produce fabrics of every weave, design, weight and color, from the sheerest and coolest gossamers to the warmest but softest materials, which serve the dual purpose of extreme attractiveness and appropriateness to meet the varying temperatures peculiar to this country.

The underlying purpose other than the interest which will be created in the garments, the workmanship and the material shown is in the forming of a relationship between all of the factors which must be on a basis of constant contact to properly carry on in this exacting service to the public.

It is not the purpose of the Fashion Revue to stimulate an artificial demand for wool products; nor is it a necessity to attain success by usurping or encroaching upon the field of other fabrics.

But it is entirely feasible to expect a new interpretation of the potential utility of these fabrics, and particularly to anticipate a recognition by the American woman of the unique and indispensable place for wool apparel during those intermediate seasons, which in the past have shown no definable trends in the fabrics, which can only be filled by the products of the woolen and worsted looms.

Outlook for Raw Silk Industry Optimistic, According to Jerome Lewine, President National Raw Silk Exchange.

With raw silk consumption in the United States registering new monthly all-time records for the past eight months, and silk prices trending downward, the outlook for steadily widening business for the silk industry in this country is decidedly optimistic, says Jerome Lewine, President National Raw Silk Exchange. Mr. Lewine also had the following to say in part:

The vogue for silk merchandise continues unabated, and with the lower levels to which raw silk has receded, there is every reason to believe that consumer demand for silks will show material expansion during 1930.

For the greater part of the year the raw silk market showed great stability and price fluctuations were narrow. Quotations held close around \$5 per pound in the first quarter, advanced to \$5.25 in April as a result of good trade conditions and depleted stocks, declined to \$4.75 in May and June in anticipation of the new crop in Japan, advanced to \$5.10 during August and early September as a result of excellent trade conditions, and have since declined to a low point of \$4.40.

The year 1929 witnessed a gratifying growth in the functioning of the National Raw Silk Exchange.

Transactions on the Exchange from Jan. 1 to Dec. 15 totaled 217,240 bales. This compares with 177,465 bales transacted on the Yokohama Raw Silk Bourse during the similar period, conclusive evidence that the National Raw Silk Exchange has attained supremacy in the world's raw silk futures market. It is estimated that transactions on our Exchange for the full year will approximate 230,000 bales. Of this total 60% of the trading developed from July 1 onward, indicating a growth of 50% in activity for the second half of 1929 over the first half. Transactions on the Exchange represented 41% of the volume of raw silk consumed in this country and 46% of the volume of Japanese raw silk consumed here. From Jan. 1 to Dec. 15 a total of 14,700 bales were tendered upon the Exchange, representing 7.2% of the total transactions.

In June, a new contract was inaugurated on the Exchange, consisting of a ten-bale unit, replacing the old five bale contract. The new contract brings the unit of trading on the Exchange in conformity with the recognized unit in spot transactions.

Among the factors largely responsible for establishing the Exchange firmly in the silk industry has been the consistently excellent work of the Inspection Bureau. From Jan. 1 to Dec. 15, the bureau certificated 19,815 bales and during the same period 18,280 bales of certificated silk were withdrawn and went into consumption. Not since the inception of the Exchange has there been a single arbitration required to cover certification activities.

During the first five months of the current season, from July 1 onward, there has been an increase of 21% in world silk production over last year,

whereas the increase in world consumption has been only 5.3%. This has resulted in heavy accumulation of visible supplies in both primary and secondary markets.

Steps taken in Japan for stabilizing the raw silk market have thus far failed, because of seasonal and economic conditions in that country arising from the lifting of the gold embargo. The seasonal urge to sell will disappear shortly and the unsettled conditions attendant upon the return to the gold standard should improve as the actual date of the lifting of the embargo draws near. At the same time, the seasonal curtailment of the filatures plus additional curtailment by agreement among reelers will not only stop the accumulation of stocks, but will in the course of the next two months bring the normal reduction in stocks.

Consumption in November of Electrical Power by Industrial Concerns in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District Greater Than Year Ago, But Below That of Previous Month.

The Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia reports that the use of electrical energy by industries in this section in November continued substantially above the quantity consumed last year, but declined in comparison with the previous month. The Bank adds:

Total sales of electricity were also much larger than a year ago and were 2.4% larger than in October owing to the increased lighting requirements at this season of the year. The production of electric power by 12 systems in this district declined over 4% in the month, but was well ahead of that produced in Nov. 1928.

Electric Power—Philadelphia Federal Reserve District—12 Systems.	November.	Change from October 1929.	Change from November 1928.
Rated generator capacity	1,917,000 k.w.h.	+0.2%	+2.3%
Generated output	618,746,000 k.w.h.	-4.3%	+16.5%
Hydro-electric	153,928,000 k.w.h.	+6.1%	+159.9%
Steam	334,773,000 k.w.h.	-7.6%	-11.3%
Purchased	130,045,000 k.w.h.	-6.6%	+37.6%
Sales of electricity	516,732,000 k.w.h.	+2.4%	+19.2%
Lighting	107,917,000 k.w.h.	+20.2%	+6.0%
Municipal	12,655,000 k.w.h.	+5.8%	+6.6%
Residential and commercial	95,262,000 k.w.h.	+22.5%	+5.9%
Power	323,576,000 k.w.h.	-2.7%	+11.9%
Municipal	8,265,000 k.w.h.	-7.0%	+34.8%
Street cars and railroads	59,646,000 k.w.h.	+2.3%	-2.1%
Industries	255,665,000 k.w.h.	-3.7%	+16.2%
All other sales	85,239,000 k.w.h.	+3.6%	+102.9%

Report on Hosiery Industry in Philadelphia Federal Reserve District.

The following preliminary report on the hosiery industry by 130 hosiery mills in the Philadelphia Federal Reserve District from data collected by the Bureau of the Census, is made available by the Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia.

PERCENTAGE CHANGES FROM OCTOBER TO NOVEMBER, 1929.

	Total.	Men's		Women's		Boys' Misses' and Chil'n's	Infants.	Athletic.
		Full-fashion.	Seamless.	Full-fashion.	Seamless.			
Hosiery knit during month	-11.3	+1.2	-14.2	-11.6	-27.8	-4.7	+0.0	+51.3
Net shipments during month	-5.8	+34.8	-5.4	-5.7	-4.3	-23.6	+30.6	+33.5
Stock on hand at end of month, finished and in the gray	-1.6	-7.5	-2.5	-12.0	-9.0	+28.5	+26.3	-0.1
Orders booked during month	-10.7	-10.1	-24.8	-4.4	-52.0	+38.2	-44.6	+22.0
Cancellations during month	+16.3	+250.0	+31.0	+13.1	+205.8	-65.5	-29.2	*
Unfilled orders at end of month	-3.8	-24.2	-22.4	-8.8	-34.5	+39.9	+11.6	---

* There were no cancellations during either month.

Sugar Exchange in Liverpool Formed—Opposition to New Futures Market Voiced by London Trade.

The following London advices Dec. 27 appeared in the New York "Journal of Commerce":

The Liverpool Sugar Exchange, which has been in course of organization for several months, has been registered here as a public company with a nominal capitalization of £1,250 divided into 250 shares of £5 each. At the same time, there has also been registered the Liverpool Sugar & General Produce Clearing House, which will provide, regulate and maintain in Liverpool, or elsewhere, a clearing house for the clearance of contracts in sugar and other produce.

Registration of the Liverpool Sugar Exchange brings to a head the controversy which arose when it was announced that a new sugar futures market was to be established in the English port city. At the present time there is only one sugar futures market in the United Kingdom, the United Terminal Sugar Market Association of London. The opposition of this association to the new exchange was evidenced in a resolution passed by its privileged members (virtually equivalent to clearing members in American futures exchanges) whereby they agreed not to associate themselves or their firms with any similar association in the United Kingdom. As the most important members of the British sugar industry belong to the London Terminal Market, which has been in operation for about 40 years, it is believed this resolution will considerably handicap the organizers of the Liverpool exchange.

London Rules Criticized.

Dissatisfaction with some of the rules of the London Terminal Market has been a contributing factor to the determination to organize the new exchange. In particular, criticism has been directed at the many options of delivery given sellers. The London contract calls for the delivery of beet sugar at any of several Continental ports, but sellers are permitted to deliver either beet or cane sugar under a large number of conditions at fixed differentials. Recently the market broke badly when holders

of Empire sugar sold heavily on reports that both the preference and the duty on sugar would be lowered in the next budget. Criticism has also been directed against fees charged for clearing contract through the London Produce Clearing House, which amount to 12c. (6d.) for a "round turn," as against approximately 5d. (10c.) charged for a similar service by the New York Coffee and Sugar Clearing Association.

The contract of the new Liverpool Sugar Exchange, which is expected to go into trading in January, calls for the delivery ex-public warehouse in Liverpool of 50 tons of non-preferential raw cane sugar, basis 96 deg. polarization, sellers having the option of delivering foreign raw beet sugar, basis 88% net analysis, with a sliding scale allowance to the buyer. Provision is made through a so-called "supplemental contract" for the delivery of Empire or preferential cane sugar and of home-grown beet sugar and for delivery c.i.f. United Kingdom ports, c.i.f. or f.o.b. Continental ports, and f.o.b. Cuba.

The "Journal of Commerce" adds:

Although invitations have been extended to New York sugar firms to join the Liverpool Sugar Exchange, none has joined as yet, in so far as could be learned in the trade here yesterday. As outlined in proposals received here, applicants pay an entrance fee ranging from £250 for the first 25 to £1,000 for the last 50; 100 memberships out of 250 being retained for a price to be fixed subsequently by the appropriate committee.

Coffee Trading on Exchange in 1929 Exceeded 1928 by Over 2,500,000 Bags.

According to the New York Coffee & Sugar Exchange, Inc. a review of the year 1929 reveals a very encouraging development in the Exchange's business in coffee. The volume of trading increased more than 2,500,000 bags over 1928, principally in the "D" contract, which exceeded the volume of the "A" contract. The review further stated:

Prices underwent a severe decline, extent of which is readily seen from the following table:

	High.	Month.	Date.	Low.	Month.	Date.
Contract "A"-----	17.33c.	Jan.	In Jan.	7.50c.	March	In Oct.
Contract "D"-----	23.75c.	March	In Feb.	11.50c.	March	In Oct.

Spot coffee ranged from 18c to 9c for No. 7 and 24¼c to 15¼c for Santos 4s.

There was delivered on contract 29,250 bags under Contract "A" and 53,000 bags under Contract "D."

Looking into 1930 it is most heartening to see conditions which bespeak an increasing volume of business for the coming year based upon a situation more normal than in any recent period.

The Mild Coffee Contract, which is based upon Colombian Coffee, has been adopted by the members and is only awaiting the consummation of the final details before a date will be definitely fixed when trading will begin.

It is felt that this contract will meet the needs of that branch of the coffee trade that heretofore has not had a contract for future delivery exclusively its own and in which a large volume of business should be done.

An important amendment to the by-laws was the one increasing the initiation fee for memberships to \$50,000. Before this could be accomplished six memberships were sold at \$25,000 leaving six that may now be purchased at \$50,000 from the Exchange.

The highest price paid for a membership during the year, which was also the highest ever paid, was \$31,000. The lowest price recorded in 1929 was \$15,000.

Hog Futures to Be Traded In at Chicago.

An Associated Press dispatch from Chicago yesterday (Jan. 3) appeared as follows in the Brooklyn "Daily Eagle":

Within the next few weeks the Chicago Livestock Exchange will begin trading in future delivery of hogs.

In announcing this innovation in livestock marketing, Everett C. Brown, President of the Exchange, said the plan was effected to satisfy the demands of producers and possessors of hogs who "wanted some system which would afford them the opportunity to hedge operations and thus reduce risks incidental to price deflation and minimize risks incidental to hog ownership."

The Chicago Livestock Exchange, however, will do no trading, merely providing the necessary space and personnel, Brown said. It was also pointed out that the future market will in no way interfere with the present cash market on hogs.

Petroleum and Its Products—Trade Expects Some Reaction on Mid-Continent Crude Prices as Result of Latest Downward Movement of Gasoline and Kerosene in Eastern Markets—California Situation Faces New Difficulty in Completion of 75 New Wells—Oklahoma Proration Order Issued.

As news of the new price basis of the Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey reached the Mid-Continent field, interest centered in what effect this would have on crude oil prices. For some time there has been a feeling that the continued heavy consumption of California gasoline would inevitably influence the Mid-Continent crude fields, as California crude was being refined to fill the needs of the East, and Mid-Continent crude was being accumulated through consequent lack of demand from eastern refining interests. So serious has the California influence become that it is estimated that shipments to the East during the first quarter this year would double those of the same period last year.

Meanwhile the situation in California is further endangered through the fact that about 75 new wells will be completed during the first two weeks of January and another battle with over-production looms. These new wells, figured on the average of 3,600 barrels per well for the new wells which were brought in during the proration period from Dec. 1 to 15, the completions of the last half of December and the first half of

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

Table with columns for production by field and state, categorized by gravity (Light and Heavy crude) and time periods (November 1929, October 1929, Jan.-Nov. 1929, Jan.-Nov. 1928).

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

Table showing monthly and annual shipment volumes for Crude oil and Refined products (Gasoline, Kerosene, Fuel oil, Lubricants, Asphalt) through the Panama Canal.

STOCKS HELD BY REFINING COMPANIES IN THE UNITED STATES NOV. 30 1929.

Table detailing stocks held by refining companies, broken down by product type (Gasoline, Kerosene, Gas & Fuel Oils, Lubricants) and region (East coast, etc.).

Table showing stocks held by refining companies, categorized by product type (War, Coke, Asphalt, etc.) and region (East coast, etc.).

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

Table showing stocks of crude petroleum held in the United States, categorized by refinery location (East coast, etc.), origin (Domestic, Foreign), and gravity classification.

Natural Gasoline Production in November Exceeded Same Month Last Year by 30,900,000 Gallons—Inventories Higher.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce, the output of natural gasoline in the month of November totaled 189,200,000 gallons, an increase of 30,900,000 gallons over the same month last year and a decrease of 48,000,000 gallons as compared with the month of October 1929.

NATURAL GASOLINE (THOUSANDS OF GALLONS).

Table comparing natural gasoline production and stocks end of month for November 1929 and October 1929, broken down by region and product type.

Quiet Demand for Non-Ferrous Metals—Inquiry for Copper Shows Improvement—Prices Generally Firm.

No heavy buying of any of the non-ferrous metals was expected in the week intervening between Christmas and New Year's, and the market lived up to expectations, although business was not entirely absent, reports "Engineering and Mining Journal Metal and Mineral Markets," adding:

Tin met a fair demand and copper also sold in somewhat larger volume than in recent weeks. Zinc and lead business fell off from the recent activity in these metals. Prices remain unchanged for the major metals and tin prices are practically the same.

Sentiment in the copper market is improved. Orders are not yet coming in actively, but it seems likely that January will show a better demand than existed in December. The consensus of opinion is that no deviation from the 18 cents delivered level is likely for a considerable time.

While not so active as earlier in the year, lead sold in good volume and showed a firm tone. Demand was mainly for prompt and January shipment. Contrasted with the other major non-ferrous metals, the posi-

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

Table showing monthly and annual import and export volumes for crude petroleum, categorized by source (Mexico, Venezuela, Colombia, etc.) and destination (Canada, other countries, etc.).

tion of lead appears to be most encouraging. To judge from the contract business booked for 1930, consumers have full confidence in the general situation. The total volume of December business in lead was surprisingly good and from present indications shipments will approximate 55,000 tons.

After two excellent weeks of zinc buying, apparently due to the very low levels at which the metal is now being offered, 5.45 cents, East St. Louis, demand fell off in the past week, although practically all producers did a moderate amount of business. That tin is a buy below 40 cents seems to be the prevailing idea in the trade, for prices refuse to drop much below that figure. The lowest quotation during the week was 39 1/2 cents for spot Straits.

Steel Production Improves—Prices Unchanged.

Nineteen twenty-nine will be remembered for ten months of unprecedented production followed by the sharpest decline since that of December 1907, says the "Iron Age" in its current summary of market conditions. Notwithstanding the drop in November and December, steel ingot output for the year, at 54,600,000 tons, exceeds the previous high total of 1928 by 8 1/2% continues the "Age," which adds:

The pressure for steel resulted in new records also in pig iron production. Lake shipments of iron ore and imports of iron ore, and, although no statistics are available, undoubtedly caused a peak consumption of scrap. Pig iron output, estimated at 42,700,000 tons, exceeded the previous high total, reached in 1923, by 5.8 per cent, but fell short of 1929 steel ingot production by 11,900,000 tons.

Of greater concern to the trade than these past performances are the prospects for the coming quarter. The last seven days of December saw ingot output at between 40 and 50% of capacity, compared with 85% a year ago, but improvement is already under way and the current week will find production at 55 to 60% in the Valleys, at 60% at Chicago and 65% at Pittsburgh.

Producers find encouragement in the undiminished demands of the railroads, the structural steel industry and farm equipment manufacturers, and in fresh evidence of strength in the scrap market. Railroad freight cars now pending total 19,000, including 11,500 for the Van Sweringen lines, and equipment builders are assured a high rate of operations throughout the first quarter. Rail bookings have been swelled by a Burlington purchase of 57,100 tons. Fabricated steel awards are moderately large, at 41,000 tons, and with lettings of 90,000 tons and 51,000 tons, respectively, in the two previous weeks, assure an unusually high December total.

The automotive industry continues to take more steel, although its orders are mainly for early needs and do not forecast more than a moderate increase in motor car production.

Finished steel prices show little change, despite pressure for concessions, especially by automobile builders.

The "Iron Age" composite prices remain unchanged, finished steel at 2.362c. a lb. and pig iron at \$18.21 a gross ton, as the following table shows:

Table with columns for Finished Steel and Pig Iron, showing prices for various periods (Dec. 30 1929, One week ago, One month ago, One year ago, 10-year pre-war average) and a comparison of 1929 prices to 1928 prices.

Only once since the war—in troublous 1921—has production of iron and steel in the first quarter of a year failed to better that of the preceding fourth quarter, and the industry enters 1930 confident of maintaining this tradition, reports the "Iron Trade Review" of Cleveland, on Jan. 2.

The "Review" also says: The usual heavy backlog of railroad track material, current inquiry for nearly 19,000 freight cars and a carryover of part of 1929's exceptional orders, and moderately-expanding automotive requirements are harbingers of improvement.

Producers, on the average, expect shortly to be operating better than at the low point of December, and while not anticipating they will equal last January look for progressive improvement. Buffalo mills have averaged 40% the past week, and Pittsburgh and Chicago 50 to 55. Mahoning valley makers, especially of hot strip and blue and autobody sheets, have received heavier order mail and the valleys average nearly 60%.

Chesapeake & Ohio, Pere Marquette and Hocking Valley are out for 10,625 freight and 91 passenger cars and 130 locomotives, with the other Van Sweringen lines—Nickel Plate and Erie—yet to inquire. Southern Pacific has bought 39 locomotives, Chicago Great Western 15 and Seaboard Air Line 8. Chicago mills have booked 45,000 tons of rails, chiefly from the Burlington, with 70,000 tons pending. From 10,000 to 12,000 tons of track fastenings is on inquiry at Chicago, including the Baltimore & Ohio and Erie lists.

Sheet prices are somewhat unsteady, with galvanized no higher than 3.40c., Pittsburgh, and blue annealed and autobody being shaded. Nail quotations are unstable in some districts. Pig iron prices remain largely untested. Iron and steel scrap is stronger. Contracting generally is light. Steel producers figuring in recent mergers are holding up raw material commitments.

A decline of 1c. lowers the "Iron Trade Review" composite to \$35.88, compared with an average of \$35.95 for December and \$36.25 in the first week of last January.

Rogers Brown & Crocker Bros., Inc., again speak very hopefully regarding the outlook for iron, saying under date of Jan. 2:

The holiday season has had little or no effect on pig iron buying, a fair tonnage having been booked last week, as was the case in the previous few weeks. The usual holding up of shipments over inventory period is almost absent. Both these facts go to show what a small margin of safety now exists between sales, shipments and consumption. Any speeding up of consumption in January should promptly be reflected in increased buying. Pig iron prices are well maintained.

The most active period of ferro alloy contracting has passed, but there is a considerable amount of buying of alloys still to be done.

There is no change in the coke situation. The moderate weather is restricting the demand for domestic coke, but a cold wave would soon bring out heavy inquiry to replenish retailers' stocks.

Production of Coal by States in November Lower.

The total production of bituminous coal for the country as a whole during the month of November, with 24.8 working days, is estimated at 45,677,000 net tons, according to the U. S. Bureau of Mines, Department of Commerce. This is in comparison with 51,235,000 tons for the 27 working days in October. The average daily output in November was 1,842,000 tons, a decrease of 56,000 tons, or 3%, from the daily rate of 1,898,000 tons for October.

The production of Pennsylvania anthracite amounted to 6,042,000 net tons in November and 8,332,000 tons in October. The average daily rate of output in November was 252,000 tons, a decrease of 68,000 tons, or 21.3%, from the daily rate—320,000 tons—in October. The "Bureau's" statement also shows:

Table titled 'Estimated Production of Coal by States in November (Net Tons)' showing production for various states (Alabama to Wyoming) for Nov. 1929, Oct. 1929, Nov. 1928, Nov. 1927, and Nov. 1923. Includes totals for bituminous coal and Pennsylvania anthracite.

Total all coal... 51,719,000 59,567,000 54,110,000 47,322,000 52,000,000 a Figures for 1928, 1927 and 1923 are final revised figures. b Includes operations on the N. & W., C. & O., Virginian, K. & M., and Charleston division of the B. & O. c Rest of State, including Panhandle. d This group is not strictly comparable in the several years. e Kansas included in "Other States."

Note.—Above are given the first estimates of production of bituminous coal, by States, for the month of November. The distribution of the tonnage is based in part (except for certain States which themselves furnish authentic data) on figures of loadings by railroad divisions, furnished by the American Railway Association and by officials of certain roads, and in part on reports made by the U. S. Engineer offices.

As already indicated by the revised figures above, the total production of soft coal for the country as a whole during the week ended Dec. 14 amounted to 11,593,000 net tons. This is a decrease of 134,000 tons, or 1.1%, from the output in the preceding week. The following table appertains the tonnage by States and gives comparable figures for other recent years:

Table titled 'Estimated Weekly Production of Coal by States (Net Tons)' showing weekly production for various states (Alabama to Wyoming) for Dec. 14 '29, Dec. 7 '29, Dec. 15 '28, Dec. 17 '27, and Average 'a.

Total bituminous coal... 11,593,000 11,727,000 11,035,000 9,750,000 9,900,000 Pennsylvania anthracite... 1,993,000 1,923,000 1,709,000 1,371,000 1,806,000

Total all coal... 13,586,000 13,650,000 12,744,000 11,121,000 11,706,000 a Average weekly rate for entire month. b Includes operations on the N. & W., C. & O., Virginian, K. & M., and Charleston division of the B. & O. c Rest of State, including Panhandle. d Kansas included in "Other States."

PENNSYLVANIA ANTHRACITE.

The total production of anthracite in the State of Pennsylvania during the week ended Dec. 21 is estimated at 1,858,000 net tons. Compared with the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 135,000 tons, or 6.8%. Production during the week in 1928 corresponding with that of Dec. 21 amounted to 1,493,000 tons.

Table titled 'Estimated Production of Pennsylvania Anthracite (Net Tons)' showing production for various weeks (Dec. 7, Dec. 14, Dec. 21) for 1929, Cal. Year to Date, and 1928.

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

Output of Bituminous Coal and Anthracite Higher Than a Year Ago.

According to the United States Bureau of Mines, Dept. of Commerce, the production of bituminous coal and Pennsylvania anthracite for the week ended Dec. 21 1929, fell below that for the preceding week but continued to show an increase over that for the same period a year ago. The production for the week under review was as follows: Bituminous coal, 11,156,000 net tons and Pennsylvania anthracite, 1,858,000 net tons. This compares with 11,056,000 net tons of bituminous coal and 1,493,000 net tons of Pennsylvania anthracite produced in the corresponding week last year, and 11,593,000 net tons of bituminous coal and 1,993,000 net tons of Pennsylvania anthracite in the week ended Dec. 14 1929.

For the calendar year ended Dec. 21 1929, the output of bituminous coal amounted to 513,632,000 net tons as against 482,637,000 tons in the same period in 1928, while production of Pennsylvania anthracite totaled 74,756,000 tons as com-

pared with 75,346,000 tons in the calendar year to Dec. 22 1928. The Bureau's statement follows:

BITUMINOUS COAL.

The Total production of soft coal during the week ended Dec. 21, including lignite and coal coked at the mines, is estimated at 11,156,000 net tons. Compared with the output in the preceding week, this shows a decrease of 437,000 tons, or 3.8%. Production during the week in 1928 corresponding with that of Dec. 21 amounted to 11,056,000 tons.

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

Week Ended—	1929		1928	
	Week	Cal. Year to Date	Week	Cal. Year to Date, a
Dec. 7	11,727,000	490,883,000	11,211,000	460,546,000
Daily average	1,955,000	1,703,000	1,869,000	1,599,000
Dec. 14 b	11,593,000	502,476,000	11,035,000	471,581,000
Daily average	1,932,000	1,706,000	1,839,000	1,604,000
Dec. 21 c	11,156,000	513,632,000	11,056,000	482,637,000
Daily average	1,859,000	1,709,000	1,843,000	1,608,000

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

The total production of soft coal during the present calendar year to Dec. 21 (approximately 301 working days) amounts to 513,632,000 net tons. Figures for corresponding periods in other recent years are given below:

1928	482,637,000 net tons	1926	557,166,000 net tons
1927	505,385,000 net tons	1925	507,784,000 net tons

Current Events and Discussions

The Week with the Federal Reserve Banks.

The consolidated statement of condition of the Federal Reserve Banks on Dec. 31, 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 \$130,400,000 in holdings of discounted bills and increases of \$37,300,000 in holdings of bills bought in open market and of \$25,500,000 in U. S. securities. Member bank reserve deposits increased \$35,100,000 and cash reserves \$60,200,000, while Federal Reserve note circulation declined \$79,400,000 and Government deposits \$1,800,000. Total bills and securities were \$65,000,000 below the amount reported a week ago. After noting these facts, the Federal Reserve Board proceeds as follows:

Holdings of discounted bills declined at all Federal Reserve banks except Minneapolis, the principal decreases being: Chicago \$31,200,000, New York \$26,000,000, Cleveland \$20,400,000, Boston \$13,300,000 and St. Louis \$10,700,000. The System's holdings of bills bought in open market increased \$37,300,000, of Treasury notes \$14,400,000, of U. S. bonds \$8,100,000 and of certificates and bills \$3,000,000.

Federal Reserve note circulation was \$79,400,000 less than a week ago, all of the Federal Reserve Banks reporting decreases in circulation, the largest declines being: Cleveland \$14,500,000, Chicago \$13,100,000, Philadelphia \$12,800,000, San Francisco \$7,000,000 and Atlanta \$6,500,000. Following the Dec. 31 closing of books, the Federal Reserve Banks transferred \$22,538,000 to surplus, increasing that account to \$276,936,000.

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 101 and 102. A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of the Reserve banks, together with changes during the week and the year ended Dec. 31 is as follows:

	Increase (+) or Decrease (—) During		
	Dec. 31 1929.	Week.	Year.
Total reserves	\$ 3,010,928,000	+ 60,182,000	+ 292,403,000
Gold reserves	2,857,051,000	+ 35,411,000	+ 269,424,000
Total bills and securities	1,547,517,000	- 65,020,000	- 342,143,000
Bills discounted, total	632,421,000	- 130,360,000	- 519,043,000
Secured by U. S. Govt. obliga'ns.	353,559,000	- 76,997,000	- 403,892,000
Other bills discounted	278,862,000	- 53,363,000	- 115,151,000
Bills bought in open market	392,209,000	+ 37,266,000	- 92,149,000
U. S. Government securities, total	510,587,000	+ 25,544,000	+ 266,634,000
Bonds	76,817,000	+ 8,134,000	+ 24,151,000
Treasury notes	215,604,000	+ 14,368,000	+ 94,786,000
Certificates of indebtedness	218,166,000	+ 3,042,000	+ 147,697,000
Federal Reserve notes in circulation	1,909,723,000	- 79,436,000	+ 80,359,000
Total deposits	2,413,675,000	+ 38,464,000	- 150,058,000
Members' reserve deposits	2,355,263,000	+ 35,145,000	- 138,494,000
Government deposits	28,852,000	- 1,819,000	- 2,147,000

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 show an increase of \$96,000,000. The total on Dec. 31 1929 amounted to \$3,424,000,000 as compared with \$6,804,000,000, the high record in all time established on Oct. 2 1929 and with \$5,330,000,000 on Jan. 2 1929. The loans "for own account" increased during the week from \$845,000,000 to \$1,167,000,000, while the loans "for account of out-of-town banks" decreased from \$716,000,000 to \$709,000,000 and loans "for account of others" decreased from \$1,767,000,000 to \$1,548,000,000.

	New York		
	Dec. 31 1929.	Dec. 24 1929.	Jan. 2 1929.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 3,240,000,000	\$ 7,892,000,000	\$ 7,670,000,000
Loans—total	6,257,000,000	5,906,000,000	5,838,000,000
On securities	3,398,000,000	3,045,000,000	3,259,000,000
All other	2,859,000,000	2,861,000,000	2,579,000,000
Investments—total	1,983,000,000	1,986,000,000	1,832,000,000
U. S. Government securities	1,073,000,000	1,089,000,000	1,100,000,000
Other securities	911,000,000	897,000,000	731,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	679,000,000	736,000,000	845,000,000
Cash in vault	61,000,000	76,000,000	65,000,000
Net demand deposits	6,028,000,000	5,662,000,000	5,682,000,000
Time deposits	1,235,000,000	1,195,000,000	1,230,000,000
Government deposits	17,000,000	19,000,000	45,000,000
Due from banks	118,000,000	84,000,000	144,000,000
Due to banks	1,163,000,000	904,000,000	1,206,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	106,000,000	107,000,000	399,000,000
Loans on securities to brokers and dealers			
For own account	1,167,000,000	845,000,000	1,516,000,000
For account of out-of-town banks	709,000,000	716,000,000	1,648,000,000
For account of others	1,548,000,000	1,767,000,000	2,166,000,000
Total	3,424,000,000	3,328,000,000	5,330,000,000
On demand	2,981,000,000	2,886,000,000	4,780,000,000
On time	443,000,000	442,000,000	550,000,000

	Chicago		
	Dec. 31 1929.	Dec. 24 1929.	Jan. 2 1929.
Loans and investments—total	\$ 2,028,000,000	\$ 2,029,000,000	\$ 2,089,000,000
Loans—total	1,627,000,000	1,634,000,000	1,632,000,000
On securities	947,000,000	950,000,000	906,000,000
All other	680,000,000	684,000,000	726,000,000
Investments—total	401,000,000	395,000,000	457,000,000
U. S. Government securities	126,000,000	160,000,000	201,000,000
Other securities	275,000,000	235,000,000	256,000,000
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	175,000,000	179,000,000	183,000,000
Cash in vault	20,000,000	21,000,000	21,000,000
Net demand deposits	1,248,000,000	1,253,000,000	1,300,000,000
Time deposits	617,000,000	606,000,000	676,000,000
Government deposits	7,000,000	9,000,000	5,000,000
Due from banks	148,000,000	137,000,000	182,000,000
Due to banks	314,000,000	311,000,000	357,000,000
Borrowings from Federal Reserve Bank	37,000,000	51,000,000	81,000,000

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. 24:

The Federal Reserve Board's condition statement of weekly reporting member banks in leading cities on Dec. 24 shows decreases for the week of \$79,000,000 in net demand deposits and of \$21,000,000 in Government deposits, and increases of \$61,000,000 in time deposits and of \$34,000,000 in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks. Total loans and investments show no net change for the week.

Loans on securities increased \$33,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$19,000,000 in the New York district, \$10,000,000 in the Boston district, \$9,000,000 in the San Francisco district and \$6,000,000 in the Cleveland district. "All other" loans declined \$45,000,000 at all reporting banks, \$48,000,000 in the New York district, \$11,000,000 in the Chicago district and \$6,000,000 each in the Philadelphia and Cleveland districts, and increased \$36,000,000 in the San Francisco district.

Holdings of U. S. Government securities increased \$14,000,000 in the San Francisco district, and declined \$24,000,000 in the New York district and \$23,000,000 at all reporting banks. Holdings of other securities increased \$21,000,000 in the San Francisco district, \$9,000,000 in the Boston district and \$35,000,000 at all reporting banks.

The principal changes in borrowings from Federal Reserve banks for the week comprise increases of \$36,000,000 at the Federal Reserve Bank of Chicago, \$21,000,000 at New York and \$7,000,000 at Boston, and decreases of \$21,000,000 at San Francisco and \$8,000,000 at Minneapolis.

A summary of the principal assets and liabilities of weekly reporting member banks, together with changes during the week and the year ending Dec. 24 1929 follows:

	Dec. 24 1929.	Increase (+) or Decrease (-) Since	
		Dec. 18 1929.	Dec. 26 1928.
Loans and investments—total.....	22,942,000,000	*-----	+678,000,000
Loans—total.....	17,344,000,000	*-12,000,000	+1,060,000,000
On securities.....	7,931,000,000	*+33,000,000	+701,000,000
All other.....	9,413,000,000	*-45,000,000	+359,000,000
Investments—total.....	5,598,000,000	+11,000,000	-382,000,000
U. S. Government securities.....	2,720,000,000	-23,000,000	-331,000,000
Other securities.....	2,879,000,000	+35,000,000	-50,000,000
Reserve with Federal Res'v'e banks	1,703,000,000	-71,000,000	-73,000,000
Cash in vault.....	291,000,000	-5,000,000	-35,000,000
Net demand deposits.....	13,597,000,000	-79,000,000	+331,000,000
Time deposits.....	6,763,000,000	+61,000,000	-101,000,000
Government deposits.....	92,000,000	-21,000,000	-106,000,000
Due from banks.....	1,122,000,000	-44,000,000	-38,000,000
Due to banks.....	2,797,000,000	-25,000,000	-194,000,000
Borrowings from Fed. Res. banks..	502,000,000	+34,000,000	-416,000,000

* Dec. 18 figures revised.

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 1929, which was 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 Jan. 4, the following summary of market conditions abroad, based on advices by cable and radio:

ARGENTINA.

Business has been generally quiet but additional rainfall in the maize producing areas has somewhat relieved the pessimism of last week. The summer seasonal dullness will probably be accentuated this year, but if the maize receives adequate rainfall in the next few weeks the situation will improve. One local estimate of the linseed crop places the probable yield of 1,125,000 tons. Textile sales were fair during the first half of December, but were slower in the second half of the month as a result of the semi-annual inventories and uncertainty of exchange. Wholesalers are expected to place orders in January for supplies needed during the summer season lasting until March. Wholesalers collections were slower but retail sales during the Christmas season were reported to be fairly good. A decree signed Dec. 23 provides for a cattle census as of June 1 1930.

AUSTRALIA.

The holiday business in Australia was disappointing and necessitated considerable price-cutting to reduce stocks. Jobbers throughout the country also reported reduced business for the month of December. The State of New South Wales is continuing operation of one coal mine with volunteer labor. The drought in northern New South Wales has been broken by good rains. Victoria's new budget provides for increased taxation on company incomes, stamps, checks, and entertainment tickets.

BRAZIL.

Falling coffee prices and continued large stocks are factors contributing to increasingly unsettled economic conditions in Brazil. Manufacturing industries operating on only a part time scale include those producing textiles and shoes and those engaged in automobile assembly. Many factories are closed. Prices of imported goods are slightly advanced owing to a drop in exchange, but domestic goods are quoted at lower figures owing to liquidations. A considerable number of salary and wage reductions are planned for the new year, while the laying off of others is increasing unemployment. A new and more rigid bankruptcy law has been enacted in Rio. The credit situation is unimproved and collections are in general

difficult. Failures continue but are less numerous than they were previously. Exchange for December has averaged 8,550 milreis to the dollar on sight drafts. Interest rates continue at 11 to 12% on prime 90 day paper. Exports for the first nine months of 1929 were valued at £72,150,000. Imports for the same period equaled £66,401,000, leaving a favorable visible balance of trade of £5,749,000. The average favorable balance for the past five years has been £6,600,000. Coffee exports from Santos from Nov. 21 to Dec. 20, incl., amounted to 820,082 bags and from Rio to 292,372 bags. Santos stocks on Dec. 24 were 1,140,231 bags. Daily entries for the month averaged 36,496 bags.

CANADA.

Christmas buying in the Dominion is reported to have been in fairly good volume but not up to last year's record proportions. The usual holiday lull characterizes manufacturing but preparations for the resumption of automobile production after the first of the year have created a certain amount of optimism in allied industries. The employment situation in Ontario, with special reference to the number of casual laborers out of work, has been relieved by the recent heavy snowfalls which have concentrated attention on the clearing of highways for traffic; sales of snow shovels and other similar equipment have simultaneously increased. Textile factories are fairly active but the shoemakers are quieter and the leather market inactive. Grocers apparently enjoyed a good holiday turnover. Australian dried peaches and apricots are in evidence as competitors of the California product. The canned vegetable market is firm. According to the November export figures, canvas shoes with rubber soles continue the most active line in rubber manufacturing, shipments of this commodity having increased 17% over exports in November a year ago. In the same comparison, automobile tires dropped 30% and inner tubes, 33%. Meat exports during November were 42% lower than in November, 1928. Sales of passenger automobiles in Quebec Province during that month are reported to have been 78% above the figure for the previous year, but Ontario sales registered a decline of 9%.

CHILE.

Notwithstanding an evident slowing up in the last two months of the year Chile experienced one of its most prosperous years in 1929. The production of all industries was well above that of 1928, imports and exports were higher. The turnover of merchandise stocks and the banking situation was better than in the previous year and with practically no unemployment wages and standards of living have moved steadily upward. Heavy retail buying during the holiday season indicates the increased purchasing power of the Chilean people and practically all retail stores handling holiday goods report a substantial increase in turnover in December as compared with the same period of 1928. One large department store estimates their sales as 15 to 20% higher. Notwithstanding the increased retail trade the wholesalers, importers, and manufacturers are somewhat affected by the sluggishness apparent during November which was accentuated in December. This restricted turnover is partly the result of the usual summer slackness, partly the result of inventory and partly owing to the overstocking which has occurred in some few lines. Money is tighter as a result in part of the demands of agriculture and the efforts of the banks to improve their cash position for the end of the year balance. Discount rates of commercial banks are slightly higher especially with regard to less desirable risks, but Central Bank rates remain unchanged, Central Bank discounts and rediscounts steadily mounted as has its note circulation which amounted to 342,393,000 pesos on Dec. 20, in response to the demands incident to movement of crops. Transactions on the stock exchange were less although prices showed little change. Nitrate production during November, 1929 was somewhat below that of the previous month as well below the production in the same month of 1928. Nitrate production in November amounted to 2,610,000 metric quintals as compared with 2,860,000 metric quintals in November, 1928. Exports during the month totaled 2,490,000 quintals as against 2,860,000 quintals in the same period of 1928 and world stocks as of Dec. 1 amounted to 24,546,000 quintals as compared with 19,955,000 quintals on Dec. 1 1928. Copper production continues at about the same levels. Agricultural conditions continue favorable for a heavy production during the harvesting season which is beginning in the Santiago section. The prices of most agricultural products continue at about the same levels. Manufacturing industries are experiencing some reduction in the output of certain lines, especially shoes and knitted goods. However, the general condition of industry continues favorable. Imports of agricultural implements are fairly heavy with sales of haying equipment, and ensilage cutters, but the demand for threshers has been quiet.

ECUADOR.

The economic situation in Ecuador continues unchanged, although business does not improve the banks report fewer requests for extension of drafts. Locally there is some optimism because of the favorable prospects for the March-April cacao crop, but it is too early to make any definite statement regarding the yield.

JAMAICA.

Trade and economic conditions in general remain at about the same levels as in November, and above those of the corresponding period of 1928. Crops are in good conditions and the prices of most harvested products are satisfactory. Bank deposits and collections are reported normal and business is better than is usual in December. Banana exports during 1929 are expected to be approximately 22,000,000 stems, the greatest total in the island's history. As a result of reduced exportations of coffee, cacao and pimento, declared exports to the United States in the elapsed part of December have declined \$37,000 in value as compared with the same period of last year. Imports from all countries are slightly below those arriving in December, 1928. Building and road construction work show moderate activity. The tourist traffic from Dec. 1 to 26 is some 11% below that of the same period of last year. The labor situation remains undisturbed.

MEXICO.

General business in Mexico is reported to have been spotty during December. Sales of shoes and cotton goods continue slack. It is stated that in general crops have been short this year and as a result the purchasing power of the rural districts has been reduced. Purchases of machinery and electrical equipment and appliances continue strong owing to the increasing industrialization and investments in public utilities by the large American companies. Beginning Jan. 1, Federal employees of Mexico City will be paid by check. The use of checks and other banking facilities are showing a steady increase in Mexico. The trend of interest rates is downward, although they still range from 8 to 14% on good collateral. The National Highway Commission is completing surveys for roads from Mexico City, to Guadalajara, Vera Cruz and Oaxaca. Work on these roads and on the balance of the Laredo Highway will be pushed during 1930. The two weeks strike on the Mexican Ry. slowed down traffic from Vera Cruz during the month, but the effect is not serious. Aviation week (Dec. 10 to 16) stimulated public interest in aviation and established the ground work for future air shows. Both the Ericsson and Mexican Telephone Companies are rapidly extending service to the principal commercial centers. The former company expects to make connection with the United States early

in 1930. On Dec. 21 the latter company inaugurated automatic telephone service throughout Mexico City. Both the Ericsson and Mexican Telephone Companies are rapidly extending service to the principal commercial centers. The former company expects to make connection with the United States early in 1930. On Dec. 21 the latter company inaugurated automatic telephone service throughout Mexico City. The acreage planted to tomatoes on the west coast this season is estimated at 45% less than last year, although the acreage in peas has increased. The Mexican Government has granted relief to coffee producers by reducing the export duties on a sliding scale according to prices. Sugar producers had a good year and forecasts place this season's crop at about 190,000 tons. Despite the continued decline in the world silver prices, mineral production up to October, which is the latest month for which data is available, has shown a steady increase since the termination of the revolution. Petroleum production is also showing a slightly upward trend, owing to the increased activities of one of the large oil companies. According to official statistics petroleum production during October amounted to 4,014,000 barrels and exports during the same month totaled 1,873,000 barrels. Substantial reduction in taxes on crude petroleum and fuel oil have been introduced in the 1930 tax laws.

PERU.

The growing unemployment and the increasing inactivity in business has become more noticeable as result of the cessation of the Government public works program. Retail holiday buying was comparatively light and little improvement is expected in the near future. Congress is concerned with the budget. The new revenue measures, including the reported tariff changes and income tax revision will likely be passed. Banks have sold foreign exchange only sporadically during December and then in small lots for their own clients in payment of documentary transactions. The present exchange situation has resulted in a tight credit situation which plus the general uncertainty regarding the interpretation of financial decrees have greatly curtailed import orders.

URUGUAY.

Business conditions during the month of December were generally dull. Department store sales were considerably below those of the same period last year. The automotive market is inactive with sales greatly reduced. Merchants report a scarcity of money and tourist trade is not up to what was expected. November imports were valued at 7,600,000 pesos. Export figures are not available. Import customs revenues from Dec. 1 to 23 amounted to 1,230,000 pesos as compared with 1,549,000 pesos for the corresponding period of last year. Export customs revenues amounted to 141,000 pesos for the above period of this year as compared with 283,000 pesos for 1928. The wool clip is moving slowly and at reduced prices. During the first two months of the wool season 7,800,000 pounds were clipped as compared with 8,600,000 for a like period of last year. Cereal crops are generally good but the market is dull. November bank clearings amounted to 71,400,000 pesos. Monthly currency circulation amounted to approximately 65,000,000 pesos for September, October, and November. Bank deposits amounted to approximately 178,000,000 pesos for each of the above months.

VENEZUELA.

Retail business throughout Venezuela has been somewhat affected by the failure of the National Government to declare the customary extra month's salary for all Government employees in December. On the 19th the Government announced that several building projects, including a new post office building, would be undertaken. The slow demand for coffee and cacao even at present low prices is beginning to have an adverse effect on wholesale trade. Business in the Maracaibo and Puerto Cabello districts is especially effected. The principal commercial houses are conservative in placing orders abroad for future delivery; collections are slower. Automobile sales during December were less than in the previous month, when conditions were considered good. Petroleum production in November amounted to 11,200,000 barrels as compared with 11,500,000 in October. Total production for the year is given as 124,000,000 or 15,000,000 barrels more than in 1928. Shipments during November amounted to 10,400,000 as compared with 10,700,000 in the previous month.

Secretary of Treasury Mellon Returns to Washington After Holiday Cruise to Bahamas.

Secretary of Treasury Mellon returned to his office at the Treasury Department much rested from his holiday trip it was reported yesterday (Jan. 3) in Washington advices to the "Wall Street Journal". Secretary Mellon had been absent about two weeks. His itinerary included the Bahamas, Santo Domingo, Havana, Jamaica and the Florida keys.

J. P. Morgan's Yacht "Corsair" Sold to Government - To Be Used in Geodetic Work.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Jan 2: J. P. Morgan's yacht "Corsair" has been sold to the United States Government for \$1. The yacht was renamed "Oceanographer" by Mr. Morgan before the sale was made, and it will be placed in the United States Coast and Geodetic survey. One of the stipulations of the sale was that the yacht shall never be disposed of by the Government until it is scrapped.

The vessel has had a historic career and during the World War it was tendered and accepted as a Government auxiliary, at a time when shipping facilities were imperatively needed. As a gift from Mr. Morgan the ship again comes under Federal control and ownership. This will save the Government \$450,000.

References to Mr. Morgan's offer to turn the yacht over to the Government appeared in our issues of August 31, page 1370 and Oct. 19, page 2485.

Stock of Money in the Country.

The Treasury Department at Washington has issued the customary monthly statement showing the stock of money in the country and the amount in circulation after deducting the moneys held in the United States Treasury and by Federal Reserve banks and agents. It is important to note that, beginning with the statement of Dec. 31 1927, several very important changes have been made. They are as follows: (1) The statement is dated for the end of the month instead of for the first of the month; (2) gold held by Federal Reserve banks under earmark for foreign account is now excluded,

and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is now included; (3) minor coin (nickels and cents) has been added. On this basis the figures this time, which are for Nov. 30 1929, show that the money in circulation at that date (including, of course, what is held in bank vaults of member banks of the Federal Reserve System) was \$4,929,421,487, as against \$4,838,184,799 Oct. 31 1929 and \$4,990,114,367 Nov. 30 1928, and comparing with \$5,698,214,612 on Oct. 31 1920. Just before the outbreak of the World War, that is, on June 30 1914, the total was only \$3,458,059,755. The following is the statement:

KIND OF MONEY.	Total Amount.	Total.	MONEY HELD IN THE TREASURY.		MONEY OUTSIDE OF THE TREASURY.		Population of United States (Estimated).
			Am. Held in Trust Against Gold & Silver Certificates & Treasury Notes of 1890.	United States Notes and Treasury Notes of 1890.	Held by Federal Reserve Banks and Agents.	Other Money.	
Gold coin and bullion.	\$4,360,892,819	\$3,347,035,014	\$1,243,373,659	\$156,039,088	\$6,237,786	\$1,019,797,805	363,934,553
Gold certificates.	61,243,373,659	492,256,528	489,150,144		3,106,384	47,704,421	888,649,549
Standard silver dollars.	539,960,849				487,576,294	69,789,834	418,085,400
Silver certificates.	6487,872,294				1,274,850	292,240,764	7.35
Treasury notes of 1890.	61,274,850	3,834,897			3,836,897	304,964,220	118,167,184
Subsidiary silver.	308,801,117	2,187,868			2,187,868	120,829,780	276,133,978
Minor coin.	123,017,648	4,730,850			4,730,850	341,930,136	66,814,158
U. S. notes.	346,681,016	2,715,865			2,715,865	2,443,665,120	523,663,681
F. R. notes.	2,446,280,955	50,228			50,228	20,889	3,431,784
F. R. bank notes.	3,562,881	36,211,008			36,211,008	665,870,097	606,355,720
Nat. bank notes.	701,581,105					50,014,377	5.04
Total Nov. 30 29	8,836,658,420	63,880,024,288	1,732,623,803	156,039,088	1,801,384,481	6,080,157,385	1,750,736,448
Comparative totals:							4,929,421,487
Oct. 31 1929	8,759,600,181	63,861,628,960	1,655,451,495	156,039,088	1,811,490,583	6,237,786	40.23
Nov. 30 1928	8,251,523,377	63,741,988,038	1,869,770,295	156,039,088	1,490,272,210	6,237,786	120,264,000
Oct. 31 1920	8,479,630,834	62,436,864,830	718,674,378	152,979,028	1,212,300,791	6,237,786	41,961,567,000
Mar. 31 1917	5,396,596,677	62,952,020,313	2,681,091,072	152,979,028	1,177,360,216	5,126,297,484	53.01
June 30 1914	3,796,466,764	61,845,575,888	1,507,178,879	150,000,000	188,397,009	3,458,059,755	34.92
Jan. 1 1879	1,007,084,483	62,12,420,402	21,602,640	100,000,000	90,817,762	816,266,721	16.92

CIRCULATION STATEMENT OF UNITED STATES MONEY—NOV. 30 1929.

a Includes United States paper currency in circulation in foreign countries and the amount held by the Cuban agency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

b Does not include gold bullion or foreign coin other than that held by the Treasury, Federal Reserve banks and Federal Reserve agents. Gold held by Federal Reserve banks under earmark for foreign account is excluded, and gold held abroad for Federal Reserve banks is included.

c These amounts are not included in the total since the money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 is included under gold coin and bullion and standard silver dollars, respectively.

d The amount of money held in trust against gold and silver certificates and Treasury notes of 1890 should be deducted from this total before combining it with total money outside of the Treasury to arrive at the stock of money in the United States.

e This total includes \$38,396,745 of notes in process of redemption, \$76,287,720 of gold deposited for redemption of Federal Reserve notes, \$27,365,270 deposited for redemption of national bank notes, \$1,950 deposited for retirement of additional circulation (Act of May 30 1908), and \$7,470,327 deposited as a reserve against postal savings deposits.

f Includes money held by Cuban agency of the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

Note.—Gold certificates are secured dollar for dollar by gold held in the Treasury for their redemption; silver certificates are secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury for their redemption; United States notes are secured by a gold reserve of \$156,039,088 held in the Treasury. This reserve fund may also be used for the redemption of Treasury notes of 1890, which are also secured dollar for dollar by standard silver dollars held in the Treasury. Federal Reserve notes are obligations of the United States and a first lien on all the assets of the issuing Federal Reserve bank. Federal Reserve notes are secured by the deposit with Federal Reserve agents of a like amount of gold or of gold and such discounted or purchased paper as is eligible under the terms of the Federal Reserve Act. Federal Reserve banks must maintain a gold reserve of at least 40%, including the gold redemption fund, which must be deposited with the United States Treasurer, against Federal Reserve notes in actual circulation. Lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for retirement of all outstanding Federal Reserve bank notes. National bank notes are secured by United States bonds except where lawful money has been deposited with the Treasurer of the United States for their retirement. A 5% fund is also maintained in lawful money with the Treasurer of the United States for the redemption of national bank notes secured by Government bonds.

Silver Prices Fall to New Low Record.

The following is from the New York "Evening Post" of Dec. 30:

For the third successive day, silver prices to-day sank into new low ground. Bar silver here was quoted at 46½ cents a fine ounce. London quoted 21 5-16d. a fine ounce. The London price is 3-16d. lower, the New York price ¼ cent lower than Saturday's. The present level of silver prices is slightly below even the low levels set November 28 1902.

Bar silver at New York was 57½ cents a fine ounce at the beginning of this year. After an advance of 57½ Jan. 10, the price began declining. The general trend during the last half of last year also was downward.

One theory advanced for the decline in prices is that China, the largest importer of silver, has ceased buying.

World production of silver in 1929 is estimated at 255,000,000 ounces compared with 248,400,000 in 1928; 251,200,000 in 1927 and 241,600 in 1926.

In giving the London bar silver quotations Dec. 30 a Central News cablegram that day to the New York News Bureau, noted the low record as follows:

London Dec. 30.—Bar silver quotations to-day were: Spot 21 5-16d., off 3-16d., and forward 21¾d., off ¼d. These are the lowest quotations for silver in the history of the London market.

Following a slight upward movement, the Dec. 30 figure was again reached yesterday (Jan. 3), as indicated in the following Central News cablegram from London:

Bar silver quotations to-day were: Spot and forward, 21 5-16d., both off 5-16d. These are the lowest silver prices on record in the local market and equal the low made on Dec. 30 last.

In its comments the "Wall Street News" of Dec. 31 said:

London bar silver quotations have steadily declined in price throughout the year. The sharp break on Friday brought quotations close to the low market in London the last of November, 1902, and early in 1903. On Saturday further recessions set a new low record, and the further loss on Monday has again set a new low for all time.

China is the most important factor in the silver market, and while there have been rumors that a Chinese pool had overreached itself market authorities in New York are rather inclined to the opinion that weakness in the white metal is due to less demand from the Far East, since the recession in recent weeks has been marked by light offerings and practically no demand. The preparations for the lifting of the Japanese gold embargo on Jan. 11 have confused the course of the yen so that, as under normal conditions, it has not reflected any speculation by Chinese interests.

In India, the second nation of importance in the silver market, a policy was adopted last year whereby the Government no longer makes public any information regarding sales from Government reserves. No indication therefore can be obtained from that source as to why silver should weaken, but it is believed India has been selling the metal in rather large quantities and this has had an unsettling effect. With China unable to consume the large amount of silver on a weak market and with India selling its surplus reserves of the white metal, regardless of price levels, it could not be otherwise than that silver prices should weaken to historically low levels.

The fall in silver prices was referred to in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 28, page 4062.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Jan. 2 contained the following from London regarding the silver depression:

Mocatta & Goldsmid's annual bullion circular, discussing reasons for depression of silver, estimates total sales by the Indian Government at 30,000,000 ounces. About 10,000,000 ounces of demonetized British silver and a similar quantity of French metal were used for coinage or sold in the market. Total of newly produced silver dealt with in the market during the past year is estimated at 50,000,000 ounces. Mining production is estimated at 10,000,000 to 15,000,000 ounces lower than 1928.

China's imports during the year are expected to approximate record total of 141,000,000 ounces. Mocatta & Goldsmid do not look for any material decline in production although further price concessions are probable. Lower levels should stimulate Indian and Chinese demand and further declines in price are expected to be smaller and more gradual than during 1929.

American Investments Abroad in 1929 \$1,678,039,400 According to Max Winkler—Foreign Financing During Past Year Declines 22% Compared with 1928.

According to a study which was made public Dec. 23 by Dr. Max Winkler, Vice-President of Bertron, Griscom & Co., Inc., American funds invested abroad during 1929 aggregated \$1,678,039,400, a decline of almost 22% as compared with 1928 figures. America's total foreign investments, exclusive of inter-Governmental debts, amounted at the end of 1929 to \$16,604,052,000, a gain of about 6.50% over the previous year. The study further says:

The outstanding feature of our 1929 foreign investments is the pronounced decline in publicly offered loans, a direct result of the speculative tendency of the past year or more and the prevailing high money rates. Owing to the speculative mania, purchases were confined almost exclusively to "equities," while high money rates rendered it practically impossible for American banking houses to underwrite and successfully market fixed income-bearing securities, both domestic and particularly foreign. Thus, the bulk of our investments abroad during 1929 is represented by the acquisition of and the investment in foreign properties.

Another equally, if not more, significant feature of our 1929 foreign investments is that European Government loans repaid in cash to American holders aggregated, exclusive of sinking fund operations, \$92,853,000, or almost 5 times the total of European State and municipal loans floated during the entire year. This fact should go a long way towards allaying whatever fears American investors may have over the possible failure of Europe to take care of contractual obligations.

Of our total investments abroad, Europe continues to head the list with \$589,228,200, or more than 34%. Investment in Government, State and municipal issues totalled only \$95,780,000, corporate investments accounting for the remaining \$493,448,200. Whereas in previous years, German financing represented a material part of our total, in 1929, it declined to less than 10%.

Canada occupies second place with \$473,484,200, of which \$150,291,500 represented Government, provincial and municipal issues, the remainder being corporate securities, among which are included, however, Government-guaranteed obligations.

South America ranks third with \$339,921,700, of which \$65,770,000 are investments in Government, State and municipal issues, the balance representing corporate issues.

Australasia holds fourth place with \$99,828,700, followed by Central America (which includes Mexico, Cuba and the West Indies), with \$86,853,000.

Miscellaneous investments, which comprise especially acquisition of mining shares in South Africa, aggregated \$32,014,100; while investments abroad made by American investment companies are estimated at \$56,000,000, an admittedly conservative figure when compared with the total of investment trust capital raised during 1929.

Details of American foreign investments in 1929 are presented in the subjoined table:

	Amount Issued.	Amount Refunded.	Net Amount.
<i>Europe (Excluding Germany)—</i>			
Governments, States and municipalities.....	\$20,000,000	-----	\$20,000,000
Corporations.....	413,542,400	\$10,871,000	402,671,400
Total Europe (excluding Germany).....	\$433,542,400	\$10,871,000	\$422,671,400
<i>Germany—</i>			
States and municipalities.....	\$77,780,000	\$2,000,000	\$75,780,000
Corporations.....	92,776,800	2,000,000	90,776,800
Total Germany.....	\$170,556,800	\$4,000,000	\$166,556,800
<i>Total Europe—</i>			
Governments, States and municipalities.....	\$97,780,000	\$2,000,000	\$95,780,000
Corporations.....	506,319,200	12,871,000	493,448,200
Total Europe.....	\$604,099,200	\$14,871,000	\$589,228,200
<i>Canada—</i>			
Government, Provinces & municipalities	\$163,203,500	\$12,912,000	\$150,291,500
Corporations.....	354,392,700	31,200,000	323,192,700
Total Canada.....	\$517,596,200	\$44,112,000	\$473,484,200
<i>South America—</i>			
Government, States and municipalities.....	\$65,770,000	-----	\$65,770,000
Corporations.....	274,151,700	-----	274,151,700
Total South America.....	\$339,921,700	-----	\$339,921,700
<i>Central America (Including Cuba, Mexico and West Indies)—</i>			
Governments and municipalities.....	\$12,250,000	-----	\$12,250,000
Corporations.....	74,603,000	-----	74,603,000
Total Central America.....	\$86,853,000	-----	\$86,853,000
<i>Australasia—</i>			
Governments and municipalities.....	\$25,000,000	-----	\$25,000,000
Corporations.....	86,278,700	\$11,450,000	74,828,700
Total Australasia.....	\$111,278,700	\$11,450,000	\$99,828,700
<i>Miscellaneous—</i>			
Investment companies.....	\$56,000,000	-----	\$56,000,000
Others.....	32,014,100	-----	32,014,100
Total miscellaneous.....	\$88,014,100	-----	\$88,014,100
Total Governments, States and municipalities.....	\$364,003,500	\$14,912,000	\$349,091,500
Total corporations.....	1,327,759,400	55,521,000	1,272,238,400
Total investment companies.....	56,000,000	-----	56,000,000
Grand total.....	\$1,747,762,900	\$70,433,000	\$1,677,329,900

The geographical distribution of American foreign investments at the beginning of 1930, as compared with previous years, is detailed hereunder:

Region—	1930.	1929.	1914.
Europe.....	\$5,107,495,000	\$4,798,000,000	\$350,000,000
Canada.....	4,389,000,000	4,120,000,000	750,000,000
South America.....	2,785,825,000	2,513,000,000	100,000,000
Central America (including Cuba, Mexico and West Indies).....	2,936,510,000	2,954,000,000	1,200,000,000
Australasia.....	925,837,000	841,000,000	175,000,000
Miscellaneous.....	459,385,000	375,000,000	50,000,000
Total.....	\$16,604,052,000	\$15,601,000,000	\$2,625,000,000

Melvin A. Traylor and Jackson E. Reynolds Returning to Europe to Participate in Hague Deliberations on Bank for International Settlements.

Melvin A. Traylor, President of the First National Bank of Chicago, and Jackson E. Reynolds, President of the First National Bank of New York are again en route to Europe, sailing to-day (Jan. 4) on the steamer Berengaria. They will participate in the further conference looking toward the creation of the Bank for International Settlements. Messrs. Reynolds and Traylor returned from abroad a month ago, having served as the American members of the committee which drew up the preliminary plans for the International Bank. Under date of Jan. 2 a Chicago dispatch to the New York "Times" said:

The completion of the organization of the Bank for International Settlements is to be effected this month, it was announced to-day by Melvin A. Traylor, President of the First National Bank of Chicago, before he left on the Twentieth Century Limited for New York, where he will sail for Europe to attend the organization meeting of the bank committee.

The meeting of the committee has been called for Jan. 12. Prior to it the bankers will meet with the Governmental representatives at The Hague in their final conference on the Young plan. The Governmental conference has been called for to-morrow, but the bankers will not meet with the Government representatives until the 12th, when they will be ready in case their advice is needed.

The Bank is to "conduct its affairs with a view to facilitating execution of the plan," in the language of the Bank statutes, and is to "observe the provisions of the plan in the administration of the operations of the Bank."

A large part of the work at the conference of the bank committee will be concerned with subscription of the Bank's stock and the election of the board of directors. Capital stock of the bank is fixed at 500,000,000 Swiss francs (about \$96,896,500) and is divided into 200,000 shares of which 112,000 must be subscribed before the Bank begins business.

With Mr. Traylor will be Jackson E. Reynolds, President of the First National Bank of New York, America's other member on the committee. Both were mentioned at one time for the position of President of the new institution.

In the "Times" of Jan. 3 it was stated:

It is believed that the work of setting up the Bank has now reached a sufficiently advanced stage so that the actual machinery can be ready for operation within two or three months. Some further delay after that

period may be necessary, due to the fact that approval of the Governments involved in the work of the experts must be obtained before the Bank can begin business.

It is anticipated that one of the first operations undertaken by the institution will be the placing of a block of reparations bonds.

The greater part of these bonds will, in the opinion of bankers here be taken in France, but a small portion is expected to be offered in this market this Spring, largely for the purpose of putting the reparations plan "on record." Similar offerings will be made in other world markets.

Sentiment in France is known to favor the selection of an American for the Chairmanship of the Bank, but informed bankers here doubt whether either Mr. Reynolds or Mr. Traylor would care to leave their present duties to undertake the job.

Premier Tardieu of France Wins Vote on the World Bank— Chamber by 45 Majority Gives Him Free Hand for Hague Parley on Young Plan.

From the New York "Times" we take the following Paris Cablegram Dec. 28:

Premier Tardieu to-night stemmed a violent attack in the Chamber of Deputies upon the International Bank plan. Now he will go to The Hague with his hands free to negotiate the Young plan protocol.

The Government victory, however, did not produce such a telling majority as yesterday's general vote approving the Ministry's foreign policy. It stood 316 to 271 votes—a margin of just forty-five votes.

George Bonnet's interpellation upon the Baden-Baden agreement turned from the charge that there were not sufficient national guarantees in the bank scheme to a sweeping indictment of what Deputy Margaine defined as the "dollar diplomacy," by which, he said, the United States was seeking to establish an economic hegemony over Europe.

The Chamber was swept at moments by Nationalist emotion similar to that manifested at the session which preceded the ratification of the Mellon-Béranger debt agreements which nearly upset the Poincaré Government on a question of what all recognized was the only course of wisdom.

Praises American Aid

Premier Tardieu's reply was an expression of calm surprise at the Chamber's interpretation of the American part in the international bank as anything but a valuable collaboration which Europeans could ill afford to lose.

He reviewed at length the terms of the Baden-Baden statutes to show that adequate protection was given to national monetary and financial policies and he demanded a vote of confidence giving him full power to negotiate the final accord at The Hague.

The motion which was finally passed at 1 A. M., was worded precisely in that way, while another resolution instructing the French delegation to insist on changes in the bank statutes to prevent the bank from dominating or hindering France's monetary economic policies was rejected.

The attack on the world bank was led by Deputies Margaine and Georges Bonnet, both Radical Socialists and members of the Finance Commission of the Chamber, and their repeated assaults against American financial interests were cheered by almost the entire House.

"Though the United States Government takes every occasion to declare it desires to take no part in European affairs," shouted M. Margaine, "it is strange that every time Europeans gather to discuss their affairs together they invariably have to ask Americans for advice. That is a sure and certain sign of the control the United States is beginning to exercise, financially and economically, over Europe."

Dangers in Bank Seen

The Left deputies united to declare the international bank, devised by Americans, offers undeniable possibilities for the extension of this hegemony of international finance, particularly American, over national financial institutions. They demanded the government should provide certain guarantees against the menace of the bank to France's financial independence.

On the basis of the Baden-Baden statutes, the Bank's opponents in the Chamber charged that the bank as now conceived would, if incorporated in the Young plan, provide the following dangers—first, the danger of inflation; second, a threat of world economic control; third, conditions favoring the progress of American influence in Europe.

"The bank will function even if reparation payments fall down," said Mr. Bonnet. "There is every indication it will become a sort of clearing house which will control the exchanges. With an International Bank, credit movements will no longer function so that European banks will no longer be able to modify their discount rates as they do now. They say the bank will stabilize the exchanges, but it can also destroy them. This Bank will not be under the control of any government. It will, therefore, represent international finance in all its omnipotence. In spite of what has been said about the restriction of its powers, its functions have been made so great that it can become unlimited."

Asks Government Guarantees

Mr. Bonnet then declared that by means of the inflation of credit through its powers for granting credits to industry, the Bank could win immense power over the different governments and could be used to strengthen American power over Europe.

Concluding, M. Bonnet asked what guarantees the government could give against such dangers.

"Are we going to be forced," he asked, "to accept the dictatorship of a small financial oligarchy?"

At the night sitting another speaker, Deputy Bergery, who was formerly Chief of Cabinet under Edouard Herriot, proclaimed the world bank was the international bankers' method for securing control of the reparations question. He said that at the time of the Versailles Treaty Norman Davis proposed the governments should put reparations in the hands of private bankers. He asserted the inclusion of the Bank in the Young plan was merely a revival of that proposal, which had met with no support from the European governments.

René Brunet criticized the mobilization plan, saying "it is easy to see what speculators will gain by this, but how is it going to be of advantage to France?"

Insisting its chances of success were precarious, M. Brunet made an eloquent plea to M. Briand to place the bank under control of the League of Nations, asserting that was the only way of providing proper control. He declared, "You could make the bank the backbone of an organization of Europe's peace."

He protested the hold of the central bankers on the Bank's administration, urging the board of directors be enlarged to include government representatives.

French Delegates to Hague Conference on Bank for International Settlements View German Loan of First Importance—Interested Chiefly in Plans for Reparations Bonds.

The New York "Times" reports the following from Paris Jan. 2:

With their attention fixed principally on the necessity of obtaining a settlement at The Hague which will permit floating the first German reparations loan under good conditions. Premier Tardieu, Foreign Minister Briand, Finance Minister Chéron and a large group of experts left this morning for the second Hague conference. The success or failure of the Young plan depends on the reception given by the investing public of every country to the bond issue which will be floated by the Bank for International Settlements.

How much these issues will be and when they will be made will not be settled until the Bank has been finally organized, but even now it is essential that conditions should be prepared which will create public confidence. If after The Hague meeting and during the next few months the feeling of uncertainty about Germany's future, which has been created partly as a result of Dr. Hjalmar Schacht's differences with the German Government, is allowed to continue it may be difficult to place German bonds in the international market.

Premier Tardieu is believed to be prepared to insist that the most important evidence of good faith which Germany can give of her adherence to the Young plan is for the German people to be the first subscribers to the loan. In conversations on this matter the German reply has frequently been that the German losses during the recent Wall Street collapse have adversely affected the capacity of the country to subscribe.

M. Tardieu's reply has been, in effect, that everybody else lost and the fact that German money was lost in Wall Street is simply proof that the German position is not so bad as it is usually represented.

The French Premier has gone to The Hague prepared to carry through with the greatest loyalty France's engagements for the evacuation of the Rhineland and the ultimate evacuation of the Sarre area, which were made by his predecessor. But it is an essential point in his attitude that the best, indeed the only way in which Germany can show her sincerity is that she should be the first and biggest subscriber to the first reparations loan.

If the debt is to be commercialized, it is argued here, it is only right that Germany, at the same time the benefactor and debtor, should carry the largest possible risk in the possible failure of this commercial enterprise.

Germany's Delegates to Hague Conference on Reparations and International Bank—Curtius, Moldenhauer, Schmidt and Wirth to Go, but Not Mueller or Schacht.

Dr. Hjalmar Schacht, president of the Reichsbank, will not be a permanent member of the German delegation to the second Hague reparations conference, which is to give final sanction to the Young plan, it was stated in a Berlin message Dec. 28 to the New York "Times" which went on to say:

A decision eliminating him as an active participant in the deliberations for the duration of the conference was reached at a Cabinet meeting today. It indicates that apparently no concurrence was reached between him and Chancellor Mueller's Cabinet in connection with the controversy provoked by the projection of his memorandum several weeks ago in which he charged that the Government was permitting palpable perversion of the provisions and spirit of the Young plan, for which reason he as one of the delegates to the Paris conference of experts must disclaim responsibility.

While there was a persistent demand in political quarters that Dr. Schacht be designated as one of the diplomatic delegates to the second Hague conference in view of his sweeping impeachment of the government and the further circumstance that he had literally imposed a financial dictatorship on it in connection with its loan policies and financial reforms, it was realized that as the head of the central German bank he is not answerable to the Reichstag, as are the members of the Cabinet, and would therefore be outside the pale of Parliament's jurisdiction in connection with any decisive influence he might exert on the financial negotiations for the Young plan.

Ready to Help on Bank.

As none of the several reparations powers will be represented at The Hague by their chief economic experts who participated in the Paris conference last Spring, Dr. Schacht believed that his presence in that capacity could be dispensed with although he informed the Cabinet of his readiness to respond to its call in case his presence was required in connection with discussions involving the proposed Bank for International Settlements. On the larger issues involving the fundamentals of the Young plan, however, his voice will not be heard, although he let it be known that he still approves of the plan as conceived and drafted in Paris.

The German delegation to The Hague will be headed by Dr. Julius Curtius, Foreign Minister, and will include Dr. Paul Moldenhauer, newly-appointed Minister of Finance; Robert Schmidt, Minister of Economics, and Dr. Joseph Wirth, Minister for the Occupied Areas and former Chancellor. Of the main delegates only Dr. Curtius and Dr. Wirth took part in the first Hague conference and the German delegation will therefore present a new complexion, especially through the absence of Dr. Stresemann, the late Foreign Minister, who carried the brunt of the German burden at almost every recent international conference on reparations and other post-war problems.

Curtius Stresemann's Aide.

Dr. Curtius, who, as Foreign Minister, will now head the delegation, was Dr. Stresemann's chief collaborator at The Hague last Summer, and the late Foreign Minister repeatedly made frank acknowledgement of his appreciation of Dr. Curtius's ready adaptability to the requirements of an international conference and its routine. The Socialists will be represented at the conference through Herr Schmidt. A large staff of under-secretaries will accompany Dr. Curtius, among them Dr. von Schubert, Dr. Gauss and Dr. Ritter of the Foreign Office, in addition to representatives of the Ministries of Finance and Economics, while Dr. Vocke of the Reichsbank directorate has been added to the delegation upon the recommendation of Dr. Schacht. Dr. Melchior, Hamburg banker and one of the German delegates to the Paris conference, will head the group of German financial experts.

Wall St. Hails Cut in French Loan Tax—Reduction from 4 to 2% on Levy on Foreign Securities Seen as Aid to International Credit—Benefit to Gold Situation.

Word from Paris that the French Government had reduced the stamp tax on foreign securities from 4 to 2% was greeted by New York bankers as a most important step in the French program for creating an international money market said the New York "Times" of Dec. 31, which further stated:

The heavy tax on foreign loans which has been in force in France has virtually closed that market to foreign loans. It has been one of the chief factors in bringing about the continued flow of gold to France without any compensating outflow of the metal. Lacking the machinery of an international money market, funds flowing into France have remained there, even though rates in Paris have been extremely low throughout the period of high money rates elsewhere.

The reduction of the tax on foreign loans to 2% still leaves a very considerable impediment in the way of any extended flotation of foreign securities in France, bankers here say, although the low interest rates in France make it likely that some foreign financing may be done. Financial authorities here were hesitant to make any precise predictions as to the immediate effects of the move, pending a closer study of the subject and more detailed dispatches from abroad.

Proposal Long Discussed.

The proposal to reduce or do away with the tax on foreign loans has been under discussion for several months, and it has been understood that the French Minister of Finance and the Governor of the Bank of France have been ardently favoring the move. It had not been supposed, however, that preparations were yet complete, and news of the passage of the measure by the French Parliament came as a surprise to Wall Street.

At the same time the Government reduced the transfer tax upon securities from 50 centimes per cent to 40 centimes per cent and completely abolished the tax on foreign exchange operations. This latter amounted to 15 centimes per 100 francs and applied to foreign drafts. Its abolition is recorded as a move to encourage the establishment of an acceptance market in Paris. In this connection there has recently been established the Banque Francaise d'Acceptation, under the management of Jean Velay, former representative of the Irving Trust Co. in Paris.

Gold holdings of the Bank of France have for some weeks been at the highest point in the history of the bank. Credit in Paris is abundant, with money rates in the neighborhood of 3 to 3½%. How readily the French public would respond to the offering of foreign loans remains problematical, but it is thought likely that a good response could be obtained for bonds with an attractive coupon.

Need for Preparation of Market.

Before the war France invested heavily in foreign securities, mainly securities of countries in which the French Government was politically interested. The French investor lost heavily during the war, particularly in Russian issues and as a result, it is said, it may take some time to prepare the French market for extensive foreign issues.

Interest in the move from the point of view of this market is said to revolve principally about its implications in connection with the gold movement at present going on between this country and France. While bankers here are agreed that this country can well afford to lose a substantial part of its large gold holdings, there has been some disposition to regret that the metal was moving to France and not to countries more in need of gold.

It has been felt that gold shipped to France became devitalized in that it was not made the basis of credit which could be extended to the rest of the world. Should the tax reduction announced yesterday result in the flotation in Paris of any considerable amount of foreign loans, some of France's large gold holdings would find their way to other markets. In this indirect fashion, bankers point out, the gold shipped from this market and from England to Paris would find a productive outlet.

\$60,000,000 Tax Cuts Voted in France.

Tax reductions amounting to 1,500,000,000 francs (\$60,000,000) were voted by the Chamber of Deputies late at night (Dec. 29) at the close of a long Sunday session which was resorted to by the Deputies in an effort to wind up their affairs before the end of the year. We quote from a Paris cablegram Dec. 29 to the New York "Times", which added:

The cuts, which are to become effective on Jan. 1 and were approved by 465 votes to none, are provided for in a special law which now goes to the Senate for consideration.

A 2% reduction in the tax on salaried incomes is provided for and the 12% tax on luxury articles is slashed in half. Other important cuts apply to the sugar, mineral water and electrical power taxes.

At its morning session the Chamber voted a credit of 300,000,000 francs (\$12,000,000) to French municipalities which suffered public calamities during the year and in the afternoon approved general increases in the salaries of civil employes.

Paris Declares Other Markets Should Protect Their Own Gold.

The feeling in French financial circles is that the preventing of gold export from New York or London to Paris is the busi-

ness rather of the foreign markets themselves than of France, according to a wireless message Dec. 27 to the New York "Times" from Paris, this also stating:

The movement has admittedly occurred as a result of the natural play of the exchanges and the world having now returned to normal economic conditions, recourse should be had to the classical measures employed before the war for regulation of gold movements.

In those days countries needing to protect their own gold reserves advanced their money rate and issued securities in countries where money was cheap. This expedient will no doubt be again adopted if the present gold movement creates actual embarrassment on other markets. But that is hardly the case at present, since money rates are falling everywhere.

Interest Rate on French Government's "Defense Bonds" Reduced.

Stating that money supplies are growing still more abundant on the Paris market, a message from Paris Dec. 27 to the New York "Times" added:

The interest rate on the two-year defense bonds has been lowered from 4% to 3½%. There has even been a steady though slight cheapening of three months discount rates.

Bills were bought this week for less than the official discount rate of the Bank of France. Rumors circulated that the Bank rate itself would be lowered, but it may be positively said that the Bank does not contemplate that step.

Bank Not Promoting French Gold Import—Paris Financiers Insist Bank of France Has No Hand in Movement.

From the New York "Times" of Dec. 30 we take the following Paris advices Dec. 27:

Despite the great ease in money here, inflow of gold and fresh gold engagements abroad for Paris continued this week. The movement is ascribed by French financiers to the fact that the financial tide is still sweeping capital to France from abroad, that it does not seem likely as yet to turn, and that inflow of capital means gold imports.

The assertion seems again to be made on foreign markets that the Bank of France is responsible for these gold imports, or at least is promoting them in order to increase its own reserve. But financial Paris is aware that the bank is not intervening in any way on the exchange market and that it grants no special facilities to gold-importing banks. It confines itself to buying at the current rate such gold as is offered to it in France, but this it is bound to do by its statutes.

The Bank's only means of actually preventing gold imports would be to purchase foreign exchange on the market in sufficient quantities to arrest the rise of franc exchange before the gold point should be reached. It did this during the period of *de facto* stabilization preceding legal stabilization; but, since the latter action, the bank's policy has tended toward reducing foreign exchange reserves, which public opinion here considers to be excessive.

The Bank would certainly be blamed if it increased them. Under these circumstances the Bank is obviously powerless to arrest the gold influx, which it neither instigates nor desires. The movement could be stopped if French investors were to purchase foreign securities in large quantity, and measures have already been taken to facilitate the placing of such securities here—purely by reduction of the tax on income derived from them. But some time must elapse before the effect of this measure is fully felt.

France's Payments to Help Bonds Here—Paris Government Expected in Market Soon to Buy \$35,000,000 United States Issues.

Predictions that the market for United States Government bonds will be greatly stimulated in 1930 by active buying received considerable support by the announcement Dec. 26 that France had paid to the United States Treasury the balance due on account of annuities under the Mellon-Beranger war debt funding agreement reached on April 29 1926, but ratified only recently by the United States Senate. In making these comments in its Dec. 29 issue the New York "Times" goes on to say:

France now has paid \$125,000,000 in United States obligations, which, under the terms of the agreement, are acceptable at par in lieu of cash.

France must pay by June 30 its instalment for 1930, amounting to \$35,000,000. Therefore, between now and that time the French Government must purchase in the open market a like amount of treasury obligations, presumably those bearing the lowest rate of interest, since they may be obtained at better prices than issues bearing higher coupons. The bulk of the payment last week was in Treasury 3½% and Liberty 3½%. Both issues are selling under par, so that the French Government will receive the advantage of the discount.

Payments to Increase.

Except for 1931, 1932 and 1933, when payments of \$1,350,000, \$11,363,500 and \$21,477,135, respectively, will be made, the annual payments will increase until the maximum of \$116,928,195 will be paid in 1986. The following year will complete the payment, when the final instalment of \$113,694,786 on the total of \$4,025,000,000 will be paid.

The French accumulations of United States Government bonds, like those of Great Britain and other nations paying off their war debts to the United States, will not only tend to stimulate the market for these bonds but will result also in their cancellation, since all such obligations when paid into the United States Treasury will be retired and the public debt reduced accordingly. Thus, war debt payments will operate to reduce greatly the floating supply of these bonds.

In addition to the principal amount of the war debt, substantial payments of interest must be made annually, which, like the payments of principal, may also be made by tender of United States Government obligations. On the French debt, for example, the rate of interest to be paid will start on June 15 1930, at 1% per annum. From June 15 1940, until June 15 1950, the rate is 2%; thereafter, to June 15 1958, 2½%; thereafter, to June 15 1965, 3% and thereafter 3½%.

Government Issues High.

Only a few weeks ago virtually all Liberty Loans and the principal United States Treasury issues touched peaks for the year, and at present they are

only slightly below these levels. Although some fairly large orders were reported in the market early this month, trading has tapered in the last week or two. However, the market usually receives considerable impetus after the turn of the year and dealers are expecting a strong market in January.

French Bank's Gold Policy in 1930—Will Neither Help nor Hinder Imports—Would Not Object to Exports.

The policy of the Bank of France regarding gold will remain unchanged in 1930, says a Paris message Dec. 28 to the New York "Times." Continuing, it states:

It will consist in refraining from any intervention in the exchange market in favor of gold imports, but of allowing them to occur when the gold point is reached. There is good reason to believe that the Bank considers its present gold reserves ample, and that it would not intervene to prevent an outflow of gold—that, on the contrary, it would welcome the opportunity of proving by such attitude that the franc is freely convertible into gold and the gold standard is not a vain word but a reality.

It is certain, however, that if the exchanges continue favorable to France, further gold imports will occur, because the Bank seems to be determined not to increase its foreign exchange holdings. If the market withdraws its own foreign balances, that will mean that foreigners do not require them.

Dutch Market's Reaction—Holland Shared in Speculative Excesses—Now Faces Consequences.

Amsterdam advices Dec. 27 are taken as follows from the New York "Times":

Until the final quarter of the year the situation in Holland was generally satisfactory—though here also there had been serious exaggeration of prices, with the stock exchanges laying hands on a large part of the floating capital. At the end of the year trade activity slackened, with a narrower profit margin.

Several Dutch industries, notably incandescent lamps and radio and clothing, have had to face closer foreign competition, causing decline in prices. For Holland, however, the really serious factor is the crisis in markets for several colonial products, such as rubber, tea and coffee, causing remittances from India to be lowered by tens of million guilders.

Spanish Budget for 1930—Estimate \$28,000,000 Below 1929 Expenses.

From Madrid Dec. 30 the New York "Times" reported the following:

The Spanish budget for 1930, passed to-night, provides for expenditures totaling between \$519,000,000 and \$521,000,000.

Last year's budget amounted to \$548,000,000.

The subsidy granted to the Moroccan Government alone has been reduced by the sum of \$1,100,000.

Next year's budget includes a sum of \$300,000 granted to the City of Barcelona in order to assist the city in turning the Barcelona exposition into a permanent exhibition. This is in addition to \$6,500,000 previously advanced to the city to aid in exposition expenses.

Banco Nacional Ultramarino—Exclusive Note Privilege Contract for Portugal Received for 30 Years.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 30 announced the following from London:

Portuguese Government has renewed contract for further 30 years with Banco Nacional Ultramarino for exclusive privilege of issuing notes in Portuguese colonies. Capital will be increased to maximum of 200,000,000 escudos with minimum of 135,000,000 escudos from present capital of 50,000,000 escudos. New issue of 85,000,000 escudos will be made, of which Portuguese Government will subscribe to 200,000 shares of 80 escudos par at 170 escudos a share.

Business at the London office will be taken over on Jan. 1 by Anglo-Portuguese Colonial & Overseas Bank, Ltd., with fully paid capital of £1,000,000, and the Paris office by Banque Franco Portugais Doutremer, with capital of 50,000,000 francs.

Germany and United States Reach Accord on Terms of Payments to U. S. for Rhine Army and Mixed Claims Awards.

The reaching of an accord between the United States and the German Government as to the terms for the payment by the latter for Rhine Army costs and mixed claims awards was announced at Washington on Dec. 28, by Acting Secretary of the Treasury Ogden L. Mills. His statement follows:

The State Department and the Treasury Department have for some weeks past conducted conversations with the German Government with a view to drafting a proposed agreement covering payments by Germany to the United States on account of Army costs and mixed claims in the annual amounts recommended by the Young Committee of Experts.

The two Governments are in accord as to the form and terms of such an agreement, but it cannot be definitely concluded until the executive branch of the Government has been so authorized by the Congress. The purpose of the negotiations was to enable the executive branch of the Government to submit to the Congress in definite form an agreement acceptable to the German Government, so that the Congress before granting the necessary authority would have before it the form of the agreement.

The schedule of payments conforms to the annuities proposed by the Young Committee for the United States. From each of the annuities to be received, 40,800,000 reichsmarks are to be allocated to the satisfaction of mixed claims and the balance to the satisfaction of our Government's claims on account of Army costs.

This is substantially in accord with the program outlined at the White House conference of May 19 1929, which was attended by a number of the leaders of both houses of Congress.

The form of the agreement and the provisions in respect of postponement, generally speaking, follow the agreements heretofore negotiated for the settlement of the debts owed the United States by foreign governments. The execution of this agreement is contingent, of course, upon the coming into effect of the Young plan. In the meanwhile the United States retains all of its existing rights.

It was noted in an Associated Press dispatch Dec. 28 to the New York "Herald Tribune" that treasury records show that on Sept. 1 the American reparations claims against Germany were considered to amount to \$193,936,765 on account of expenditures of the American army of occupation maintained in Germany after the armistice, and \$256,656,213 on account of mixed claims of American citizens and the Government against Germany for war damage of various sorts. The dispatch further said:

The Committee of Experts headed by Owen D. Young, who have proposed the now pending plan for dealing with all of Germany's reparation liabilities, proposed to reduce the annuities which the United States would receive. The Treasury Department has stated that this program "represented a postponement rather than a diminution of payment," as the payments were first planned by the original Dawes Commission, which dealt with the reparations obligations.

The American Government figures now indicate that the total of the reparations represented by army of occupations costs will be reduced 10% by the application of the Young plan, but that the mixed claims will be paid in full, and that interest at the rate of 3% will be paid during the time that is consumed in cancelling the entire obligation.

The Young plan contemplates the payment of annuities by Germany to the United States over a period of 52 years beginning Sept. 1 1929.

From Berlin Dec. 28 the "Herald Tribune" reported the following copyright advices:

Negotiations concerning a special agreement on German war payments to the United States were successfully concluded at the Wilhelmstrasse this afternoon by Dr. Erwin Ritter, Minister-Director, for Germany, and Edwin C. Wilson, First Secretary of the Embassy, for the United States, it was announced in a joint communique issued by the German Foreign Office and the American Embassy. The communique read:

"According to this agreement, Germany will pay the annuities allocated to the United States under the experts' plan of June 7 1929, not into the Bank for International Settlements, but directly to the United States Government. Out of the German payments will be satisfied two kinds of American claims: first, those claims which have been awarded by the German-American Mixed Claim Commission, and second, the American claim for costs in arrears of the Army of Occupation.

"The form of the agreement is closely similar to that of the debt funding agreements existing between the United States and other powers. The priority of the Dawes loan of 1924 is maintained.

"Since Germany, under the Young plan, is not the debtor of the individual powers, but of the community of creditor powers, it will have to be taken into consideration in the forthcoming negotiations at The Hague that the American annuity is to be eliminated. The German Government, therefore, will bring the agreement to the knowledge of the other creditor powers.

"Formal execution of the agreement will take place only after the Reichstag and Congress give their consent. The agreement will be put into force at the same time as the arrangements with the other creditor powers concerning the Young plan."

The new agreement, it was pointed out, would require ratification by both the American Senate and the House of Representatives.

Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman Resigns as American Ambassador to Germany—Senator F. M. Sackett Chosen as Successor.

The resignation of Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman (a position he has held since 1925,) was announced in press advices from Berlin Dec. 27. The Associated Press accounts said:

The Ambassador, who celebrated his 75th birthday last May, announced that the resignation had been accepted at Washington, but that he would remain at his post until January. He had been expecting his resignation to go through for some time and in anticipation his family had left Berlin in September and resumed their residence in New York.

"I cannot speak too highly of the cordiality of the German Government and people, who have facilitated my work here in every manner possible," he said this afternoon. "I shall always look back upon my service in Germany with the greatest satisfaction."

The Ambassador's resignation brought universal regret in official Germany as well as among the German people. He had attained widespread popularity. Despite his years he had traveled widely throughout the Reich, attended all important functions and was seemingly indefatigable in living up to innumerable calls on his time and energy.

Dr. Schurman was President of Cornell University from 1892 until 1920. In 1921 he became American Minister to China and in 1925 he was appointed Ambassador to Germany.

Under date of Dec. 28, the following was announced from Washington in the New York "Herald Tribune":

President Hoover has forwarded to Berlin the name of Senator Frederic Moseley Sackett, Republican, of Kentucky, as his choice to succeed Dr. Jacob Gould Schurman, retiring Ambassador to Germany.

The selection became known to-night, although the White House refused to confirm or deny it in conformity with its policy of never giving out the names of diplomatic nominees before hearing from the Capital to which they are to be assigned whether they will be acceptable to the foreign Government. Senator Sackett was said to be out of the city for several days.

It was stated in Washington advices Dec. 30 to the New York "Times" that the German Government had that day (Dec. 30) informed President Hoover that Senator Sackett will be persona grata as American Ambassador to that country; it is added that President Hoover will submit the nomination of Mr. Sackett to the Senate when that body meets next Monday after its holiday.

Cost to France of Fortification of Rhineland in 1930.

Associated Press advices from Paris Dec. 28 stated:

Fortification of the Rhineland frontier in Alsace and Lorraine will cost France 1,000,000,000 francs or about \$40,000,000 in 1930.

An appropriation bill for that amount has been passed by the French Parliament, acting in the closing days of the current session. The engineering section of the army will have three-quarters of the appropriation.

Past Year One of Severe Trial for Germany According to F. Stallforth of Harris, Forbes & Co.—New Figures on Production More Favorable.

The year 1929 has been a time of trial and a severe test for Germany, but it is a good sign that in spite of the depressing influences of the past year German production on the whole will show after careful calculations an increase of 4 to 5%, over that of the preceding year. This is the statement of Frederico Stallforth, of Harris, Forbes & Co., who has returned from a business trip to Berlin. Mr. Stallforth pointed to the uncertainty concerning reparation settlements and the disappointingly conference of experts at Paris and at the Hague as having created a psychology of uneasiness and adding to the heavy financial burden, resulting from the first standard payments under the Dawes Plan. A further difficulty he mentioned is the cessation of capital inflow from abroad, which from 1926 to 1928 had such a stimulating effect on German economic activity. He said:

"Improvement is most clearly evidenced by the production of iron and steel during the first nine months of 1929. Even more favorable are the figures quoted for coal output, the average daily output having exceeded the level of 1928 and even that of 1927 which had been the best year since the stabilization of German currency. This improvement in the German mining industry which had faced severe difficulties through many years is doubtless due to the program of reorganization and expansion which has been carried through since 1925. This program required the expenditure of large sums, part of which had to be procured from abroad, and the increased production is evidence that the borrowed capital has been successfully invested. The same may be said of the German electric industry for the reorganization and expansion of which a considerable part of the funds taken up abroad have been employed. Power production in this branch of industry shows a constant increase, and these results are also proof of the general good condition of industry in Germany.

"Export and import figures also show an improvement. On the whole, it may be anticipated that the German export and import figures for 1929 will balance, showing even a slight excess of export as compared with 1928 which showed an import surplus of 1,200 million Rm. It is a most favorable sign that this equalization of export and import was brought about by an increase in the total volume of German trade and not by a concurrent decline of raw material import."

On the unfavorable side, Mr. Stallforth mentioned the fact that unemployment had been worse than in 1928, and that at the beginning of the present month unemployed exceeded 1,250,000, while agricultural conditions have not materially improved and building construction has not increased although the great need of dwellings remains unchanged. The chief difficulty, he said, is the great need of capital. This need of capital has been felt most keenly during this year, particularly due to the limited capital inflow from abroad upon which Germany is still dependent. The spirit of business enterprise, he said, has been considerably impaired, and all plans of extension have had to be postponed, while internal loans are also difficult to obtain. With but slight interruptions, stock exchange quotations moved on a very low level throughout the year and in the fall they suddenly dropped to the lowest levels since 1926 and have not since recovered in any substantial degree. Conditions in the money market have been rendered more difficult by the constant demand for capital by the Reich and the municipalities. In this respect, Mr. Stallforth thought that Germany can do much to improve the situation by reducing the costs of public administration as much as possible. Financial reform is, after the ratification of the Young Plan perhaps the most difficult task which Germany is confronted with. If based on sound and farseeing principles, this reform will signify a new stimulus to all branches of industry.

Concerning other European countries, Mr. Stallforth said that France is in a strong financial position due to recent gold purchases, although Paris has not as yet regained its former importance as a financial center. Industry is in full swing and unemployment is not a problem, while Italy works energetically to strengthen her position on the Mediterranean and among the Balkan States. He added that it was remarkable that the position of those countries formed from the former territory of Austria and Hungary has strengthened while Czechoslovakia as well as Hungary show improvements.

Continued Restricted Diamond Cutting in Belgium.

The diamond-cutting industry has decided upon a reduction of 50% in the output in January to prevent overproduction, says a Central News cablegram from Brussels Dec. 30 to the "Wall Street News." The limited output in December was referred to in our issue of Dec. 14, page 3720.

Stock Market Crash and Tariff Bill Blamed by Antwerp for Slump in Demand for Diamonds.

In its issue of Dec. 29, the New York "Times" prints the following special correspondence from Brussels Dec. 12:

M. Lipschutz, President of the Antwerp Diamond Club, says that the present slump in the diamond trade is due to circumstances which have

arisen in the United States, which takes 60% of the output of Antwerp. Only 1% of the cut diamonds remain in Belgium, the remainder being exported.

The slump in Wall Street and the tariff bill are elements in reducing the demand from the States. Jewelers there naturally wish to avoid laying in stocks, paying the higher duty, when by waiting they may secure them at the lower rate.

In Antwerp there are 5,000 master diamond cutters, merchants and travelers, and a similar number is found at Amsterdam. These two centres are responsible for nine-tenths of the trade of cutting precious gems. On Dec. 19 the Antwerp master cutters will hold a meeting to consider the effects of closing down the works for fifteen days, which has thrown 25,000 syndicated workers and perhaps 10,000 non-syndicated earning \$14,000,000 in wages annually out of employment. As Amsterdam has worked half time during this month stocks will be considerably reduced.

No Drop Expected in Diamond Prices—Stock Depression and Retarded Demand Will Not Affect Industry, Importer Says—Production Reduced.

Despite a sharp falling off in the demand for diamonds after the stock depression, diamond prices throughout the United States will remain firm, according to Jerome B. Katz of Katz Brothers & Aul, diamond importers, 20 West 47th St., New York, according to the "Times" of Dec. 31, from which we take the following:

Admitting that the New York market has been quiet for the past two months, Mr. Katz said: "Immediate and effective curtailment of production by the diamond syndicate abroad, which practically controls the world output, has maintained and will continue to maintain the price levels." To support his statement he made public a report received by his house from the diamond market in Europe which said:

"The curtailing of production helps the diamond trade through a quiet period. Whereas we see in other lines of business forced sales at strongly reduced prices, our trade is able to regulate the supply in proportion to the demand. It is true that the demand is not large at present, but, on the other hand, the production is so small that within a short time a scarcity of some articles will be perceivable. The co-operation between Amsterdam and Antwerp cutters is a very rejoicing fact, and without any doubt also all rough producers are doing their best to make the present sound situation of the diamond market a permanent one.

"The demand for goods is still small. Prices are keeping up very good." Recent news dispatches from Brussels reported that employers' and workmen's organizations in the diamond-cutting industry in Belgium had decided to curtail the output of stones 50% during January. During December the diamond works in Antwerp did little work and it was estimated that in Belgium 32,500 persons were idle in consequence, with an estimated wage loss of \$400,000.

"It is not true," Mr. Katz said, "that it will be to the advantage of prospective diamond purchasers to wait in anticipation of a fall in prices. The opinion seems common in the trade, however, that this impression on the part of the public is to a considerable extent responsible for the slow retailing of diamonds at present.

"Furthermore, it should be noted," he continued, "that retail sales of the more costly diamonds have been affected more than the sale of the smaller stones."

Diamonds are not manufactured articles subject to style changes and are, therefore, subject to stringent curtailment, Mr. Katz pointed out.

Austria Awaiting Loans from Abroad—Believes That 1930 Will Bring Financial Relief to Central Europe.

The following Vienna cablegram Dec. 28, is from the New York "Times":

In well-informed financial circles of Austria, the issue of a new foreign loan for \$100,000,000 for which negotiations with Morgan are believed to have been already resumed, is considered the cardinal point in the Austrian economic situation for 1930. Austria, whose national debt amounts to \$300,000,000, which has not obtained a foreign loan since the League of Nations loan, is suffering severely from want of capital, which the foreign loan is designed to relieve.

In the opinion of leading financiers, 1930 will be marked for the whole of Central Europe, including Germany, by measures which will make possible new savings and accumulations of working capital, and stop excessive taxation on production.

Equitable Life Assurance Society Loses Plea in Russian Suit—Appellate Division Rules Company Has No Valid Defense Against Claimants on Policies.

A decision by the Appellate Division Dec. 27 in test cases brought against the Equitable Life Assurance Society on an assigned claim by Russian policyholders to recover the cash value of their policies because of the liquidation of the insurance company by the Soviet Government holds that the insurance company has no valid defense to the action and strikes out the important points relied upon in the answer. The foregoing is from the New York "Times" of Dec. 28, which also had the following to say:

The decision, it was said yesterday, affects more than 2,000 actions in which the policyholders, many of whom are still in Russia and were unable to prosecute their claims here, had assigned the policies to G. Frank Dougherty. They are said to involve about \$5,000,000.

Two of the cases before the Appellate Division yesterday were heard by Supreme Court Justice Cotillo, who denied an application by the plaintiff's attorneys, Englehard, Pollak, Pitcher & Stern, to strike out the answer and granted an application by the insurance company to dismiss the complaint.

Justice Cotillo held that when the Soviet Government liquidated its Russian branches the Equitable Life lost all its assets in that country and was no longer liable to any of the Russian policyholders, who, he ruled, had to rely on the Russian assets in taking out their policies. Justice Cotillo held that the foreign policyholders should not be permitted to enforce their contracts at the expense of the American policyholders unless some clear reason was shown.

The Appellate Division reversed the decision on the ground that the Court of Appeals and the Appellate Division had previously decided in actions against the New York Life Insurance Co. and in suits against American banks that the Russian claims were valid. The New York Life Insurance Co. settled the claims on its policies after the decisions in question were made.

Stabilization of the Czechoslovak Crown.

Supplementing the text of the newly enacted law of Czechoslovakia, for the stabilization of the crown (given in our issue of Dec. 28, page 4062) we take from the Jan. 1 Monthly Review of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, the following summary of the essential provisions of the new law:

The Czechoslovak crown, which has had de facto stability at around \$0.0296 3/4 for more than five years past, became legally convertible to the gold exchange standard by the passage of a parliamentary Act on Nov. 7, which went into force on Nov. 27, 1929. This Act provides:

1. That the Czechoslovak crown shall have a gold content of 44.58 milligrams of fine gold equivalent to \$0.02962853, or approximately Kc. 33.75 to the dollar.
2. That the National Bank of Czechoslovakia shall assume the maintenance of the exchange value of its notes at the legal parity, buying gold in minimum quantities of 12 kilograms of fine gold (about \$8,000, or the customary "export bar") and converting its notes into gold coin, gold bullion, or gold exchange, at its option, in minimum amounts equivalent to 12 kilograms of fine gold.
3. That gold coins 900-1000 fine of 100 crowns value shall be minted, the 100-crown piece to be known as the hrivna and put into circulation at a future date not yet determined.
4. That the National Bank of Czechoslovakia shall maintain a reserve of gold and foreign exchange equal to at least 25% of its total notes and sight liabilities at the end of 1929*, 30% at the end of 1930, and 35% at the end of 1935 and thereafter, one-half the reserve to consist of gold coin or bullion.
5. That the present share capital (\$12,000,000) of the National Bank be converted into Kc. 405,000,000, and the Bank be authorized to increase its capital, if it so desires, to Kc. 607,500,000 (equal to \$18,000,000).
6. That when the State note debt to the Bank, which is now Kc. 3,780 million, has been reduced to Kc. 1,000 million, the Bank shall be authorized to discount government bills up to a total of Kc. 200 million per annum, after endorsement by a banking institution, such temporary advances to be repaid by the end of March of the following year.
7. That the Bank is authorized "to participate in international financial and economic institutions and arrangements of monetary importance."

* On Dec. 7 1929 the ratio was \$38.9%.

Latin-America Bonds' Status—Various Factors Responsible for Unsettlement—Position of Argentine Issues.

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 21:

The year's fluctuations in principal South American bonds have been the cause of some apprehension on the part of the large number of holders in the United States. Various unsatisfactory developments in the South American situation over the past year have contributed to bringing about steady liquidation of these issues.

While noticeable unsettlement in the South American list has existed for some time the recent loss of gold by Argentina resulting in closing of the conversion office and termination of gold exports has produced marked weakness in Argentine bonds. In view of the premier position among South American obligations occupied by Argentine issues this weakness served further to unsettle the general Latin American list.

Banking interests thoroughly familiar with the Argentine situation have reiterated their confidence in the country's economic stability and stress the fact that temporary abolition of the gold basis in no way affects the security underlying Argentine external obligations. The bonds are payable in dollars and annual interest and amortization charges on the entire American held external debt involve a relatively small exchange operation when compared with total Argentine payments in dollars during a yearly period.

Position of Argentine Issues.

The recent reaction in Argentine issues is regarded as psychological. Many individuals misinterpreted the significance of recent events and decided to liquidate. Furthermore, investors have been led to understand that Argentine obligations were the strongest in South America and many have felt that outstanding weakness in these issues must mean an adverse situation. The sharp recovery in Argentine bonds on Thursday was the result of buying by interests confident as to the fundamental soundness of these bonds, which could be purchased at their lowest prices in two years.

It is of interest to note that between 1914 and 1927 the Argentine conversion office was closed, which means that the country was not on a gold basis. However, between 1923 and 1927 about \$226,800,000 of Argentine external bonds were sold in this market. In fact, in January, 1923, practically seven years ago, a \$40,000,000 issue of Argentine Government 6% bonds was sold through New York bankers at 96 1/2, considerably above the levels at which these bonds have been available in recent sessions.

Altogether Argentina has about \$270,000,000 of external bonds outstanding in the American market, these issues with one exception bearing 6% coupons. Decline in gold value of the peso should normally restrict imports while stimulating exports, thus working toward a more favorable trade balance. For the past several years Argentine has established annually a substantial balance of exports over imports.

Coffee Situation Reflected.

Continued irregularity has marked bonds of other South American countries although some of these issues are moderately above their low levels for 1929. Bonds of important coffee producing countries such as Brazil and Colombia have been under pressure for some time, reflecting the position of the coffee industry. There seems to be little likelihood of immediate improvement in the coffee situation although measures already have been adopted by the Coffee Institute of Sao Paulo, Brazil, for liquidation of large stocks of this commodity withheld from the market in recent years for price stabilization. It was knowledge of these large withholdings accomplished on borrowed money together with a bumper crop in 1928 and reports of a still larger one for 1929 which precipitated the wholesale selling of coffee futures during October. Since establishment of the lows there has been little improvement in coffee prices.

This has naturally meant severe reduction in Government revenues for coffee producing countries and undoubtedly some budget adjustments will be necessary in the coming year. It has undermined the confidence of many investors who have sold bonds of these countries at depressed levels.

Bankers familiar with Brazilian conditions have not recommended to customers liquidation of these issues at current levels. Brazil has done no major financing in this market for a long time and economically enjoys greater diversification than the smaller countries.

Colombian Bonds Weak.

Colombian bonds had been declining for some time prior to the coffee debacle. Various unfavorable factors in the Colombian situation such as an uncertain petroleum policy and questionable economy with which much of the money borrowed in the United States has been expended had already influenced an adjustment in the credit rating of that country. Combination of tight money in the United States and further realization of the extent of Colombia's borrowing in recent years militated against further advances this year, which in turn caused suspension of public improvement programs already initiated. This in turn caused considerable unemployment and led to several communistic uprisings. Coming upon these developments the coffee depression has only exaggerated an already delicate situation. Colombian bonds have been weak lately more from lack of buyers than because of volume of liquidation.

Decree Authorizing Acceptance by Argentina of £5,000,000 Loan in London.

Under date of Dec. 31 Associated Press advices from Buenos Aires stated:

A Government decree was issued to-night accepting a loan of about \$25,000,000 from the London bankers, Baring Brothers Co. and Morgan, Grenfell Co. The loan is for one year and is not renewable. The interest rate is 5 1/2%, with a commission of one-half of 1%. Negotiation of the loan was announced several days ago.

A reference to the above appeared in our issue of Dec. 28, page 4063.

Loan of \$100,000,000 Rumored in Argentina.

From the New York "Times" of Dec. 29 we take the following Associated Press advices from Buenos Aires Dec. 28:

The newspapers Razon and Prensa to-day published rumors that the government was momentarily expected to announce a \$100,000,000 loan from American bankers "to meet various pending obligations."

Financial circles here had no information about the loan, but it is common knowledge that President Irigoyen recently asked American and British bankers to submit their terms for a loan of £5,000,000 (about \$25,000,000).

La Epoca, the government organ, did not publish the rumor.

In its comments the "Times" said:

The report that the Argentine Government had about concluded negotiations with a New York banking group for a loan of \$100,000,000 was not confirmed here yesterday by bankers who have brought out Argentine bond issues in the past. Bankers familiar with the situation said that in view of the present unsettlement in Argentina due to the closing of the gold exchange office in Buenos Aires, which is equivalent to the country leaving the gold basis, the immediate present might not be the most propitious time for the offering of such a loan. In some quarters it was admitted that conversations had been held with the Argentine Government.

The Argentine Government concluded a loan of £5,000,000 in London a few days ago with Baring Bros. & Morgan, Grenfell & Co. interests.

Peru Edict on Currency Covers Local Deals Only.

Clarification of the recent Peruvian decree relating to the settlement of business transactions in Peruvian currency has been issued by the Government, according to dispatches received, Dec. 28, by the Finance and Investment Division of the Department of Commerce says Washington advices Dec. 29 to the New York "Journal of Commerce" which adds:

The rectification, according to the Division's information, prohibits the specification of foreign currency settlements in future sales and business contracts made in Peru and having effect only in that country. The decree as revised in this sense is taken by the business community to exempt import and export transactions and to allow free movement of capital as heretofore.

Though full details are not yet available, the present interpretation, according to the division, seems to limit the operation of the whole decree to local transactions. Apparently the purpose is to prevent the practice of quoting in terms of foreign currency prices on domestic goods or other goods now in stock, thus creating a lack of confidence in local currency.

Mexican Bondholders Protest—Publications Say that They Want Payments to International Bankers' Committee Stopped.

The "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 30 reported the following from Mexico City:

"El Universal Grafico" says Mexican Government has been requested, in communication through Bank of Mexico, by dissatisfied holders of Mexican bonds, that payments to international bankers' committee be stopped.

These bondholders, who, according to statement in "Grafico" charge their interests have not been protected by the International Committee, have formed the Mexican Preferred Debt International Protective Association with offices at 49 Broadway, New York. The bondholders charge, according to "Grafico's" account, that since 1921 the International Committee has received from the Government \$43,278,000, of which \$32,900,000 was distributed to holders of National Railways of Mexico bonds and that these creditors represent only a part of Mexico's creditors. Of the balance of \$10,378,000, it is further charged \$5,000,000 was retained by the International Committee for "expenses and compensations," and remaining \$5,378,000 was allegedly distributed by the committee to no advantage. Bonds involved are: Government preferred 5%, 1899; 4% 1910; 6% series A 1913. The dissatisfied bondholders desire to deal directly with the Mexican Government.

Swiss Loan of 1920 Negotiated in United States to be Repaid Jan. 1 1931.

Associated Press advices from Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 27, stated:

The Federal Council decided to-day that the Swiss loan of 1920, negotiated in the United States, should be repaid on Jan. 1 1931.

The conditions carried a clause that the loan could be repaid in 1931 at 105 or in 1940 at par. The amount, \$25,000,000, will be redeemed in 1931 at 105.

Australian Government's Plans For Conversion Loan.

From the New York "Times" of Jan. 2 we take the following:

According to reports from London yesterday the Water Board of the City of Sydney, Australia, has been unable to negotiate a loan in New York, following closely on the futile efforts of four other Australian public bodies to float loans here at this time. In this regard, it is understood that the way is being left clear for an Australian Government conversion loan of about \$100,000,000 in February or March. It is understood that such correspondence as has taken place between Australian officials and New York bankers has not been of a very definite nature since the bankers prefer to wait until the trend of the bond market of 1930 is more clearly defined before entering into actual negotiations for such a loan.

Australia to Control Gold—Commonwealth Bank Authorized to Acquire Metal and Regulate Export.

Under the above head the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 28 reports the following from Sydney:

The most important action in finance which the new Australian government has taken since it assumed office is the introduction of a bill authorizing the Commonwealth Bank to acquire and control all gold in Australia and to regulate the export of gold in consultation with the Treasurer. Bill, in its proposal for the pooling of gold reserves, follows the lines of a measure passed in England giving the Bank of England the same powers.

British practice has been to make notes inconvertible into gold coin. This has not been provided in the Australian measure because export control has been established and this provides sufficient protection.

In introducing the bill, E. G. Theodore, Treasurer, stated the matter was urgent because of the exchange position and because of the attack that was being made on the gold reserves of the Commonwealth Bank. In view of the heavy rate of telegraphic transfers individuals and institutions in Australia found it much cheaper to export gold themselves.

Gold Reserves Threatened.

At present the Commonwealth Bank has no power to refuse specie payment and the bank is apprehensive of what might happen if the demand for gold continues. Mr. Theodore mentioned that the Chairman of the Bank had told him that one large importing firm might need \$10,000,000 for its own requirements and that if such a demand is extended, it will bring the Commonwealth Bank's gold reserve to a low ebb.

Banks had been exercising control over importing interests by making it more difficult to get credits in London. But at present it is not possible to exercise control sufficient to prevent commercial houses from shipping gold themselves. There is no purpose served in merely mobilizing gold unless there was also some control over export from Australia.

Mr. Theodore stated that there was \$240,000,000 in gold in the hands of the banks and other institutions of Australia. He expressed the view that the bill would greatly strengthen the Commonwealth Bank and give it facilities for dealing with the foreign exchange position.

Commonwealth Bank's View.

The course proposed in the bill had been strongly recommended by directors of the Commonwealth Bank, whose Chairman, Sir Robert Gibson, has written a letter to the Prime Minister, J. H. Scullin, on the subject. The following extracts from the letter will be found of interest as throwing considerable light on the financial position of Australia:

"For some considerable time past, the board has viewed with much disquietude the general financial position, more especially its aspect as regards the situation respecting the availability of Australian credits in London. The requirements of Australia in London have been met from two sources of supply, namely, through realization of exports from Australia, and from public borrowing by Australia on the London market. The funds so made available have been used to pay for imports and discharge interest and debt obligations accruing in London.

"A stable exchange position as between London and Australia can only be maintained by keeping the financial balance as between Australia and London on an even keel. Owing to unfavorable borrowing conditions in London, reduced values in exports from Australia, and a large reduction in wool values, a steady adverse drift has been operating against accumulation of funds in London.

"This has been met from time to time by adjusting exchange rates as between London and Australia, so as to operate adversely against imports and in favor of exports."

Present London Rate Above Gold Point.

Sir Robert Gibson added that the present rate of exchange between Australia and London is above "gold point," and it is cheaper to export gold from Australia to London than pay the high exchange.

The Chairman explained the crisis which prompted the board of the Bank to recommend the course which Government has now taken. He stated: "A position arises where those who require London credits, and are unable to obtain them through the usual banking channels, may present notes at the Commonwealth Bank, obtain gold against the notes, and ship it overseas to obtain outside credit. The board now finds itself definitely faced with proposals which must have the effect of depleting the reserve of gold, and taking the control of the situation out of the board's hands."

Sir Robert expressed the opinion of the board that the last resource would be any course which might mean even temporary departure from the operation of the gold standard on the part of Australia. Such a measure would reflect most adversely against Australia in overseas credit and have a most serious effect upon the ability to raise loans abroad.

Australia Faces Increased Taxes—Treasurer Proposes Higher Customs Duties and Income Levy.

E. G. Theodore, Treasurer of Australia, in the new Labor Government, stated in his budget speech that in some important instances the preceding government had understated expenditure requirements and overestimated probable revenue. Sydney advices published in the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 30 in reporting this, said:

Departmental officials found that the estimated receipts from customs revenue would be reduced by \$2,500,000; income tax by \$1,500,000, and land tax by \$1,000,000, a deficiency in revenue of \$5,000,000, raised by smaller items to a total of \$5,270,000.

The Labor Party had a mandate to remove the increased amusement tax which had been proposed by the former government, amounting to \$3,200,000. Its declared policy was an important issue at the election and was approved by the electors. Added to the shortage inherited from his predecessor, the revenue deficiency Mr. Theodore had to face was \$8,470,000.

Mr. Theodore also found that the former Treasurer had underestimated war pensions and other services by \$970,000, old age pensions by \$1,500,000 and the estimated surplus on the operations of the Post Office Department by \$400,000. The cost of the elections, \$525,000, was an additional obligation to be met.

Additional \$10,350,000 Revenue Needed.

The only material reduction in expenditure the new government decided to make as a matter of policy was \$750,000 for defense. A few other minor items of expenditure had been underestimated, and the total increased expenditure, coupled with the shortage of revenue, brought the total the Treasurer had to provide for to balance his accounts to \$10,350,000. He proposed to meet this by increased customs and excise duties amounting to \$6,000,000 and by increased income tax amounting to \$4,425,000; providing a surplus of \$75,000.

The following table shows the original taxation estimates, the shortages to be met, and the revised estimates:

Sources of Revenue—	Original Estimates.	Shortages.	Revised Estimates.
Customs & excise.....	\$218,750,000	\$2,500,000	\$222,250,000
Income tax.....	50,000,000	1,500,000	52,925,000
Land tax.....	14,000,000	1,000,000	13,000,000
Estate duties.....	9,500,000		9,500,000
Amusement tax.....	5,000,000	3,200,000	1,800,000

Total taxation.....\$297,250,000 \$8,200,000 \$299,475,000

In dealing with the tariff proposals, Mr. Theodore made it clear that although the new duties will result in increased customs receipts which will benefit the current year's revenue, they have been imposed with the primary object of protecting Australian industry. The new rates cover a wide ground, including almost every manufacturing group, and raw materials such as gasoline and timber in which United States manufacturers and business interests generally are interested. The increases in many cases are severe and undoubtedly will affect America's trade with Australia adversely.

Increased Income Taxes Proposed.

The income tax proposals comprise a supertax of 20% on the existing rates for companies and a graduated super-tax on the taxable incomes of individuals ranging from 10% on taxable incomes from \$1,005 to \$7,500; 15% on taxable incomes from \$7,505 to \$15,000; and 20% on taxable incomes of \$15,005 and upwards.

Discussing these taxes, Mr. Theodore stated: "To comprehend clearly the relative burden of taxation and the real incidence of its varying forms, it is necessary to treat all taxes as being deductions from income, as indeed they always are in the last resort. By this means our interest can be sharply focussed on the crucial issue—what incomes have and what have not an ability to pay. The Government has kept this doctrine clearly in mind in formulating the super-tax upon incomes.

"The taxes which can be applied most equitably to the varying capacities of the individual taxpayers are unquestionably direct taxes. The administration of the present income tax law in the last few years has brought to light many anomalies and defects. In order to cure these and to simplify the law as far as practicable, it is intended to submit to Parliament early next year an amending Income Tax Assessment Bill."

Proposed Cotton Co-Operative Corporation Approved By Federal Farm Board.

The Federal Farm Board announced on Dec. 31 that the subcommittee on organization of the \$30,000,000 national cotton co-operative has finished its work, and the charter and by-laws prepared by the subcommittee have been approved by the Farm Board. As was indicated in our issue of Dec. 14, page 3724, plans for the creation of a Central Co-operative Marketing Organization were approved at a joint conference in Memphis, Tenn., of the Federal Farm Board and directors of the fifteen State Co-operative Associations. In Washington on Dec. 27 the subcommittee on organization undertook the completion of the charter and by-laws, starting its work after a short conference with Carl Williams, of the Federal Farm Board. The Board's announcement of Dec. 31 says:

S. L. Morley of Oklahoma City, Okla., Chairman of the subcommittee, will call a meeting of the general committee to be held at the offices of the Federal Farm Board in Washington on January 9. At this meeting of the general committee, the documents prepared and tentatively approved will be submitted for final action. If approved, the charter will be immediately filed in Delaware, a stockholders meeting will be held at once, officers elected and the corporation made ready to begin its operations. It is expected that all of these details can be completed on or before January 15.

The plans for the new corporation closely follow those adopted at a general meeting of cotton co-operatives of the South which was held in Memphis, Tenn., on December 10 and 11. On a basis of present expectations, the new corporation will immediately include as member stockholders the state cotton co-operatives associations of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi (short staple), Tennessee, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Texas, Arizona and California, representing an immediate marketing size of approximately one million bales of cotton.

The selection of an official name for the new corporation will be made by the organization committee in its meeting in Washington on January 9. Selection of headquarters for the general offices of the new co-operative will also be in the hands of the general committee at that time. Chairman Morley's subcommittee has recommended that four cities, Dallas, New Orleans, Memphis and Atlanta be considered and that spokesmen for these cities should be invited to come before the general organization committee to present their claims.

Neither the cotton subcommittee nor the Federal Farm Board is ready to predict when actual business operations of the new national co-operative will begin.

In addition to Chairman Morley, the following members of the subcommittee and Frank Burford of Oklahoma City, counsel for the subcommittee, were in conference with the Farm Board:

Harry Williams, Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association, Dallas, Tex.

N. C. Williamson, Louisiana Farm Bureau Cotton Growers Co-operative Association, New Orleans, La.

Allen Northington, Alabama Farm Bureau Cotton Association, Montgomery, Ala.

U. B. Blalock, North Carolina Cotton Growers Co-operative Association, of Raleigh, N. C.

Associated Press advices from Washington Dec. 27 said:

Broadly, the cotton corporation is to follow the general principles of the national marketing agencies set up for grain, wool and mohair and livestock, Mr. Morley said. It is to provide central marketing facilities and sales services to buy cotton and cotton by-products, to develop a centralized finance system and to lend money to its stockholding members. Each operation entails many ramifications, among which are the acquisition of physical facilities, the handling of cotton seed for planting purposes and the schooling of farmers to adjust production to prospective demand.

Further Associated Press accounts from Washington Dec. 28 had the following to say:

Carl Williams, cotton's representative on the Farm Board, interpreted the draft tonight as differing from the grain corporation in that local co-operatives will not be allowed to buy outright from their members. In the plan of the \$1,000,000 North Pacific Grain Growers' Co-operative Association farmers can sell on a cash basis to their local co-operative, taking the day's price prevailing at the time of delivery.

"State laws," Williams says, "prohibit such practice on the part of cotton co-operatives. However, the individual farmer can sell on a spot market by delivering his cotton to the central organization.

"If he sells directly through his local co-operative, which turns the cotton over to the corporation for marketing, he has one of two choices. Either he accepts a certain per cent of the current cash value and allows his cotton to go into a seasonal pool, to be sold at the discretion of the corporation, or he sells on an optional basis, taking a stipulated per cent of the value with the understanding that the remainder is to be paid, less storage charges, at whatever date he orders the cotton sold."

Federal Farm Board Denies Reports That It Plans to Buy Bonds of Sunmaid Raisin Growers' Association.

A statement issued by the Federal Farm Board on Dec. 30 denied reports published in some Eastern papers to the effect that the Board has made an offer to buy the bonds of the Sunmaid Raisin Growers' Association. The Board's statement said:

The Farm Board has not purchased, and is not going to purchase, the bonds of Sunmaid or any other co-operative. Neither has it entered into any agreement as to what price shall be paid for the retirement of bonds of Sunmaid or any other co-operative organization.

The Board has agreed to accept any of its bonds Sunmaid may offer as part of the collateral for a loan of \$4,000,000 to the association. The purpose of this loan is to protect the physical facilities and Sunmaid trade marks owned by this co-operative organization of California raisin growers. The Board has no interest in the acquirement by the association of its funds.

Federal Farm Board Approves Loan for Southern Idaho Bean Growers' Association.

The Federal Farm Board on Dec. 27 announced approval of a supplemental commodity loan of not exceeding \$100,000 to the Southern Idaho Bean Growers' Association. The announcement follows:

The Federal Farm Board announces that it has approved an application of the Southern Idaho Bean Growers' Association, Twin Falls, Idaho, for a commodity loan of not exceeding \$100,000 to supplement a loan of \$250,000 from the Intermediate Credit Bank at Spokane, Wash. This loan will enable the association to make additional advances to its grower members. The Intermediate Credit Bank is making advances of not exceeding 60% of the market value of the beans and the supplemental advances from the Farm Board are not to exceed an additional 15% nor more than 1 cent a pound and the aggregate advances from both sources are not to exceed 5 cents a pound.

Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane Reduces Rates on Loans from 5½ to 5%.

The Federal Intermediate Credit Bank of Spokane announced Jan. 1 that effective at once its loaning rate would be cut from 5½ to 5%. Associated Press accounts from Spokane reporting this said:

The reduction was described as a New Year's greeting to the agricultural and live stock industries," by E. M. Ehrhardt, President of the Bank.

The reduction, he said, was the result of a "general softening of short-time interest rates, and an improvement in the debenture market which has enabled the bank to sell its debentures on a more favorable basis."

Chester H. Gray of American Farm Bureau Federations Sees Move to Force Grain Prices Lower—Predicts Exchanges Will Wage Campaign Testing Federal Farm Board.

Reiterating the assertion made Dec. 26 by Senator Gerald P. Nye of North Dakota that the battle between the Federal Farm Board and the grain trade has been transferred from round table discussion to the wheat markets of the world. Chester H. Gray, Washington representative of the American Farm Bureau Federation, declared on Dec. 27 that the grain exchanges in the next few months may be expected to wage a tremendous battle in the world's wheat exchange to force the wheat market price down. The New York "Journal of Commerce" in stating this in Washington advices Dec. 27, continued:

Farmers throughout the country will follow the trend of events closely, Mr. Gray asserted, because the outcome will reveal whether the Farm Board is successful in revamping the marketing machinery to give producers and consumers the benefit of rich profits now collected each year in commissions by middlemen. He predicted that if the board wins a clear victory in this fight, farmers in all parts of the country will swarm into co-operative associations to share in the benefits of farm-owned and farm controlled marketing agencies.

Liverpool Weakness Factor.

It is pointed out that, though wheat prices rebounded after the Farmers' National sales agency posted its odds, they slumped back today nearer the loan figure. This relapse, it was emphasized, is attributable to

weakness on the Liverpool market, which has failed to respond to domestic price advances in the United States. The market situation is regarded as interesting in view of Senator Nye's charges that the grain trade is fighting the Farm Board by manipulating the world price at Liverpool.

So far as the Farm Board is informed, the Farmers' National Grain Corporation, although bidding for wheat at the loan value, has been able to buoy up the price without actually purchasing a single bushel of grain.

Following declines in the world wheat price at Liverpool a week ago the Grain Corporation announced that it was going into the American market to buy wheat.

The purchases were to be made, it was said, at the amount being loaned to co-operatives by the Federal Farm Board, \$1.25 at Minneapolis and \$1.18 at Chicago. At the Farm Board offices here it was made known that only so much buying would be done as might be necessary to protect the loan value fixed by the board.

Bids were posted in the grain exchanges and, according to Farm Board advices, nothing more was necessary. The sensitive wheat market responded at once. Whereas prices had been about 2 cents below the lending figure, they rebounded to several cents above that price.

Rise and Fall of Tobacco Growers' Co-Operative Association of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina.

The story of the rise and fall of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association of Virginia, North Carolina and South Carolina, the membership roll of which numbered 96,000 tobacco growers in the three States, is told by John J. Scanlan and J. M. Tinley of the United States Department of Agriculture in a publication issued by the Department. The publication is Circular No. 100-C, "Business Analysis of the Tobacco Growers' Co-operative Association," copy of which may be obtained free from the Office of Information, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C. These investigators, attached to the Division of Co-operative Marketing, which was then a unit in the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, Department of Agriculture, but has since been made a part of the organization of the Federal Farm Board, made an extensive study of all the records of the tobacco co-operative from the membership drives that caused farmers by the hundreds to sign contracts with the association for the delivery of their crops, to the appointment of receivers in bankruptcy for the association. Their report, as given out Dec. 23 by the Department of Agriculture, says:

The association was incorporated Feb. 9 1922, with the main office at Raleigh, N. C. Relatively low prices for tobacco in 1920 following high prices during the World War, together with a general dissatisfaction with the auction-floor system of selling tobacco, and encouragement from some men who believed that relief from the conditions then existing could be secured through farmers' co-operative associations, were the principal factors which led up to the creation of the association. Nearly 96,000 tobacco growers signed contracts to deliver their tobacco to the association during the four years of its operation.

The association attempted to secure delivery of over half of the Virginia sun-cured, Virginia dark-fired, and flue-cured types of tobacco grown in the three States in which it operated, but in 1922, instead of handling the anticipated 50 to 60% of the crop, it received only 35.4%. In 1923 the receipts decreased to 28.5%; in 1924 to 22.9%, and in 1925 to 14.6%. In June 1926, at the end of its fourth year, after receiving a total of over 531,000,000 pounds of tobacco valued at over \$100,000,000 from its members, the association was put in the hands of receivers.

The association had failed to meet the expectations of its members, and was discredited throughout the tobacco belt. Although financially solvent, it had failed as a marketing organization. Many factors contributed to this failure, but it is difficult to assign to any of them a definite rank among the causes of failure.

The factors or causes of failure may be placed under four general headings: (1) Conditions among tobacco growers, (2) policies and practices during the organization of the association, (3) mistakes in policies and in management, and (4) market conditions and commercial interests unfavorable to the co-operative marketing of tobacco in the tri-State area.

Disloyalty among the members was rampant from the beginning of the association, and membership defections increased as the years passed. This failure of the members—whether voluntary or involuntary—to live up to their contracts was undoubtedly one of the most important causes leading to the failure. This disloyalty, especially during the first years, may be attributed largely to the economic, social, and educational conditions of the tobacco farmers in the tri-State area. The percentage of tenancy is very high; tobacco is often the only cash crop; credit facilities are limited and most unsatisfactory. The growers are both whites and Negroes, and many have little education and a relatively large percentage are illiterate.

They were, with few exceptions, inexperienced in co-operative marketing and had little understanding of its principles, possibilities, limitations, and necessities. These conditions among a large proportion of the farmers made members peculiarly susceptible to the lure of higher cash prices prevailing on the open warehouse markets and to the insidious and effective attacks of the opponents of co-operative tobacco marketing. The low initial advances at first, and later the delay in making further advances and final settlements, served to aggravate a situation which was already distressing, partly because of the heavy indebtedness resulting from the unsatisfactory prices of tobacco in 1920 and 1921, and partly because of the higher standard of living acquired during the war years. It has been maintained by many persons that the faith and loyalty of the members were destroyed by the many evidences of mismanagement and by alleged unwise or dishonest policies of the officials and directors.

The members were allowed, if not led, to believe that an association would have virtually monopoly control of the tri-State tobacco situation. Extravagant promises and promises not possible of fulfillment were made. Contracts not revocable resulted not only in non-delivery of tobacco but in open antagonism of those who wished to be legally released from their contracts. Many mistakes by the management were due to the

inexperience of directors and officials; the management was extravagant in purchasing and operating warehouses, and in employing personnel. There was much opposition to the association from those who would be injured financially if the association were successful.

But in spite of its failure, and in spite of some of the temporarily harmful effects, the association has to its credit many accomplishments, some of which will have a lasting and beneficial influence upon the conditions and future of the tobacco growers of Virginia and the Carolinas.

There is reason to believe that a new organization, or organizations, will eventually be formed in the tri-State area, built upon the principles of service, stability, and economy for both the tobacco growers and the tobacco manufacturers, and with co-operation between these two groups instead of opposition.

Organization of Detroit Mortgage Bankers' Association.

Detroit bankers and realtors prominent in the mortgage loan field have organized the Detroit Mortgage Bankers' Association, according to an announcement by Bart H. Manning, Vice-President of the Union Trust Co. of Detroit, who is Chairman of the Program and Public Relations Committee of the new group. At the organization meeting held Dec. 19, Andrew Malott, Vice-President of the Guardian Trust Co., was elected President, Richard G. Lambrecht of the Lambrecht Kelly Co., Vice-President, and Joseph Brandt, Vice-President of the Fidelity Trust Co. was made Secretary and Treasurer of the new association. The foregoing, together with Bart H. Manning of the Union Trust Co., Norton Miller of the Detroit Trust Co., Harry Hanson of the Bankers Trust Co. and Harry H. Fairchild of the Homer Warren Co., constitute the Board of Governors of seven who will have chief responsibility for the administration of the Bankers' Association. On Dec. 20, the newly elected Board of Governors met at the Guardian Trust Co. to plan the national convention of mortgage bankers, which will be held in Detroit in September, 1930. Representatives of 500 institutions from 40 States will attend this annual gathering.

Outstanding Brokers' Loans on New York Stock Exchange Drop to \$3,989,510,273 Dec. 31—Decline \$27,088,496 in Month.

Continued decline is shown in the outstanding brokers' loans on the New York Stock Exchange, the Dec. 31 figures of combined time and demand loans aggregating \$3,989,510,273. These figures, which were made available yesterday (Jan. 3) by the Stock Exchange, compare with \$4,016,598,769 on Nov. 30. The peak figure was reached Sept. 30, when the total was \$8,549,383,979. The Dec. 31 total is made up of demand loans of \$3,376,420,785 and time loans of \$613,089,488. The following is the statement issued yesterday by the Stock Exchange:

Total net loans by New York Stock Exchange members on collateral, contracted for and carried in New York as of the close of business Dec. 31 1929, aggregated \$3,989,510,273.

The detailed tabulation follows:

	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.
(1) Net borrowings on collateral from New York banks or trust companies.....	\$2,882,622,226	\$487,062,000
(2) Net borrowings on collateral from private bankers, brokers, foreign bank agencies or others in the City of New York.....	493,798,559	126,027,488
	\$3,376,420,785	\$613,089,488

Combined total of time and demand loans, \$3,989,510,273.

The scope of the above compilation is exactly the same as in the loan report issued by the Exchange a month ago.

The compilations of the Stock Exchange since the issuance of the monthly figures by it, covering the period from January 1926 to December 1928, were given in our issue Dec. 7 1929, page 3570. In the following we show the record for each month of 1929:

1929—	Demand Loans.	Time Loans.	Total Loans.
Jan. 31.....	\$5,982,672,411	\$752,491,831	\$6,735,164,241
Feb. 28.....	5,948,149,410	730,396,507	6,678,545,917
Mar. 30.....	6,209,998,520	594,453,838	6,804,452,358
Apr. 30.....	6,203,712,115	571,218,280	6,774,930,395
May 31.....	6,099,920,475	565,217,450	6,665,137,925
June 29.....	6,444,459,079	626,762,195	7,071,221,275
July 31.....	6,870,142,664	603,651,630	7,473,794,294
Aug. 31.....	7,161,977,972	719,641,454	7,881,619,426
Sept. 30.....	7,831,991,369	717,392,710	8,549,383,979
Oct. 31.....	5,238,028,979	870,795,889	6,108,824,868
Nov. 30.....	3,297,293,032	719,305,737	4,016,598,769
Dec. 31.....	3,376,420,785	613,089,488	3,989,510,273

State Senator Hastings of New York to Press for Action by Legislature for Inquiry into Stock Market Operations.

According to the New York "Times" of Dec. 29 New York State Senator John A. Hastings renewed on Dec. 28 his demand for a Commission to study the stock market by asking public a letter dated Dec. 21 to Governor Roosevelt, asking why no action had been taken on a similar letter of Nov. 15. The "Times" said:

In his latest communication he attacks the practice of short selling and the readiness of banks to lend money for speculative purposes.

"I should feel remiss in my duty as a State Senator and as a member of the Senate Banking Committee were I to fail to press my plea for the creation of a new commission to study the ramifications and machinations of a system so close to the public interest and general prosperity as is the stock market," he wrote. He went on to quote opinions of Charles Evans Hughes when Governor; of Seymour L. Cromwell when President of the New York Stock Exchange; Myron H. Clark, when Governor in 1856, and a recent statement of Dr. Benjamin M. Anderson, Economist of the Chase National Bank, to show that undesirable conditions existed and that they had long been recognized.

Makes Plea for Regulation.

He criticized the practice of trading when the ticker was far behind, and continued: "It has oftentimes been said that an association or institution—like a stock or commodity exchange—whose influence is as great and at times greater even than that of the Government, that has within it the power to enhance the value of one security or depress the value of another, and to which the State and Nation pay so much recognition, should not be permitted to carry on its operations without some safeguard for the public welfare."

He urged the licensing of brokers, and the bringing of investment trusts "within the supervisory and regulatory powers of the Superintendent of Banks."

"It has become the practice among brokers to lend stocks to 'short sellers' so that the latter might make delivery to cover their commitments," he declared. "A committee appointed by you may well consider the soundness of this 'stock lending' and the desirability of recommending the passage of a law prohibiting it."

Hits at Credit Extension.

He asserted that "it goes without saying that the prodigious speculation in the stock market of recent times would have been utterly impossible without the most liberal aid of the banks in extending credit, in the form of call loans, to brokers." He quoted Dr. Anderson as saying that, "basically, our present troubles grew out of the excessively cheap money and unlimited bank credit available for capital uses and speculation. There is no intoxicant more dangerous than cheap money and excessive credit."

"I again urge upon your Excellency the appointment of a committee of reputable and outstanding leaders in the world of commerce and finance to undertake a serious and scientific study of this problem and of the multitude of influences at work, many of which are susceptible to the most flagrant and abusive manipulation," Senator Hastings wrote.

He declared he had received no response to his first letter, which had been referred by the Governor to George W. Davison, Chairman of the Bank Law Committee. He wrote that Mr. Davison had informed him he had written to Governor Roosevelt "at considerable length" concerning it.

Record Volume of Trading on New York Curb Exchange in 1929.

The year 1929 will go down in the annals of the New York Curb Exchange as a memorable year. Trading records were surpassed in all directions, particularly since last spring.

In reviewing the operations for the year the Exchange says in part:

According to the records, dealings aggregating 1,000,000 shares to over 3½ million shares per day have been almost in succession since April to the middle of October. Then, suddenly, on October 24, unprecedented activity developed and total sales shot up to 6,337,400 shares, followed on October 29, with a record total of 7,096,300 shares. Never before in history did the Exchange, or Wall Street in general, experience such active scenes as attended financial operations on the above-mentioned two days and the trading machinery on the floor was so taxed it became necessary to close the market for two days, viz.: Nov. 1 and 2, and limited trading hours for several sessions thereafter in order to allow the proper clearance of commitments which had been previously made. Prior to the tremendous trading which developed in October, the two banner days on the Exchange were June 28 and July 24, when the high totals of 3,304,500 shares and 3,584,700 shares respectively were established.

Before the month of April 1928, there were no "million share sessions" on the Exchange, and only a dozen or so days before that time in which the volume approached the million share mark. Consequently, the percentage of increase in the daily volume of transactions in the past two years, and particularly since the beginning of 1929, has been without parallel. Other noteworthy features of the operations on the floor of the Exchange occurred on June 14 1929, when 1,032,400 shares of Commonwealth & Southern Corp. stock changed hands and on Oct. 24, when 1,151,900 shares of Cities Service common stock were dealt in. So far as the records go, no other securities dealt in on any stock exchange in this country ever presented such tremendous turnovers during a full day's trading session.

There are 2,500 stocks and bonds traded in on the New York Curb Exchange. Of these over 2,000 stocks, both domestic and foreign, about 350 domestic bonds and approximately 100 foreign bonds, while the total par value stocks dealt in is more than \$20,000,000,000, in addition to over 700,000,000 shares without par value. An illustration of the high caliber of all stocks now being regularly dealt in is found in the fact that approximately 65% of the total or about 1,300 issues are in the dividend paying class. One day, June 14 1929, 125 stocks sold ex-dividend, thereby establishing a new record on the Exchange. The previous record was made on Sept. 14, 1928, when 109 issues sold ex-dividend.

It required but a little over six months for the market to surpass the previous total of 236,043,682 shares reported traded in during the entire year of 1928 and in approaching the half billion sales mark this year, the New York Curb Exchange will have set a record for volume dealings in stocks far in excess of any of its previously reported yearly totals. Since the first of the year, monthly sales have risen from 27,000,000 shares to a peak of about 63,000,000 shares in October and indications point to a continuance of heavy dealings up to the close of 1929. On the other hand, the bond market has been comparatively quiet since the first of the year and transactions, so far, have fallen much behind those of a year ago. This may be attributed to the high rate of money.

Although the daily record number of 763 issues traded in May 9 1928 was not equaled or surpassed so far in 1929, broad markets this year have been more successful than they ever were with from 650 to 750 individual securities traded in per full day. In addition, and aside from the record breaking totals in Commonwealth & Southern Corp. stock and Cities Service common stock, mentioned in a preceding paragraph, the former issue also established record "opening" transactions of 100,000 shares on two separate days, namely, June 15 and June 28, 1929. And on July 15 1929, the stock opened on 90,000 shares. In fact, during June and July, initial and

total daily dealings in this issue were the heaviest for any single security in the history of the Exchange. The only other stock that previously opened on a 100,000 share block was General Baking common, which did so on May 14 1928.

However, during the heat of the terrific trading in October, Cities Service established a new high open record of 150,000 shares on Oct. 24 and then exceeded this record on Nov. 4 with an initial block of 225,000 shares which involved an aggregate money value of \$9,421,875. This was the largest "opening" transaction ever made on any stock exchange in this country, if not in the world.

Prior to the establishment on Oct. 29 of a record of 7,096,300 shares of stock traded in, the turnover on June 28 was noteworthy, in that the volume, amounting to 3,304,500 shares, passed the three million share mark for the first time on record. Further, the two-hour Saturday session on June 15, with a turnover of 1,287,900 shares was notable because transactions on that day exceeded those on any other stock market in the United States. However, this total was not an Exchange Saturday record, for on July 13 transactions reached a peak of 1,832,200 shares, which volume a year ago would have been heralded as a remarkable record even for a full five-hour session.

Aside from the October figures, it is significant that these records were made during the summer, for ordinarily, in the hot season, trading is in restricted volume. This year, however, traders threw custom aside, with the result that operations during June, July and August were the most active for similar months in the history of Wall Street.

In addition, the New York Curb Exchange has taken its place with the great security markets of the world.

Through the medium of American certificates of deposit trading is carried on in over 100 foreign companies having a total capitalization of over 600,000,000 shares with a par value exceeding \$7,000,000,000.

It is also noted that the ticker system of the New York Curb Exchange has been considerably extended and not only covers Greater New York but extends from the Atlantic to the Pacific Coast as well as to the Gulf Coast and the Southwest and, together with branch lines, embraces over 100 important cities two of which—Toronto and Montreal—are in Canada.

New York Curb Exchange to Add to Its Quarters.

In order to provide additional quarters for its expanding business, the New York Curb Exchange, has completed plans for a modern new building on its plot in Trinity Place, between Rector St. and Thames St., New York City. It is expected that construction work will start within the next 30 days and in all probability the new Exchange building will be completed within a year's time. It will be equipped with every modern facility for business efficiency. The announcement Jan. 2 by the Exchange says:

The structure is designed to cover the entire site which is now only partially occupied by the present building. It will be 14 stories high and will rise 225 ft. above the sidewalk and extend 35 ft., 9 inches underground. The building will embrace an area of 178 ft. front by 181 ft. deep. The entire Trinity Place facade of the new Exchange will be of carved ornamental stone, of modern design, nickel bronze metal work and steel windows. The trading floor area will comprise 14,132 sq. ft. compared with the old board room area of 9,598 sq. ft. and will contain 24 trading posts of a new and much improved design as against 16 trading posts now in use. They will be so planned and arranged as to permit the handling of a record volume of business. The new posts, several of which are already in use on the present trading floor, are the result of many experiments made during the record trading sessions in October and early November 1929.

The height of the new board room will reach 63 ft. and extend 5 stories. The telephone sections, located on each side of the Exchange floor, will occupy 6,100 sq. ft. compared with the present area of 4,416 sq. ft. and there will be 443 telephone booths, as against the present total of 350.

The sixth floor directly above the board room will be occupied by ventilating machinery. The seventh and including the fourteenth floors will contain various offices of the Exchange, including the Board of Governors' room, the President's office, Secretary's office, Committee rooms, Medical, Educational and other departments.

Provision has been made for a basement and sub-basement with a net area of 5,428 sq. ft., to house the Night Clearing House Department, locker rooms, engine room, et cetera.

The entrance to the offices will be on the north side. This will lead into an ornamental lobby and an elevator foyer from which three high speed elevators will serve the office floors above. The architects of the new building are Starrett & Van Vleck of New York City.

So rapid has been the expansion of business on the Curb Exchange during the last few years and so confident are officials and members that this growth will continue with the coming years, the Board of Governors, with an eye to the future, have completed plans for even greater working space than the additional facilities which will be provided when the new Exchange building is completed. This was made known to-day when announcement was made that the Hamilton Building, adjoining the present Exchange on Greenwich Street and Thames St., had been purchased. This will provide an additional plot with an area of approximately 116 ft. on Thames St. by 82 ft. on Greenwich St. It is not expected, however, that the Exchange authorities will raze the newly acquired Hamilton Building and immediately start construction on the site. The property, it is said, was purchased as an economic necessity to allow of greater expansion of Exchange facilities when such expansion became necessary.

Trading on Chicago Stock Exchange in 1929 Double Previous Year's Record.

Total shares traded on the Chicago Stock Exchange during 1929, including 296,000 shares on the final day of the year (Dec. 31) was 82,216,000, more than double the previous year's record. The Exchange in reporting this says:

The former high yearly record was made in 1928 when total trading on the Chicago Exchange reached 38,940,000 shares. The 1929 trading nearly equals the 85,000,000 shares traded during all of the five previous years and is one thousand per cent greater than the trading of ten years ago.

The \$12,000 par value in bonds sold to-day brought the 1929 trading in bonds to \$4,975,500.

The average per day trading on the Chicago Exchange during 1929 was 283,500 shares, compared with 132,100 shares per day in 1928. The Exchange was open 290 days in 1929, of which 65 were two- and three-hour trading days. The Exchange was closed 75 days including Sundays.

There was a total of 1298 trading hours during the year, making the average trading per hour 63,342 shares.

New Building of San Francisco Stock Exchange to Be Opened To-day (Jan. 4).

The new building of the San Francisco Stock Exchange will be formally opened to-day, Saturday, Jan. 4, with an appropriate ceremony on the trading floor. The usual short Saturday session of the market will be dispensed with in order that the opening ceremony may be held at 11 o'clock in the morning and members of the Exchange and their guests may inspect the building during the day. The first regular trading session of the Stock Exchange to be held in the new building will be on Monday, Jan. 6, when the intricate equipment of the new trading floor of the Exchange will be put into service. The new building is at the corner of Pine and Sansome Sts. Pending its construction the Exchange has been occupying temporary quarters since July 1928. The trading room wing of the new Stock Exchange occupies the whole of the site of the former United States Sub-Treasury Building, which was almost completely wrecked for the new construction of the Stock Exchange building. This wing faces Pine St. and its facade of Tuscan columns and broad granite steps was carefully preserved by the Stock Exchange building. Behind the trading floor wing is a twelve-story wing accommodating the administrative departments of the Stock Exchange. The public entrance to the building is at 155 Sansome St., which is the official address. The exterior of the building is faced in California granite blasted from the same quarry that supplied the granite to build the original Sub-Treasury Building. The trading floor of the new building is 122 feet by 68 feet with an area of 8,296 square feet. Constructed at a cost of approximately \$2,750,000, the new structure will stand as a monument to efforts of the nineteen brokers who signed the charter of the original Exchange in 1882. Launched as the "Stock and Bond Exchange" in September of that year, the new securities market of the West operated at brief call sessions during which frequently no transactions were recorded. Later, however, with the issuance of securities by the first street railway companies of San Francisco, small water and gas companies and the State's first industrial and commercial enterprises, the Exchange developed and became an organized market for investment securities. Memberships on the Exchange, which were purchased by its organizers for \$50 each, have sold as high as \$225,000.

Roberts & Hall, Cincinnati Brokerage House, Fails—Graham P. Hunt Appointed Receiver.

Roberts & Hall, widely known Cincinnati brokerage firm, applied to the Court of Common Pleas on Monday of this week (Dec. 30) for the appointment of a receiver to take charge of its partnership affairs, according to the Cincinnati "Enquirer" of the following day, which stated that the firm got into financial straits through the illegitimate trading of a trusted employee, who was buying and selling stocks for himself, but under various other names; with heavy added losses through the sudden drop in stock prices and the inability of legitimate customers to pay what they owed the company. Immediately following the application for a receiver, Judge Stanley Struble of the Court of Common Pleas, appointed Graham P. Hunt, an attorney, receiver for the firm, fixing his bond at \$100,000. The failed firm was a member of the New York Stock Exchange, Cincinnati Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade, and an associate member of the New York Curb Exchange. The action was filed through Taft, Stettinius & Hollister, attorneys, by J. Nevin Roberts against his partner, Walker P. Hall, stating that they are partners under the firm name of Roberts & Hall, and conduct a stock and commodity business at 407 Dixie Terminal Building, Cincinnati. After setting forth "that their capital has become impaired by the action of one of their employees in buying and selling stocks under various names without their knowledge and consent, and permitting said accounts to become indebted to them in very large sums," and "that, in addition to the losses incurred by the action of their employee, the sudden drop in values of various securities has resulted in losses to their customers . . .," the petition goes on to say:

"That this condition of affairs has resulted in differences of opinion as to the conduct of the business by plaintiff and defendant, and that

the accounts of the partnership are so confused that plaintiff is unable to determine what course should be followed in carrying on the business at this time.

"That unless a receiver is appointed by the Court to take charge of their affairs and have them properly administered, large losses may result to creditors; and while plaintiff believes that said partnership is solvent, a continuance of the business under the present conditions may result in insolvency to the detriment of their creditors.

"That plaintiff believes that a receiver should be appointed and a dissolution of said partnership decreed by this Court."

It was announced, according to the paper mentioned, that no information could be given out at present regarding the allegation made against the employee referred to in the petition, the partners issued the following statement:

"The receivership was decided upon only after every effort to avoid such action seemed unwise. Owing to certain confusion in accounts, mentioned in the petition, it will take accountants some time to reach details. These accountants have been at work and will conclude their efforts at the earliest possible moment. Until this is done no statement can be made. The partners firmly believe that all creditors are fully protected and that with the receiver in charge all persons interested will be settled with in full."

In its issue of Wednesday, Jan. 1, the "Enquirer" after stating that a long line of anxious customers besieged the offices of the company the previous day, seeking information as to the state of affairs, went on to say:

Many estimates were made in the financial district as to the value of accounts carried by the brokerage firm, but these are mere guesswork. Some of these were placed as high as \$10,000,000 or \$12,000,000.

Announcements were made by the New York Stock Exchange, the Cincinnati Stock Exchange and the Chicago Board of Trade, suspending the firm from these exchanges.

Correspondents of the company in New York closed out the accounts carried by them, resulting in breaks in Procter & Gamble and Crosley, large blocks of which were said to have been held for account of Roberts & Hall. Crosley broke to a new low on both the New York and Cincinnati exchanges, touching 15 on the big board and 16½ here. Subsequent rallies carried the price several points higher. Procter & Gamble was down to 52½ in New York, but support was quickly encountered.

According to Wednesday's New York "Times" announcement was made from the rostrum of the New York Stock Exchange the previous day of the suspension of the firm from that organization for insolvency.

Fluctuations in Bank Stocks—Survey by Hoyt, Rose & Troster Shows Average Price Dec. 31 at 174, Compared with 337 on Oct. 14 and 148 on Nov. 13.

The bank stock market during the second six months of 1929 passed through the most sensational movements in its history. The average price of fourteen leading New York institutions as compiled by Hoyt, Rose & Troster, specialists in bank stocks, opened on July 1 at 243, advanced to a high of 337 on Oct. 14, and then crashed to a low of 148 on Nov. 13. From that point the recovery was sharp, and the year closed with the average at 174. Based on closing bid prices, the range for the six months, according to the compilation, was as follows:

	July 1 1929.	—High— Oct. 14.	—Low— Nov. 13.	Dec. 31 1929.
America.....	223	233	135	129
Bankers.....	161	242	100	135½
Central Hanover.....	398	497	260	315
Chase.....	195	270	135	154
Chatham.....	178	165	90	114
Chemical.....	107	128	60	73
City.....	297	576	190	212
Corn Exchange.....	208	449	150	178
Equitable.....	615	742	y300	x98½
Guaranty.....	827	1153	490	675
Irving.....	72	92	45	53½
Manhattan.....	820	1320	y500	x123
Manufacturers.....	286	270	90	148½
New York Trust.....	316	433	200	260
Weighted average.....	243	337	148	174

While the closing trend was uncertain, the Hoyt, Rose & Troster analysis states that the overshadowing of selling interest by the reappearance of investment buying was discernible as the year ended and this augurs a further improvement in tone for the year 1930.

Review of Bond Market By C. W. Sills, of Halsey, Stuart & Co.—Early Resumption of Activity Looked For.

"The present situation and outlook in the bond market justifies more optimism than at any time during the past year and a half," according to C. W. Sills, of Halsey, Stuart & Co. Inc., who under date of Dec. 30, in presenting a review of 1929, and discussing present tendencies in the bond market says:

Early resumption of activity in the bond market appears to be a foregone conclusion. The theory that common stocks had permanently displaced sound bonds as an investment medium with the great mass of conservative investors, is now shown to be as fallacious a belief as many of the other economic and financial theories that characterized the recent speculative boom, and which, indeed, are an inevitable accompaniment of overdone speculative enthusiasm whenever and wherever it appears. The value of sound senior obligations, paying a fixed and regular rate of income, is again

firmly established. It is only a question of time until the advantages of investment over speculation again receive their due and just recognition in the securities markets of the country.

The present status of the bond market can perhaps best be understood through a review of what has taken place in that field during 1929. The inactivity and tendency toward softening of prices which carried over from the second half of last year, persisted into 1929, and became more pronounced with the increase in speculative activity. Only during the last two months of the present year has there been a perceptible strengthening in the prices of high grade bonds, and an increasing interest in the long-neglected short-term class.

The present situation and outlook in the bond market justifies more optimism than at any time during the past year and a half. Speculation, which occupied the center of the stage throughout the greater part of that time, rose to such heights that it interfered very greatly with the investment market, and with numerous forms of business developments which required capital at moderate cost. Since October, 1929, the first long step has been taken toward restoring true investment to its proper place in the financial scheme of things. That the purchase of bonds by banks is again under way is indicated by the fact that the reporting member banks of the Federal Reserve System have in recent weeks shown a substantial increase in their bond holdings. Various factors in the financial situation have so far prevented anything like full recovery in the bond market. Such strength as has appeared has not to any great extent taken away the numerous opportunities for obtaining sound security and liberal income in either short or long-term bonds. To illustrate the values still prevailing among different types of bonds, we need only compare the levels prevailing in recent weeks with those in the early months of 1928. A group of thirty representative issues, comprising ten each from the public utility, industrial and railroad groups, showed average prices of 102.69, 100.57 and 100.85, respectively, as of Mar. 2 1928. On Dec. 2 1929, the averages for these groups were as follows: Public utilities, 96.31; industrials, 90.70; railroads, 95.53. In other words, the public utility bonds were 6.38 points cheaper at the beginning of December 1929 than they were at the beginning of March last year; the industrials, 9.87 points cheaper; and the railroads, 5.32 points cheaper. Expressed in terms of income, public utility bonds yielded nearly ½ of 1% more at the beginning of December, 1929, than on Mar. 2 1928; industrials yielded better than ¼ of 1% more; and railroads, a third of 1% more. This is true, notwithstanding the fact that there has undoubtedly been substantial improvement during this time in the security behind the bonds included in each of these three groups. A similar comparison of 15 representative foreign bonds shows an average price of 103.94 on Mar. 2 1928 and 99.66 as of Dec. 2 1929—a difference of 4.28 points, or an increase in yield of a third of 1%.

Clearly, we are still in an exceptionally favorable period from the standpoint of the bond investor. With the major obstruction to progress definitely removed, and with an excellent outlook for a period of easier money, there is much justification for the view that the coming year will see a definite resumption of activity in the bond market.

In part Mr. Sills also said:

The supply of high grade bonds has not been great at any time during the year. The total volume of bonds and notes issued during 1929 will in all probability not greatly exceed \$4,300,000,000, which is approximately 23% under the total for 1928, and about 21% below the average for the five years from 1924 to 1928. Because of the high cost of money and the sluggishness of the market throughout the greater part of the year, dealers have not been encouraged to carry any very substantial inventories. Undigested issues of important size are virtually non-existent. Liquidation by banks has for some time been quite well out of the way. Furthermore, there has been a considerable retirement of bonds during the present year, which has also operated to reduce the available supply. Finally, liquidation of bonds during the recent stock market crisis did not develop to anything like the extent that might have been expected.

Consequently, the unabsorbed supply of bonds in the market is small, and there appears to be little disposition among corporations to add to the supply through further offerings until their senior securities will command materially higher prices than those now prevailing on comparable issues. In view of this situation, any material improvement in the demand for bonds would undoubtedly have a marked strengthening effect upon the prices of those available.

The total volume of public utility obligations offered during this year will run in the neighborhood of \$1,000,000,000, a total which compares with \$1,654,343,900 during 1928. This class of investments has been among the first to respond to the recent upturn in the price of high grade bonds. The leading public utility companies of the country, having availed themselves of the recent popularity of stocks to build up their junior equities, are admirably situated to accomplish such bond financing as may be necessary to meet their requirements for the future. Although a good volume of such financing is in prospect, there is little likelihood that it will be carried through on an extensive scale until there is a material further improvement in the prices prevailing on this class of securities.

Reflecting the trend toward a somewhat reduced volume of new construction during 1929, and the disposition among leading investment bankers to scrutinize all new projects with extra care, real estate bond issues have also appeared in the market in recent months with comparative infrequency. Such real estate bond financing as has been done during the year, however, has been distinguished by an increased number of issues of large size and recognized merit.

The volume of new municipal financing during the past year has held up remarkably well, although all classes of public obligations during the first 10 months showed more liberal yields than the annual average yield for any of the past five years. The attractive income offered by strictly first class municipal bonds has for some time kept them within reach of a group of purchasers which ordinarily confines its investments mainly to taxable issues. Undoubtedly, one of the principal reasons for the substantial volume of tax-exempt bonds absorbed in the face of the unfavorable conditions of the present year, has been the recognition among institutions that unusual values were being offered. The demand for tax-exempt bonds, particularly in long maturities, was fairly active at the beginning of the year, but showed a declining tendency with the approach of spring. Activity again increased the early part of the summer, but had pretty well worn itself out by August. Demand has again asserted itself since October, with increased interest in short maturities which earlier in the year went begging, and with a distinct firming of prices. With the approach of the year-end, the outlook is for further upward revision of prices in the event that a really strong demand develops in the early months of the new year. An additional factor of importance in this connection should be the renewed activities of hundreds of dealers who have for many months given tax-exempt bonds little or no attention.

The issuance of bonds for industrial and miscellaneous purposes showed a substantial decline from the 1928 figure—which, by the way, represented a reduction of more than one-third from the total for 1927. The reason for the sharp reduction in the financing of industrial enterprises through bonds, of course, was the condition which prevailed in the stock market. So keen

had grown the public appetite for stocks that it was relatively easy for industrial enterprises, of nearly all types and sizes, to finance their needs through the issuance of common stock.

Railroad financing showed a moderate increase in volume for 1929, as compared with 1928. The percentage of new capital as distinguished from refunding was substantially larger this year than last. The remarkable improvement in railroad earnings, resulting primarily from increased efficiency and operating economics, has steadily enhanced the credit position of the railways, although the time is not yet at hand when the 5 3/4% return allowed under the Transportation Act will be generally realized. Further increases in railroad earnings are obviously to be desired, since these are essential to the building up of junior equities and the production of a well-balanced capital structure.

Foreign Bond Financing.

The high money rates in effect throughout the greater part of this year have operated very effectually toward keeping foreign borrowers out of the American market. Foreign government bonds marketed in the United States during the year represent only a small fraction of the amount brought out in 1928. Foreign bond financing, other than government, also showed a drastic decline from last year's figures. Since most of the important foreign countries must continue to look to us as their principal outside source of capital, the situation which has prevailed during the past year and a half has undoubtedly caused a suspension of many worthy enterprises abroad, both of public and private character. It is an interesting fact that foreign payments to American investors have for some time been exceeding the amount of capital sent abroad for investment. In 1928, for example, the investors of this country purchased about \$1,027,000,000 in foreign securities, but they received \$1,066,000,000 in interest and dividends, and the repayment of capital. In other words, we received about \$39,000,000 more from foreign countries than we lent them; and when the figures are finally cast up for 1929, the amount received from foreign borrowers is sure to be greatly in excess of the amount they were able to obtain here in the form of new loans. Eventually, of course, the situation will right itself, and American investors will again extend credit in substantial amounts for the financing of foreign enterprises.

Twenty-Eight Bank Mergers Involving Forty-Four New York Institutions Consummated During 1929, According to Gilbert Elliott & Co.

The year 1929 will go down in financial history as the peak year of the merger movement among banks. In New York City alone there were no less than 28 mergers involving 44 banks, according to a compilation by Gilbert Elliott & Co. Among the largest of the New York banks to lose their corporate entities through mergers were: The National Bank of Commerce, the National Park Bank, Seaboard National Bank and the State Bank & Trust Co. Among the most active banks in the merger field were: Chase, Bank of Manhattan and the Bank of America. The latter institution in addition to acquiring control of the Nassau National Bank and the Traders National Bank, also merged a private investment banking house, Blair & Co., the first instance of such a combination in the history of New York banking. Later in the year, a similar combination was effected when the Chatham Phenix Corp., the securities company of the Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co., absorbed W. R. Compton & Co. The following tabulation prepared by Gilbert Elliott & Co. lists all of the principal bank mergers since the first of the year:

<i>Merging Banks—</i>	<i>Absorbed Banks—</i>
Bank of America.....	{Nassau National Traders National Blair & Co. Murray Hill Trust*
Bank of United States.....	{Municipal Bank Colonial Bank Bank of the Rockaways City Financial Corp Mechanics Bank
Brooklyn Trust.....	{Guardian National Bank* State Bank of Richmond County*
Central Hanover.....	{Central Union Trust Hanover National Bank Garfield National Bank
Chase.....	{American Express Park
Chatham-Phenix.....	W. R. Compton & Co.
Chemical.....	United States Mortgage & Trust
City.....	Farmers Loan & Trust Co.
Equitable.....	Seaboard
Guaranty.....	National Bank of Commerce
International Germanic.....	Mutual Trust Co.
Interstate Trust Co.....	Century Bank
Lafayette.....	Bedford National
Lefcourt.....	Claremont {International Acceptance Bank
Manhattan.....	{First National of Brooklyn New York Title & Mortgage*
Manufacturers Trust.....	State Bank

* Pending.

Address of Chellis A. Austin, Delivered the Day Before His Death—Federal Reserve Policies—Speculation and Banks—Chain and Branch Banking.

The address of Chellis A. Austin, late President of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, delivered in New York before the annual convention of the Association of Life Insurance Presidents on Dec. 12, the day before Mr. Austin's sudden death from an attack of angina pectoris, has claimed considerable attention—as much since his death as at the

time of its delivery—and we are hence prompted to give it in its entirety. The address was presented under the title, "Broadening America's Policy to Meet New Economic Responsibilities," and in it Mr. Austin discussed Federal Reserve policies, branch and chain banking, security speculation, etc. "Taken as a whole," said Mr. Austin, "the Federal Reserve System must be regarded as still in process of evolution through experience." He stated that "the actual effect of Federal Reserve policy in controlling the general cycles of business, by the use of the discount rate and by open market operations, is still a matter of sincere disagreement among even the best-informed practical experts." Mr. Austin added:

"In my own judgment, Federal Reserve policy as it has worked to date has materially moderated the severity and possibility the frequency of the upswings and downswings of business, but it has not altered in any substantial way the fundamental conditions which bring these fluctuations about. What the future may hold in store in these directions it is impossible to guess; nor is it by any means clear what the ultimate goals are at which we should aim."

With regard to branch and chain banking, Mr. Austin made the statement that it is clear that "some hazards may be involved in the corporate ownership of banks, as is the case in the chain system." Stating that "this whole movement cannot be pushed too rapidly or too indiscriminately without serious risk of danger," he urged that "it should be a matter of slow development and designed to meet genuine banking needs." The address in full follows:

I would like to talk with you about some of the important changes which have taken place in the banking field in recent years, and to discuss with you certain of the major problems which American banks are now facing. It requires no demonstration that in many directions the life insurance companies and the banks have correlated and indeed identical interests, and that they have played closely analogous roles in the economic development of the United States. Both the life insurance companies and the banks are financial nerve centers. On the one side they attract and administer a large part of the nation's savings; on the other side they distribute these savings, by investment or lending, throughout the channels of the country's economic life. Thus they encourage the steady increase of capital assets, and promote the sound and balanced growth of our national prosperity. In this respect the bankers' task and yours fundamentally are much the same. We both have a position of high obligation toward the millions of people who entrust their money to us; and we both have the further responsibility of helping to control, by the use of that money, the degree and direction of the country's economic expansion.

American banking has undergone a number of extremely significant developments since the war which have been largely peculiar to banking itself, and in which the life insurance companies have necessarily not shared. In the brief time at my disposal it is not possible for me to do more than recall to your minds the most conspicuous of these developments. My purpose is to review first the most significant problems with which our financial institutions have been confronted at home during the last fifteen years, then to allude to some of the outstanding factors which have shaped our banking policies in the larger international field and finally to review the role our banks have played during the momentous two months of America's history from which we have just emerged.

Rising Industrial Production and National Wealth.

In the sphere of purely domestic banking developments in this country, you all know that the outstanding fact has been the large increase in industrial production. Let me remind you that for the first nine months of this year the increase in production relative to 1919 amounted to 45%, and that relative to the low point of 1921 it was not less than 80%. This advance has been the direct result of our manufacturers' unceasing pursuit of greater efficiency, commercial and financial as well as technical, which is making it possible for them to produce ever more goods at the same or even at lower average prices. The advance has been accompanied by large corporation earnings, higher wages, and the steadily growing material welfare of the people at large.

Similarly, despite the relatively depressed condition of agriculture during much of the past decade, and despite a certain amount of unemployment, our national income has increased almost every year, and is now estimated at nearly eighty billion dollars annually. Even after allowing for the changes in general price levels, this is 60% higher than in 1913. At the same time, the volume of our national savings has grown year by year, and now probably reaches about ten billion dollars annually. In spite of the inevitable fluctuations of business, our general economic trend has been steadily upward; and the dimensions of American economic life, however we measure them, are larger than ever before.

Quickened Circulation and Greater Productivity of Capital.

Along with this increase in absolute size have gone some changes in the character and direction of our economic life, which have had pronounced effects on the banking system. The increase in industrial efficiency, to which I have just referred, has had the result that, on the average, a given quantity of capital assets will now support the production of far more goods than was thought possible even a few years ago. In addition, it has been necessary to raise vast amounts of new capital in order to bring the corresponding technical and other improvements into operation. On the other hand, the relatively new policy of hand-to-mouth buying in industry and commerce has made it possible to finance a much larger volume of business on a given amount of working capital. The steady improvement in our methods of transportation of all types has had a similar effect. At the same time, retail installment buying, despite the dangers to which it is exposed when overdone, has widened the markets very greatly, and incidentally has shifted some of the responsibility and burden of credit extension from the banks to the installment finance companies.

This vast increase in our industrial and agricultural output, the accompanying growth of our national wealth and savings and the improved methods of production resulting generally in a more efficient use of capital and credit—in a word, the new rhythm running through the whole body economic of the country—have necessarily been accompanied by a gradual evolution in our banking structure, policies and methods.

The Banking Situation After the War.

As you all remember, our banks came out of the world war approximately twice as large as they had been in 1914, whether measured by deposits, loans and investments or by total resources. But the general level of prices was also twice as high, the value of money being only one-half as great; in other words, in real values the size of the banks was little if any larger than it had been five years earlier. It may be truthfully stated that in 1919, apart from the rapid growth of the Federal Reserve System and the tremendous expansion of our foreign banking activities, the general character of American domestic banking was substantially what it had been in 1914. Then came the post-war boom ending in the collapse in 1920-1921, which deflated prices to roughly two-thirds of the peak levels they had attained, and which placed our economic organization again on a sounder if somewhat narrower basis.

Enlarged Resources and Wider Functions.

But, unfortunately, the setback was only of short duration. Since that time another rise in deposits, capital, surplus and investments has carried the total resources of our banks as a whole to a figure which is some 40% or more higher than the maximum attained previously. At the same time, a series of other important changes have been taking place, to some of which, for lack of time I can here merely call your attention. There are, for instance, the steady increase in the use of American bankers' acceptances, both in the United States and all over the world, which have now reached the imposing total of \$1,500,000,000, the decline in the volume of the commercial paper market and the expansion of time deposits, relative to deposits payable on demand.

Bank Mergers.

Another interesting occurrence, however, deserves more than a passing comment. I refer to the recent marked changes in the structure and organization of our banks themselves. These changes, which have been especially pronounced in the last three or four years, have all operated to increase materially the size of the real banking unit. For several years past, mergers affecting the larger banks in the principal cities have taken place at frequent intervals, and at the present time no less than five banks in the country, largely as the result of such mergers, have assets of roughly one billion dollars or more apiece. Similar though less spectacular mergers have been going on throughout the country; and since 1920 the size of the average bank has increased—partly, though of course not solely, in consequence of mergers—by more than 60%. This growth is clearly in line with that even more marked trend toward combination and amalgamation, which has characterized our entire business and industrial life since the war.

Branch and Chain Banking.

A second line of development has been the uninterrupted formation of additional chain and branch banking systems. Over 120 new branch bank systems have been put together in the past five years; and of the total number of banking offices in the United States, some 14% now belong to the branch systems. The chain or group banking systems have become even more important in the aggregate. According to a report of the American Bankers' Association, the chain systems now embrace only some 7% of the banks of the country by number, but they hold combined resources of over thirteen billion dollars, or 18% of our total banking resources. Unlike the branch systems, the chain banks operate in almost every State in the Union, and without apparent distinction between the States which allow branch banking and those which restrict or prohibit it.

This general situation is of the greatest interest to every banker. We are now witnessing, indeed, a serious though comparatively quiet conflict between two or even three mutually opposed theories of bank organization and operation. On the one side are the unit banks, which at most may also maintain branch offices in the same city; on the other side are the branch and chain systems in the full sense, which extend over considerable areas which attempt to link together territories that are actually distinct economically as well as geographically. It is clear that the branch system has certain advantages in restricted geographical areas unable by means of the unit bank to produce sufficient profits to command sound management. There are doubtless good reasons for broadening our laws to permit branch banking where now the chain banking system must be resorted to. It is even more clear, however, that some hazards may be involved in the corporate ownership of banks, as is the case in the chain system, and that because of the vast area of this country, raising serious managerial problems, as well as the existing economic independence of almost every section of the United States, this whole movement cannot be pushed too rapidly or too indiscriminately without serious risk of danger. It should be a matter of slow development and designed to meet genuine banking needs.

Federal Reserve Policies.

The development of Federal Reserve policy at home and abroad has also been a matter of vital concern to all bankers and business men. In the domestic field the Federal Reserve System has done invaluable work in simplifying and speeding up the daily routine of inter-bank transactions; and the supplies of credit which the Reserve Banks can make available in times of real stress are, in a very literal sense, the life insurance of our whole banking system. On the other hand, the actual effect of Federal Reserve policy in controlling the general cycles of business, by the use of the discount rate and by open-market operations, is still a matter of sincere disagreement and controversy among even the best-informed practical experts. In my own judgment, Federal Reserve policy as it has worked to date has materially moderated the severity and possibly the frequency of the upswings and downswings of business, but it has not altered in any substantial way the fundamental conditions which bring those fluctuations about. What the future may hold in store in these directions it is impossible to guess; nor is it by any means clear what the ultimate goals are, at which we should aim.

Taken as a whole, the Federal Reserve System must be regarded as still in process of evolution through experience. Mistakes have been made in the past, perhaps inevitably, but the general line of development of the system seems to me to have been admirable; and the reality of its services to our business and banking life is beyond debate. In the foreign field, too, the Federal Reserve Banks have played an admirable part in the post-war stabilization of the world's currencies, and by informal co-operation with foreign central banks, and in other ways, they also have materially aided the sound and orderly growth of the world's industry and commerce.

World Bankers.

At this point it may be opportune for me to allude briefly to the importance of the foreign relationships established by our banks since the war, and the important part which our foreign banking activities play to-day in the total volume of business handled by our leading banking institutions.

It is no exaggeration to say that the world-wide influence exercised by the nation, politically and commercially, since the opportunity came to us in 1914 has extended to our banks and great financial houses, and that they have succeeded in a relatively short time in creating on this side of the Atlantic one of the great monetary and financial centers of the world. It is true that favorable circumstances have greatly aided in this development, but it must be remembered that with few exceptions our American financial institutions had only limited experience and untrained personnel in foreign operations. Indeed, the outstanding post-war fact has been the enormous exportation of American capital, at first largely to finance the reconstruction of Europe, but later in considerable part to initiate or to expand new American enterprises in all parts of the world. Since the war, over eight billion dollars' worth of foreign capital issues alone have been issued and sold in the United States. If to that figure we add those direct investments in other countries which do not involve security flotations, short-term indebtedness, and the reduced, so-called "present" value of foreign governmental obligations to our Government, we reach, as the total of all American investments and claims abroad at the end of 1928, the amazing figure of twenty-two billion dollars; much the largest part of it accumulated since 1914.

Growing Exports Surplus and Gold Reserves.

At the same time, and often as the direct result of these capital exports, we have had a continuous surplus of merchandise exports of unprecedented size. On the other hand, however, it seems at first glance paradoxical that until last year we were also very large importers of gold. From 1920 to 1927 we imported over a billion and a half dollars' worth, and our total holdings in 1927, of four and a half billions, represented almost half of the entire world supply of monetary gold. For a time this rapid inflow of gold threatened to produce credit inflation and general over-expansion, but the same policy of the Federal Reserve authorities kept it from having any marked effect on commodity prices and production. It seems, however, to have been an important factor in our recent tremendous inflation of security values, to which I shall refer in a moment.

New Methods in Corporation Finance.

Perhaps the most significant incident of the past few years has been the change in the general financial policies of a number of our great industrial corporations. To an ever-increasing extent, many corporations have endeavored to meet their growing requirements even for working capital by floating additional securities, rather than by bank borrowing. The practice has obvious advantages, but also serious drawbacks; and at times when the companies have surplus funds in consequence of such issues, the injection of this money into the call loan market may produce an unbalanced and even critical situation. Thus the withdrawal of such funds would have materially aggravated the abruptness and severity of the recent stock market collapse if the leading New York banks had not stepped in and taken over the burden. It is interesting to note in this connection that the New York banks in one week of the difficulties absorbed more than \$1,000,000,000 of loans held for others.

Vast Increase in Security Issues.

Finally, the last five or six years have seen an extraordinary increase in the aggregate volume of new security issues, partly foreign but over four-fifths domestic. In 1919 new security issues amounted to three and a half billion dollars annually, and even in 1923 were not much over four billions, but in 1928 they reached a total of eight billion dollars—over two-thirds of the entire national savings in that year! Such an expansion in capital issues is desirable if it does not preclude careful discrimination on the part of the investing public, but the dangers it may contain, especially when any large element of speculation develops, have just been all too obvious.

Security Speculation.

Within the past month or two the whole American banking system has been subjected to a strain that is without precedent since 1921; and I am glad to say that the banks have come through with a conspicuously sound record. The general situation originated in the great increase in the volume of our new security issues and of our total security transactions, especially since 1924, to which I have just referred. In that increase alone there would, of course, have been no danger. The increase was accompanied, however, by a persistent rise in the prices of most common stocks. Part of the rise was entirely justified, and on the average represented simply a capitalization of the continued increase in business assets and earnings which followed our recovery from the post-war depression. But to this legitimate rise was added the influence of a speculative mania, which spread throughout the country and which soon threw us into the full tide of security inflation.

Speculation and Banks.

To what extent has the recent drastic Stock Exchange crisis affected the character or direction of American banking? It seems to me that there have been rather confused notions generally held as to the role which our leading banks have played in the promotion of new security issues and in the speculative movements which we have witnessed. This is the time to be outspoken on this subject. The impression has prevailed that the craze which has seized a certain limited part of our people to stake their all by buying securities on margin, has been in some cases encouraged and to some degree condoned by the great banking institutions of the country. It has been pointed out that the security holdings of the banks since 1920 have more than doubled and that loans on securities at the end of September of this year were 45% of all loans of the banks which were members of the Federal Reserve System in the leading cities.

When the financial history of the last few months has been written, I feel that the following facts will be more thoroughly appreciated than they are now, namely: first, numerous American industrial corporations, which formerly had been among the highest-class borrowers of the banks, had sold securities to the public instead of borrowing and the public in turn had borrowed substantial amounts from the banks with which to pay for these securities. Second, another important part of the loans was represented by high-class securities subscribed by the American investors as a result of the country's active absorption of issues of foreign governments and enterprises, which issues promoted the domestic and foreign trade of the United States and were instrumental in bringing substantial business to our manufacturers, exporters and farmers. Moreover, most of these loans were carried in the case of the average bank on such conservative margins that during the recent collapse in prices they could be either extended or liquidated without any loss to the banks. These loans on securities, however, are only incidental to the business of our banks. They are one of the services which our customers request our banks to render along with many other facilities which the modern banker is expected to provide.

Ample Credit for American Commerce.

What should be emphasized is this: that throughout the Stock Exchange inflation the banks continued to supply all their customers' legitimate industrial and commercial demands, great though the temptation was to make larger profits from call loans against securities. But despite the adequacy of the supplies of bank credit itself, the persistent rise of all interest rates, for a considerable period before the October smash, made it clear that the security speculation was beginning to prevent industry and commerce from obtaining from the public the long-term capital required for the purpose of their legitimate business expansion. When the rise in security prices at last reached levels beyond which it could not be pushed farther, a severe reaction became inevitable.

Banks Sound and Liquid.

It is unnecessary for me to point out the moral of what happened in October, or to attempt to apportion the responsibility. The danger is over and I think a lesson has been learned which will not have to be repeated for many years. What I do want to do is to call your attention to a few outstanding facts about the recent stock market collapse. The first fact is the extraordinary strength which the banks revealed, and the courage and skill with which they met the situation. Despite the severity of the crisis, no larger banking institution has found itself in difficulties; no important New York Stock Exchange firm has failed, and, so far as my knowledge goes, the principal New York banks themselves, far from being loaded down with bad debts or undigested securities, are actually in a stronger and more liquid position now than they were before the crash. It is a matter of fact that the banks of this community, anticipating the difficulties which might arise, entrenched themselves by taking a most conservative position on collateral loans and employing other measures to meet the situation which did arise with the result that this experience has proven the solid underlying strength of the whole financial structure. The confidence displayed by the great mass of our people in our banking institutions shows quite clearly that we have passed the stage in our national history when even the worst speculative excesses could affect the fundamental base upon which our economy rests, namely, our banking system.

Constructive Position of the Press.

Another fact which is significant and should be noted has been the attitude of the press of the country during this whole period. The newspapers in the main have been sound as to their interpretation of the economic trend. They have not been influenced by the overwhelming optimism which has long prevailed, and in these last few weeks of stress they have given calm counsel, refusing steadfastly to follow the rumormongers or to spread unreliable news. They have materially assisted in maintaining the public morale under the most difficult circumstances.

Commercial Banking Still Chief Object.

If we now look back over the general development of American commercial banking since the war, three facts which are of especial importance stand out. First, while preserving its own stability and balance, our banking system has been extraordinarily quick in adapting itself to the changing economic needs of the country both at home and in foreign countries. It has been ceaselessly experimenting in the endeavor to find new and ever more efficient ways of serving business. Despite the undue prominence which the public has attached to security transactions in recent years, the chief business of the banks has been—and still is—commercial banking. Their natural functions lie among this line, and I am confident that it is here that their principal activities will be centered in the future, as they have been in the past. With the steady growth in size and financial power of our banks, there has come the realization of the necessity for providing skilled management and trained personnel to meet their new problems and their new opportunities. There is to-day a greater necessity than ever before for a fundamental knowledge of sound principles in economics and finance on the part of those who hold high positions in financial trusteeship.

The Outlook in Summary.

In the attainment of those objectives there lies, I think, the surest guarantee of the future progress of our banks and of the maintenance of the outstanding position which they now occupy both nationally and internationally. I have the utmost confidence that the banks will continue to advance steadily through the coming years, not only in the size of their resources but in what I may call the "size" of their managements, and the "size" of the service they render; and that, as our country grows in strength and prosperity, they will fulfill ever more effectively the high duties of national trust and responsibility which are vested in them.

Changes in the Official Staff of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York—Appointment of Directors.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York announced yesterday (Jan. 3) the following changes in the official personnel of the Bank:

- Walter S. Logan, formerly General Counsel, has been appointed Deputy Governor and General Counsel.
- J. E. Crane, formerly Assistant Deputy Governor and Secretary, has been appointed Deputy Governor and Secretary.
- J. M. Rice, formerly Manager of the Accounting Department, has been appointed Assistant Deputy Governor.
- Wesley W. Burt, formerly Chief of the Planning Division, has been appointed Manager of the Accounting Department.

The Bank has also issued the following circular relative to the appointment of directors:

FEDERAL RESERVE BANK OF NEW YORK.

Appointment of Directors.

Supplementing Circular No. 945 of Dec. 2 1929 announcing the election of Class A and B directors of this bank, the Federal Reserve Board has reappointed Owen D. Young as a Class C director of this bank for a term of three years from Jan. 1 1930, and has redesignated him as Deputy Chairman of the Board. Gates W. McGarragh has been redesignated Chairman of the Board and Federal Reserve Agent for the year 1930.

The Federal Reserve Board has reappointed Frederick B. Cooley, President of the New York Car Wheel Co. of Buffalo, New York, as a director of the Buffalo Branch for a term of three years from Jan. 1 1930.

The Federal Reserve Board in 1929 appointed George G. Kleindinst, President of the Liberty Bank of Buffalo, as director of the Buffalo Branch to fill the unexpired term ending Dec. 31 1931, of Edward A. Duerr, formerly Chairman of the Community National Bank of Buffalo, who has resigned as a director of the Branch.

The board of directors of this bank has appointed Lewis G. Harriman, President of the M & T Trust Co. of Buffalo, as a director of the Buffalo Branch for a term of three years from Jan. 1 1930, to succeed Harry T. Ramsdell, resigned formerly honorary chairman, M & T Trust Co., Buffalo, New York, whose term expired Dec. 31 1929.

The board of directors of this bank has also reappointed Robert M. O'Hara as Managing Director of the Buffalo Branch for the year 1930.

With these changes the directorates of this bank and its Buffalo Branch are constituted as follows:

		At New York.	Term Expires Dec. 31
Class Group	A	1 Charles E. Mitchell, N. Y. C., Chairman The National City Bank of New York	1931
	A	2 Thomas W. Stephens, Montclair, N. J., President, Bank of Montclair	1932
	A	3 Delmer Runkle, Hoosick Falls, N. Y., Chairman, Peoples National Bank of Hoosick Falls, N. Y.	1930
B	1	William H. Woodin, New York City, President, American Car & Foundry Co.	1931
	2	Theodore F. Whitmarsh, N. Y. C., Chairman, Francis H. Leggett & Co.	1932
C	3	Samuel W. Reyburn, N. Y. C., President, Lord & Taylor	1931
		Gates W. McGarragh, N. Y. C., Chairman	1932
C		Owen D. Young, N. Y. C., Deputy Chairman, Chairman, General Electric Co.	1932
		Clarence M. Woolley, Greenwich, Conn., Chairman, American Radiator and Standard Sanitary Corp.	1930

At Buffalo

		Term Expires Dec. 31
	John T. Symes, President, Niagara County National Bank & Trust Co., Lockport, N. Y.	1931
	Arthur G. Hough, President, Ward Plow Co., Batavia, N. Y.	1930
	George G. Kleindinst, President, Liberty Bank of Buffalo	1931
	George F. Ran, President, Marine Trust Co., Buffalo	1930
	Frederick B. Cooley, President, New York Car Wheel Co., Buffalo	1932
	Lewis G. Harriman, President, M & T Trust Co., Buffalo	1932

Robert M. O'Hara, Managing Director.

GEORGE L. HARRISON,
Governor.

The election of Class A and B directors was referred to in our issue of Dec. 7, page 3573.

Daily Report on Gold Movement by Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

The Federal Reserve Bank of New York inaugurated on Jan. 2 a policy of issuing daily statements of gold movements in place of the weekly statements which have been released each Thursday afternoon. Noting this, the "Times" of Jan. 3, stated:

In making known each day the amount of gold taken in or sold the Reserve Bank will be following a practice long pursued by the Bank of England. The daily gold statements will provide the financial community with early knowledge of the country's gain or loss of the metal, and in view of the present movement of gold out of this country the new procedure will be of great interest to the banking world.

The first of the daily statements showed no movements of any kind to have taken place yesterday [Jan. 2] and no changes in the amount of gold held under earmark for foreign account.

The weekly statement, given out at the same time, showed exports of \$11,255,000 to France, all but \$5,000 of which had been reported unofficially, and imports of \$99,000, which came chiefly from Latin America. An increase of \$2,000,000 in earmarked gold was shown.

The only item in the Reserve Bank's gold statement of yesterday (Jan. 3) was the withdrawal of \$8,500,000 of gold for shipment to France.

E. A. Goldenweiser Director of Research for Federal Reserve Board Finds Liquidation of Security Loans Has Improved World Credit Conditions.

Liquidation of credit, brought about by the decline in security prices, has served to strengthen the credit situation throughout the world, and the curtailment in loans on securities represents "a great improvement in the banking situation" of the United States, according to E. A. Goldenweiser, Director of Research and Statistics for the Federal Reserve Board. Speaking before a meeting of the American Statistical Association, Dec. 27 [we quote from the "United States Daily"], Mr. Goldenweiser asserted that the 1929 banking history of this country was divisible sharply into two periods—before and after the crash in stock market prices. The text of the speech is given in the following further account carried in the "United States Daily":

He related the steady growth in security loans prior to Oct. 1 and told the Association that when the liquidation began after that date non-banking lenders were able to transfer their loans to banks which subsequently were able to reduce their outstanding paper rapidly. The result was, he said, that the banks were finishing the year with an amount of total credit outstanding that is only a little larger than before the break in the stock market.

As for the Federal Reserve Banks, Mr. Goldenweiser declared they would finish this year with about \$200,000,000 less credit outstanding than there was at the end of 1928.

Following is the full text of Mr. Goldenweiser's speech: The banking history of 1929 can be divided sharply into two periods, the first extending from the beginning of the year to the last week in October, and the second lasting for the remainder of the year.

Banking developments during the first part of the year were in continuation of conditions that had lasted for about two years, characterized chiefly by a continuously growing demand for credit by the securities market and by a firm money policy of the Federal Reserve System. The last two months of the year came after the stock market crash and were characterized by liquidation of bank credit; by an easing credit policy, and by a decline in money rates.

The period of firm money policy by the Federal Reserve System began in the late autumn of 1927 and was expressed first by uncompensated gold exports; later by security sales; by advances in discount rates, and by discouragement of banks indebted to the Federal Reserve Banks from increasing their loans on the Stock Exchange. The System's firm money policy had the effect of arresting the growth of bank credit for about a year from May 1928 to May 1929.

During that period there was some increase in security loans and some growth in all other loans of member banks, but there was a corresponding decrease in investments, and the total was at about the same level as a year before. This absence of growth of credit at a time when business was active was a surprising development.

The needs of the Stock Exchange, however, continued to be supplied, the funds being furnished by outside lenders rather than by banks. Beginning with June of 1929 there was a resumption of growth of bank credit and a more rapid growth of brokers' loans.

The extent to which the situation changed almost overnight at the time that the stock market collapsed is indicated by the fact that between Feb. 1 1926 and Oct. 1 1929, a period of 44 months, there was a growth in brokers' borrowings, as reported to the Stock Exchange, of \$5,000,000,000. During the following two months there was a decrease of \$4,500,000,000, so that the exceptionally rapid growth of 44 months was all but wiped out during the following two months.

A large part of this liquidation at first was in loans by others than banks, and member banks, in taking over these loans, increased the total volume of their credit. After the first week or two, however, the liquidation proceeded further and was largely in bank loans, so that at the end of the period the banks have little more credit outstanding than they did before the break in the market.

The net result of this is that, although the banks have a larger volume of security loans and of all other loans than they have had for years, the total volume of security loans by banks and others has been radically curtailed, and this curtailment represents a great improvement in the banking situation.

The Federal Reserve Banks are ending the year with about \$200,000,000 less of credit outstanding than there was at the end of 1928, the decrease representing roughly the net addition to the gold stock of the country. Gold increased during the first 10 months of the year by about \$280,000,000 and declined in the last two months by between \$80,000,000 and \$100,000,000.

In addition to the decrease in Reserve Bank credit, there has been a shift in its composition. Security holdings of the banks have increased by about \$250,000,000, while their holdings of acceptances declined by about \$135,000,000 and discounts for member banks by \$400,000,000.

The decrease in the indebtedness of member banks is indicative of the easier credit position of the country, because member banks when they are not so heavily indebted have a more lenient attitude toward extending loans to customers.

High Money Rates Collapse with Stocks.

From the international point of view, the events since the last week of October also signalize a great change in the situation. For a period of two years the high money rates prevailing in our market, together with the difficulty of floating foreign securities, and the great attractiveness to foreign speculators of the security market, resulted in a flow of funds to the United States.

This flow, in the final analysis, took the form of gold movements, and the loss of gold was causing central banks all over the world to raise their discount rates in order to protect their reserves. These advances were not in accordance with the requirements of domestic trade and industry and were made very reluctantly.

This was dramatically indicated by the great rapidity with which rates were reduced when the situation changed in America. The Bank of England reduced its rate from 6½ to 6% on Oct. 31, to 5½% on Nov. 21, to 5% on Dec. 12, and other central banks took similar action.

It was a great relief to these banks to be able to reduce the cost of credit to their industries, which needed encouragement rather than restraint. The change in the relative rate levels has also enabled foreign countries to draw gold from the United States.

To summarize, the last few months of 1929 witnessed a liquidation of security loans which had been growing at an unusual rate for a number of years and were forcing up the cost of money not only in the United States but throughout the world. This liquidation has improved credit conditions in the United States and has been an important favorable factor in the world credit situation.

Carl Snyder of New York Federal Reserve Bank Holds Rate of Business Expansion to Be Subnormal—Increase in 1927-28 Below 15-Year Trend—History of Stock Inflation and Recent Collapse in Market Presented Before American Statistical Association.

The rate of American business expansion during the last four years has been maintained only at the average growth trend of the last 15 years, and in 1927 and 1928 the rate of increase has been distinctly below this long-time trend, it was stated Dec. 28 by Carl Snyder, Chief Statistician of the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, according to the "United States Daily" of Dec. 28, whose report of Mr. Snyder's statement follows:

The commonly accepted belief that these have been boom years is a myth, Mr. Snyder told the American Statistical Association meeting in Washington, D. C., during a discussion of brokers' loans and the pyramiding of credit.

Experience has shown that an expansion of credit in excess of the requirements of trade almost invariably brings a period of speculation and some form of inflation, with the usual attendant outpour of a heavy volume of new securities, he asserted. Though these latter are often largely the product of mergers and consolidations, he stated, this financial activity seems to produce the illusion of an unusual expansion in industry. Mr. Snyder said that the last four years were no exception.

1929 Extraordinary Year.

The statement made by Mr. Snyder follows in full text: From a rather extended review of the evidence, I have gained the impression that 1929 may long remain as one of the extraordinary years in our financial history. Much of this evidence suggests that it represented the most extreme outbreak of speculative mania, certainly of the

last 50 or 60 years. One of its curious features was the prodigious rise in brokers' loans and the novel process by which they were carried to unheard-of heights. The story, in brief, is this:

Before the war it was currently estimated in the banks that at the peak brokers' borrowings might reach \$1,000,000,000; but this was merely an estimate. The total may have risen considerably higher with the remarkable rise of industrial stock prices in the war boom of 1916. But it was not until 1918 that we began to have definite knowledge.

At the end of that year New York Stock Exchange borrowings were reported as close to \$1,000,000,000; in the short-lived boom of 1919 they rose to near \$1,800,000,000, dropping back again in the collapse that followed to below \$1,000,000,000 in 1921.

In the sharp advance in 1923 the Standard Statistics' broad averages of stock prices did not quite reach the peak of 1919, but brokers' loans were a little higher—over \$2,000,000,000. They were less than \$1,500,000,000 at the end of the year.

Spectacular Increase Begins.

Then began the most spectacular increase, undoubtedly, in stock market history, probably anywhere in the world. By the end of 1925 total exchange borrowings were \$3,500,000,000. At the end of 1927 they were nearly \$4,500,000,000, and at the peak of 1929 more than \$8,500,000,000. It is of interest now to recall that there was a wide number of well-informed persons who found in this enormous increase nothing seriously abnormal or fantastic, or foreboding disaster.

Then, as we know, came what appears to have been the most violent crash in the history of the exchange; in a space of six weeks more than half of this vast total of brokers' credit had been extinguished. The extraordinary thing was that this enormous increase, and collapse, was accompanied by no corresponding degree of inflation of bank loans on stocks and bonds, nor, in a sense, in the total of bank credit outstanding.

In the five years from the end of 1924, while brokers' loans rose 4½ times, or by \$6,500,000,000, security loans in the weekly reporting banks increased by only about two-thirds. The final increase in collateral loans, of over \$1,000,000,000, after the panic had started, was largely an emergency issue, to cover the withdrawals of loans "for the account of others," and for non-reporting banks and houses.

While in the last phase brokers' borrowings were rising at more than 100% a year, total bank credit was increasing at only 5 or 6%, and later, in the 12 months preceding the panic, this increase had fallen to zero. How could such an extraordinary conversion of existing credit take place?

In this period, undoubtedly there was an excess of credit, beyond the estimated requirements of business, for without such an excess speculation cannot thrive. In the last four years the increase in the total of the nation's product, and trade, has not, despite persistent illusion to the contrary, increased at more than about the computed normal or average of the last 15 or 20 years. In 1927 and 1928 the rate of increase was distinctly below this normal or average. Few myths had less foundation than the widespread belief in a "new era."

Experience has shown that an expansion of credit in excess of the requirements of trade almost invariably brings a period of speculation and some form of inflation, with the usual attendant outpour of a heavy volume of new securities. Though these latter are often largely the product of mergers and consolidations, this financial activity seems to produce the illusion of an unusual expansion in industry. The last four years were no exception.

Market Propitious for New Securities.

Finding markets propitious to the issue of new securities, corporations of all kinds were not slow to take advantage of them and, taking time by the forelock, to issue bonds and stocks far beyond their immediate requirements. This heavy outpour was swollen by the further issue of the investment trusts, tending to create an artificial or unusual demand for common stocks. The excess of funds so created found an outlet in the call loan markets, and as the speculative furore grew and brokers' interest rates rose accordingly, the attraction for funds correspondingly increased. Apparently new issues were in large part paid for by loans derived from previous new issues, or from the sale of other stocks which, in turn, were bought on borrowed money.

Apparently what happened was that first one corporation would issue stocks or bonds and, finding no immediate use for the funds, or attracted by the high rates in Wall Street, this would be loaned in the call money market, and other corporations would issue new securities in turn, and the money for the first would eventually and doubtless by a circuitous route furnish the funds for the flotation of the second; and so on without end. It was exactly as if John Jones had borrowed \$1,000 at the bank and loaned it to his next-door neighbor who had passed it to his brother-in-law, who paid the real estate broker, and so on. Conceivably, out of this single \$1,000 loan, a total borrowing of \$10, \$20, or even \$100,000 might be built up.

And so, it would appear, did the speculative card house actually arise. In 12 to 15 months preceding the panic, by this process of turnover, with very little increase in the total of collateral loans by the banks, and practically no increase of total deposits in the banks either in New York City or throughout the country, total Stock Exchange borrowings increased by nearly \$4,000,000,000.

All this was accompanied, as usual, by a terrific churning of the market, in which four-, five- and six-million-share days came to be so frequent as to excite little comment. This naturally carried with it a corresponding increase in the volume of check transactions and, since there was little or no increase in the deposits of the New York City banks, a staggering rise in the rate of turnover to what appears to have been the highest ever known.

It is somewhat curious and characteristic of the whole episode that this high rate of turnover, and the failure of New York City deposits to increase, should not have attracted more attention than it did. The Street was filled with ideas of a vast inpour of outside and foreign money, forgetful apparently that the whole amount of currency in circulation in the country, outside of the banks, is probably much less than \$4,000,000,000, and that, if outside and foreign money was pouring into Wall Street, in any such amount, New York deposits should show a corresponding increase.

Actual Increase Surprisingly Small.

Actually this increase was surprisingly small. This implied, then, either that there was a mechanism by which this vast inflow of funds should flow out again, week by week and month by month, which was hard to understand; or else that this balloon of brokers' credit was inflated by some such process as I have described.

Such an outflow would have meant that the whole country, outside New York, was selling securities, in vast volume, to Wall Street, which was clearly the reverse of the fact.

That, on the other hand, there was no such inflow is fairly evident from the course of the New York money market since the collapse. In the panic the New York banks expanded their loans by \$1,250,000,000, in part, no doubt, to meet urgent new borrowings by holders of securities, and in part to meet the withdrawal of outside funds in New York. But these emergency loans have now been almost entirely extinguished and the total outflow that can be measured could probably at the most not exceed \$200,000,000 or \$300,000,000 to date.

Meanwhile, \$4,500,000,000 of brokers' loans have faded into thin air, with no corresponding change in the volume of security loans by the banks, nor in the deposits of the banks in New York City or elsewhere. It is quite an amazing story.

My knowledge of financial history is not exhaustive, but so far as I have been able to discover there appears to have been nothing quite like it since the days of John Law and the Mississippi Bubble, and the South Sea Bubble in England. And apparently the process was almost identically the same. In the case of John Law he actually printed the money—this is literal and not fanciful—with which the securities he issued were bought. It appears that Law himself understood clearly what was happening and wished to hold the speculative fever within bounds by shutting off the supply of new notes. But the regent would have none of this and apparently forced the further issue of notes until depreciation began, the public took alarm, and the card house fell.

With a slight change in the counters, much the same thing appears to have characterized the last phase of our most spectacular stock boom. Our Wall Street financiers seemed to see no limits to which the fiction of "new issues" could be carried. What repercussion the collapse will have upon the industry and employment of the country remains to be seen.

A. C. Miller of Federal Reserve Board Says Open Market Rate Promoted Inflation.

Among the accounts of the addresses before the American Economic Association in Washington, we find the following with reference to the remarks of A. C. Miller, of the Federal Reserve Board, in the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 30:

Adolph C. Miller, of the Federal Reserve Board, while presiding before the meeting said that the rediscount rate had not proved an effective check upon the use of the Reserve funds for speculative purposes and that it would be necessary for the board to explore every possibility in an effort to evolve other checks.

Prosperity makes for speculative excesses, Mr. Miller said, and added that the problem of furnishing low rates that support prosperity and high rates that check speculation could not be escaped by any type of platitude or by blame on the foreign situation.

Previous speakers had stressed the value of the open market policy of the Reserve System in checking excesses, saying that raising of the rediscount rate had merely a "psychological" effect. Mr. Miller disagreed with them, saying that the open market policy promoted inflation rather than checked expansion.

Mr. Miller declared that the Board had abundantly justified itself and that it was fortunate that the system was in as good a position as it was following the market crash.

The sensitivity of the American public to banking policies and its refusal to submit to any one group of men will have a tremendous effect upon any policy adopted by the Federal Reserve Board, he said.

Federal Reserve Board's Rate Policy Criticized—B. M. Anderson Jr. of Chase National Bank Says 6% in 1928 Would Have Lessened Trouble—Criticism of Franz Schneider Jr.

The "cheap money policy" of the Federal Reserve Board, in effect for the last seven years, was characterized as "unfortunate," with regard to the market situation, by Benjamin M. Anderson Jr., economist of the Chase National Bank, in an address in Washington on Dec. 30, before the American Economic and American Statistical Associations.

Mr. Anderson, according to the account in the New York "Journal of Commerce," said that had the Federal Reserve Board raised the rediscount rate to 6% in 1928 it would have saved a lot of trouble that resulted from the low money rates that had been prevalent. The paper quoted, went on to say:

Up until this year the Board has been able to control various situations by moderate restraint, but this year faced a new condition, which was brought about by speculative enthusiasm fed on cheap money.

He declared that the ideal situation would have been a rediscount rate above the market, buttressed by the Board's open market policy. Such a policy, he said, would have been helpful in holding down both customers' and brokers' loans.

Gold Plentiful, He Says.

Discussing the gold situation he asserted that we are "approaching the time when the Federal Reserve Board must look at its own reserve position to protect it.

"There is plenty of gold for ordinary conditions and emergencies," he said.

"Since 1921 we have been in an age of gold," Mr. Anderson said, "and the Federal Reserve System has had so much gold that it could make arbitrary policies, but this time is about over. The world is now competing for gold, and the movement from the United States during the past few months has been unprecedented." Mr. Anderson said he expected this movement to continue with renewed momentum after Jan. 1.

Comments of Franz Schneider Jr.

Another criticism of the Reserve System came from Franz Schneider Jr., of New York, who declared that the Board should "hesitate greatly to veto action such as the regional banks take as a result of their judgment of conditions in their respective districts."

Schneider discussed the "struggle which took place in 1929 between the Reserve Bank of New York, which wished to increase its discount rate, and the Federal Reserve Board, which refused to permit it, seeking instead to have regional banks impose the so-called 'direct action' policy, restricting the discounting privilege in the case of member banks making stock market loans.

Hits Dictation by Board.

"Looking back over the experience of the last year, it appears that during the spring and early summer, the New York Reserve Bank was right and the Reserve Board was wrong," Schneider said.

Schneider went on to say that certainly a politically appointed Board assumes a heavy responsibility when it attempts to dictate credit policies to banking officials actually in touch with credit conditions in commercial and financial centers. He asserted that "if the Board is to dictate to the regional banks the directorates of these institutions might as well be abolished and plain recognition given the fact that the country's banking system is being operated by a politically appointed Board in Washington."

Withdrawal of Oklahoma Bank From Federal Reserve System Following Demand for 75% Reduction in Local Loans—President of Oklahoma Bankers' Association Finds Dissatisfaction Among Rural Bankers With Systems Edicts.

Declaring it was necessary for his bank to leave the Federal Reserve System or go out of business, H. S. Emmerson, President of the National Bank of Davis, Okla., announced on Dec. 27 that the institution would surrender its National charter and become a State bank effective Jan. 1. This was reported in Associated Press accounts from Davis, which also said:

Demand of a Federal examiner for a 75% reduction in local loans of the bank precipitated the decision to quit the Reserve System, Mr. Emmerson said.

Mr. Emmerson said he had protested the examiner's action to Senator W. B. Pine and that Mr. Pine had told him the plight of the Davis Bank was characteristic of banking conditions existing generally throughout the State.

The Davis banker said the Federal examiner had ordered his bank to cut its local loans from \$175,000 to not more than \$40,000. Mr. Emmerson said he protested that such action probably would work a hardship on his community and that the examiner replied, "To hell with the community; you are here to make money."

The banker said his institution had deposits of approximately \$300,000 and a capital of \$25,000 when the examiner made his demand.

With reference to the attitude of small National banks in Oklahoma toward the policies of the Reserve System the "Oklahoman" of Dec. 28 stated:

Hard and fast rules of banking written in abstract form without special regard for the small National banker and without consideration for local conditions, particularly in Oklahoma and the western part of the United States are responsible for the dissatisfaction growing in this section against the Federal Reserve system.

Such is the belief of Fred Comstock of Grandfield, President of the State Bankers' Association of Oklahoma. Comstock, who is Vice-President of the Home State Bank at Grandfield, expressed that view Friday night (Dec. 27), in connection with the protest of H. S. Emmerson, President of the National Bank of Davis, against the Federal Reserve bank's demand for reduction of local loans in which Emmerson announced withdrawal of his institution from the Federal system.

Says Examiners Misunderstand.

The Grandfield banker said that most examiners sent into this section are trained in the East and do not understand the methods of the small Western bankers.

"They are sent here with their stringent set rules on loans and guarantee deposits from which they cannot deviate," Comstock said, "and when the banker, through necessity forced by local conditions, deviates from the strict letter, the banker and the examiner cross and dissatisfaction results."

"The Federal officials nor the examiners do not rely upon the judgment of the local banker in making loans, and when the loans do not meet the strict letter of the rule, the examiner orders the banker to call them in.

No Alternative Left.

"There is no alternative. The loans are cancelled, no matter how secure the banker may know they are, and the banker has made enemies, perhaps injured local business and perhaps hurt customers," he said.

He said he was not familiar with the situation of the Davis banker, but said he had heard a constant discussion among small national bankers of the reduction order on local loans which the national system was making.

"The banker knows the conditions in his community and he can judge the loans which can be made with safety in the community, and which, if not made, in some instances might work a hardship on the community and thus against the bank's business directly," Mr. Comstock added.

Ruling Is Cited.

Mr. Comstock cited the ruling of the Federal system of a guarantee deposit with the Federal Bank of 7% of the checking account deposits and 3% of the time deposits as one of the principal causes of dissatisfaction. When the examiner finds a banker has fallen below that percentage a fine is levied which the bank is forced to pay, without appeal; for the fine is deducted from the bank's Federal deposits.

"There is no personal contact with understanding officials with whom matters might be discussed," Mr. Comstock said.

Dissatisfaction with the Federal system which has caused the withdrawal of many banks in this section is directly connected with the tendency toward chain banks, Mr. Comstock said he believed.

Federal Reserve Board on Branch and Chain Banking Developments During the Year Ended June 30 1929.

Surveying branch banking developments during the year ended June 30 1929, the Federal Reserve Board states that the proportion of the banks of the country operating branches on June 30 had increased from 2.5% to 3.3% in the five years from June 30 1924 to June 30 1929. During the year, the Board reports, the number of branches, in the case of National banks, increased from 941 to 993, and in the case of State institutions from 2,289 to 2,447. In the information supplied by the Board it is stated:

In California the number of branch offices on June 30 (861) was nearly double the number of banks (455, including the head offices of the 54 branch systems). In Michigan 61 banks in a total of 742 were operating 433 branch offices; in New York 106 banks in a total of 1,141 were operating 682 branches; in Maryland 33 banks in a total of 235 were operating 125 branches. The proportion of branches was high also in Rhode Island, Arizona, and the District of Columbia, although the number of branches in these areas was not very considerable. Outside of these States of the branch banking area both the number of branches and the proportion, relatively, to the number of independent banks was inconsiderable.

The development of branch and chain banking is thus portrayed by the Reserve Board in its December "Bulletin":

Branch-banking developments during the year ended June 30 were generally in line with such developments in other recent years. The proportion of the banks of the country operating branches on June 30 had increased from 2.5% to 3.3% in the five years from June 30 1924 to June 30 1929. In each of the periods of approximately two and one-half years, immediately preceding and following the passage of the amending act of Feb. 25 1927, the number of banks in the country decreased (by some 2,000 in the earlier and 1,800 in the later period), the number of banks operating branches increased slightly (by 65 and 39 in the two periods, respectively), and the number of branches in operation increased (by 607 and 540). As a result of decrease in the number of banks and increase in the number of branches, the proportion of branch offices in the total of banking offices serving the public increased from 7% in June 1924 to 10% in Feb. 1927, and to 12% in June 1929. In individual instances very considerable extensions of branch systems were effected during the year by reorganizations, merger procedures, and purchases of independent banks, the more important changes of this character being restricted to a few States and urban communities of the branch banking idea. As defined in State banking codes and administrative practice, this area remained unchanged, except that two States—West Virginia and Kansas—in which no banks were operating branches, enacted legislation prohibiting the establishment of such offices in the future. It may be noted also that additional branches have been authorized since June 30 under special acts for Atlanta and Savannah banks, although Georgia in 1927 prohibited the establishment of any branches by Georgia banks. Within the branch banking area developments during the year were characterized by growth in size of the larger branch systems of certain States, rather than by increase in number of banks operating branch offices.

Changes 1927-1929.

For the year ended June 30 a decrease of 17 is shown in the number of banks operating branches (see Table I). This is a net change for the year, in which 73 banks in fact discontinued branch banking, including cases of merger of parent bank with another bank, of suspension of the parent bank, and of discontinuance of all branches. In the same period, however, 56 banks initiated branch banking, giving the net decrease of 17. The increase of 210 for the year in number of branches in operation similarly covered a total of 306 offices newly established during the year—de novo, as branches, or by conversions of independent banks into branches following purchase or merger—from which are deducted cases of branches closed or merged with other branches, and cases of branches discontinued in consequence of suspension of the parent bank.

For branches representing conversions of independent banks into branches in the period following the passage of the McFadden Act, a net increase is shown of 223, although in this period 279 independent banks were in fact converted into branches, some of these branches having been discontinued before the end of the period.

Detail underlying net changes in number of banks operating branches and in number of branches, for the year ended June 30 and for the period following enactment of the amending law of Feb. 25 1927, are shown in the following table. Some of the difficulty encountered in attempting to summarize changes during this period may be inferred from the fact that over 900 of the 3,440 branches in operation on June 30 had been involved in merger procedures since the passage of the McFadden Act, many of these branches having been operated under three or four different head offices in succession. Such changes necessarily involved numerous reclassifications of individual branches, as operated by National, State member, or non-member banks, as located in or outside the home city of the parent bank, and as embraced in small or large systems.

BANKS INITIATING AND DISCONTINUING BRANCH BANKING, AND BRANCHES ESTABLISHED AND DISCONTINUED, 1927-1929.

Detail of Net Change.	July 1 1928, to June 30 1929.	Feb. 25 1927, to June 30 1929.
<i>Banks Operating Branches—</i>		
Number initiating branch banking.....	56	165
Number discontinuing branch banking.....	73	126
Merged with other banks.....	51	90
Suspended.....	5	9
Discontinued all branches.....	17	27
Net increase (+) or decrease (—).....	—17	+39
<i>Branches—</i>		
Number established.....	306	708
De novo as branches.....	171	429
By conversion of banks.....	135	279
Number discontinued.....	96	168
By parent bank.....	81	145
Through suspension.....	15	23
Net increase (+).....	+210	+540

Branch Banking Area.

Under State banking codes, branch banking developments have been restricted to certain States and urban communities. The area within which banks were operating branch offices on June 30 was composed of 28 States and the District of Columbia. In nine of these States, however, any further extension of branch banking has been prohibited by law, leaving 19 States and the District of Columbia as composing what may be called the branch banking area, to which may perhaps be added Wyoming, whose banking code would seem to permit branch banking, although no branch offices have been reported from this State. In eight of these States (or nine including Wyoming) State-wide branch banking is permitted, the establishment of branches being restricted in the 11 other States to the home city of the parent bank or territory nearly contiguous thereto. In the tables III, IV and V, giving data for the individual States, the States are grouped with reference to the legal status of branch banking, as defined in State banking codes.

Within the branch banking area as defined above, the more important branch banking developments have been largely restricted to a few States—

one-fourth of the branch offices reported in operation on June 30 being reported for banks in the State of California, and more than one-half of such offices from the three States—California, New York, and Michigan. For a majority of the States of the branch banking area there were during the year only inconsiderable changes, either of increase or decrease in the number of banks operating branches or of branches in operation. The number of banks operating branches remained unchanged or decreased in 12 of the 19 States which permit banks to establish branches, and increased slightly in seven of these States. In California the number of banks operating branches fell off from 63 to 54, although the number of branches in operation increased by 35—an increase exceeded only by New York's increase of 75. More than one-half of the total increase in number of branches during the year was in these two States—New York and California.

Within those States of the branch banking area in which the practice of branch banking has been relatively more extensive, this practice has been largely—in some cases entirely—restricted to urban areas. Two-thirds of all branches reported as in operation on June 30 (2,362 out of 3,440 offices) were home city branches, and the increase during the period following the passage of the McFadden Act in the total number of branches of member and non-member banks in all States was largely an increase in the number of home city branches, the increase for such branches being 433 in a total increase for all branches of 540.

The extent to which branch-banking has been restricted to certain urban communities will be apparent on reference to the table giving data for selected cities (Table II), which shows, for example, that of the 682 branches reported for the State of New York, 549 were in New York City and 71 in Buffalo; of Michigan's 433 branches, 305 were in Detroit; of Pennsylvania's 169 branches, 122 were in Philadelphia; and even in California, where branch banking has developed freely on a State-wide basis, more than one-third of all branch offices (299 out of 861 offices) were home-city branches of Los Angeles and San Francisco banks. Banks located in these two cities operated a very large proportion (787 out of 861) of all branches in the State, including branches located outside the home city of the parent bank with home city branches.

In California the number of branch offices on June 30 (861) was nearly double the number of banks (455, including the head offices of the 54 branch systems). In Michigan 61 banks in a total of 742 were operating 433 branch offices; in New York 106 banks in a total of 1,141 were operating 682 branches; in Maryland 33 banks in a total of 235 were operating 125 branches. The proportion of branches was high also in Rhode Island, Arizona, and the District of Columbia, although the number of branches in these areas was not very considerable. Outside of these States of the branch banking area both the number of branches and the proportion, relatively, to the number of independent banks was inconsiderable.

The proportion of branches in the total of banking offices serving the public has been noted for the country as a whole. It will be apparent from the above figures that this proportion varies greatly from State to State. For the branch banking area as a whole the proportion last June was 23%, or approximately one-fourth; it was between one-fourth and one-third in Arizona, Maine, Massachusetts, and Louisiana; above one-third in Michigan, Maryland, and New York; and rose to 65%, or nearly two-thirds, in California.

Over the year the number of National and of State banks operating branches fell off somewhat, although the number of branches increased—for National banks from 941 to 993 and for State institutions from 2,289 to 2,447. These classifications, as noted elsewhere, have been variously effected in the several States by conversions and merger procedures, which have in some instances resulted in transfers of branch systems of considerable size from one class to another, as between National, State member, and non-member banks.

Size of Branch Systems.

Branch systems are classified by size of system for States in Table V, for selected cities in Table II, and for the country as a whole on the several dates for which data are available in Table I. The large proportion of small systems will be apparent in the summary figures of Table I. The number of one and two branch systems, however, decreased or remained unchanged during the year ended June 30 in 14 of the 19 States which permit banks to establish branches, and increased only slightly in the five remaining States of this group.

No change is shown for the year in the total number of banks operating systems of 10 or more branches. The number of such systems fell off from nine to seven in California, and remained unchanged in New York with 16, and in Michigan with 11 such systems.

The maximum number of branches in any system, the number reported by a California bank, fell off from 289 to 285, this reduction being effected by consolidation of offices in several instances where two offices were located in the same town.

Consolidations resulting in the building up of larger branch systems were consummated during the year very generally in several States of the branch banking area. Altogether, 12 California banks, which had been operating branches in June 1928, were merged with other banks during the year. One National system in Los Angeles, operating on June 30 last 144 branches, represented a merger during the year of two banks—one a National bank which had been operating 97 branches in June 1928, and one a State member bank with 53 branches. Another Los Angeles bank operating a State-wide system of 140 branches in June represented mergers during the year of a National bank located in Los Angeles with 35 branches, a State bank located in San Francisco with 53 branches, and some 27 other banks with 22 branches. In New York City one State bank system of 56 branches in June last had been built up by mergers during the year of three State institutions operating 19, 15, and three branches, respectively. Seventeen banks in New York State which had been operating branches in June 1928 merged with other banks during the year, and in Pennsylvania merger procedures reduced the number of banks operating branches by 15.

On June 30, as shown in the following table, 17 banks were operating systems of more than 30 branches, and nearly two-fifths (37%) of all branches in operation on that date were comprised in these 17 systems, which were located in four States—California, New York, Michigan, and Ohio—with head offices in six cities—two in San Francisco, three in Los Angeles, seven in New York, one in Buffalo, three in Detroit, and one in Cleveland. During the year ended June 30 the number of such systems increased from 14 to 17, and the aggregate of branches operated in such systems increased from 1,026 to 1,287, or by 261. In the same period the number of smaller systems decreased from 821 to 801, and the number of branches in smaller systems fell off from 2,204 to 2,153, or by 51. Over the longer period from December 1926 to June 30 1929, the number of these larger systems increased from 13 to 17, and the number of their branches from 689 to 1,287, or by 598, the increase in number of branches for smaller systems over this period being 61.

SIZE OF BRANCH SYSTEMS.

Size of Branch System.	Banks Operating Branches.			Branches.		
	June 1929.	June 1928.	Dec. 1926.	June 1929.	June 1928.	Dec. 1926.
	Less than 3 branches-----	596	619	585	749	769
3 to 30 branches-----	205	202	198	1,404	1,435	1,378
Over 30 branches-----	17	14	13	1,287	1,026	689
In California-----	5	7	7	719	674	411
In New York-----	3	3	3	360	146	134
In Michigan-----	3	3	2	156	154	92
In Ohio-----	1	1	1	52	52	52
Total-----	818	835	796	3,440	3,230	2,781
Percentage, total-----	100	100	100	100	100	100
Less than 3 branches-----	73	74	73	22	24	25
3 to 30 branches-----	25	24	25	41	44	50
Over 30 branches-----	2	2	2	37	32	25

Banks operating only one or two branches include small country banks operating branch offices in neighboring communities and also institutions of large resources located in some of the larger financial centers. Of the 818 banks operating branches on June 30, 305 were located in places of less than 25,000 population, and of these banks 220 were operating one branch only and 83 two branches only. Of the 359 parent banks located in cities of over 100,000 population, 133 were operating one, and 68 two branches only. The head offices of all but four of the 55 branch systems of more than 10 branches, however, were located in these cities of 100,000 or more population. The distribution of branch systems by size of system and population of the city of the parent bank is shown in the following table. A similar distribution for selected cities is given in Table II, for June 1929 and 1928, and for December 1926.

SIZE OF BRANCH SYSTEMS FOR PARENT BANKS LOCATED IN LARGE AND SMALL CITIES, JUNE 30 1929.

Size of Branch System.	Parent Banks.				
	Total.	Located in Cities.			
		Of Over 100,000.	Of 50,000 to 100,000.	Of 25,000 to 50,000.	Of Less than 25,000.
1 branch-----	443	133	54	36	220
2 branches-----	153	68	14	18	53
3 to 5 branches-----	129	83	13	12	21
6 to 10 branches-----	38	24	3	3	8
11 to 30 branches-----	38	34	---	1	3
Over 30 branches-----	17	17	---	---	---
Total-----	818	359	84	70	305

Urban and Rural Systems.

The character of branch systems is not determined by the location of the parent bank, except in those States which prohibit the establishment of branches outside the home city of the parent bank. California's larger branch systems are operated by banks located in San Francisco and Los Angeles, but these systems embrace a State-wide network of branches. The largest branch system in the State with the head office in San Francisco was operating 42 branches in San Francisco, 43 in Los Angeles, and 200 in other places in the State. Of the 861 branches of California banks, 531 were located outside the home city of the parent bank, and of these outside branches 197 were in places of less than 2,500 population, 135 in places of 2,500 to 10,000, and 199 in larger cities. Of the total number (1,078) of branches located outside the home city of the parent bank in the country as a whole on June 30, 591 were located in towns of less than 2,500 population, 133 in places of 2,500 to 5,000, and 354 in larger places. In New York, Michigan, and several other States in which the development of branch banking has been considerable, however, banks are not permitted to establish branches outside the home city, and the development of branch banking in these States is accordingly restricted to urban communities.

Chain Banking.

Data reported by Federal Reserve agents in the several districts regarding the extent of chain banking affiliations, so far as these are known to the agents, are summarized in Table VI. Information regarding these developments was obtained from various sources, including credit files, examination records of State officers, and personal knowledge of banking officers, and the summary figures given for States are not presented as covering banks comprised in the chains reported. As of June 30 last, the information is as nearly complete as the agents were able to make it. For this date a total of 230 chains were listed, embracing over 1,550 banks, of which nearly 600 were National and over 950 were State institutions. These banks were definitely linked up in groups and subject to centralized administrative control.

Chain systems were found operating in a large majority of the States, individual chain systems extending in many instances beyond State boundaries; but group banking developments were relatively more considerable in the States of Minnesota and North Dakota of the Minneapolis district; Iowa, Illinois, and Michigan of the Chicago district; Nebraska, Kansas, and Oklahoma of the Kansas City district; Arkansas of the St. Louis district; Washington and Utah of the San Francisco district; and in the States of New York and New Jersey. In eight of these 13 States the establishments of branches by banks has been prohibited by law, and in three of them the establishment of branches is restricted to the home city of the parent bank; in the two remaining States (North Dakota and Oklahoma), although no provision regarding the development of branch banking has been enacted, no branches are being operated by banks. Very considerable developments of chain banking are, however, reported from California, which permits State-wide branch banking, and some developments are found in other States of the branch banking area, as well as outside this area.

Prohibitions and restrictions enforced upon banks in developing branch systems in some States may have stimulated the development of chain banking, although the extent to which they have done so can not be determined. Some of the considerations which have led to the development of branch systems in States which have permitted such developments may very well account, also, for the development of chain banking in these and other States generally, since the chain or group system may in individual instances take on many features of centralized control which characterize branch banking. Chain and branch banking may and do interlock and supplement each other in some States and sections of the country, with the result that extensive affiliations of banks and branch systems in different States have been built up. The extensive chain banking developments since June 30, it should be noted, are not covered in the summary figures given in Table VI. Some affiliations reported in June 1928 as chains were not reported as such in 1929, it having been

found on investigation in each of these instances that the association was clearly not of chain banking character. While the chain banking relationship implies centralized control over a group of corporately independent institutions, neither the power to exercise such control nor the amount of control actually exercised can be determined in every instance. It follows that under any definition of chain banking there are bound to be doubtful cases. In making up their lists of chains for 1929 the agents have included all groups, so far as known, of three or more institutions definitely operated as a system or group under centralized control. Generally, although not in every instance, the chain relationship implies a majority stock interest in each member of the chain held by the controlling agency. This controlling stock interest may represent either direct ownership by bank, or indirect ownership by a bank through a subsidiary investment company; or ownership by an individual or by an unincorporated group of individuals; or by an investment company not a subsidiary of any bank. Not infrequently the chain relationship is further evidenced by some interlocking of directorates or administrative staffs. Investment companies or trusts organized to deal in bank stocks may or may not develop through acquisition of such stocks a degree of control over a group of banks sufficient to justify designation of the group as a chain system.

Figures for June 1928 are not brought into comparison with those for June 1929 because of inclusion in the earlier returns of data for banking groups excluded from the list of chains in 1929. Comparison of the returns for these two dates, however, indicates that there was no considerable increase during the year ended June 30 in the number of banks comprised in banking chains, the principal developments of this character having taken place during subsequent months. It is known that certain chain banking groups have been expanding rapidly since June 30, and plans for incorporating companies of large resources to engage in chain banking enterprises have been announced.

TABLE I.—SUMMARY OF BRANCH-BANKING DEVELOPMENTS: 1924-29.

Class of Bank or Branch, &c.	June 30 1929.	June 30 1928.	Feb. 25 1927.	June 30 1924.
Number of banks-----	25,115	25,950	26,973	28,996
Number of operating branches, total-----	818	835	779	714
Member banks, total-----	354	355	334	299
National-----	164	169	145	108
State-----	190	186	189	191
Non-member banks-----	464	480	445	415
Size of branch systems: Number of banks operating-----				
1 branch-----	443	469	446	376
2 branches-----	153	150	127	129
3 to 5 branches-----	130	126	124	---
6 to 10 branches-----	37	35	35	176
Over 10 branches-----	55	55	47	---
Not classified-----	---	---	---	b33
Location of parent bank: Number in cities having in 1920 a population of-----				
100,000 or more-----	359	372	353	289
50,000 to 100,000-----	84	81	65	108
25,000 to 50,000-----	70	66	61	---
Less than 25,000-----	305	316	300	284
Not classified-----	---	---	---	b33
Character of systems: Number of banks operating-----				
Home-city branches only-----	518	526	476	391
Outside branches only-----	252	262	261	283
Home-city and outside branches-----	48	47	42	40
Branches in operation, total-----	3,440	3,230	2,900	2,293
Of member banks-----	2,291	2,161	1,950	1,385
National-----	993	941	390	248
State-----	1,298	1,220	1,560	1,137
Of non-member banks-----	1,149	1,069	950	908
Location of branches: Number located-----				
In home city of parent bank-----	2,362	2,214	1,929	1,508
Outside home city-----	1,078	1,016	971	785
Establishment of branches: No. estab'd-----				
De novo as branches-----	2,329	2,214	1,996	---
By purchase of banks-----	958	853	735	---
No report of method-----	153	163	169	---

a March 1927. b Mutual savings and private banks.

TABLE III.—BANKS OPERATING DOMESTIC BRANCHES AND NUMBER OF BRANCHES, BY STATES, JUNE 30 1929.

State.	Number of Banks.			Number of Branches.			
	Total.	National.	State Mem-ber.	Total.	National Bank.	State Mem-ber.	Non-Mem-ber.
Total-----	818	164	190	464	3,440	993	1,298
State Wide Branch Banking Permitted.							
Arizona-----	7	---	2	5	22	---	12
California-----	54	13	6	35	861	488	109
Delaware-----	7	---	2	5	12	---	2
District of Columbia-----	11	5	---	6	23	11	---
Maryland-----	33	3	2	28	125	8	22
North Carolina-----	42	4	5	33	77	6	10
Rhode Island-----	11	2	4	5	35	2	26
South Carolina-----	12	3	2	7	50	8	2
Virginia-----	38	8	3	27	60	12	11
Wyoming-----	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
Total-----	215	38	26	151	1,265	535	194
Establishment of Branches Prohibited by Law.a							
Alabama-----	5	---	1	4	19	---	1
Arkansas-----	2	---	---	2	3	---	3
Georgia-----	16	4	3	9	34	16	4
Indiana-----	4	1	1	2	9	2	5
Minnesota-----	2	2	---	---	6	2	---
Nebraska-----	2	2	---	---	2	2	---
Oregon-----	1	1	---	---	1	1	---
Washington-----	3	1	1	1	5	2	2
Wisconsin-----	6	1	3	2	9	4	3
Total-----	41	12	9	20	88	33	15

a Branches reported were established prior to prohibitory legislation. Other States which have prohibited the establishment of branches include the following in which no branches were in operation: Colorado, Connecticut, Florida, Idaho, Illinois, Iowa, Missouri, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Texas, Utah, West Virginia, Kansas. States which have made no provision in State law regarding branch banking include the following, in which, also no branches were in operation: New Hampshire, Vermont, North Dakota, South Dakota, Oklahoma.

Branches Restricted as to Location.

Table with columns for State (Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, etc.) and rows for various metrics (9, 4, 2, 3, 10, 13, 3, 42, 1, 7, etc.).

TABLE II.—BRANCH SYSTEMS WITH HEAD OFFICES IN SELECTED CITIES.

Table with columns for City and Date, No. of Banks Operating Branches, Maximum Size of System, and No. of Branches (Total, Home City, Outside).

TABLE IV.—BANKS OPERATING DOMESTIC BRANCHES AND NUMBER OF BRANCHES, BY STATES, JUNE 1924-JUNE 1929.

Table with columns for Class of Bank and State, Number of Banks, and Number of Branches (June 30, 1929, Feb. 25, 1924, etc.).

State Wide Branch Banking Permitted.

Table with columns for State (Arizona, California, Delaware, etc.) and rows for various metrics (7, 8, 9, 6, 22, 23, 20, etc.).

Branches Restricted as to Location.

Table with columns for State (Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, etc.) and rows for various metrics (9, 8, 5, 4, 26, 25, 13, etc.).

Branch Banking Prohibited by Law b

Table with columns for State (Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, etc.) and rows for various metrics (5, 5, 2, 6, 5, 19, 19, 19, etc.).

a Not separately tabulated. b See note a, table III.

TABLE V.—SIZE OF BRANCH SYSTEMS AND LOCATION OF BRANCHES; JUNE 1929 AND 1928.

Table with columns for Class of Bank or State and Year, Number of Banks, Banks Operating Branches, Maximum Size of System, and Branches (Total, In Home City, Out-side).

State Wide Branch Banking Permitted.

Table with columns for State (Arizona, California, Delaware, etc.) and rows for various metrics (46, 7, 3, 2, 1, 1, 10, 22, etc.).

Branches Restricted as to Location.

Table with columns for State (Kentucky, Louisiana, Maine, etc.) and rows for various metrics (572, 9, 5, 1, 3, 7, 26, 24, etc.).

Establishment of Branches Prohibited by Law—Operation of Existing Branches Permitted.

Table with columns for State (Alabama, Arkansas, Georgia, etc.) and rows for various metrics (350, 5, 4, 1, 15, 19, 19, etc.).

No. Branches in Operation.

Table with columns for Other States and rows for various metrics (10,142, 10,504).

a For list of other States which prohibit establishment of branches, or have made no provision regarding branch banking, see note a, table III.

Senator Couzens Demands Railroad Inquiry—Calls for Facts on Merging by Holding Companies Before Action on Consolidation—Favors Review by Inter-State Commerce Commission.

A searching inquiry into the activities of holding companies and investment trusts organized to handle railroad securities was demanded on Dec. 28 by Senator Couzens, Republican, of Michigan, Chairman of the Senate Committee on Inter-State Commerce.

Such an investigation, the Senator believes, should precede any attempts by Congress to pass legislation bearing on railroad consolidation, and should be entrusted to the Inter-State Commerce Commission instead of to a committee of the House or Senate, or a joint committee of Congress.

It is said to be the opinion of Mr. Couzens and other members of his Committee that a large measure of railroad consolidation already has been effected through the medium of the Pennroad Co., which is controlled by the Pennsylvania Railroad interests, the Allegheny Corporation which was formed by the Van Sweringen interests of Cleveland, and like organizations.

This idea was stressed in the last annual report of the Inter-State Commerce Commission, which suggested that the holding companies should be brought under its jurisdiction.

Senator Couzens gave the impression that railroad legislation would be deferred until the holding companies had been investigated and that the inquiry could not be completed in time for consideration at the current session of Congress.

Just before they left Washington for the holidays, Chairman Parker of the House Inter-State Commerce Committee and Senators Watson of Indiana and Fess of Ohio, Republican members of the corresponding Committee of the Senate, declared that the Commission recommendations relative to holding companies would have consideration in connection with consolidation bills.

A reference to the rail merger bills appeared in our issue of Dec. 23, page 4083, the Inter-State Commerce Commission's railroad consolidation plan was noted in these columns pages 4025 to 4038 inclusive.

W. W. Atterbury, President of Pennsylvania RR., Sees Railroads Stabilized Financially.

Describing the changed attitude of the Federal Government to big business, General W. W. Atterbury, President of the Pennsylvania Railroad, said in an address before the Girard College student body at New Year's exercises on Jan. 1 that "the great combinations of industrial enterprise, once feared and antagonized under the name of trusts, are now recognized as among our greatest national assets and absolutely necessary to maintenance of our place in the world's trade." A dispatch from Philadelphia to the New York "Times," quotes Gen. Atterbury further as follows:

"The voice of the people," said General Atterbury, "has acclaimed the honesty of purpose of big business as now conducted, and the Government, ever sensitive to popular opinion, is in all departments giving greater help and less hindrance to business than ever before in our national history."

He dated the changed attitude of the Government toward the railroads to the passage of the Transportation Act of 1920, although, he said, the change in popular opinion began to make itself felt much earlier.

Economic Law Prevails.

"The wisest students of human affairs," General Atterbury continued, "are agreed that wherever statute law and economic law are in conflict, economic law finally prevails—a good thing for the human race.

"It is this saving principle which is now compelling the modification of our anti-trust and anti-merger laws and their judicial application and which is destined to carry the process much further, and with full public approval, or in further deference to a constantly better informed and more articulate public opinion on this all-important subject, fortified by the example of other nations.

"This is not the occasion for an extended discussion of railroad affairs, but having mentioned the subject I cannot refrain from one further observation. Since the passage of the Transportation Act in 1920, which recognized the railroads as public friends and allies, the people of this country have been rendered the best transportation service ever given any nation.

Roads Stabilized Financially.

"The railroads have been stabilized financially, which is the best assurance of continued good service. Dividends have been raised to more nearly adequate levels, which has benefited millions of direct and indirect investors, including all savings bank depositors and insurance policy holders. Railroad employes have received the top individual wages in railroad history.

"Incidentally the nation as a whole has enjoyed great prosperity, and we have established for our people a scale of living higher than that ever before known in any land.

"If it is proper to judge by results, then we are on the right road and should keep going.

"That view, I am sure, would be shared by the founder of this college if he were here to-day to bring the breath of his experience and his profound common sense to bear upon the problems of our time."

Statistics Regarding Motor Fuel Sold and Used in New York During First Six Months of New Law.

Statistics given out at Albany on Dec. 28, at the offices of Thomas M. Lynch, Commissioner of Taxation and Finance, show for the six months ending Oct. 31 of this year the tax paid motor fuel reported by distributors totaled 774,701,746 gallons. The total quantity of motor fuel sold and used in the State during that period and which included both taxable and non-taxable was 788,900,547 gallons. The statement shows that refunds on 15,203,852 gallons were allowed to purchasers of the fuel during that period, these being used for non-taxable purposes by farmers, contractors, and many others, leaving the net quantity taxable at 759,497,894 gallons. It is further announced:

Reported in the non-taxable columns were 2,438,905 gallons sold to the United States Government; 10,618,914 gallons sold to the State and Municipal Governments, and 1,140,982 gallons used by distributors for non-taxable purposes.

Figures for several months preceding October show that in August over 147,000,000 gallons of tax paid motor fuel was reported by distributors, and that refunds were allowed on over 3,000,000 gallons; in September nearly 126,000,000 gallons of tax paid fuel were reported by distributors, and refunds allowed on slightly over 3,500,000 gallons; in October, 124,241,330 gallons were reported as tax paid fuel, and refunds were allowed on 2,867,176

gallons; in this month, 183,306 gallons were allowed to the United States Government; while State and Municipal Governments procured 2,048,922 gallons, and 297,810 gallons were used by distributors for non-taxable purposes.

John J. O'Brien, Pres. of Standard Gas & Electric Co., Believes Gas and Electric Industry Will Continue to Expand.

There is every reason to believe that the electric and gas industries will continue to expand and increase earnings at a substantial rate during 1930, according to a statement by John J. O'Brien, President of the Standard Gas & Electric Co. Construction programs, as already planned and announced, are large, and were made to serve increasing public demands of a fundamental character. Major projects, so far as I know, will be carried out as planned in 1930 in the absence of anything in the present situation to warrant lack of confidence in the growth and prosperity of the United States, added Mr. O'Brien, who is further quoted:

So far as can be ascertained there is nothing approaching an over-extension or over-production of electric and gas facilities or service. The facts point to the contrary, and this is why expansion will continue on a reasonable earnings basis. Large additional fields of service await development. Much remains to be done to further interconnect electric systems, and in the long distance transmission of gas. Due to decreased rainfall there is a shortage of hydro-electric power in the north and west. Even without such shortage additional steam-electric capacities are needed and will be provided.

Few if any other industries are in better position to finance construction than the utilities. First is their exceptionally strong cash position; second, the increased equities built up by junior financing, and third, the customer-ownership method of financing, which the utilities developed in a manner most beneficial to the public and their own progress.

Customer-ownership with most companies has meant the wide distribution of preferred stocks, which have fluctuated but comparatively little in price and none in return to the investor during the recent speculative readjustment. The speculative wave decreased customer-ownership activities, but this method represents a financing reserve of immense potential strength in periods when older forms of financing are difficult and thereby expensive.

The extremes of speculative activity in 1929 were unfortunate in many ways, including giving the public the erroneous impression that the earnings of utility companies were exorbitantly high. Electric and gas companies, as a whole, had a reasonably successful year in 1929, but during this period probably reduced rates in greater volume than ever before. Stock market prices were, and are, beyond the control of utility operators. Anything that serves to give the public false ideas cannot be said to be helpful in the long run.

One important phase of electric and gas development deserves careful consideration by the public and its lawmakers. This is the sharply increasing degree of competition which both these industries face in their future progress. Electric power from central stations now has to fight its way against higher efficiencies than formerly obtained in isolated plants, both steam and internal combustion engines. Over production of coal and oil cause lower prices of fuel. These conditions extend to the household, where the largest potential uses of electricity and gas are for cooking and heating. The introduction of electric refrigeration is distinctly competitive and so is the extension of electric service to the farms. Without going into further detail, it may be said that our problems are really the same as other industries; that is, production cost, distribution expense, selling price and salesmanship.

We believe that we can more than hold our own in the competitive struggle as long as the American idea persists of constant improvement individually and collectively, provided we are not unduly or unequally burdened by legal restrictions.

Bank Pool's Aid Unique in Market—Group Which Eased Decline in Stocks First of Kind to Operate Publicly—Still Holding Securities.

The fact that, at the close of the year the banking pool (formed in October) was understood to have most of its securities intact, is noted in the New York "Times" of Jan. 1 which also states it is believed that these purchases will ultimately be disposed of by private arrangement in quarters where they will be likely to remain as more or less permanent investments. The formation of the banking pool on Oct. 24 at the time of the collapse of prices on the stock market, was noted in our issue of Oct. 26, page 2617. In its comments regarding the operations of the pool the "Times" in its Jan. 1 issue said:

One of the most unusual developments of 1929 was the formation on Oct. 24, the day of the first wide break in the stock market, of a banking pool of six of the city's most powerful banks. The pool was formed not to attempt to stop the avalanche of stock selling nor to turn the market upward, but to bring order out of the chaotic trading conditions on the floor of the Stock Exchange.

Word of the formation of the pool reached Wall Street in flashes over the news tickers. Shortly after noon on that celebrated Thursday when prices on the Exchange were tumbling, Charles E. Mitchell, Chairman of the National City Bank, was seen to enter the offices of J. P. Morgan & Co. He was followed in a few moments by Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman of the Chase National Bank. Then William C. Potter, President of the Guaranty Trust Co., and Seward Prosser, Chairman of the Bankers Trust Co., arrived. These four conferred with Thomas W. Lamont, a partner in Morgan & Co. Later they were joined by George F. Baker, Jr. of the First National Bank.

Each of the bankers is understood to have pledged a large sum of money to a common fund which was to be used in supplying bids for stocks where no takers appeared in the market to absorb the offerings. It was this disappearance of bids, a condition described by Mr. Lamont as the development of "air-pockets," which contributed most actively to the demoralization of the market.

Under the influence of the banking pool's operations trading became more orderly, although the decline in prices continued and the low prices of the break were not reached until Nov. 13, nearly three weeks after the formation of the pool.

The sum of money which the pool had at its disposal is known to have been considerably in excess of \$200,000,000, probably about \$250,000,000, and, in addition large sums were offered by other powerful banks should the pool require additional resources in its stabilization measures.

Not more than half of this great sum was employed; the remainder was held in reserve in case further crises developed.

During the first few days of the market's decline members of the pool met twice daily, at noon and again after the close of the market. After these meetings Mr. Lamont acted as spokesman for the group. As the market depression dragged on, however, the daily meetings at Morgan's were abandoned. Instead, members of the group conferred by telephone and once or twice met at night at Mr. Lamont's house.

Although Wall Street always has talked vaguely of "banking support" and "banking pools," the organization of this group last October is believed to have been the first one in American financial history concerning which the financial community had definite knowledge of its existence, of its personnel and of the details of its meetings and procedure.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Gold Movement in December—Effect of Closing of Argentine Conversion Office.

In its report of the gold movement during December, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in its Monthly Review Jan. 1, refers as follows to the closing of the Argentine Conversion office (which was alluded to in our issues of Dec. 21, page 3893 and Dec. 28, page 4064).

On Dec. 16 the President of the Argentine Republic declared the National Conversion Office closed to further withdrawals of gold. It is understood that this does not constitute a complete embargo upon the export of gold, and that such gold as is held by the banks—over 45,000,000 U. S. dollars—may be shipped at the discretion of the banks. Since the beginning of the year Argentina has lost around \$150,000,000 of gold. The Conversion Office is reported to hold at present some 423,000,000 gold pesos, or about \$408,000,000 in gold.

The Review's reference to the gold movement follows:

The outflow of gold from the United States, which began at the end of October, was greatly accelerated in December, and the reduction in the country's monetary gold stock reached the largest total in any month since May 1928.

In the month of December there were exports of \$47,900,000 in gold to France, \$21,000,000 to England, \$1,340,000 to Sweden, and \$1,280,000 to Germany. Including small miscellaneous shipments for non-monetary purposes, exports totaled \$72,200,000 in round figures. Imports were \$3,500,000, of which over \$2,000,000 was received from Argentina, and \$950,000 from Colombia. There was an additional loss to the country's gold stock through an increase of \$22,000,000 in gold earmarked for foreign account. The net result according to a preliminary calculation was a loss through exports, imports, and earmarkings, of \$90,800,000, which would reduce the net gain for 1929 from \$228,100,000 at the end of October to \$115,100,000 at the end of December.

NET GAIN OR LOSS OF GOLD THROUGH IMPORTS, EXPORTS, AND EARMARKINGS.

1929.	Through Net Gold Imports or Exports.	Through Earmarkings.	Total.
January	+\$47,100,000	-\$65,000,000	-\$17,900,000
February	+25,500,000		+25,500,000
March	+24,800,000	+7,500,000	+32,300,000
April	+23,100,000	+48,600,000	+71,700,000
May	+23,600,000	+16,100,000	+39,700,000
June	+30,200,000	-7,500,000	+22,700,000
July	+34,700,000	-22,000,000	+12,700,000
August	+18,400,000	-1,000,000	+17,400,000
September	+17,600,000	-6,600,000	+11,000,000
October	+17,500,000	-4,500,000	+13,000,000
Total	+\$262,500,000	-\$34,400,000	+\$228,100,000
November	-\$23,200,000	+\$1,000,000	-\$22,200,000
December	*-\$68,800,000	*-\$22,000,000	*-\$90,800,000
Total	*-\$92,000,000	*-\$21,000,000	*-\$113,000,000
Net total	*+\$170,500,000	*-\$55,400,000	*+\$115,100,000

* Preliminary.

Between Nov. 27 and Dec. 26 the Bank of England added £10,600,000 to its gold stock, bringing up the total to £146,000,000, or £15,700,000 above the low level reached on Oct. 2. A rough estimate of the December movement in London is as follows: Imports from the United States, £4,680,000; from Australia, £4,010,000; from Argentina, £1,750,000; South African sovereigns paid into the bank, £2,070,000; secured in the open market, £1,675,000. Exports were negligible except to France which took a total estimated at £2,300,000, of which £400,000 was taken on the 3rd and 4th and the balance since the 24th of December.

Federal Reserve Bank of New York on Factors Operating Toward Tightening of Money Market in December.

Observing that "the money market was subject to conflicting influences during December, as the net result of which money rates remained little changed, except for the usual advance in call loan rates in the final week of the month," the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in its Monthly Review, Jan. 1, says:

The principal factors operating toward a tightening of the money market were large withdrawals of currency from the banks for the holiday trade, and a substantial gold export movement. In addition there were unusually heavy withdrawals of funds from New York to other parts of the country. The chief factors operating toward easier money conditions were the further liquidation of bank credit called into emergency use at the end of October and early in November, and Reserve Bank open market operations.

The diagram at the left below [this we omit.—Ed.] shows the extent of the holiday currency demand, which is usually the dominant influence on the money market in December. It indicates that while the amount of currency called into use during this holiday season has probably been slightly smaller than in 1928, these requirements have constituted a drain upon bank reserves of about 200 million dollars between Thanksgiving and Christmas. Though this demand was countrywide it drew heavily on the New York

market as banks throughout the country, as usual, withdrew funds from New York as their own funds were withdrawn by their customers.

While currency needs may have been less than last year, gold movements were much larger. In 1928 there had been some loss of gold during the latter part of November, chiefly through the earmarking of gold for foreign account, a movement unrelated to the position of the foreign exchanges. This year there was a heavy outflow of gold, directly resulting from the strength of the foreign exchanges at New York. In December the loss of gold, including earmarkings, amounted to 91 million dollars, and the total movement from Oct. 28 through Dec. 31 amounted to a loss of 116 million.

In addition to these large gold exports and the holiday currency demand, withdrawals of funds from New York by the rest of the country were much larger than usual. Between the middle of November and Christmas net withdrawals totaled about 300 million dollars. This movement may be considered a logical sequel to the events of the preceding weeks. The events of September and October caused easy money in New York but for some weeks this money did not flow freely to other districts, probably reflecting some stoppage of the usual liquidity of funds due to disturbances in the security markets. As more normal conditions were restored, the surplus funds in New York, and even funds not surplus, flowed to other centers.

The triple drain upon New York of currency, gold, and transfers might well have caused very firm money conditions, but other influences largely offset this tendency. The first of these was the continuance of the liquidation of credit after the security price decline. As their deposits declined the reserve requirements of the New York City banks declined releasing a part of their reserves. The liquidation in member bank credit was partly in security loans, partly in inter-bank loans, which had been expanded in November, and partly in other loans. The changes in total loans and investments of reporting banks are shown in the second diagram on the preceding page.

A second means by which funds were provided to meet the unusual demands of the month was the open market operations of the Reserve banks. Between Nov. 20 and Dec. 24 their holdings of Government securities were increased by nearly 160 million dollars and their holdings of bankers acceptances by about 70 million dollars, a considerable part of the purchases being made in New York. Member bank borrowing at the New York Reserve Bank was increased slightly, but even at the seasonal peak on Dec. 26 was only 252 million dollars, considerably less than on the same date in 1928.

It may be further noted that the effect of the recent movement of funds was to enable member banks in other districts to repay some of their borrowings at their local Reserve banks and thus laid the basis for a somewhat easier money position in those districts. The effect was thus to extend to other sections of the country the tendency towards easier money conditions which became apparent in New York in October and November.

The usual table of money rates in New York is given below. The peak of the currency demand just before Christmas and preparations for year-end statements and disbursements caused a temporary rise in call loan rates in the last week of December, and rates on short bills advanced slightly, reflecting the temporary curtailment of funds available for short term investment. Commercial paper rates and customers' loan rates of New York City banks were practically unchanged, and time money rates remained close to the lowest level since the middle of 1928.

MONEY RATES AT NEW YORK.

	Dec. 31 '28.	Nov. 29 '29.	Dec. 31 '29.
Stock Exchange call loans	*9-12	*4½	*5½-6
Stock Exchange 90-day loans	7¾	4¾	4¾-5
Prime commercial paper	5¼-5½	5-5¼	5
Bills, 30-day unindorsed	4½	3¾-¾	4
Customers' rates on commercial loans	x5.49	x5.73	x5.57
Treasury certificates:			
Maturing March 15 (yield)	4.14	3.04	2.40
Maturing June 15 (yield)	4.42	3.13	2.98
Treasury bills:			
Maturing March 17 (offered)	5	—	2¾
Federal Res. Bank of N. Y. rediscount rate	—	—	4½
Fed. Res. Bank of N. Y., buying rate for 90-days bills	4½	4	4

* Range for preceding week. x Average rate of leading banks at middle of month.

Comments of New York Federal Reserve Bank on New Treasury Bills.

Commenting on the recent issue of Treasury Bills, the Federal Reserve Bank of New York, in its Jan. 1 Monthly Review states:

In addition to the usual quarterly transactions of the Treasury, a new feature in December was the sale on a discount basis to the highest bidders of \$100,000,000 of Treasury bills dated Dec. 17 1929 and due March 17 1930. Tenders for this issue of bills totaled \$224,000,000, of which \$100,000,000 were accepted at an average price of 99.181, equivalent to an average annual rate of about 3¾% on a bank discount basis. Immediately after the 17th, these bills were offered in the market by security dealers at a 3½% per annum discount, and during the balance of the month were quoted from that rate down to a discount of 2¾%. Unlike Treasury certificate issues, payments for Treasury bills cannot be made by a credit to the Government on the books of depository banks, but must be made in cash or immediately available funds on the date of issue. Due to this feature, the Treasury does not have to pay interest on funds borrowed in advance of requirements, and, consequently the discount on the first issue, while nominally higher than the coupon rate on the nine months certificate use, actually represented a lower interest cost to the Treasury.

These Treasury bills have the advantages for the subscribers that they are of shorter maturity than previous offerings of Government securities, and that the rate of return is established, not by the Treasury, but by the market through competitive bidding.

ITEMS ABOUT BANKS, TRUST COMPANIES, ETC.

Arrangements were reported made this week for the transfer of a New York Stock Exchange membership for \$405,000, ex-rights.

The second New York Cotton Exchange membership of William W. Cohen was reported sold this week to Norris Sellar for \$23,000. Last preceding sale \$27,100.

The New York Cocoa Exchange membership of R. G. Dale was reported sold to Wessels, Kulenkampff & Co., for another for \$3,500, an increase of \$500 over the last preceding sale.

At a meeting of the directors of the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York on Jan. 2, Charles H. Sabin was elected Chairman of the board to succeed James S. Alexander, retired. Mr. Alexander's resignation was reported in our issue of Dec. 21, page 3906.

The Guaranty Trust Co. announces the appointment of William F. Gost, formerly Assistant Secretary, as a Second Vice-President of the company. Mr. Gost is associated with the bank's Madison Ave. office, at 60th St. Announcement is also made by the Guaranty Trust Co. of the appointment of Robert Speedie, formerly Auditor at London offices, as Assistant Comptroller, Foreign offices, and of Harold A. Laycock, formerly Assistant Secretary, as Secretary of the London office. Mr. Laycock succeeds George Rowland Berkeley, who will give his entire time to the Guaranty Executor and Trustee Co., Ltd., of which he is Manager and Secretary.

Resources in excess of two billion dollars are shown for the first time by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York in its statement of condition as of Dec. 31 1929. The company reports deposits, including outstanding checks, of \$1,309,289,553, an increase of \$33,256,669 over Sept. 27 1929, the date of the last published statement. Undivided profits, totalling \$32,636,024, reflect a gain of \$3,827,031 since Sept. 27 1929. Capital of \$90,000,000 and a surplus fund of \$170,000,000 give the company total capital, surplus and undivided profits of \$292,636,023. The statement shows total resources of \$2,017,119,332 as of Dec. 31 1929, an increase of \$158,462,786 over Sept. 27 1929, the date of the last statement.

Richard T. Wilson, banker and sportsman, died in this city on Dec. 29 at the age of 62 years. Mr. Wilson, in 1887, entered the banking firm of R. T. Wilson & Co. established by his father. He was however, better known as a turfman, and was President of the Saratoga Association for the Improvement of the Breed of Horses. He was also a director of the Westchester Racing Association and a steward of the Jockey Club.

The newly elected President of the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, Winthrop W. Aldrich, in a New Year message to the clients, stockholders and correspondents of the institution, says in part:

Because of the sad and untimely death of our President, Chellis A. Austin, it unexpectedly becomes my privilege as his successor to address a brief New Year's message to you. It is my earnest purpose, in carrying on the task which has been entrusted to me, to follow out the policies which Mr. Austin had instituted in so constructive and vigorous a manner.

The merger of the Seaboard National Bank and the Equitable Trust Co. has been completed in its fundamental aspects but the opportunities for progress, created by that merger and the subsequent increase of capital funds, have not yet been realized. As a result of the forward steps we have taken in the last few months, the Equitable Trust Co. is in a favorable position to serve its clients more effectively than ever before.

The election of Mr. Aldrich as President of the institution was noted in our issue of Dec. 21, page 3906. In its Dec. 31 statement of condition the Equitable reports capital of \$50,000,000; surplus and profits of \$63,611,004; deposits of \$625,427,576 and total assets of \$1,013,970,799.

At a meeting on Jan. 2 of the directors of the Chemical Bank & Trust Co. of New York, \$5,000,000 was added to surplus fund from accumulated earnings. At this week's meeting also the directors of the Chemical Bank & Trust elected Jerre L. Dowling an Assistant Vice-President. His early education was received in the public schools of Ozark, Ala., graduating from the Dale County High School. In October, 1918, he entered the Freshman class of the University of Alabama; appointed as a cadet to the United States Military Academy in October, 1918 and was graduated in 1922. He was commissioned in the regular army as a lieutenant of cavalry; resigned in 1922 to enter the Credit Department of the Chemical National Bank. In 1923 he was made Southern representative of the Chemical National Bank and in January, 1928, he was appointed Assistant Cashier and later was successful in building up an acceptance business to a point where it was very profitable to the Bank. In May 1928, he was appointed Assistant Vice-President of the Bank of America and was sent to the Pacific coast to study their systems and methods. This experience with the Bank of America has made him thoroughly familiar with branch banking facilities. During his connection with the Bank of America, he made a study of the railroad and public utility industries, and is thoroughly familiar with these two industries.

Chatham Phenix Corp. announces that Frederick A. Stevens has joined the sales department of its Boston office. Mr. Stevens was formerly with F. L. Putman & Co., and prior to that with the Boston office of the William R. Compton Co.

On Jan. 2 Harry A. Kahler, President of the New York Title & Mortgage Co., reported to the Manhattan Co. that more than 75% of the stock of the New York Title & Mortgage Co. had been deposited pursuant to an agreement by which the company becomes affiliated with the Manhattan Co. as a unit in its group of financial institutions. Following the receipt of this information, the Board of Directors of the Manhattan Co. formally declared the plan operative.

In announcing the result of the stockholders' action, Mr. Kahler pointed out that the year just closed had been a profitable one for the New York Title & Mortgage Co., as well as for its subsidiaries, the American Trust Co. and the County Trust Co. of White Plains.

Initial steps toward formal organization of the Park Row Trust Co. at 154 Nassau St., this city, the site of the Clarke Brothers bank which failed last June, was taken by the organization committee on Dec. 30 with the offer of stock at \$32 per share to former Clarke Brothers depositors and to stockholders of the Plaza Trust Co. In reporting this the "Herald-Tribune" of Dec. 31 stated:

The new bank will be capitalized at \$500,000 with a surplus of \$250,000 and an organization expense fund of \$50,000, the committee's subscription offer stated. The stock issue will be 25,000 shares of \$20 par value, the surplus and organization funds running the issue up to \$32 per share. The 2,200 depositors who lost their money in the Clarke Brothers collapse may purchase in proportion to their losses up to 49% of the capital stock issue.

Stockholders of the Plaza Trust Co., whose directors acting as individuals comprise the Park Row Trust organization committee, were offered the privilege of subscribing for three shares of the Park Row Trust Co. for each five shares of Plaza stock held as of record on Dec. 31. The opportunity to subscribe is non-transferable, and no rights will be issued and no rights accrue, the committee's announcement stated. The subscription lists close at 3 p. m. Jan. 10.

The organization committee is composed of M. H. Cahill, President of the Plaza Trust Co. and former president of the New York State Bankers Association; W. H. Carpenter, President of Dexter-Carpenter Coal Co.; Thomas R. Cowell, oil and gas; Lee W. Maxwell, President Crowell Publishing Co.; Alexander M. Stewart, Chairman of James Stewart & Co.; Frank J. Stoltz, President of Central New York, Utilities Corp.; Herbert Turrell, investment banker; Lazarus White, President of Spencer, White & Prentiss, Inc.; and Francis L. Wurzburg, Vice-President of Conde Nast Publications, Inc.

A reference to the proposed organization of the Park Row Trust Co. appeared in our issue of Dec. 14, page 3743.

Further referring to the closing on Dec. 24 by the State Banking Department of the United Strength Bank & Trust Co. of Philadelphia (better known as the U. S. Bank & Trust Co.), noted in our issue of Dec. 28, page 4084, we learn from the Philadelphia "Ledger" of Jan. 3 that the previous day the bank began injunction proceedings in the Court of Common Pleas No. 2 to compel Peter J. Cameron, State Secretary of Banking, to relinquish control of the institution's affairs. Judge Lewis granted a rule requiring Mr. Cameron to answer the bank's petition next Friday, Jan. 10. Continuing the Philadelphia paper said:

The petition denies it was necessary for the Banking Department to have taken the action it did. Instead of having been in "an unsafe condition to continue business," as alleged, the petition insists the institution was conducting its business in "an orderly manner with due regard for the safety of its depositors, creditors and stockholders."

C. Stuart White, President of the company, signed the petition. It was presented to Judge Lewis by State Senator Salus, Roy Martin Boyd and Harris W. Watkins, as counsel for the bank.

It asserts "the taking possession of the bank was an abuse of power on the part of the Secretary of Banking," and adds liquidation of the bank's assets by the Banking Department would "be carried out with great cost and expense. Assets of your petitioner will be sacrificed, thereby causing undue hardship and loss to depositors, creditors and stockholders."

The statement of the Empire Trust Co. of New York as of Dec. 31 1929, is the first annual report to show resources in excess of \$100,000,000. The total of \$105,581,682 compares with \$94,665,984 on Sept. 27 1929, and represents, therefore, an increase of \$10,915,698 in 3 months. Deposits increased in that period to \$90,031,605 from \$78,525,789. The item of cash increased to \$20,273,398 from \$12,976,893 and the company's holdings of Government and municipal securities were expanded to \$11,476,279 from \$6,550,987. Street and demand loans were reduced to \$45,345,768 from \$46,663,940, while time loans and bills purchased increased to \$15,430,596 from \$13,680,431. The statement shows surplus and undivided profits of \$9,300,592, as against capital stock of \$6,000,000. The item of profits was after deducting the 89th regular quarterly dividend and the 3% extra dividend.

Since William J. Large assumed the Presidency of the Long Island National Bank, Astoria (Borough of Queens), New York, less than three months ago, on Oct. 8, 1929, 1,173 new accounts have been opened, according to an announcement by Meyer Boskey, Chairman of the Board. Mr. Boskey added that the bank now has more than 8,000 accounts and predicted a steady growth for the institution in view of the building and industrial activity expected in Astoria and Long Island City during 1930.

It is now proposed to consolidate the American Trust Co. of Boston with the First National Bank of Boston, with which the Old Colony Trust Co. of Boston was merged on Dec. 16. Special meetings of the respective stockholders of the institutions will be held on Jan. 27 to vote on the proposed union. In the official notice of the special meeting of the American Trust Co.'s shareholders as published in the Boston "Herald" of Dec. 28, the merger plan was outlined as follows:

American Trust Co. now has a capital of \$1,500,000, represented by 15,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each. The First National Bank has a capital of \$43,500,000, represented by 2,175,000 shares of the par value of \$20 each.

The plan contemplates that American Trust Co. and the First National Bank will be consolidated under the charter of the latter in accordance with the provisions of Federal law. The capital of the First National Bank will be increased to \$44,500,000, this increase to be represented by 50,000 additional shares of the par value of \$20 each. These additional 50,000 shares will be issued to American Trust Co. in return for its assets, as then existing, for distribution to its stockholders, being 3 1-3 shares of stock of the First National Bank in respect of each of the 15,000 shares of stock in the American Trust Co.

Stock of Old Colony Trust Co. and stock of the First National Old Colony Corp. is now held by trustees or otherwise for the pro rata benefit of holders of existing shares of the First National Bank. The beneficial interests in the stocks so held are attached to and pass upon transfer of the existing shares of stock of the First National Bank. No such beneficial interests will attach at date of issue to the 50,000 additional shares referred to. Therefore, in order that similar beneficial interests may be acquired and attach to these 50,000 shares, the plan contemplates that prior to the effective date of the consolidation assets of American Trust Co. having an approximate value of \$800,000 will be segregated and eventually utilized for acquiring such beneficial interests.

It is contemplated that prior to the effective date of the consolidation American Trust Co. will, so far as practicable and compatible with the wishes of interested parties, transfer its trust and transfer business to Old Colony Trust Co.

Accordingly, upon final consummation of the plan stockholders of American Trust Co. will become shareholders of the First National Bank and, upon compliance with the provisions of the plan, will become entitled as shareholders of the First National Bank to beneficial interests in stock of Old Colony Trust Co. and stock of the First National Old Colony Corp. held by trustees as stated above.

On Dec. 31 the proposed merger of the Security Savings Bank of Newark, N. J., with the Howard Savings Institution of that city—indicated in our issue of Nov. 9, page 2961—was effected. The new organization, which is known as the Security Savings Bank of the City of Newark, on and after Jan. 13 will be located in the building of the Howard Savings Institution, 764-768 Broad Street.

The proposed consolidation of the National Bank of Baltimore, with the Union Trust Co. of that city, was approved by the shareholders of the latter institution on Dec. 27. The merger plan calls for the exchange of 5 1/4 shares of Union Trust Co. stock (par value \$10 a share) for one share of National Bank of Baltimore stock (par value \$100 a share). Our last reference to the approaching union of these banks appeared in the "Chronicle" of Dec. 21, page 3909.

At a special meeting held Dec. 23 the stockholders of the National Bank of Delaware at Wilmington, Wilmington, Del., unanimously voted to merge the institution with the Security Trust Co. of that city. The business of the former will be transferred to the Security Trust Co. to-day (Jan. 4). Its affairs will be liquidated and it will go out of existence. Items referring to the proposed consolidation of these banks appeared in our issues of Nov. 16 and Dec. 21, pages 3118 and 3908, respectively.

The Title Guarantee & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, O., announces the appointment of Charles A. Moore as Resident Manager of the Detroit, Mich., offices of the institution at 2034 Dime Bank Building, that city.

A special meeting of the stockholders of the Western Bank & Trust Co. of Cincinnati, Ohio, will be held on Jan. 8 to vote on a proposed increase in the bank's capital from \$1,000,000 to \$1,250,000 and also on a proposed reduction in the par value of the bank's stock from \$100 a share to \$10 a share.

Advices from Columbus, Ind., on Dec. 19 to the Indianapolis "News" stated that the First National Bank of Harts-

ville, Ind., had been consolidated with the Hope State Bank of Hope, Ind., according to an announcement made the previous day. The consolidated bank will continue the name of the Hope State Bank and will be operated in the building of that institution. The combined resources of the institutions, it was said, will be somewhat over \$250,000. Arthur May is President of the Hope State Bank; Arthur Ketner, Vice-President, and Mrs. Edna May Carty, Cashier. The dispatch quoted Luther F. Symons, State Bank Commissioner for Indiana, under whose supervision the merger was brought about, as saying that the union was in the interest of good banking.

The Progressive State Bank, a small Chicago bank located at 2200 West Division St., was closed on Dec. 28 by State Auditor Nelson at the request of the directors after a small "run" on the institution had depleted cash reserves, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of the same date. The directors were reported as saying that there was no basis for the "run" and there would be no loss to depositors. The bank, which is capitalized at \$200,000, has deposits of \$616,000 and total resources of more than \$1,000,000. The closed bank was not a member of the Clearing House. Officers are Gerson Guthman, President; Fred F. Block, Vice-President; Frank A. Munch, Cashier, and R. J. Gill, Assistant Cashier.

Net earnings of the Continental Illinois Bank & Trust Co., Chicago, for the calendar year 1929 were reported Jan. 2 by Arthur Reynolds, Chairman of the Board, to be considerably in excess of the combined 1928 earnings of the two banks (the Continental National Bank & Trust Co. and the Illinois Merchants Trust Co.), which were consolidated in March, 1929, giving Chicago a billion-dollar bank. After setting aside \$5,500,000 for taxes and providing amply for losses, actual and anticipated, net earnings for 1929 were \$20,443,167, compared with \$16,527,845 for both banks in 1928. These earnings are equivalent to 27.3% on the capital stock of the bank, or 12.5% on the total invested capital. Dividends in 1929 amounted to \$12,000,000, leaving \$8,443,167 to be added to the undivided profits account. Included in the bank's statement of earnings are profits of the Continental Illinois Co., the bank's affiliated investment organization. "The earnings of the company," Mr. Reynolds stated, "exceeded earlier estimates." "One of the developments in connection with the company," we quote Mr. Reynolds, "was the acquisition by it of an interest in the Continental Chicago Corporation. Through their ownership of the Continental Illinois Co., the stockholders of the bank have this interest in the operations of the corporation, and I believe that this ownership of stock will be a means of further augmenting the profits accruing to stockholders of the bank." The Continental Illinois Co. has just sent an official representative to Europe, who will have headquarters in London, and in February an office of the company will be opened in San Francisco.

Commenting on the trend of the bank's loans and deposits, Mr. Reynolds stated that during the first week of the stock market crisis, collateral loans naturally increased, but afterwards loans to brokers were substantially reduced and the trend of the bank's loans, both secured and unsecured, had been downward. The bank's deposits, he said, increased immediately after the first break in stock prices, then worked somewhat lower, keeping in line with changes in the deposits of all banks that report weekly to the Reserve authorities.

We are advised that during the year 1929 the Personal Loan & Savings Bank of Chicago made over 50,000 personal loans, amounting to \$12,800,000—an increase of 25% over the volume of the preceding year. Willoughby G. Walling, President of the bank, stated that this increase is not noticeably traceable to any recent financial pressure, but that the volume of business has been steadily mounting since the bank moved to the corner of Madison and Clark Streets in April, and particularly since July 1 when the name was changed to the Personal Loan & Savings Bank. Commenting upon the reasons for borrowing, Mr. Walling said:

In good times or bad, doctor bills, repairs to the home, money for educational purposes, and other similar demands fall upon the family. In times of great prosperity there is a tendency for people to borrow larger amounts than in times of dullness. In dull times the need for money to meet demands on the family may be more widespread, but people are more cautious in assuming obligations beyond their capacity to repay.

It is significant that during the year 1929, with an increase of over \$2,000,000 in loan volume, losses were \$25,000 less. The losses of the bank have never exceeded 2/5 of 1%.

The directors of the Personal Loan and Savings Bank have authorized the regular quarterly dividend of 2½%, to be paid on Dec. 21.

James P. McManus, formerly Vice-President of the First National Bank of Chicago, died suddenly at Fort Dodge, Iowa, on Dec. 23. Mr. McManus was actively connected with the bank for thirty-six years, retiring Jan. 31 of this year.

A State charter has been granted for a new Chicago bank, the Uptown State Bank, which has been organized by interests identified with the First National Bank of that city to take over the Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank of Chicago, according to the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 23. The new institution, which will occupy, it was said, the present quarters of the Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank at Wilson Ave. and Broadway, will be capitalized at \$500,000, with surplus of \$100,000 and undivided profits and reserves of \$500,000. Its initial deposits will total approximately \$5,000,000. Edward M. Warner, Assistant Vice-President of the First National Bank, will head the Uptown State Bank as President, while other officers will be: H. L. Benson, now Manager of the credit department of the First National Bank, Vice-President; E. C. Dose, former Cashier of the Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank, Cashier, and F. J. Brockhoff, R. M. Woodburn and L. E. Kahn (also formerly of the Fidelity Trust & Savings Bank), Assistant Cashiers.

Supplementing our items of Dec. 21 (page 3909) with reference to the proposed consolidation of the Equitable Trust Co. of Detroit and the Central Trust Co. of that city, under the title of the Equitable & Central Trust Co., stockholders of both banks on Dec. 27 approved the proposed union, according to the Detroit "Free Press" of Dec. 28. The Equitable Trust Co., it was stated, will change its name to the Equitable & Central Trust Co., and its capital will be increased to \$1,000,000 (from \$500,000). Surplus and undivided profits will be approximately \$700,000 and total resources will aggregate about \$4,000,000. Outlining the stock basis under which the merger will be consummated, the paper mentioned said:

Capital will be represented by 50,000 shares of capital stock having a par value of \$20 a share; 20,000 shares will be distributed to present Equitable stockholders on the basis of four shares of the new stock for each share previously held, and these stockholders will receive the right to subscribe to one additional share at \$40 for each four new shares owned. Twenty thousand shares will also be distributed among the present Central stockholders, on the basis of two shares of new stock for each share of Central Trust Co. stock previously owned, and these stockholders will also receive rights to purchase one share of new stock for each four shares of new stock held.

Thomas Neal, President of the Equitable Trust Co., will head the consolidated bank, it was said, and other officers will be announced after the annual meeting, to be held Jan. 15. In conclusion, the Detroit paper said that it is expected that, temporarily at least, present quarters of the Central Trust Co. will be continued.

According to advices from Minneapolis yesterday, Jan. 3, to the "Wall Street Journal," a new company has just been organized, the Banenorthwest Co., which will underwrite and distribute investment securities on a National scale and will be affiliated with the 96 other banking or investment organization in the Northwest Bancorporation group. The new company, the dispatch went on to say, will take over the business formerly conducted by the Minnesota Co., subsidiary of the Minnesota Loan & Trust Co. of Minneapolis. The bond departments of affiliated banks in the Northwest Bancorporation will also be associated with the new institution, as well as the First National Duluth Co., the Iowa Des Moines Co., now being formed at Des Moines; Spokane Eastern Co. and the United States National Co. of Omaha. Henry D. Thrall, Vice-President and Treasurer of the Minnesota Co., will be President of the Banenorthwest Co.

Affiliation of the Bank of Miles City, Miles City, Mont., with the Northwest Bancorporation of Minneapolis, was announced on Dec. 28, by E. W. Decker, President of the holding company, according to the Minneapolis "Journal" of Dec. 29. This makes the 87th bank to join the Northwest Bancorporation, and brings the total resources of the organization to \$475,000,000, it is said. The acquired bank was founded in 1925 to provide a financial institution for

the livestock and agricultural areas surrounding Miles City, it was stated. It is capitalized at \$50,000, has deposits of \$631,000 and total resources of \$737,647. F. R. Savage is President; R. P. Findlater, Vice-President, and H. E. Richard, Vice-President and Cashier.

According to a dispatch from Sumter, S. C., on Dec. 24 to the Columbia (S. C.) "State", the National Bank of South Carolina of Sumter absorbed on Dec. 24 the City National Bank of that place, the former taking over all the assets and guaranteeing all deposits of the City National Bank as of that date. C. G. Rowland, it was said, would continue to head the enlarged bank, while George L. Rieker, former President of the City National Bank, would become Active Vice-President. The last financial statement of the National Bank of South Carolina, it was said, showed capital of \$300,000, surplus of \$230,000, undivided profits of \$53,189 and deposits of \$1,376,439, while the statement of the City National Bank showed capital of \$150,000, surplus of \$50,000, undivided profits of \$1,556 and deposits of \$798,995.

Closing of the Hickman Bank & Trust Co. of Hickman, Ky., on Dec. 30 and the turning over of the affairs of the institution to the State Banking Commissioner by its directors in order to protect the depositors, was reported in an Associated Press dispatch from that place on Dec. 30, printed in the New York "Times" of the following date. The dispatch went on to say:

"Frozen assets" was given as the reason for the closing and John Pyle, cashier, said that depositors would be fully protected as the bank had assets of almost two to one for its deposits. Its last published statement showed deposits of almost \$700,000.

The closing temporarily paralyzed the business of the community, but steps were taken at once to reorganize and open a new bank.

Plans for the organization of a banking chain were announced on Dec. 21 by Thomas R. Preston, President of the Hamilton National Bank of Chattanooga, Tenn., according to the Chattanooga "News" of that date. The plans involve the establishment of an organization, the name of which will probably be the Hamilton Bank Associates, Inc., which will own and operate a number of banks in the Chattanooga section, it was said, and will also act as an investment trust, purchasing stock in a number of well-known corporations. The new company will have, when fully paid, a capital of \$20,000,000, par value \$25 a share, and surplus of \$4,000,000. All the stock will be sold at a premium, the premium constituting the surplus. According to Mr. Preston, the organization will have a working capital of approximately \$4,000,000 in cash, obtained through the sale of about 125,000 shares of the stock. All the banks entering the group will be located in Tennessee, north Alabama and north Georgia. At the start there will be between twelve and fourteen banks joining the group, with total resources (including their trust funds) of between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000. It is contemplated, however, that the number of banks will be increased and the resources eventually reach \$100,000,000. There will be no change in the officials or organizations of the banks entering the group, it was said. Mr. Preston will head the new organization and C. M. Preston and Frank Underwood will be active Vice-Presidents. These officials will continue their present connections as officers of the Hamilton National Bank, it was stated. An official statement in the matter, as printed in the paper mentioned, follows:

1. The board of directors of the Hamilton National Bank and the executive board of the branches have had the matter of group banking and investment trusts under consideration for some time, and they have unanimously approved the organization of the Hamilton National Associates, Inc., with a capital, when fully paid, of \$20,000,000 and a surplus of \$4,000,000; par value of \$25 per share, all stock to be sold at a premium, the premium constituting the surplus. Forty thousand shares will be allotted to the shareholders of the Hamilton National Bank, a considerable portion of which has already been underwritten. Some large out-of-town interests will subscribe for between 40,000 and 50,000 shares, both amounts to be paid for in cash at \$30 per share. In addition, 40,000 shares will be offered to the public on a basis of \$35 per share. The remaining shares will be used in exchange for other bank stocks from time to time. The Hamilton National Associates, Inc., will thus have a working capital of approximately \$4,000,000 in cash.

2. It is contemplated that this corporation will offer, at a later date, to the shareholders of the Hamilton National Bank, the privilege of exchanging their stock on the basis of \$350 per share (including the Hamilton Securities Corporation) for stock in the Hamilton National Associates, Inc., on the basis of \$30 per share. This places a valuation on the Hamilton National Bank stock of \$7,000,000.

3. The group will be confined to high class banks located in what we consider our economic territory—that is, Tennessee, North Alabama and North Georgia. The stock to be purchased by the corporation in these various banks shall be paid for, either in cash or in stock, as the shareholders might elect. At the beginning, there will be between 12 and 14 banks coming into the group, with total resources (including their trust funds) of between \$50,000,000 and \$60,000,000. It is contemplated that this will later be increased to \$100,000,000. While large out-of-town interests will become

shareholders, the actual control of the Hamilton National Associates, Inc., will be entirely with banks coming into the group.

4. The corporation will not only be a group banking proposition, but will also partake of the nature of an investment trust. In addition to bank stocks, it is to own small blocks of such high class stocks as the National Life Insurance Co. of Nashville, Provident Life & Accident Insurance Co., Volunteer State Life Insurance Co. and the Interstate Life & Accident Co., all of Chattanooga; Standard Oil Co. of New Jersey, Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis Railway Co., Southern Railway Co., Louisville & Nashville Railway Co., Tennessee Electric Power Co., Coca-Cola Co., Standard-Cooza-Thatcher Co. and possibly other stocks.

The corporation will also deal in municipal, state and other high-class bonds.

5. The board of directors of the corporation is yet to be selected. A number of the present board of the Hamilton National Bank will also be members of the board, together with a number of other outstanding business men, both from Chattanooga and other sections. The offices of the corporation will occupy the second floor of the Hamilton National Bank Building just as soon as the necessary changes can be made. Only part of the officials have been contingently agreed upon as follows: T. R. Preston, President; C. M. Preston, Vice-President; F. L. Underwood, Vice-President; T. R. Preston to be in active charge, the others to be inactive. All are to retain their present positions with the Hamilton National Bank.

According to the Atlanta "Constitution" of Dec. 27, announcement was made on the previous day by William Murphy, President of the Citizens' & Southern Co., holding company of the Citizens' & Southern National Bank (head office Savannah, Ga.), that control of the Albany Exchange National Bank, Albany, Ga., had been acquired by his organization. The Citizens' & Southern Co. controls leading banks, it was stated, in La Grange, Thomaston and Dublin, Ga., and Charleston, S. C. The only official change in the personnel after the consummation of the merger, according to the announcement, it was said, will be the addition of Mr. Murphy to the Board of Directors as Chairman. P. J. Brown, President of the acquired bank, will continue as President. The deposits of the Albany Exchange National Bank are at present, it is understood, \$2,012,000, and its total resources \$2,800,000. Continuing, the Atlanta paper said, in part:

The stockholders will be given the privilege of disposing of their stock at the same price for which the control was sold.

The Citizens' & Southern National Bank has followed a progressive expansion program for more than 25 years, and during that time has established outstanding offices in the cities of Athens, Atlanta, Augusta, Macon, Savannah and Valdosta, and its resources have increased from less than \$3,000,000 to more than \$80,000,000.

On Dec. 28 the proposed consolidation of the North Texas National Bank in Dallas, Tex. (capitalized at \$1,000,000), with the Republic National Bank and Trust Co. of Dallas (capitalized at \$3,500,000) was consummated. The resulting institution continues the name of the Republic National Bank & Trust Co. and is capitalized at \$4,000,000. The approaching merger of these institutions was indicated in our issue of Oct. 19 and Nov. 23, pages 2491 and 3280, respectively.

Announcement of an increase of \$900,000 in the capital of the California Trust Co. of Los Angeles, effective Dec. 31, was made on Dec. 23 by A. M. Chaffey, President of the California Bank of Los Angeles, of which the trust company is an affiliated institution, according to the Los Angeles "Times" of Dec. 24. As a result of the increase, the California Trust Co. would have, it was said, an outstanding capital of \$1,000,000, surplus of \$500,000, and undivided profits of more than \$250,000. The Los Angeles paper went on to say:

At a meeting late yesterday under the authorization of the Board of Directors, the Executive Committee approved the purchase by California Bank of 5,000 shares of California Trust Co. stock. All stock of the trust company with the exception of directors' qualifying shares is owned by the California Bank.

"This is the second step in increased financing of California Bank Group units," said Mr. Chaffey. "Early in 1929 this organization embarked on a five-year program of development, both internal and external.

"The growth of all units of California Bank Group has been extremely rapid during the past year; on Oct. 9 the Board of Directors of California Bank, in order to take care of this progress, authorized the immediate issuance of 20,000 additional shares of California Bank stock, thus increasing the capital account of California Bank \$2,000,000. This financing was completed the 15th inst."

On completion of the California Trust Co. financing the 31st inst., the total invested capital of California Bank Group will exceed \$13,000,000, with total resources more than \$130,000,000.

According to advices from Los Angeles, Dec. 27, appearing in the "Wall Street News" of the same date, the directors of the Union Bank & Trust Co. of Los Angeles have appointed Herman F. Hahn a Vice-President of the Institution. Mr. Hahn, who was to assume his new duties shortly after Jan. 1, was formerly a Vice-President of the California Bank, Los Angeles, the dispatch said.

That the Bank of Italy National Trust & Savings Association, head office San Francisco, has grown to a billion dollar institution is revealed by figures made public Jan. 2

by A. J. Mount, President of the institution, which show that total resources as of December 1929, amounted to \$1,055,113,373, a gain of more than \$207,589,000 for the year 1929 and an increase of over \$400,000,000 since March 23 1927. In two years and nine months the bank has recorded a gain of over 60% in resources, an accomplishment said to be unequaled in American banking. The statement by the bank goes on to say in part:

Added to this remarkable showing is the increase in deposits in a year generally unfavorable, deposits on Dec. 31, last, aggregating \$893,892,733, an increase of \$195,843,921 for the year. In slightly over two years, deposits have enhanced approximately 50%.

The statement of the bank shows a strong cash position, the ratio of cash and marketable securities (chiefly U. S. Government bonds or notes), to deposits being 48% and its condition nearly 50% liquid. This compares with a liquidity of about 43% a year ago. The bank, which is barely 25 years old, is the first institution west of Chicago to attain billion dollar size.

Resources to-day are almost 50 times those of 15 years ago and represent a growth of approximately 1,000% since the war.

Directors of the Anglo & London Paris National Bank, San Francisco, on Dec. 17 declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$2.50 a share, both payable Jan. 2 1930 to stockholders of record Dec. 21, according to the San Francisco "Chronicle" of the next day. Following the meeting, it was said, announcement was made by the directors that Miss Mary J. Creech of the securities department of the institution, had been promoted to an Assistant Cashier. Miss Creech, who has been with the Anglo & London Paris National Bank for the past 10 years, is the first woman to be named an official of the bank, it was stated. The paper mentioned further stated that the directors of the Anglo National Corp., also met Dec. 17, and declared the regular semi-annual dividend on the class "A" common stock of the corporation at the rate of \$1 a share, payable Jan. 15 1930, to stockholders of record Jan. 4. Transfer books of the corporation would be closed after 12 o'clock noon, Jan. 4, in respect to this dividend, it was said.

The annual report of the Royal Bank of Canada (head office Montreal) for the fiscal year ended Nov. 30 1929, reveals total assets at \$1,001,442,741, a gain of \$92,046,856 over the total shown at the close of the preceding fiscal year, and marking the first time, it is said, that the resources of a Canadian banking institution have crossed the billion-dollar mark. Of the total assets of \$1,001,442,741, \$409,275,965 are liquid assets, or equal to 6.91% of the bank's liabilities to the public. The statement also shows record profits for the year, net profits, after deducting charges of management, accrued interest on deposits, full provision for all bad and doubtful debts and rebate of interest on unmatured bills, amounting to no less than \$7,145,137, as compared with \$5,881,253 the previous year. After adding to the net profits, \$2,361,086, representing balance to credit of profit and loss brought forward from the preceding year, the sum of \$9,506,223 was available for distribution, which was appropriated as follows: \$4,722,072 to pay four quarterly dividends at the rate of 12% per annum (\$4,023,939), together with a bonus of 2% (\$698,133); \$200,000 contributed to officers' pension fund; \$400,000 written off bank premises, and \$610,000 reserved for Dominion Government taxes (including tax on bank note circulation), leaving a balance of \$3,574,151 to be carried forward to the current fiscal year's profit and loss account. Deposits bearing interest now stand at \$591,380,470, an increase during the year of \$67,728,562, while non-interest bearing deposits amount to \$180,707,298, compared with \$183,814,937 a year ago. Commercial loans in Canada now stand at \$364,055,352 up from \$292,315,472 last year, an increase of more than \$71,000,000. During the year under review the paid up capital of the bank was increased from \$30,000,000 to \$35,000,000 and at the same time the premium on the new stock permitted an increase of \$5,000,000 in the bank's reserve fund, making the same of equal amount with the capital, namely \$35,000,000. A footnote to the report states that the Royal Bank of Canada (France) has been incorporated under the laws of France to conduct the business of the bank in Paris, and that as the entire capital stock of the Royal Bank of Canada (France) is owned by the Royal Bank of Canada, the assets and liabilities of the former are included in the general statement. The Royal Bank of Canada maintains 805 branches in Canada and Newfoundland and 106 offices abroad. Sir Herbert S. Holt is President; E. L. Pease, Vice-President; C. E. Neil, Vice-President and Managing Director and M. W. Wilson, General Manager.

1929—Continued.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various bonds (e.g., Chic R I & Pac Ry gen 4s, Chic S L & P Pitts 1st con 5 1/2s, etc.).

1929—Continued.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various bond types (e.g., Gulf & S I, Hocking Val, etc.). Each cell contains numerical values representing bond prices or yields.

1929—Continued.

Table with columns for Bonds, January Low High, February Low High, March Low High, April Low High, May Low High, June Low High, July Low High, August Low High, September Low High, October Low High, November Low High, December Low High. Rows include various bond types like Mo-Kan-Texas RR 5s A, Prior lien 4s ser B, etc.

1929—Continued.

Table with columns for months (January to December) and rows for various financial instruments including bonds, stocks, and commodities. Each entry includes numerical values representing prices or yields.

1929—Concluded.

Table of financial data for 1929, categorized by month (January to December) and type of security (BONDS). Includes columns for 'Low' and 'High' values for each month and various bond descriptions like 'Spring Valley Water 1st 5 8s '48'.

Chatham Phenix National Bank & Trust Co.—Estimates January Dividend and Interest Payments at Record Total of Probable \$1,250,000,000.

Dividend and interest disbursements during the current month may aggregate \$1,250,000,000, according to the Chatham Phenix National Bank and Trust Co. in its monthly "Outline of Business," just issued. The bank points out that during the past year interest and dividend disbursements totaled \$6,929,000,000, which was more than in any previous year in the history of the nation's business.

a degree never before created in a similar fashion in any country of the world."

The bank states that there is at the present time a total of more than \$28,000,000,000 to the credit of depositors in savings accounts in the banks and trust companies of the country, and that approximately \$12,650,000,000 income for agriculture in the current crop year is estimated. It further points to the fact that during the 11 months ended with November, total purchase of life insurance broke all previous records when they amounted to \$11,650,000,000.

DEALINGS IN FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AT N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE IN 1929.

Table with columns for Bonds, January (Low High), February (Low High), March (Low High), April (Low High), May (Low High), June (Low High), July (Low High), August (Low High), September (Low High), October (Low High), November (Low High), December (Low High). Rows list various foreign government securities like Foreign Mtg Bank 6 1/2%, Sinking fund 6%, Apr 15 1948, etc.

On basis of \$5 to the £.

DEALINGS IN FOREIGN GOVERNMENT SECURITIES AT NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE IN 1929.—Concluded.

Table with columns for Bonds, January Low High, February Low High, March Low High, April Low High, May Low High, June Low High, July Low High, August Low High, September Low High, October Low High, November Low High, December Low High. Rows include German Rep extl loan 7s., Graz (Municipality) 8s., Gt Brit & Ireland (Un Kingd) 20-year 5 1/2%, etc.

c On the basis of \$5 to the £.

COURSE OF PRICES OF STATE AND CITY SECURITIES DURING THE YEAR 1929.

Table with columns for Bonds (New York City, N.Y. State Canal) and months (January to December) with sub-columns for Low and High prices.

COURSE OF PRICES OF RAILROAD AND MISCELLANEOUS STOCKS FOR THE YEAR 1929.

1929.

Table with columns for Stocks (Alabama & Vicksburg, Canadian Pacific, Erie, etc.) and months (January to December) with sub-columns for Low and High prices and Par value.

*No par value.

1929—Continued.

Table with columns for STOCKS, January Low High, February Low High, March Low High, April Low High, May Low High, June Low High, July Low High, August Low High, September Low High, October Low High, November Low High, December Low High. Rows include various stock names like Interboro Rap Transit, Kansas City Southern, etc.

*No par value.

1929—Continued.

Table with columns for Stock Name and monthly price ranges (January Low/High to December Low/High). Includes various companies like Atlas Powder, Austin, Nichols & Co., and Chesapeake Corp.

*No par value. a Ex-div. 50% in stock. b Ex-div. 100% in common stock.

1929—Continued.

Table with columns for Stock Name, Par, January Low High, February Low High, March Low High, April Low High, May Low High, June Low High, July Low High, August Low High, September Low High, October Low High, November Low High, December Low High. Rows include various stocks like City Ice & Fuel, Coca-Cola, and Duquesne Light.

*No par value.

1929—Continued.

Table with columns for STOCKS, January Low High, February Low High, March Low High, April Low High, May Low High, June Low High, July Low High, August Low High, September Low High, October Low High, November Low High, December Low High. Rows include various companies like Durham Hosiery Mills B., Eastern Rolling Mill, Eastman Kodak, etc.

* No par value.

COURSE OF PRICES OF GOVERNMENT SECURITIES FOR THE YEAR 1929.

[Compiled from sales made at the New York Stock Exchange.]

Table with columns for months (January-December) and various bond types (Liberty Loan, Treasury, Panama Canal). Rows show Opening, High, Low, and Closing prices for each month.

* First Liberty Loan second converted (under the terms of the Fourth loan).

THE WEEK ON THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE.

The stock market has shown considerable strength the present week and some good gains have been recorded, notwithstanding greater or smaller recessions on Thursday. The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Bank made public after the close of business on Thursday shows an increase of \$96,000,000 in brokers' loans in this district.

The market was moderately strong on Monday and a number of the speculative favorites closed with small gains for the day. Some selling to establish losses for income tax purposes was apparent, but this had little or no effect on the general trend of the market.

which scored a 2 point gain at 32, and Electric Power & Light which forged ahead 4 points and crossed 50. Public Service of New Jersey also was in sharp demand and registered a gain of 3 points at 81.

The market was fairly buoyant on Tuesday and most of the active stocks finished the year at higher levels. The strong stocks included United States Steel common which moved upward about 4 points to 171; Amer. Tel. & Tel. which forged ahead 5 points to 222 1/2.

can Water Works made a spectacular dash of 10 points and sold above 95, followed by America & Foreign Power which made a similar gain and sold above 97. The New York Stock Exchange as well as the Curb Market and commodity markets were closed on Wednesday in observance of New Years Day.

Stock prices reacted sharply downward, following a firm opening and a moderate display of strength during the early trading on Thursday. Advances ranging from 1 to 5 or more points were recorded during the forenoon only to be wiped out in the late recessions. The motor shares were the outstanding strong features and continued to move vigorously forward under the guidance of General Motors which touched 41½ though it dipped to 40½ at the close where it was unchanged on the day. Studebaker was up about a point as the market closed and substantial gains were made by Chrysler, Pierce Arrow and Nash. Hudson was in supply and lost about 2 points. United States Steel, common advanced about 3 points to 173¾ but gave ground and closed with a net loss of 3 points. Johns-Manville sold up to 130, but dropped back to 120¾ with a net loss of 5 points on the day. American Can gained a point at 124 but receded to 119½ with a loss of about 3 points. Public utilities failed to hold the gains of the previous day and most of the active issues in the group slipped backward from 2 to 3 points or more.

The stock market was a mixed affair on Friday with alternate periods of advance and decline but with the final prices at higher levels. Motor shares were in good demand at higher prices, Hudson closing with a gain of 3 points at 59½ followed by Hupp with a 2½ point advance to 23¾. Chrysler improved to 37½, Auburn recorded a gain of 4½ points at 201, Mack Truck was up nearly 2 points, Nash 1½ points, and Pierce Arrow 2 points to 24¼. Some of the more active stocks showed consistent strength particularly Colorado Fuel & Iron which spurted forward 6½ points and closed at 43. United States Steel, common was up 1¼ points at 168½ and similar gains were scored by American Brake Shoe, General Railway Signal. Steel shares as a group made some progress on the rebound though the advances were very moderate. Copper shares and oil stocks were practically at a standstill and advances in the railroad shares were largely fractional.

TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE DAILY, WEEKLY AND YEARLY.

Week Ended Jan. 3.	Stocks, Number of Shares.	Railroad, &c., Bonds.	State, Municipal & Foreign Bonds.	United States Bonds.
Saturday	1,634,510	\$4,061,500	\$1,356,000	\$117,000
Monday	4,159,860	8,074,000	2,370,000	893,000
Tuesday	2,678,070	4,399,000	2,007,000	532,000
Wednesday	HOLIDAY			
Thursday	2,932,720	5,266,000	2,114,000	1,098,000
Friday	2,073,350	5,098,000	2,061,000	287,000
Total	13,478,510	\$26,898,500	\$9,908,000	\$2,927,000

Sales at New York Stock Exchange.	Week Ended Jan. 3.		Year.	
	1930.	1929.	1929.	1928.
Stocks—No. of shares.	13,478,510	13,036,200	1,124,992,940	919,661,825
Bonds.				
Government bonds	\$2,927,000	\$4,244,000	\$140,662,000	\$187,634,250
State and foreign bonds	9,908,000	16,557,000	655,945,650	748,626,425
Railroad & misc. bonds	26,898,500	38,589,700	2,976,777,450	1,967,173,650
Total	\$39,735,500	\$59,390,700	\$3,773,385,100	\$2,903,434,325

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE BOSTON, PHILADELPHIA AND BALTIMORE EXCHANGES.

Week Ended Jan. 3 1930.	Boston.		Philadelphia.		Baltimore.	
	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.	Shares.	Bond Sales.
Saturday	*66,285	\$8,000	474,078	\$7,000	3,183	\$1,000
Monday	*160,413	126,000	4147,505	50,000	6,997	15,000
Tuesday	*76,648	14,000	4103,988	10,500	4,389	39,000
Wednesday	HOLIDAY					
Thursday	*50,748	7,000	99,660	7,000	2,705	15,900
Friday	51,610	13,000	18,000	—	2,035	17,000
Total	405,704	\$168,000	443,231	\$74,500	19,309	\$87,900
Prev. week revised	394,564	\$124,000	564,873	\$120,600	14,339	\$91,000

* In addition, sales of rights, were: Saturday, 1,616; Monday, 4,929; Tuesday, 1,369; Thursday, 1,085.
 † In addition sales of rights were: Saturday, 55,000; Monday, 137,000; Tuesday, 55,000.

THE CURB EXCHANGE.

The Curb Exchange ended the year with a better tone prevailing and prices strong. With the exception of some

irregular movements the condition continued to the close though the market became very quiet. American Cigar, com. sold down for 81¼ to 68 and back to 81. The January dividend was omitted. Aluminum Co. of Amer. advanced from 287 to 299 with the final transaction at 290. Aviation Corp. of the Americas was conspicuous for an advance from 20½ to 29¾ with a final reaction to 25¾. Walgreen Co., com. weakened at first from 50¾ to 48½, then ran up to 60, with the final transaction at this figure. Daniel Reeves, Inc., com. on few transactions improved from 23¾ to 39¾. Investment trusts were strong. Lehman Corp. sold up from 67¾ to 80½ and closed to-day at 77. Goldman Sachs Trading sold up from 34½ to 41⅞ and ended the week at 36⅞. Elec. Power Associates, com. after early loss from 23½ to 21½ advanced to 28⅞ and closed to-day at the high figure. Insnll Utilities Invest., com. improved some four points to 60⅞, but reacted finally to 58⅞. Among utilities Allied Power & Light, com. sold up from 32¾ to 37¾ and at 35¾ finally. Amer. & Foreign Power warrants from 60½ reached 75, the final transaction to-day being at 71. Amer. Gas & Elec., com. gained over seven points to 120 and reacted finally to 114. Commonwealth-Edison improved from 236 to 247 with the final transaction to-day at 241¾. Northern States Power, com. sold up from 168 to 185 and at 176 finally. Oils with few exceptions show only small changes. Humble Oil & Refg. rose from 82½ to 86½. Illinois Pipe Line gained 10 points to 310, Standard Oil (Ohio), com. from 80¼ reached 88¾ and sold finally at 88⅞. Gulf Oil of Pa. advanced from 133 to 139¾ and finished to-day at 137. A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 122.

DAILY TRANSACTIONS AT THE NEW YORK CURB EXCHANGE.

Week Ended Jan. 3.	Stocks (No. Shares)	Rights	Bonds (Par Value).	
			Domestic	Foreign Government
Saturday	822,700	1,900	\$925,000	\$400,000
Monday	1,839,200	7,900	1,886,000	314,000
Tuesday	842,100	5,350	1,425,000	200,000
Wednesday	HOLIDAY			
Thursday	778,900	10,900	1,065,000	135,000
Friday	554,400	8,730	1,263,000	187,000
Total	4,837,300	34,780	\$6,564,000	\$1,236,000

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, Jan. 4) bank exchanges for all the cities of the United States from which it is possible to obtain weekly returns will fall 18.4% below those for the corresponding week last year. Our preliminary total stands at \$12,489,812,798, against \$15,301,442,603 for the same week in 1928. At this centre there is a loss for the five days ended Friday of 19.3%. Our comparative summary for the week follows:

Clearings—Returns by Telegraph. Week Ending Jan. 4.	1930.	1929.	Per Cent.
New York	\$6,657,000,000	\$8,244,000,000	-19.3
Chicago	531,517,261	679,430,170	-21.8
Philadelphia	529,000,000	536,000,000	-1.3
Boston	417,000,000	468,000,000	-10.9
Kansas City	104,054,705	107,527,833	-14.3
St. Louis	139,900,000	164,600,000	-15.0
San Francisco	159,323,000	190,422,000	-16.3
Los Angeles	154,996,000	193,042,000	-19.7
Pittsburgh	145,539,947	153,383,868	-15.1
Detroit	164,700,833	217,965,706	-24.4
Cleveland	126,160,944	138,217,931	-8.7
Baltimore	85,936,725	95,654,163	-10.2
New Orleans	46,894,597	58,585,102	-20.0
Thirteen cities, 5 days	\$9,261,984,072	\$11,246,828,773	-17.6
Other cities, 5 days	1,146,193,260	1,265,314,280	-9.4
Total all cities, 5 days	\$10,408,177,332	\$12,512,143,053	-16.8
All cities, 1 day	2,081,635,466	2,789,299,550	-25.4
Total all cities for week	\$12,489,812,798	\$15,301,442,603	-18.4

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. 28. For that week there is a decrease of 14.0%, the aggregate of clearings for the whole country being \$9,647,236,033, against \$11,214,644,548 in the same week of 1928. Outside of this city the decrease is 6.8%, the bank exchanges at this centre having recorded a loss of 17.9%. We group the cities now according to the Federal Reserve districts in which they

are located, and from this it appears that in the New York Reserve district, including this city, there is a loss of 17.7% and in the Boston Reserve district of 10.6% but the Philadelphia Reserve district shows a gain of 2.9%. In the Cleveland Reserve district the totals record a decrease of 5.1%, in the Richmond Reserve district of 4.6% and in the Atlanta Reserve district of 9.4%. The Chicago Reserve district suffers a decrease of 19.0%, the St. Louis Reserve district of 8.3% and the Minneapolis Reserve district of 2.4%. On the other hand the Dallas Reserve district has to its credit an increase of 6.3%, but in the Kansas City Reserve district the totals show a decrease of 2.2% and in the San Francisco Reserve district of 5.1%.

In the following we furnish a summary by Federal Reserve districts:

SUMMARY OF BANK CLEARINGS.

Table with columns: Week End. Dec. 28 1929., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include Federal Reserve Districts (1st Boston, 2nd New York, 3rd Philadelphia, etc.) and Outside N. Y. City.

We now add our detailed statement, showing last week's figures for each city separately, for the four years:

Large table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended December 28., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows are organized by Federal Reserve District (e.g., First Federal Reserve District—Boston, Second Federal Reserve District—New York, etc.) and include various cities within each district.

Table with columns: Clearings at—, Week Ended December 28., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include various cities and districts such as 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. 26., 1929., 1928., Inc. or Dec., 1927., 1926. Rows include various cities and districts such as Canada, Montreal, Toronto, Winnipeg, Vancouver, etc.

* Estimated.

ENGLISH FINANCIAL MARKET—PER CABLE.

The daily closing quotations for securities, &c., at London, as reported by cable, have been as follows the past week:

Table with columns: Sat., Mon., Tues., Wed., Thurs., Fri., Dec. 28., Dec. 30., Dec. 31., Jan. 1., Jan. 2., Jan. 3. Rows include Silver, Gold, Consols, British, French Rentes, French War L'n.

The price of silver in New York on the same days has been:

Table with columns: Foreign, 46 3/4, 46 1/4, 46 3/4, 46 3/4.

Commercial and Miscellaneous News

Breadstuffs figures brought from page 161.—All the statements below regarding the movement of grain—receipts, exports, visible supply, &c., are prepared by us from figures collected by the New York Produce Exchange.

Table with columns: Receipts at—, Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye. Rows include Chicago, Minneapolis, Duluth, Milwaukee, Toledo, Detroit, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Peoria, Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, Wichita, Sioux City.

New York City Banks and Trust Companies.

Table with columns: Banks, New York, America, Amer Union, Bryant Park, Central, Chase, Chath Phenix, Nat Bk & Tr, Chemical, Commercial, Continental, Corn Exch, Fifth Avenue, First, Grace, Harriman, Lefcourt, Liberty, Manhattan, National City, Penn Exch, Port Morris, Public.

New York City Realty and Surety Companies.

Table with columns: Alliance R'ty, Am Surety, Bond & Mtg G, Home Title Ins, Lawyers Mtge, Lawyers Title & Guarantee, Lawyers Westchester M & T, Mtge Bond, N Y Title & Mortgage, U S Casualty.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness, &c.

Table with columns: Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked, Maturity, Int. Rate, Bid, Asked. Rows include Mar. 15 1930, June 16 1930, Sept. 15 1930.

National Banks.—The following information regarding national banks is from the office of the Comptroller of the Currency, Treasury Department:

Table with columns: Dec. 28—The Stephens National Bank of Roseville, Mich., Dec. 23—The Farmers & Merchants National Bank in Milbank, S. Dak., President, H. Hallenberg, Cashier, G. W. Schumacher.

Table with columns: Dec. 24—The Stephens National Bank of Fremont, Neb., Dec. 26—The Plaza National Bank of White Plains, N. Y., Dec. 26—First National Bank in Glen Ullin, N. Dak., Dec. 27—First National Bank of Webster, Mass.

Table with columns: Dec. 27—Worcester County National Bank of Worcester, Mass., Dec. 28—Republic National Bank & Trust Co. of Dallas, Tex., Dec. 27—The National City Bank of New York, N. Y.

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 this week:

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Rows include 15 First Nat. Bk. of Albion, Neb., By A. J. Wright & Co., Buffalo, on Thursday, By Barnes & Lofland, Philadelphia, on Tuesday.

Table with columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh., Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Rows include 36 Millville (N. J.) Nat. Bank, 25 Glenside (Pa.) Tr. Co., 30 Bankers Securities Corp., 50 Bk. of Phila. & Tr. Co., 10 Bk. of Phila. & Tr. Co., 125 Currie Holding Corp., 1425 Tunnel & Mine Mach. Co., 284 Christian Colliery Co., \$36,000 note of Harry A. Loche, \$1,000 note of Harry A. Loche, \$22,500 collateral note of Harry S. Betz, endorsed without recourse; matured Oct. 14 1929; miscell. collateral Co., preferred—\$60 lot, 100 Napateer Corp., no par—\$45 lot, 130 Florida Indian River Corp., pref.: 733 com., no par—\$5,500 lot, Assignment of 95 shs. Florida Orange & Grapefruit Corp., 8% pref.—\$4750 lot, 10 Westmoreland Coal Co., no par, 14 13 Westmoreland Coal Co., ctf. of deposit—\$40 lot, 10 Westmoreland, Inc., no par—\$18 lot, 20 Hare & Chase, Inc., pref.—\$7 lot, 40 Hare & Chase, Inc., com.—\$3 lot, 80 Cumberland Corp., Maine, no par—\$2 lot, 10 Parlass Coal Co.—\$3 lot, 35 Union Bank & Trust Co.—2 1/2 25 Union Bank & Trust Co.—2 10 Jenkintown Bk. & Tr. Co., par \$10—145 10 Susquehanna Title & Tr. Co., par \$50—7 1/2 200 Bankers Trust Co., par \$50—74 360 Bankers Trust Co., par \$50—74 55 Girard Trust Co., par \$10—171 26 Broad St. Trust Co., par \$50—58

By R. L. Day & Co., Boston, on Thursday:

Table with 3 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists various stocks like Boston National Bank, Federal Nat. Bank, etc.

By Wise, Hobbs & Arnold, Boston, on Thursday:

Table with 3 columns: Shares, Stocks, \$ per Sh. Lists various stocks like First National Bank, Associated Textile Cos., etc.

DIVIDENDS.

Dividends are grouped in two separate tables. In the first we bring together all the dividends announced the current week. Then we follow with a second table, in which we show the dividends previously announced, but which have not yet been paid.

The dividends announced this week are:

Main dividends table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes sections for Railroads (Steam), Public Utilities, Banks, Trust Companies, Fire Insurance, and Miscellaneous.

Table with 4 columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Lists various companies like Canadian Bronze Ltd., Canadian Westinghouse, etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes 'Miscellaneous (Concluded)' with entries like United States Lines, Victor Talking Machine, Werner (F.) & Co., etc.

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.

Main table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes 'Railroads (Steam)', 'Public Utilities', and 'Banks' sections.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent., When Payable, Books Closed Days Inclusive. Includes 'Public Utilities (Concluded)', 'Banks', 'Trust Companies', 'Fire Insurance', and 'Miscellaneous' sections.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Industrial Rayon, Inspiration Consol. Copper Co., Insurancshares Corp., etc.

Table with columns: Name of Company, Per Cent, When Payable, Books Closed, Days Inclusive. Includes entries like Noxema Chemical class A, Ohio Brass, class A & B, Otis Elevator, etc.

Weekly Return of the Federal Reserve Board.

The following is the return issued by the Federal Reserve Board Thursday afternoon, Jan. 2, and showing the condition of the twelve Reserve banks at the close of business on Tuesday. 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 39, 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. 31 1929.

Main table showing combined resources and liabilities of the Federal Reserve Banks at the close of business Dec. 31 1929. Columns include dates from Dec. 31 1929 to Jan. 2 1929. Rows are categorized into RESOURCES (Gold, Total gold reserves, Total resources) and LIABILITIES (Deposits, Total liabilities). Includes a sub-section for Distribution by Maturities.

* 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. 31 1929

Table showing the weekly statement of resources and liabilities for each of the 12 Federal Reserve Banks (Boston, New York, Phila., Cleveland, Richmond, Atlanta, Chicago, St. Louis, Minneap., Kan. City, Dallas, San Fran.) at the close of business Dec. 31 1929.

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Railroad and Miscellaneous Stocks.—The review of the Stock Market is given this week on page 92.

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 Jan. 3., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range for Year 1929 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Railroads, Ind. & Miscell., and various stock categories.

Table with columns: STOCKS, Week Ended Jan. 3., Sales for Week, Range for Week (Lowest, Highest), Range for Year 1929 (Lowest, Highest). Rows include Indus. & Misc. (Conc.), Radio Corp pref. cl B., Raybestos-Manhattan, etc.

Quotations for U. S. Treas. Cfts. of Indebtedness.—p. 95. New York City Realty and Surety Companies.—p. 95. New York City Banks and Trust Companies.—p. 95.

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. 28., Dec. 30., Dec. 31., Jan. 1., Jan. 2., Jan. 3. Rows include First Liberty Loan, Second converted 4 1/2% bonds, etc.

Note.—The above table includes only sales of coupon bonds. Transactions in registered bonds were: 2 1st 3 1/2s, 7 4th 4 1/2s, 3 Treasury 3 1/2s, 1943-47.

Table with columns: Foreign Exchange, Sterling, Actual, Checks, Cables. Rows include To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for sterling exchange, To-day's (Friday's) actual rates for Paris bankers' francs, etc.

The Curb Exchange.—The review of the Curb Exchange is given this week on page 93. A complete record of Curb Exchange transactions for the week will be found on page 122.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see second page preceding.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday to Friday), sales for the week, stock names (Railroads, Industrial & Miscellaneous), and per share prices (Lowest, Highest, Range for Previous Year 1928).

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. x Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see third page preceding

Table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for Year 1929; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928. Includes stock names like Austin, Nichols & Co., and various financial data.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. * Ex-div. 100% in common stock. o 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.

Main table containing stock prices and exchange information. Columns include dates (Saturday Dec. 28 to Friday Jan. 3), high and low sale prices, shares traded, stock names, and per share values for 1929 and 1928.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. b Ex-dividend ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see fifth page preceding.

Table with columns for dates (Saturday, Dec. 28 to Friday, Jan. 3), stock categories (HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT., STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE), and price ranges (PER SHARE Range for Year 1929, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928). Rows list various stocks like Grant (W T), Great Western Sugar, and many 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 c Ex-div. 3 shillings d Ex-rights.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see sixth page preceding

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Dec. 28., Monday, Dec. 30., Tuesday, Dec. 31., Wednesday, Jan. 1., Thursday, Jan. 2., Friday, Jan. 3.) and STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE. (Lowest, Highest, PER SHARE Range for Year 1929, PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928.)

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. b Ex-dividend and ex-rights z Ex-dividend. 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.

Main table with columns for dates (Saturday Dec. 28, Monday Dec. 30, Tuesday Dec. 31, Wednesday Jan. 1, Thursday Jan. 2, Friday Jan. 3), Sales for the Week, STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE, and PER SHARE Range for Year 1929. It lists various stocks like Phila & Read, Phillips Morris, and many others with their respective prices and shares.

* Bid and asked prices; no sales on this day. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights. d Ex-div. 200% in common stock.

For sales during the week of stocks not recorded here, see eighth page preceding

Main table with columns: HIGH AND LOW SALE PRICES—PER SHARE, NOT PER CENT. (Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday); Sales for the Week; STOCKS NEW YORK STOCK EXCHANGE; PER SHARE Range for Year 1929; PER SHARE Range for Previous Year 1928.

* Bid and asked prices, no sales on this day. a Ex-div. 20% in stock. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

Jan. 1 1929 the Washburn method of quoting bonds was changed and prices are now "and interest"—except for insomns and defaulted bonds

Main table with columns: BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Interest Period, Price Friday, Jan. 3, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range for Year 1929, and detailed bond listings including U.S. Government, State and City Securities, Foreign Govt. & Municipals, and various international bonds.

On the basis of \$5 to the £ sterling. o Sales for cash.

Main table containing bond listings for 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'. Columns include bond descriptions, interest periods, prices, week's range, and range for year 1929.

Table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Price (Bid/Ask), Week's Range, Bonds Sold, Range for Year, and Issuer. The table is organized into sections for 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Jan. 3), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range for Year 1929, and various other details. The table is split into two main sections: 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE' and 'BONDS'.

Due May. Due June. Due August. Ex-rights.

Table with columns: BONDS, N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE, Week Ended Jan. 3. Columns include Bond Description, Interest Period, Price (Friday, Jan. 3), Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range for Year 1929, and Range for Year 1928.

Main table containing bond listings with columns for Bond Description, Interest Period, Price Friday, Week's Range or Last Sale, Bonds Sold, Range for Year, and various other details. The table is organized into two main sections: 'BONDS' and 'N. Y. STOCK EXCHANGE'.

Outside Stock Exchanges

Boston Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Boston Stock Exchange, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, 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 for Year 1929 (Low, High). Includes sections for Railroad, Boston & Albany, Boston Elevated, Preferred, 1st preferred, 2d preferred, Boston & Maine, Miscellaneous, and Mining.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1929 (Low, High). Includes sections for Bonds, Amoskeag Mfg Co, Antilla Sugar, Breda Co, Chic Jet Ry, E Mass St RR, 6s series D, Miss River Power, New Engl Tel & Tel, Swift & Co, Western Tel & Tel, and Whiteights Inc.

Philadelphia Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Philadelphia Stock Exchange, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, 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 for Year 1929 (Low, High). Includes sections for Almar Stores, American Stores, Bankers Secur, Bell Tel Co, Bornot Inc, Budd (E G) Mfg Co, Camden Fire Insurance, Commonwealth Cas Co, Electric Storage Battery, Fishman & Sons, Horn & Hardt (Phila) Co, Horn & Hart's (N.Y.) Co, Insurance Co of N.A., Lake Superior Corp, Lehigh Coal & Nav, Manufact Cas Ins, Mitten Bank Sec, National Power & Light, Penn Cent L & P cum pfd, Penrod Corp, Pennsylvania Insurance, Philadelphia RR, Phila Dairy Prod, Phila Elec Pow pref, Phila Inquirer, Phila Rfr Transit, Philadelphia Traction, Phila & Western Ry pfd, R E Land Title new, Reliance Insurance, Shreve El Dorado Pipe L, Sentry Safety Control, Taony-Palmrya Bridge, Tono-Belmont Devel, Tonopah Mining, Union Traction, United Corp temp ctf pref, United Gas Imp com new, Preferred new, U S Dairy Prod class A, Victory Insurance Co, W Jersey & Seashore RR, Rights, United Gas Improvement, Bonds, Cent States Elec deb, Elec & Peoples tr ctf 4s, Certificates of deposit, Phila Electric (Pa), 1st len & rat 5 1/2s, Phila Elec Pow 5 1/2s, Republic of Colombia, Republic of Poland, Seaboard-Tral Fla Gs, United-All Pittsbuigh 5s, Warner Ist 6s, York Rys Ist 5s.

Baltimore Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Baltimore Stock Exchange, Dec. 28 1929 to Jan. 3 1930, 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 for Year 1929 (Low, High). Includes sections for Amer Tel & Tel, Appalachian Corp when iss, Archer Daniels Mid, Arundel Corp, Baltimore Trust Co new, Benesh (I) & Sons com, Black & Decker com, Central Fire Insurance, Vot trust certificates, Century Trust, Ches & Po Tel of Balt pf 100, Com'l Credit conv pfd A, Preferred, Consol Gas El L & Pow, Consolidation Coal, Dellon Tire & Rubber, Drover & Mech Nat Bank, Eastern Rolling Mill, Emerson Bromo Selt w l, Fidel & Guar Fire Corp, Fidelity & Deposit, Finance Co of America A, Maryland Casualty Co, Merch & Miners Transp, Monon W Penn P S pref 25, New Amsterdam Cas Co 10, Penna Water & Power.

Table of stock prices for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, including columns for Stocks (Concluded), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, and Range for Year 1929.

Table of stock prices for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, including columns for Stocks (Concluded), Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, and Range for Year 1929.

Pittsburgh Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Detailed table of stock transactions for Pittsburgh Stock Exchange, listing various stocks like Allegheny Steel, Aluminum Goods, American Austin Car, etc., with their respective prices and dates.

Cincinnati Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cincinnati Stock Exchange, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Detailed table of stock transactions for Cincinnati Stock Exchange, listing various stocks like Aluminum Indus Inc., Am Laundry Mach, Amer Products, etc., with their respective prices and dates.

Cleveland Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Detailed table of stock transactions for Cleveland Stock Exchange, listing various stocks like Aetna Rubber, Allen Industries, Apex Electric, etc., with their respective prices and dates.

Record of transactions at Cleveland Stock Exchange, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Detailed table of stock transactions for Cleveland Stock Exchange, listing various stocks like Am Laundry Mach, Amer Products, Amer Rolling Mill, etc., with their respective prices and dates.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1929. Includes entries like Pure Oil common, 6% preferred, Putman Candy common, etc.

* No par value.

St. Louis Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at St. Louis Stock Exchange, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1929. Includes Bank Stocks, Trust Company Stocks, and Miscellaneous Stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1929. Includes Street Railway Bonds, Miscellaneous Bonds, and various individual stocks.

* No par value.

Los Angeles Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at the Los Angeles Stock Exchange, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1929. Includes Aero Corp (Calif), Assio Gas rites, and various other stocks.

Table with columns: Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1929. Includes Republic Petroleum Co, Republic Oil Co, Rio Grande Oil, etc.

* No par value.

San Francisco Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at San Francisco Stock Exchange, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1929. Includes Assoc Insur Fund Inc, Atlas Imp Diasei En A, and many other stocks.

Chicago Stock Exchange.—Record of transactions at Chicago Stock Exchange, Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, both inclusive, compiled from official sales lists:

Table with columns: Stocks— Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1929. Includes Abbott Laboratories com, Acme Steel Co, Adams (J D) Mfg com, etc.

Table with columns: Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1929, Stocks (Concluded) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices, Sales for Week, Range for Year 1929. Includes various stock entries like Amer Colorty Co, Amer Commw Pow A, etc.

* No par value. z Ex-dividend. y Ex-rights.

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. 28 1929) and ending the present Friday (Jan. 3 1930). It is compiled entirely from the daily reports of the Curb Exchange itself and is intended to include every security, whether stock or bonds, in which any dealings occurred during the week covered.

Table with columns: Week Ended Jan. 3., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1929 (Low, High), Stocks (Continued) Par., Friday Last Sale Price, Week's Range of Prices (Low, High), Sales for Week (Shares), Range for Year 1929 (Low, High). Rows include various stocks like Indus. & Miscellaneous, Aero Supply Mfg class B, Agfa Ansaco Corp com, etc.

Quotations of Sundry Securities

All bond prices are "and interest" except where marked "r".

Main table containing financial data for Public Utilities, Railroad Equip., Chain Store Stocks, Investment Trust Stocks, and various other securities. Columns include company names, par values, bid/ask prices, and other financial metrics.

* Per share. † No par value. b Basis. d Purch. also pays accr. div. & Last sale. n Nomin. s Ex-div. y Ex-rights. r Canadian quot. s Sale price. e Ex. 400% stock div

Table with columns: Gross from Railway (1929, 1928), Net after Taxes (1929, 1928). Rows include: Dul So Shore & Atlantic, Dul Winnipeg & Pac, Elgin Joliet & Eastern, Erie RR, Chicago & Erie, N J & N Y RR, Evans Ind & Terr Haute, Florida East Coast, Ft Smith & Western, Galveston Wharf, Georgia RR, Georgia & Florida, Grand Trunk Western, Great Northern System, Green Bay & Western, Gulf Mobile & Northern, Gulf & Ship Island, Illinois Central System, Illinois Central Co, Yazoo & Miss Valley, Illinois Terminal, International Great Northern, Kansas City Southern, Kansas Okla & Gulf, Lake Superior & Ishpeming, Lake Terminal, Lehigh & Hudson River, Lehigh & New England, Lehigh Valley, Los Angeles & Salt Lake, Louisiana & Arkansas, Louisiana Ry & Nav Co, Louisville & Nashville, Maine Central, Midland Valley, Minneapolis & St Louis, Minn St P & S S M, Mississippi Central, Missouri-Illinois, Mo-Kansas-Texas, Mo & Nor Arkansas, Missouri Pacific.

Table with columns: Gross from Railway (1929, 1928), Net after Taxes (1929, 1928). Rows include: Mobile & Ohio, Monongahela Connecting, Nash Chatt & St Louis, Nevada Northern, Newburgh & South Shore, New Orleans Gt Northern, New Orleans Terminal, New Ork Tex & Mexico, Beaumont Sour Lake & W, St L Browns & Mex, New York Central, Indiana Harbor Belt, Michigan Central, C C & St Louis, Cincinnati Northern, Pittsburgh & Lake Erie, New York Connecting, N Y N H & Hartford, N Y Ontario & Western, N Y Susq & Western, Norfolk Southern, Norfolk & Western, Northern Pacific, Northwestern Pacific, Pennsylvania System, Long Island, Monongahela, W. Jersey & Seashore, Peoria & Pekin Union, Pere Marquette, Pittsburgh & Shawmut, Pitts. Shawmut & North, Pittsburgh & West Va, Quincy Omaha & K C, Reading Co, Richm'd Fred'k'b'g & Pot, Rutland, St Louis-San Francisco, St L-San Fran of T, Ft Worth & Rio Grande, St Louis Southwestern, St Louis S-W of T, San Diego & Arizona.

	<i>—Gross from Railway—</i>	<i>—Net from Railway—</i>	<i>—Net after Taxes—</i>
	1929.	1929.	1929.
	\$	\$	\$
San Ant Uvalde & Gulf—			
November	107,789	131,504	def11,257
From Jan 1.	1,769,342	2,008,609	382,770
Seaboard Air Line—			
November	4,461,579	4,948,641	1,088,923
From Jan 1.	53,392,215	52,130,919	14,124,501
Sou Pac System—			
Tex & New Ori—			
November	8,060,075	6,280,156	1,709,829
From Jan 1.	68,753,296	64,421,055	18,489,492
Sou Pacific Co—			
November	17,404,682	17,896,090	4,690,530
From Jan 1.	209,516,029	202,386,103	68,249,576
Sou Pac S S Line—			
November	895,740	964,780	def117,741
From Jan 1.	10,262,479	10,340,401	def225,211
Southern Ry Co—			
November	11,450,002	12,255,830	2,712,279
From Jan 1.	132,297,606	132,254,826	37,685,086
Ala Gt Southern—			
November	747,561	852,760	127,940
From Jan 1.	9,598,707	9,258,762	2,760,197
Cin N O & T P—			
November	1,587,152	1,770,055	242,160
From Jan 1.	20,963,265	19,902,756	4,770,603
Ga So & Fla—			
November	294,953	385,615	29,416
From Jan 1.	3,903,353	4,077,705	591,197
N Ori & Northeast—			
November	392,798	473,881	88,457
From Jan 1.	5,193,932	5,050,945	1,787,529
No Alabama—			
November	105,839	141,503	43,542
From Jan 1.	1,140,286	1,066,559	464,705
Spokane Internat—			
November	91,246	90,066	24,643
From Jan 1.	1,163,359	1,108,355	362,456
Spokane Port & Seattle—			
November	713,269	822,489	273,749
From Jan 1.	8,744,675	8,003,476	3,336,311
Staten Isl Rap Tran—			
November	216,046	259,344	68,861
From Jan 1.	2,441,623	2,885,228	639,946
Tenn Central—			
November	263,764	271,676	52,947
From Jan 1.	3,109,037	3,006,650	790,071
Term Ry Assn of St Louis—			
November	904,150	962,490	190,885
From Jan 1.	11,687,619	11,856,920	3,477,149
Texas Mexican—			
November	92,381	90,118	8,451
From Jan 1.	1,266,605	1,156,112	248,099
Texas & Pacific—			
November	3,663,625	4,618,119	1,094,468
From Jan 1.	42,205,549	46,232,472	13,031,244
Toledo Peoria & West—			
November	134,720	189,176	4,582
From Jan 1.	2,144,090	2,002,562	626,179
Toledo Terminal—			
November	116,918	134,609	25,021
From Jan 1.	1,493,699	1,377,160	459,416
Ulster & Delaware—			
November	70,106	76,927	2,313
From Jan 1.	1,037,460	1,115,924	144,368
Union Pac Co—			
November	9,800,589	10,722,334	3,383,319
From Jan 1.	112,815,879	112,741,603	39,480,057
Ore Short Line—			
November	3,488,951	3,517,083	1,459,888
From Jan 1.	36,658,603	35,698,472	12,966,481
Ore Wash Ry & Nav Co—			
November	2,330,226	2,492,492	633,213
From Jan 1.	26,934,583	27,421,801	5,920,256
St Jos & Gd Isl—			
November	326,804	330,794	116,279
From Jan 1.	3,682,189	3,778,673	1,233,058
Union RR (Penn)—			
November	783,476	859,961	409,812
From Jan 1.	10,411,834	9,436,490	3,472,911
Utah—			
November	249,550	191,293	118,219
From Jan 1.	1,877,007	1,559,197	742,282
Virginian—			
November	1,763,487	1,637,939	926,359
From Jan 1.	18,232,641	17,028,786	9,048,328
Wabash—			
November	5,586,461	5,864,705	1,184,489
From Jan 1.	71,277,466	64,858,528	19,088,323
Western Maryland—			
November	1,659,910	1,617,016	606,814
From Jan 1.	17,415,496	17,111,531	5,803,644
Western Pacific—			
November	1,359,848	1,508,802	268,139
From Jan 1.	16,418,457	16,219,937	3,144,903
Western Ry of Ala—			
November	241,607	266,562	52,185
From Jan 1.	2,788,006	2,973,801	524,591
Wheeling & Lake Erie—			
November	1,447,942	1,792,401	247,118
From Jan 1.	20,222,448	19,235,528	6,468,629
Wichita Falls & Sou—			
November	107,839	128,996	44,576
From Jan 1.	1,038,239	1,020,653	368,123

Canadian National Railways.

	—Month of Nov.—	1929.	1928.	—Jan. 1 to Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings		20,204,002	26,558,312	240,891,733	253,030,877	
Working expenses		17,228,243	19,419,132	197,764,269	199,481,588	
Net profits		2,975,759	7,139,180	43,127,464	53,549,289	

Canadian Pacific Ry.

	—Month of November—	1929.	1928.	—11 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings		16,121,194	24,358,668	194,212,723	207,947,199	
Working expenses		11,571,544	17,052,558	154,221,447	159,409,522	
Net profits		4,549,649	7,306,109	39,991,275	48,537,677	

Fonda Johnstown & Gloversville RR.

	—Month of November—	1929.	1928.	—11 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Operating revenues		\$3,615	\$2,028	\$30,295	\$46,384	
Operating expenses		62,168	60,341	695,675	681,579	
Net revenue from oper.		21,447	21,687	234,620	264,806	
Tax accruals		4,300	5,775	79,160	82,110	
Operating income		17,147	15,912	155,460	182,696	
Other income		5,677	3,131	115,769	91,993	
Gross income		22,825	19,043	271,229	274,690	
Deduc. from gross income		31,023	31,598	349,102	349,540	
Net loss		8,198	12,554	77,872	74,850	

Georgia & Florida RR.

	—Month of November—	1929.	1928.	—11 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Railway oper. revenue		\$116,137	\$123,194	\$1,570,099	\$1,505,781	
Net rev. from ry. ops.		def. 9,028	8,285	214,740	249,480	
Railway tax accruals		9,500	9,500	106,500	97,500	
Uncollectible ry. revs.			2	127	398	
Railway oper. income		def. 18,528	def. 1,217	108,113	151,582	
Equip. rents, net bal.—Cr		2,925	1,853	43,700	23,153	
Joint fac. rents, net bal.—Dr		2,774	606	19,656	8,618	
Net ry. oper. income		def. 18,377	29	132,157	166,117	
Non-operating income		1,344	1,523	17,939	15,846	
Gross income		def. 17,032	1,552	150,097	181,963	
Deductions from income		1,142	1,431	12,820	13,153	
Surplus applic. to interest		def. 18,175	120	137,276	168,810	
Total interest charges		33,118	16,377	278,431	182,783	
Net loss		51,293	16,257	141,155	13,972	

Note.—Interest chargeable to construction on funds for Greenwood Extension. (Interest on securities issued for construction of Greenwood Extension incl. in "Fixed Interest Charges" from June 1 to Nov. 30 1929.)

International Rys. of Central America.

	—Month of November—	1929.	1928.	—11 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings		\$726,500	\$700,512	\$8,026,697	\$7,747,947	
Operating expenses		431,286	435,129	4,759,715	4,621,444	
Inc. applic. to fixed chges.		295,214	265,383	3,266,982	3,236,503	

Norfolk & Western Ry.

	—Month of November—	1929.	1928.	—11 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Average mileage operated		2,240	2,242	2,240	2,242	
Operating Revenues—		\$9,334,897	\$9,239,233	\$99,713,972	\$99,050,105	
Freight		664,590	622,968	7,164,900	7,247,979	
Passenger, mail & express		32,292	37,231	427,000	459,001	
Other transportation		70,756	71,867	770,812	881,357	
Incidental & joint facility						
Railway oper. revenues		10,102,536	9,971,300	108,076,684	97,638,443	
Operating Expenses—						
Maint. of way & structures		1,421,416	1,255,744	13,391,509	14,503,267	
Maintenance & equipment		1,601,734	1,764,496	19,214,201	18,125,079	
Traffic		121,674	114,579	1,313,155	1,240,597	
Transportation—rail line		1,977,166	2,294,800	23,938,834	24,341,143	
Miscellaneous operations		20,361	26,013	230,515	251,597	
General		243,752	274,971	2,665,571	2,813,874	
Transp. for investment—Cr		6,657	9,124	126,364	211,247	
Railway oper. expenses		5,379,448	5,721,481	60,627,422	61,064,312	
Net railway oper. revenues		4,723,087	4,249,819	47,449,262	36,574,130	
Railway tax accruals		850,000	700,000	9,500,000	8,400,000	
Uncollectible railway revenues		446	294	8,558	6,957	
Railway operating income		3,872,641	3,549,525	37,940,703	28,167,172	
Equipment rents (net)		294,309	316,197	2,760,830	2,800,526	
Joint facility rents (net)		7,032	68	35,194	48,278	
Net railway oper. income		4,173,983	3,865,653	40,666,340	30,919,421	
Other income items (Balance)		265,294	107,723	3,057,439	1,206,282	
Gross income		4,439,277	3,973,378	42,723,779	32,125,703	
Interest on funded debt		396,158	409,851	4,537,040	4,557,790	
Net income		4,043,118	3,563,527	38,186,739	27,567,912	
Proportion of oper. exp. to operating revenues		53.25%	57.38%	56.10%	62.54%	
Proportion of transportation exp. to oper. revenues		19.57%	23.01%	22.15%	24.93%	

Seaboard Air Line.

	—Month of November—	1929.	1928.	—11 Mos. End. Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Total operating revenues		4,461,578	4,948,639	53,392,215	52,130,918	
Total operating expenses		3,372,656	3,671,228	39,267,714	39,200,621	
Net revenue		1,088,922	1,277,411	14,124,501	12,930,297	
Taxes & uncoll. ry. revs.		275,624	271,438	3,459,713	3,284,828	
Operating income		813,297	1,005,973	10,664,787	9,645,470	
Equip. & jt. fac. rents, net dr.		17,964	106,511	768,384	597,568	
Net ry. oper. income		795,333	899,462	9,896,402	9,047,901	
Other income		58,096	230,996	1,118,720	2,559,478	
Gross Income		853,430	1,130,458	11,015,123	11,307,380	
Int. & other fixed charges (excl. of int. on adj. bds.)		927,825	964,872	10,229,499	10,328,466	
Balance		def. 74,395	165,586	785,623	978,913	

Other Monthly Steam Railroad Reports.—In the following we show the monthly reports of STEAM railroad companies received this week as issued by the companies themselves, where they embrace more facts than are required in the reports to the Inter-State Commerce Commission, such as fixed charges, &c., or where they differ in some other respect from the reports to the Commission.

Bangor & Aroostook RR.

Rock Island Lines.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include Freight revenue, Passenger revenue, Mail revenue, Express revenue, Other revenue, Total railway operating revenue, Railway operating expenses, Net revenue from railway operations, Railway tax accruals, Uncollectible railway revenue, Total railway operating income, Equipment rents—Debit balance, Joint facility rents—Debit balance, Net railway operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Rent for leased roads, Interest, Other deductions, Total deductions, and Balance of income.

Barcelona Traction, Light & Power, Ltd.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Gross earnings from operations, Operating expenses, and Net earnings.

Georgia Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Gross earnings from operations, Oper. expenses, incl. taxes and maintenance, Net earnings from operations, Other income, Total income, Interest on funded debt, Balance, Other deductions, Dividends on \$6 and \$5 cum. pref. stock, and Balance for reserves, retirements and dividends.

Electric Railway and Other Public Utility Earnings. —Below we give the returns of ELECTRIC railway and other public utility companies making monthly returns which have reported this week:

Table with 5 columns: Company Name, 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Baton Rouge Electric Co., El Paso El. Co., Puget Sound Pr. & Lt. Co., Savannah El. & Power Co., Va. Elec. & Pr. Co., Cape Breton El. Co., Eastern Utilities Associates, Fall River Gas Works Co., Galv.-Houston Elec. Co., Haverhill Gas Light Co., Jacksonville Traction Co., Northern Texas Elec. Co., Sierra Pacific Elec. Co., Tampa Electric Co.

Illinois Power Co.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Gross earnings, Op. exp., incl. taxes & maint., Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, and Balance.

Kansas City Power & Light Co.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Gross earnings (all sources), Oper. expenses, incl. taxes, Net earnings, Interest charges, Amort. of disc. & premiums, Divs. on first pref. stock, Surplus earns. available for depr. & com. stk. divs.

Mississippi Power & Light Co.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Gross earnings from oper., Oper. expenses and taxes, Net earnings from oper., Other income, Total income, Interest on bonds, Other int. and deductions, Dividends on preferred stock, and Balance.

Boston Elevated Ry.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, and 1927. Rows include Receipts (From fares, special cars, advertising, etc.), Total receipts, Cost of Service (Maintaining track, cars, power, salaries, etc.), Total cost of service, and Excess of receipts over cost of service.

New York Westchester & Boston Ry. Co.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Railway operating revenue, Railway operating expenses, Net operating revenue, Taxes, Operating income, Non-operating income, Gross income, Deductions (Rent, Bond & eq. tr. ctf. of int., etc.), Total deductions, and Net loss.

Ohio Edison Co.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Gross earnings, Op. exp., incl. taxes & maint., Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, and Balance.

Central Illinois Light Co.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Gross earnings, Op. exp., incl. taxes & maint., Gross income, Fixed charges, Net income, Dividends on preferred stock, Provision for retirement reserve, and Balance.

Pacific Telephone & Telegraph System.

Table with 4 columns: Description, 1929, 1928, 1927, and 1926. Rows include Gross revenue, Net income, and Balance after dividends.

* After depreciation, taxes, interest, &c.

(The Pullman Company.

Table with financial data for Pullman Company, including columns for months (November 1929, 1928, Jan. 1 to Nov. 30 1929, 1928) and rows for Sleeping Car Operations, Total revenues, Total expenses, Net revenue, etc.

Railway Express Agency, Inc.

Table with financial data for Railway Express Agency, Inc., including columns for months (Month of October 1929, 1928, 10 Mos. End. Oct. 31 1929, 1928) and rows for Express-domestic, Total revenues, Operating expenses, etc.

*Amounts for period prior to March 1 1929 cover operations of American Railway Express Co.

Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co.

(Subsidiary of Commonwealth & Southern Corp.)

Table with financial data for Southern Indiana Gas & Electric Co., including columns for months (Month of November 1929, 1928, 12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1929, 1928) and rows for Gross earnings, Operating income, Net income, etc.

Third Avenue Railway System.

Table with financial data for Third Avenue Railway System, including columns for months (Month of November 1929, 1928, 5 Mos. End. November 1929, 1928) and rows for Operating Revenue, Total operating revenue, Operating Expenses, etc.

Virginia Electric & Power Co.

(And Subsidiary Companies)

Table with financial data for Virginia Electric & Power Co., including columns for months (Month of November 1929, 1928, 12 Mos. End. Nov. 30 1929, 1928) and rows for Gross earnings, Net operating revenue, Balance, etc.

* Interest on funds for construction purposes.

FINANCIAL REPORTS.

Annual, &c., Reports.—The following is an index to all annual and other reports of steam railroads, public utilities, industrial and miscellaneous companies published since and including Dec. 7 1929.

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International Shoe Co.

(Annual Report—Year Ended Nov. 30 1929.)

President F. C. Rand says in substance:

Our 44 factories produced 54,730,685 pairs of shoes—an increase of 6,034,315 pairs over 1928. Subsidiary plants (textile mill, tanneries of sole leather and upper leather, factories making all leather counters, heels and soles, rubber heels and soles, wetting, box toes, cartons and containers, chemicals, cement, &c.) produced during 1929 shoe materials and shoe supplies amounting to \$72,852,507, which, combined with our sales, made an aggregate of \$204,962,637 business transacted.

Net earnings (after taxes) of \$17,031,434 (an increase of \$1,269,658 over last year) represent (after the payment of preferred stock dividends) a return of \$4.37 per share on the outstanding common stock. Dividends set aside for Jan. 1 1930, are on the basis of \$3 per share per year as compared with \$2.50 per share for 1929.

On Sept. 12 the common stock (3,760,000 shares) was listed on the New York Stock Exchange.

The gain of \$9,415,597, in shipments does not fully reflect the increased distribution of our shoes, which were sold at substantially lower prices than last year. Had this year's shipments been billed at the previous year's prices we would have shown a gain in excess of \$18,000,000.

While this larger sale and wider distribution of our shoes enabled us to make for extended periods during the year more than 200,000 pairs of shoes per day, it seemed desirable to strengthen our manufacturing capacity. Additional floor space erected at Washington, Mo. and Flora, Ill., provided increased daily production of 1,000 pairs and 1,800 pairs respectively. A shoe factory at Quincy, Ill., was purchased, remodeled and equipped—thereby adding 4,000 pairs per day to international output.

The textile mill at Malvern, Ark., where our linings are made, is in full operation and is producing fabrics of uniform and superior quality. Two large additions to the upper leather tannery at Wood River, Ill., complete that group of tanneries and are furnishing to our shoe factories a well balanced supply of side leathers.

An addition has been made to the rubber plant at Hannibal and plans are being prepared for further expansion in the production of rubber soles and rubber heels, in order more nearly to meet our requirements.

INCOME ACCOUNT YEARS ENDED NOV. 30.

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
xNet sales of shoes and other manufac'd mdse.	132,110,130	122,694,532	124,306,333	116,980,835
yCost of shoes and mdse. sold.....	114,478,076	104,702,273	103,827,701	101,627,658
Operating profit.....	17,632,054	17,992,259	20,478,632	15,353,177
Other income.....	1,575,913			
Total income.....	19,207,967	17,992,259	20,478,632	15,353,177
Int. chgs. on notes pay.....	19,053			74,058
Prov. for income taxes.....	2,176,533	2,211,430	2,780,175	2,061,543
Net income.....	17,031,434	15,761,776	17,698,457	13,217,576
Pref. dividends (6%).....	600,000	600,000	600,000	600,000
Common dividends.....	9,400,000	7,520,000	6,545,000	5,520,000
Rate per share.....	\$2.50	\$2	\$7	\$6
Surplus for year.....	7,031,434	7,641,776	10,553,457	7,097,576
Shs. com. out'd g (no par)	3,760,000	3,760,000	3,760,000	920,000
Earnings per share.....	\$4.37	\$4.03	\$4.54	\$13.71

x After deducting returns and allowances for prepayments. y After charging operating expenses, depreciation and maintenance of physical properties, selling, administrative, and warehouse expenses, and credit loss (less discounts on purchases and other miscellaneous earnings).

BALANCE SHEET NOV. 30.

Assets—	1929.	1928.	Liabilities—	1929.	1928.
Physical prop.....	\$27,692,221	27,109,583	Preferred cumu- lative stock.....	10,000,000	10,000,000
Inv. in stocks & bds of oth. cos.	300,126	202,984	Com. stk. equity	995,357,130	88,325,697
Cash.....	18,963,673	5,399,428	Accounts pay.....	2,927,806	2,680,074
Notes receivable	75,709	19,982,284	Officers' and em- ployees' bal'ce		392,512
Accts. rec. & adv.	20,928,284	2,705,675	deprec. &c.....	473,085	2,215,000
Empl. notes rec.	5,601,886	35,182,735	Reserve for taxes	2,175,000	50,000
Inventories.....	28,984,526	13,000,000	Pref. stk. div. res.	50,000	50,000
Broker's call in	8,500,000	3,103,384	Insurance res.....	389,914	306,680
Def. chgs., &c.....	402,218				
Total.....	111,372,936	103,969,963	Total.....	111,372,936	103,969,963

a Represented by 3,760,000 shares no par value. x Physical properties at tanneries, shoe factories, supply departments and sales branches after depreciation of \$13,919,558.—V. 129, p. 3974.

(B.) Kuppenheimer & Co., Inc., Chicago.

(Eighth Annual Report—Year Ended Nov. 2 1929.)

COMPARATIVE INCOME ACCOUNT.

Years Ended—	Nov. 2 '29.	Nov. 3 '28.	Oct. 29 '27.	Oct. 30 '26.
Gross profit.....	\$2,641,761	\$2,872,006	\$3,070,097	\$2,810,316
Admin. & gen. exp., less misc. income	1,886,195	2,134,934	2,152,650	1,964,903
Federal taxes.....	81,000	88,500	119,000	111,500
Interest paid.....	33,549	33,678	29,595	33,040
Net profit for year.....	\$641,016	\$614,894	\$768,853	\$700,874
Pref. dividends (7%).....	68,218	86,760	104,494	111,034
Common dividends (\$2)	200,000	200,000	200,000	200,000
Balance, surplus.....	\$372,798	\$328,134	\$464,359	\$389,840
Previous surplus.....	3,916,125	3,587,991	3,126,084	2,731,828
Prem. on pf. stk. purch.	Dr. 57,416		Dr. 2,451	Cr. 4,416
Profit & loss, surplus.....	\$4,231,507	\$3,916,125	\$3,587,991	\$3,126,084
Earns. per sh. on 100,000 shs. (par \$5) com. stk. outstanding.....	\$5.72	\$5.28	\$6.64	\$5.89

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET.

Assets—	Nov. 2 '29.	Nov. 3 '28.	Liabilities—	Nov. 2 '29.	Nov. 3 '28.
Land, bldgs., mach. and fixtures.....	\$598,844	\$638,907	7 cumul. pref. stk.	\$1,080,000	\$1,500,000
Tr.-mks. & good-will.....	1	1	Common stock.....	500,000	500,000
Inventories.....	1,847,000	1,745,612	Accounts payable.....	470,654	206,600
Notes & accts. rec. y3	2,970,950	2,299,932	Notes payable.....	500,000	500,000
Cash.....	286,344	229,675	Federal tax prov.....	81,000	88,500
Invest. at cost.....	579,939	590,525	Accrd payrolls, interest, &c.....	243,558	266,350
Common stock held for employees.....	428,916	105,000	6 real estate bonds	175,000	200,000
Deferred charges.....	147,242	143,274	Res. for cont'g.....	170,000	200,000
Pref. stk. at cost.....	226,658	453,375	Surplus.....	4,231,507	3,916,125
Total.....	\$7,451,720	\$6,877,577	Total.....	\$7,451,720	\$6,877,577

x After deducting \$822,330 reserve for depreciation. y After deducting \$231,488 reserve for bad debts, return allowances and cash discounts.—V. 128, p. 4167.

GENERAL INVESTMENT NEWS

STEAM RAILROADS.

1930 Rail Budget is \$1,050,000,000.—A preliminary survey of the financial programs of the railroads of the United States for 1930 shows that their budgets call for the expenditure of \$1,050,000,000, of which \$680,000,000 will be for roadway and structures and \$370,000,000 for equipment. R. H. Ashton, President of the American Railway Association, announced Dec. 29, in a statement reviewing the performance of American railroads in 1929.—N. Y. "Times" Dec. 30, p. 34.

Surplus Freight Cars.—Class I railroads on Dec. 15 had 367,657 surplus freight cars in good repair and immediately available for service, the car service division of the American Railway Association announced. This was an increase of 7,410 cars compared with Dec. 8, at which time there were 360,247. Surplus coal cars on Dec. 15 totaled 112,990, a decrease of 2,237 cars within approximately a week while surplus box cars totaled 206,374, an increase of 9,041 for the same period. Reports also showed 25,398 surplus stock cars, an increase of 130 over the number reported on Dec. 8, while surplus refrigerator cars totaled 11,541, an increase of 552 for the same period.

Matters Considered "Chronicle" Dec. 28.—(a) I.-S. C. Commission proposes 21 systems in railroad consolidation plan.—Proposes fifth trunk line in eastern territory headed by Wabash Ry.—Chicago Burlington & Quincy a separate system.—Four commissioners file separate reports, p. 4025; (b) Congress to defer rail merger bills.—Legislation to pave way for consolidation is unlikely at present session.—Fess Bill, p. 4083.

Augusta & Savannah RR.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 3/4 of 1% in addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 2 1/2%, both payable Jan. 5 to holders of record Dec. 15. Like amounts were paid in Jan. and July 1929.—V. 129, p. 275.

Canadian National Rys.—New Vice-President.

Robert L. Burnap has been elected Vice-President in charge of traffic, succeeding A. T. Weldon, effective at once.—V. 129, p. 3957.

Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR.—Abandonment of Narrow-Gauge Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 14 issued a certificate authorizing the Black Hills & Fort Pierre RR. to abandon and the Chicago Burlington & Quincy RR. to abandon operation of, a narrow-gauge line of railroad extending from Englewood in a general easterly direction to Calcite, 41.86 miles, all in Lawrence and Meade counties, S. Dak.

The Burlington acquired the capital stock of the Fort Pierre in 1901 and has operated the line continuously since that time. The line formerly served certain mining industries in the territory traversed, but the mines were abandoned long ago. For the past few years the operation of the line has been confined almost exclusively to the transportation of logs to and lumber from the saw mill of the Homestake Mining Co.—V. 129, p. 2531.

Chicago Rock Island & Pacific Ry.—Pledge of Bonds.

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 18 authorized the company to pledge from time to time until Dec. 31 1930 not to exceed \$5,497,000 of bonds, as collateral security for any short-term note or notes which it may issue within the limitations of Section 20a(9) of the Inter-State Commerce Act.—V. 129, p. 3469.

Gulf Mobile & Northern RR.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 27,273 additional shares of common stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance in connection with the acquisition of the capital stock of the New Orleans Great Northern RR., making the total amount applied for 137,998 shares.

Shares are to be issued pursuant to a resolution adopted by directors Sept. 27 1929. Such resolution authorizes the issuance of one share of common stock for each 2 3/4 shares of capital stock of the New Orleans Great Northern RR.

Income Accounts Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.

Total operating revenues.....	\$5,684,972
Total operating expenses.....	3,932,277
Railway tax accruals.....	395,189
Uncollectible railway revenues.....	1,154
Railway operating income.....	\$1,356,351
Other operating income.....	27,854
Gross income.....	\$1,384,205
Deductions from operating income.....	345,819
Net railway operating income.....	\$1,038,386
Non-operating income.....	147,844
Gross income.....	\$1,186,230
Deductions from gross income.....	143,953
Interest on funded debt.....	277,500
Net income.....	\$764,777
Pref. div. requirements (excl. of accrued dividends).....	684,936
Balance for common stock.....	\$79,841

—V. 129, p. 3796.

Missouri Pacific RR.—Extension of Line.

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 17 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct an extension connecting its main line with the tracks of the Fort Smith Suburban Ry. in Fort Smith, Sebastian County, Ark.—V. 129, p. 3630.

Nashville Chattanooga & St. Louis Ry.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on and after Feb. 15, of 96,000 additional shares of common stock (par \$100) on official notice of issuance as a 60% stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 256,000 shares.

Income Statement 10 Months Period Ended Oct. 31 1929.

Operating revenue: Freight.....	\$15,638,258
Passenger.....	2,478,699
Mail.....	586,566
Express.....	525,087
Miscellaneous.....	629,997
Total railway operating revenue.....	\$19,858,607
Operating expenses: Maintenance of way and structures.....	2,325,660
Maintenance of equipment.....	3,906,997
Traffic expenses.....	797,252
Transportation expenses.....	6,735,896
Miscellaneous operations.....	85,290
General expenses.....	806,675
Transportation for Investment—Cr.....	23,319
Net revenue from railway operations.....	\$5,219,155
Railway tax accruals.....	914,000
Uncollectible railway revenues.....	813
Total railway operating income.....	\$4,304,342
Equipment rents.....	Dr 150,705
Joint facility rents.....	240,111
Net railway operating income.....	\$4,393,748
Non-operating income.....	274,437
Gross income.....	\$4,668,184
Rent for leased roads.....	\$672,089
Miscellaneous rents.....	31
Miscellaneous tax accruals.....	27,585
Interest on funded debt.....	626,216
Interest on unfunded debt.....	11,953
Net income.....	\$3,330,310
Dividends.....	1,120,000
Balance surplus.....	\$2,210,310

—V. 129, p. 3958.

Montana Western Railway.—Bond.—

The I.-S. C. Commission, Dec. 23, authorized the company to extend from Jan. 1 1922, to Jan. 1 1932, the maturity date of one first-mortgage 6% gold bond in the principal amount of \$165,000. The bond is held by the Great Northern Ry.

Okmulgee Northern Ry.—Final Valuation.—

The I.-S. C. Commission has placed a final valuation of \$321,000 on the property of the company, as of June 30 1919.—V. 122, p. 3602.

Pennsylvania RR.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 1,436,721 additional shares (par \$50) on official notice of issuance and payment in full pursuant to a subscription offer to the stockholders, making the total amount of capital stock applied for 13,020,200 shares.—V. 129, p. 4137.

Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway.—Notes.—

The I.-S. C. Commission, Dec. 26 authorized the company to issue at not less than par not exceeding \$2,000,000 of unsecured short term notes at a rate of interest not to exceed 5½% per annum in connection with the construction of the Comellsville extension.

The report of the Commission says in part: The applicant states that its officers and directors are of the opinion that it would be unwise at this time to apply for authority to issue additional bonds, since the condition of the money market is such that long term bonds would have to be sold at a comparatively high interest cost, and that in view of the apparent trend toward lower interest rates it is believed that it would be advantageous to borrow temporarily the \$2,000,000 required upon its promissory note or notes for not more than four months at a rate of interest not to exceed 5½% per annum and to refund the notes at their maturity with an issue of additional bonds, as it is believed the cost of permanent financing will be materially reduced at the expiration of the four months' period.—V. 129, p. 3959.

Railroad Receiverships and Foreclosure Sales in 1929.

The "Railway Age" in its issue of Jan. 4 reports that the year 1929 closed with 5,261 miles of railroad in the hands of receivers, being an increase of 5 miles from the mileage operated by receivers a year ago. Companies in receivership declined from 33 a year ago to 31 at the end of 1929. This was the second lowest mileage operated by receivers since 1911 and the smallest number of companies in receivership since 1907.

The outstanding changes in the general situation were the return to corporate control of the Central Vermont and the establishment of a receivership for the Georgia & Florida. It is worthy of note that receivership for both these properties came from one cause, namely, bad weather—floods. The Central Vermont, it will be remembered, was overwhelmed by probably the most wholesale destruction ever visited on a single railway in the Vermont flood of 1927. Receivership followed and the property was thoroughly rehabilitated with funds advanced by the Canadian National, which held a majority of the stock of the old company. At a foreclosure sale this year the property was acquired by the Central Vermont Ry., Inc., all the securities of which are owned by the Canadian National.

Among railroads listed in the "Railway Age" a year ago as in receivership, the following, in addition to the Central Vermont, have passed to corporate control: Atlantic & Yadkin, Carrollton & Worthville, Delaware & Northern and Eastern Kentucky. Operation of the Pine Bluff & Northern, listed last year as in receivership, has been discontinued.

Receiverships Established in 1929.

Road—	Mileage.
Georgia & Florida	446
Oklahoma Union	14
Rio Grande	174

Three companies 634
Foreclosure Sales in 1929 (Mileage Included, 209 Miles).

Road—	Mileage.
Carrollton & Worthville	10
Central Vermont	493
East Kentucky	13
Harrisville Southern	6
Winchester & Western	40

Five companies 562
Railroads in the Hands of Receivers on Dec. 31 1929.

Road—	Mileage Operated.	Mileage Owned.	Date of Receivership.
Alabama Florida & Gulf	32	32	June 23 1924
Bridgton & Saco River	21	21	Oct. 1 1927
Bristol RR.	6	6	July 18 1926
California & Oregon Coast	15	15	Feb. 18 1925
Cape Girardeau Northern	15	104	Apr. 14 1914
Caro Northern	17	17	July 23 1919
Chicago & Alton	1,029	691	Aug. 30 1922
Gainesville & Northwestern	37	35	Dec. 8 1923
Gainesville Midland	74	72	Feb. 15 1921
Georgia & Florida	459	503	Oct. 21 1929
Gulf Texas & Western	130	99	Jan. 24 1921
Kansas & Oklahoma	19	19	Apr. 17 1923
Minneapolis & St. Louis	1,628	1,514	July 26 1923
Missouri & North Arkansas	57	365	May 5 1927
Nevada Copper Belt	41	41	Apr. 2 1925
North & South	41	41	Aug. 1 1924
Ohio & Kentucky	40	*38	Dec. 2 1925
Oklahoma Union	14	27	July 1 1929
Paris & Mt. Pleasant	51	51	Feb. 26 1920
Pittsburgh Shawmut & Northern	199	178	Aug. 1 1905
Rio Grande Southern	174	174	Dec. 13 1929
Sandy River & Rangeley Lakes	97	97	July 8 1923
Savannah & Atlanta	147	147	Mar. 4 1921
Sharpville RR.	21	21	Jan. 21 1927
Tallah Falls Ry.	57	57	June 24 1923
Trinity & Brazos Valley	367	303	June 16 1914
Virginia Southern	8	8	May 3 1926
White River	19	19	May 31 1928
Wichita Northwestern	100	100	Nov. 10 1922
Winchester & Western	40	40	June 21 1926
Winfrede RR.	11	11	Mar. 15 1927

*Includes leased line also.—V. 128, p. 111.

Richmond Fredericksburg & Potomac RR.—Extra Div.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 4% and a regular semi-annual dividend of 4% on the common stock and dividend obligations, both payable Dec. 31 to holders of record Dec. 21.—V. 128, p. 2801.

Rome & Clinton RR.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors recently declared a semi-annual dividend of 3%, payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 21. This compares with a semi-annual distribution of 2¾% made in July 1928 and in Jan. and July 1929.—V. 106, p. 397.

St. Louis-San Francisco Ry.—Examiner Approves Frisco and Rock Island Trans-Texas Routes—Opposes Burlington Plan.

Construction of 159 miles of railroad in the north-central and Panhandle districts of Texas has been favorably recommended to the I.-S. C. Commission in a tentative report of Examiner Thomas F. Sullivan.

The report recommends virtually the complete approval of the plans of the Chicago Rock Island & Pacific and the St. Louis-San Francisco through subsidiary companies to develop through and shorter routes from northern Texas and south-western Oklahoma to Fort Worth and Dallas.

It urges a denial of the Chicago Burlington & Quincy proposal to build 110 miles from a connection with Fort Worth & Denver City Ry. at Childress to Pampa.

Mr. Sullivan's recommendations urged the Commission to approve the Frisco proposal to construct 42 miles of new line through its subsidiary, the St. Louis-San Francisco & Texas Ry., extending from a connection with its present line at Vernon to a connection with the Gulf Texas & Western Ry. at Seymour.

Approval of the proposed operation by the Frisco line under trackage rights over 72 miles of the Rock Island subsidiary, the Chicago Rock Island & Gulf Ry., between Jacksboro and Fort Worth also was recommended. The report held that the proposal of the Frisco to acquire control of the Gulf Texas & Western through purchase of all its stock and

bonds for \$2,300,000 was in public interest but concluded that the price was unreasonable since the examiner believes the consideration should be about \$1,800,000. The G. T. & W. is a 100-mile line extending from Salesville Junction to Seymour via Jacksboro. The leasing of the G. T. & W. by the Frisco subsidiary the S. L.-S. F. & T. was favorably recommended.

Recommendation was also made that the Rock Island subsidiary, the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf Ry. be permitted to construct 108 miles of line extending from Shamrock through Wellington to a connection with the St. Louis-San Francisco & Texas at a point 5 miles north of Quanah and from Quanah southeasterly to a connection with the proposed Vernon-Seymour line of the St. Louis-San Francisco & Texas at Beaver Creek.

The examiner further urged that the St. Louis-San Francisco & Texas Ry. be authorized to operate under trackage rights over 35 miles of the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf, between Quanah and a point on the St. Louis-San Francisco & Texas, near Beaver Creek. It was also recommended that the Chicago, Rock Island & Gulf be authorized to operate under trackage rights over the St. Louis-San Francisco & Texas between Quanah and the point of connection of the proposed line north of Quanah and over 29 miles of the Vernon-Seymour line of the St. Louis-San Francisco & Texas between Beaver Creek and Seymour and over 76 miles of the Grand Trunk & Western between Seymour and Jacksboro.—V. 129, p. 3470.

Seaboard Air Line Ry.—Underlying Issue of Bonds to Be Taken Up By Bankers.—

The holders of the \$321,000 Florida Central & Peninsular RR. 1st mtge. 5% land grant extension gold bonds maturing Jan. 1 1930 are notified by the Seaboard Air Line Ry. that it has made arrangements with Dillon, Read & Co. to purchase at their face amount all bonds of the above mentioned issue which mature on Jan. 1 1930. All of the bonds should be promptly delivered for purchase at the office of Dillon, Read & Co., 28 Nassau St., New York, on or after Jan. 1 1930. Before presenting the same, coupons maturing Jan. 1 1930, and prior thereto, should be detached and collected in the usual manner.—V. 129, p. 3798.

Southern New England RR. Corp.—To Revive Railroad—Ten Towns Ask Completion of Road.

An Associated Press dispatch Dec. 28 from Southbridge, Mass. says: Extension of the expiring charter and completion of construction of the Southern New England RR. between Palmer and Providence, R. I., work on which was abandoned during the World War, was asked by representatives of 10 towns here last night.

Officials of the Providence Chamber of Commerce and Mayor James E. Dunn explained that Rhode Island interests had promised to finance completion of the road providing arrangements could be made for the interchange of traffic with connecting lines and that other New England roads would not be opposed. The chief connections would be with the Central Vermont Ry., subsidiary of the Canadian National Ry., and the New York Central.

Recommendation for extension of the charter was made on condition "that funds be provided for use in repairing the bridges along the route to the satisfaction of the Massachusetts Department of Public Works as soon as possible." Extension of the charter beyond April 15 next by the Legislature was asked.

Directors of the Providence Chamber group earlier in the day, after a special committee's report that the New York, New Haven & Hartford was opposed to the completion, voted to secure counsel to file a brief with the I.-S. C. Commission arguing the necessity of completing the road.

The present Central Vermont water outlet is New London, Conn., and the Canadian National has another such outlet through Portland, Me. The Southern New England is now in the hands of receivers, the principal claimants being the Central Vermont and John Marsch, a contractor.

The sum of \$5,600,000 has been estimated as necessary for completion of the road. Albert J. Pelouquin of Southbridge was elected department chairman of an organization to work for finishing the project.—V. 123, p. 979.

Southern Pacific Co.—To Increase Stock.—

The directors have recommended that the authorized common stock be increased by \$200,000,000 to meet capital needs as they may arise. The shareholders will vote on the recommendation April 9.

The company explained that no use of the additional stock nor offer of subscription rights to stockholders was contemplated at present. The purpose, it was stated, was to fortify the company for the future by making stock available for issue from time to time, when and if funds were required for the purchase of additional property and for additions and betterments.

At present there is outstanding \$372,380,906 out of \$394,451,800 authorized common stock (\$100 par).—V. 129, p. 3959.

Southern Pacific RR.—Seeks Road.—

The company has applied to the I.-S. C. Commission for authority to acquire the Clackamas Eastern RR. by purchase of its capital stock. The Southern Pacific proposes to pay \$250,000 for 2,500 shares of common stock.—V. 129, p. 4137.

Sugar Land Ry.—Construction.—

The I.-S. C. Commission Dec. 17 issued a certificate authorizing the company to construct and operate an extension of its line of railroad from Cabell in a general westerly direction a distance of approximately 12 miles, in Fort Bend County, Tex.—V. 121, p. 2635.

PUBLIC UTILITIES.

American Commonwealths Power Corp. (& Affil. Cos.)—Earnings.—

12 Months Ended Nov. 30—	1929.	1928.
Gross earnings—all sources	\$24,721,431	\$17,778,514
Oper. exp., incl. maintenance & general taxes	13,842,285	10,859,223
Interest charges—funded debt—subsidiary cos.	4,141,903	3,325,854
Dividends—preferred stocks—subsidiary cos.	1,738,172	1,297,082
Interest charges—funded debt—American Commonwealths Power Corp.	713,930	515,000
Balance available for dividends & reserves	\$4,285,141	\$1,781,356
Annual div. charges—1st pref. stock—American Commonwealths Power Corp.	522,705	534,996
Annual div. charges—2nd pref. stock—American Commonwealths Power Corp.	95,977	95,977

Balance available for res., Fed. taxes & surplus \$3,666,459 \$1,150,383
Note.—The above statements reflect the earnings for 12 months periods of properties owned at the respective dates.—V. 129, p. 3798.

American & Foreign Power Co., Inc.—Acquisitions.—

The American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., interests have acquired control of Mendoza Empresa de Luz y Fuerza, the public utility company which serves Mendoza, the fourth largest city in Argentina, and surrounding territory, and have also concluded negotiations for the acquisition of the properties owned by Compania de Electricidad de la Provincia de Buenos Aires in the cities of Mar del Plata, San Pedro, San Nicolas, Junin, Azul, and San Luis in the Province of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

An official statement says:

Mendoza is the metropolis of Western Argentina and is a prominent railroad center, being located approximately 65 miles from the Chile frontier on the direct rail line between Buenos Aires and Santiago, Chile, and is the gateway to Chile. The city is the center of the most important wine making district in Argentina. It has an estimated population of 175,000 and the entire territory presently served by the Mendoza company has a total estimated population of 200,000. The company's long term concession covers the entire Province of Mendoza. The company's electric generating capacity is 13,869 kilowatts, of which 10,785 kilowatts is hydroelectric. There are approximately 16,000 electric power and light consumers. The company also supplies the electric railway service in Mendoza.

The cities in the Provincia group are located in the Province of Buenos Aires in the best cattle raising and agricultural district of Argentina. San Pedro and San Nicolas are also on the River Plata between Buenos Aires and Rosario, a rapidly growing and important industrial zone, while the city of Mar del Plata is the leading seaside resort of Argentina. The total population served by this group is estimated at 209,000. There are approximately 16,000 electric power and light consumers. Electric service only is

provided by this group of properties, which occupies a strategic position from the standpoint of interconnection with other electric power and light properties already controlled by affiliated companies in Argentina and Chile. The total annual gross earnings of the Mendoza and Provincia groups of properties are approximately \$2,800,000.

Including the earnings of these properties and of certain other properties recently acquired the annual gross earnings of all properties directly or indirectly controlled by American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., for the last reported twelve months were in excess of \$78,000,000, and the net earnings from operations were in excess of \$38,000,000. The officers of the Electric Bond & Share Co. believe the gross and net earnings for the year 1930 will be substantially in excess of these figures.

The operating companies controlled by American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., including the additional properties in Argentina now acquired, serve a population estimated at 11,555,000 in Cuba, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Panama, Guatemala, Ecuador, Colombia, Venezuela and Costa Rica and in the International Settlement of Shanghai, China. Customers aggregating 853,534 are served in 731 communities. The electric generating capacity of the companies aggregates 789,348 kilowatts.

In addition American & Foreign Power Co., Inc., has a one-half interest in the Tata Hydro-Electric Agencies Limited of Bombay, India, and owns minority interests in companies in five other countries.—V. 129, p. 2533.

Associated Gas & Electric Securities Co., Inc.—President Hopson Comments on Opposition to Company's Offer to Traction Bondholders.—President H. C. Hopson says:

The lack of knowledge of the traction situation generally is the cause of the difficulty, confusion, and doubt which is now troubling bondholders. I have had occasion to discuss the problem of the traction properties with a number of persons who were interested in their securities, either because they were holders of considerable amounts or because they had taken an active part in marketing an issue or issues when the securities were originally offered to the public. Most of the persons with whom such discussions took place have stated very plainly that had they known the true conditions surrounding the properties they would have had no difficulty in deciding what was the best thing to do with their bonds. The thought, therefore, naturally suggests itself that a number of other bondholders, with whom such oral interviews are obviously impossible, might welcome a statement of fundamental facts such as many people have already declared to be enlightening.

It is most desirable from the standpoint of all interests, especially that of the bondholder, to avoid, if possible, a long, expensive, and contentious litigation, with the inevitable receivership followed by a foreclosure sale, entailing usually a serious waste of assets which otherwise might be used to pay the bondholders.

Perhaps, therefore, you would be willing to read a somewhat detailed and necessarily lengthy statement setting forth broadly the facts of controlling interest to holders of bonds on these street railway properties, all of which apply to most of the properties and most of which apply to all of them.

The following statement, while general, has been prepared after a long and careful study of all the street railway systems with which we are connected. I have had intimate contact with most of these railways in one way or another for over 20 years. I have represented a number of them in their efforts to secure increases in fares, helped them to reorganize their finances, and assisted them in many other ways to keep the properties in condition to fulfill their duty to the public in the territory which they serve.

Our views, therefore, are based not only on the recent and somewhat intensive study we have made of the particular situation of each property, but also upon many years of contact with them, and upon the judgment of the important operating executives in charge of each particular property. The opinions of these men are, particularly with respect to their own properties, entitled to much weight as to what the future holds, the opportunities for reducing expenses, whether the lessening of the competition of the private automobile and the elimination of unfair and burdensome paving and other taxes, are likely to lighten the present too heavy burden which these properties are now obliged to carry.

Therefore, while the statement is of considerable length, we believe that the relatively small amount of time spent now in carefully reading it before you take affirmative action, may save you a future loss of several times the worth of the time which a reading of it will require.

We do not advise, nor does this statement attempt to indicate, what course you should follow with the bonds which you hold. The future is too uncertain to warrant our making any recommendations, except where we know all about the bondholder's particular circumstances, and have the particular bond which he holds especially in mind. The question as to what one should do with his bond is one which is best answered by each holder for himself after securing the best information and advice which he can get.

You will, however, surely find it desirable to consider all of the factors of the situation which might have a bearing on your course of action. Some of these, not known or considered by many, we believe will be brought to your attention for the first time in this statement.

The communication to the holders of bonds of various street railways says in part:

Comments upon Offers.—Since the publication of our offer to holders of bonds of various street railway systems there has been much discussion among these holders and their financial advisors about the merits of the offers.

Some bondholders have talked about the book value or the rate-making value of the properties submitted in evidence before the P. S. Commission as being the value of the properties subject to their liens. Such values are used as a basis for rate making purposes only and have nothing to do with the intrinsic value of the outstanding bonds since that is dependent on continuity of adequate earnings. If the patronage is inadequate—in other words, if the volume of traffic and rate of fare are not great enough to pay the operating expenses and state and municipal taxes, including paying requirements, as well as provide for renewals and replacements, and to leave an adequate amount for bond interest plus a proper margin to assure the continuity of the business and thus permit the refunding of bond issues which come due within the next several months—then the intrinsic value has been impaired. This is precisely the present situation.

There has also been considerable discussion about the salvage and junk value of the properties, including the value of its real estate. This idea is based principally on the assessed valuation of such real estate, but unfortunately the assessments are as high as they are chiefly because at the present time the property is used for street railway purposes. The value of this real estate for other purposes in practically all cases will be only a fraction of such assessed value if the present car barns are torn down and the land made available for other uses.

Bus Lines.—Some persons have an idea that there are valuable bus routes which make up for all the losses in connection with the operation of the trolleys. These bus routes are often separate enterprises, of which only the stock is owned by the railway company, and only rarely is such stock a part of the security specifically pledged for the bonds. Generally it is pledged as security for outstanding notes or is free in the treasuries. In many cases the bus companies were organized with the knowledge that they would be unprofitable, but with the hope that their operation would enable the railways to escape an even greater loss because of some project for repaving, rebuilding of bridges, or what not, whose cost the railways would have had to bear but a bus company would not.

In addition, practically all of the affiliated bus companies have all they can do to meet their own debts. Urban bus lines, even when operating in conjunction and harmony with a street railway business, usually require close attention to small details to earn merely a moderate interest charge upon the capital actually invested.

Make-shift Financing.—In some cases even the trolley cars themselves are not owned by the street railway company but are merely rented from outside interests who own them and collect the rentals. All of this sounds somewhat unnatural and unreasonable but it was rendered necessary by the dire straits in which many of the street railways all over the country have been almost continually for many years past. When electricity was substituted for horse cars, there was little or no increase in the rate of fare and in some cases even a decrease, as many of the horse car lines got 10 and even 15 cents a ride. During the early years when the road and equipment were new the street railways endeavored, and sometimes effectively, to make a prosperous showing and few of them adequately provided for renewals and replacements which were to come later. Most of the operators and owners believed they were quite prosperous. The street railways, therefore, were successful in securing funds with which to build tracks and extend into the suburbs (often unwisely), and to replace equipment which had become obsolete with new and more modern types of cars unceasingly demanded by the riding public and by public authorities.

The apparent success of the electric street railways might, however, have ultimately worked out to a real success, with the growth of population, and

perched with somewhat higher fares, but hope for such an outcome was ended by the sudden rise of operating expenses during and after the war. The financial bureau of rising costs of operation was already greatly aggravated by the competition of the private automobile. For some time traction operators felt that this condition was temporary and tried to meet it by raising the fares. For a long period, however, efforts to this end were unavailing, and when increases began to be granted they were given slowly and grudgingly and were invariably smaller than were needed and asked for.

Banking Problems.—Numerous devices were adopted in order that this then failing and almost bankrupt industry might maintain the appearance of solvency and thus be able to keep up the construction and make the replacements required in any industry with so large an investment in long-lived physical plant and property, and which must be made in order to fulfill the public obligation to furnish necessary transportation. These methods and devices of financing which made possible the carrying on of the industry as a going concern to the present time would not have caused trouble had the business been thriving and growing, but it was not. For this reason, most astute bankers and able students have for years worried about its future and greatly doubted its ability to survive. It came to be true some time ago that no well informed person willingly invested a dollar in street railway securities unless he got the best security available at the time, and then only on a basis which he thought would compensate him for the risk being taken.

The present situation again demonstrates that no rate, no matter how large, will compensate for the loss of principal. Financing even under such conditions has failed to protect the lenders to the industry; on the other hand, the devices adopted to get the money to keep the going have seriously impaired the principal of numerous underlying bond issues, which at the time they were put out and for many years thereafter appeared to be adequately secured.

In short, it is our belief that a candid, fair and honest study of the situation will demonstrate to anyone who will make it, that there are not enough assets or earnings to go around; and every holder of bonds, whether refunding or underlying, first, second, or third mortgage, or some of each, will sooner or later have to accept a substantial scaling down of his claim.

Decline in Riding.—If the business done by the street railway companies were growing or even holding its own it would be far easier to make financial plans with some certainty that they would not have to be altered. The facts could be explained to financial interests, missionary work could be done, and finally, perhaps, a reorganization plan could be evolved which bankers would underwrite the new security and later sell it to their customers. However, any plans made now based on the past and current riding, if the present tendency in the industry continues, as every ing indicates that it probably will, will undoubtedly have to be drastically altered because of the still further continuing decline in the amount of riding and therefore in the net earnings.

The obligation to the public to furnish transportation is, of course, not so great now that fewer people make use of the facilities. Nevertheless, it is still a fact that public transportation such as these companies furnish is a necessity to a great many persons and therefore to some extent a necessity in the community served. How far it can be continued before reaching the limit of absolute necessity is, however, still problematical. There are many particularly those who have been in the industry for many years, who believe the bottom has been reached; but they have been saying this for a long time and the decline in riding still continues. Many advisors have urged that there must be a silver lining to the clouds which are all about the traction industry; but a firm belief in unfounded hopes cannot resist the force of economic law.

At the present moment the question of whether the irreducible minimum has been reached is apparently unsolved. Notwithstanding the fact that the combined street car and bus facilities furnish a service necessary to some, the number of people who are unable to depend upon or who cannot afford a substitute in the private automobile or taxicab is so few, in comparison with the total cost of maintaining the service, that they soon, in many cases even now, cannot possibly begin to pay the necessary running and maintenance cost connected with maintaining either a city wide traction or bus system.

As a result of acquisitions of electric and gas properties a few months ago, our interests also unavoidably became the largest security holders of the traction system in which you are a bondholder. We did not value our interest at much, if anything, but on the other hand our predecessors with less experience in the industry than ourselves had hope for it. Their advisors and the operators in charge of the properties were still optimistic that something might come about or be done to change the course of events.

In view of our large interests in many of the communities served by these trolley properties and the large number of security holders of the Associated Gas & Electric System who also owned these bonds, we felt that we should exert all the effort of which we were capable on the constructive side and that we should endeavor to make come true the hopes of those who still had faith in these properties, if properly pruned down and reorganized, could be made to pay a little, and at the same time serve the minimum requirements in their communities until their permanency was demonstrated or until they were no longer needed.

What constructive effort could, then, be made? It is obvious that those who have purchased securities of an enterprise which is primarily engaged in the light and power business cannot be expected to be willing to have their money invested in another industry about which most investors feel decidedly pessimistic.

Dangers of Receiverships.—Some bondholders appear to believe that in the event of a failure to pay bond interest there is nothing which prevents immediate seizure by foreclosure of the mortgaged property and its conversion to the most profitable use, which it might be put. Others have the idea that, because at the moment, if no provision is made for renewals and replacements, there is some small margin left over for bond interest, the company in some magical way should be able to procure the additional necessary money with which to meet the principal of early maturing obligations. Most of these properties have heavy debt obligations due within the next few months, and the money to meet them cannot possibly be secured out of earnings, which in many cases are only slightly, if at all, above the bare operating expenses required to keep the properties going.

In other words, if the properties are not actually insolvent they are in a condition approaching it, and the appointment of receivers is imminent. Receivers, however, will not have any magical methods for meeting the obligations of the company, either. The court which appoints them puts them under orders to use their best efforts to keep the properties in operation and this largely without regard to whether or not they are profitable. Receivers are seldom permitted, therefore, to abandon the operation of unprofitable lines or of some other portion of the business which is undesirable and the surest way to continue losses and to postpone such abandonments is to hasten the appointment of receivers.

If the receipts from operations are insufficient to enable the receiver to carry on, receivers' certificates may be issued which the court may put ahead of all the bonds and which may, if the receivership continues long enough, eat up substantially all of the value behind the bonds so that there will be practically nothing left for any of the bondholders. The only way that such a loss could be lessened after the appointment of a receiver is by an early foreclosure. With the complicated situations which here exist, early foreclosures will be impossible unless the various bondholders, either themselves or through their representatives, have previously made a careful study of the situation and have agreed upon a satisfactory plan of reorganization that can be presented to the court at the time of the foreclosure. If reorganization have been fully worked out so as to meet the approval of the various bondholders and of the court.

With all this in mind it seemed that if bondholders, particularly the smaller and more helpless ones, were given offers which, while not unfair to our stockholders, were on the other hand considerably more than the bondholders would probably realize at the end of a long receivership proceeding, they would be better off. Whether we wish it or not, we must remain with these properties until they have been reorganized and entrusted to a management which can continue their existence as long as they are needed or, if the properties prove to be no longer useful, until they have been junked and such assets as they have left, if any, after a receivership and reorganization, liquidated and distributed to creditors and security holders.

Study of Facts Needed.—Our hope had been that instead of the thoughtless charges and recriminations which have been evoked from a few there might be more candid study given to the actual situation as a result of which we are sure that all conservative bondholders will feel that it would be more profitable to accept our exchange offer than continue to hold on and abide the event. Though many bondholders have taken this attitude and we now hold well over one-half of a number of the outstanding issues, on the other hand there has been a considerable amount of adverse criticism with too little constructive suggestions founded on real knowledge of the facts.

We are not responsible for the present state of these properties. We have only recently acquired any voice in their policies. Since this first took place, no changes have been made in their management or methods of

operation except to attempt to conserve their cash and prevent unwise investments which they would not have the money to pay for. It is true, of course, that many bondholders have been greatly shocked at the facts which we, as a new financial interest in these properties, felt it our duty to bring to their attention, but the situation is as it is.

What Should Be Done.—The question to be considered is what should be done about it. We believed that after a substantial majority of all the bondholders had accepted our offer we should be able to prune down, operate on a conservative basis or perhaps junk and salvage these properties if they turn out to be a longer needed. Thus our ultimate realization on bonds so acquired from other holders, taken as a whole and with such considerations in mind as our other interests in the territories served, our own securities held, &c., would result in at least no unreasonably large loss. We might, with great good luck, careful management, and favorable public opinion, perhaps come out nearly or a little better than even.

We believe, on the other hand, that if warring and diverse interests, with hundreds of creditors and dozens of lawyers, engineers, and experts are permitted to swarm like bees over the properties, and attempt to put in effect numerous experimental, unrelated, and conflicting ideas, some good, and some otherwise, there will be a long drawn out, expensive, destructive litigation with receivers in charge of all the properties. Under such conditions, the result might easily be that none of the bondholders would receive more than the amount of work, which we have done in view of our substantial interest in these properties and of our other interests which are affiliated with them, will be entirely thrown away.

Composite Committees.—Proposals are being made in some instances for your bonds to be deposited with omnibus committees which will receive deposits of bonds of various issues on various unrelated properties, and in some cases several issues on the same property. We believe that any such effort can cause only serious trouble to the bondholders, as obviously in many cases the interests of the various security holders may develop to be somewhat adverse to each other, particularly where the various holders of bonds make claim to the same property, or where there are contractual relations between the various entities which originally issued the bonds.

Under these circumstances, should members of such committees, although all of them may be entirely independent of the present management of the properties, have little or no interest in any particular issue of securities, or a preponderating holding of some other particular issue, the consequences, no matter how fair or impartial they may endeavor to be, are obvious.

Maturing Obligations Make Details Relatively Unimportant.—General statements showing the situation of the earnings have already been sent you. Separate statements are now being prepared by the respective auditors of the various properties showing the earnings, so far as it is possible to figure them out, and the salvage value of the assets, including real estate, if any, appurtenant to each issue. The preparation of these figures will necessarily consume considerable time, but as quickly as they can be completed they will be sent you.

You should bear in mind, however, that even conclusions based upon such figures are largely theoretical. The practical question is presented by the fact that all of these properties have large maturing obligations, some of which are already due. No sound refunding by public financing is possible or desirable. Therefore, the question for each bondholder to decide is whether our offers or cash bids in the market are preferable to the possible ultimate loss of everything after what will probably be a long drawn out receivership and foreclosure.

In the event that you should decide that, notwithstanding the unfavorable prospects which the latter presents, you prefer not to accept our offers, or sell out for cash, you have a further decision as to whether you desire to remain free to follow such course as the future, in your own judgment, may best dictate, or whether you prefer to deposit your bonds with some committee. The members of such a committee may or may not own any bonds of their own, but in any event they can scarcely do more than serve as negotiating representatives for you in dealing with some large interest which may desire to devote the time of its executives and a substantial amount of capital to an attempt to work out the situation for such future, if any, as it may have.

The services of such a committee will, of course, not be rendered free of expense and the cost may run into several points per bond. The possibility that this cost may be added to the cost of an expensive receivership, all to come out of the bondholder's pocket ultimately, is something that you should consider seriously.

Consolidated Statement of Earnings and Expenses of Properties Since Dates of Acquisition.

	1929.	1928.	Increase—	%
	Amount.	Amount.	Amount.	
12 Months Ended Nov. 30—				
Gross earnings & other income	\$85,826,042	\$42,000,909	\$43,825,133	104
Oper. exp., mainte., all taxes, &c	44,122,289	23,056,997	21,065,292	91
Net earnings	\$41,703,753	\$18,943,912	\$22,759,841	120
Underlying pref. div. & interest	10,752,865	3,778,391	6,974,474	185
Balance	\$30,950,888	\$15,165,521	\$15,785,367	104
All other interest	13,799,435	6,575,415	7,224,020	110
Bal. for div. & depreciation	\$17,151,453	\$8,590,106	\$8,561,347	100
Prov. for replace., renewals & retire. of fixed cap. (deprec.)	4,188,973	2,375,533	1,813,440	76
Balance for div. & surplus	\$12,962,480	\$6,214,573	\$6,747,907	109

The Hibernia Trust Co. has been appointed co-registrar for the common stock.—V. 129, p. 4137.

Bell Telephone Co. of Pennsylvania.—Acquisition.—The stockholders have approved the purchase of the Lehigh Telephone Co. stock at \$100 a share. An amendment to the by-laws increasing the directors to 17 from 12 was also approved.—V. 129, p. 3799.

Bethlehem & Nazareth Passenger Ry.—Foreclosure.—An equity bill for the foreclosure of the first mortgage of \$150,000 on the property of the company, which is operated by the Lehigh Valley Transit Co. under a lease, has been filed in the United States District Court at Philadelphia by the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, trustee for bondholders.

The ground for the foreclosure is that the company has failed to meet the 30-year bonds which matured May 1 last, because of inadequate resources. Under its lease the Lehigh Valley has been paying the interest on the bonds and also a 5% yearly dividend on the capital stock of \$150,000, in the form of rental, but has made no such payments since May last. The Transit company is also named as a defendant in the suit, and the court is asked to direct it to pay into the court's treasury whatever amounts are due now as rental.—V. 129, p. 1281.

Binghamton (N. Y.) Ry.—Payment to Bondholders.—Upon presentation of gen. & ref. 1st mtge. 6% 15-year gold bonds, series A to Empire Trust Co., 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, trustee under indenture of Jan. 1 1924, the holders thereof will be paid their pro rata amount of proceeds of the sale of property under foreclosure decree received by it as trustee on the basis of \$177,292 per \$1,000 of the face amount of said bonds as determined by the decree of the U. S. District Court for the Northern District of New York, dated Dec. 18 1929, in Equity Consolidated Causes No. 965 and No. 730 now pending before it. The payment will be endorsed upon the bonds and they will be held by the trustee for final distribution to such bondholders of such additional amount of money as may be payable thereon from funds which shall be hereafter received by the Empire Trust Co. in Cause No. 730, on account of the deficiency judgment entered by it as trustee in above causes against Binghamton Ry.—V. 128, p. 3350.

Blackstone Valley Gas & Electric Co.—Tenders.—The Industrial Trust Co., Pawtucket, R. I., trustee under a certain trust indenture dated July 1 1912, hereby gives notice that it has \$44,918 for investment in 1st & gen. mtge. gold bonds, due Jan. 1 1939. Offers of bonds will be received until noon Jan. 14 1930, when all tenders will be opened, the right being reserved to reject any and all offers, or any parts thereof. Interest on bonds accepted will be paid to date of receipt, but in no case later than Jan. 28 1930.—V. 128, p. 1902.

Bristol (Tenn.) Gas & Electric Co.—Merger.—See East Tennessee Light & Power Co. below.—V. 105, p. 2455.

Chicago Aurora & Elgin RR.—Notes.—The Illinois Commerce Commission has approved the issuance of \$3,400,000 of 6% 10-year notes to reimburse the company's treasury for capital expenditures.—V. 128, p. 2991.

Chicago South Bend & Northern Ind. Ry.—Sale.—The sale of the road, scheduled for Dec. 28, has been postponed until Feb. 1.—V. 129, p. 3634.

Community Water Service Co.—Initial Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial semi-annual dividend of 3% of the common stock, no par value, payable in common stock on Feb. 1 holders of record Jan. 15.—V. 129, p. 3164.

Consolidated Gas Utilities Co.—Control Not Acquired.—Holders of voting trust certificates of the class B stock were advised this week by Hale, Waters & Co., that reports of acquisition of voting control of the company by the United Gas Co., were incorrect and that voting control still rested with the three voting trustees. Approximately 98% of the Class B stock is deposited under the voting trust agreement, which does not expire until June 1, 1938, and is voted by the trustees, who vote as a unit. The decision of any two of the trustees, therefore, carries with it the vote of the controlling stock of the company.

The present trustees are George E. Barrett, a director of the United Gas Co., and William W. Battles, of Battles & Co., and Arthur Besse, of Hale, Waters & Co., neither of whom has any connection with the United Gas Co. Taking cognizance of letters received by certain stockholders stating that voting control had passed to United States Gas Co., and suggesting that holdings of Consolidated Gas Utilities be transferred into United Gas stock, the bankers continue: "We believe the trustees can be relied upon to protect and safeguard the interests of the holders of voting trust certificates whom they represent. It is our wish that holders of voting trust certificates of the class B stock understand the situation and it is our advice that they do not sell or exchange their certificates without first acquainting themselves with the potential value of the voting trust certificates which they hold."—V. 129, p. 3961.

Detroit United Ry.—Tenders.—Guaranty Trust Co., New York requests tenders to be made to it at its office, No. 140 Broadway, New York, for the sale to it of as many bonds of the 1st consol. mtge. 4 1/2%, due Jan. 1 1932 as may be purchased, at the lowest prices offered, not exceeding par and int. to Jan. 6 1930, with the sum of \$88,249 on deposit with the trustee from the proceeds of property released from the indenture.—V. 129, p. 2384.

East Tennessee Light & Power Co.—Organized.—This company has been formed to merge eight public utility companies owned by the Cities Service Co. in East Tennessee and Western North Carolina, approval of the Tennessee RR. and P.-U. Commission having been granted. The properties involved are the Bristol Gas & Electric Co. (V. 105, p. 2455), the Bluff City Electric Light & Power Co., the Butte Light & Power Co., the Erwin Electric Light & Power Co., the Watauga Power Co., all in Tennessee, and the Elk Park Electric Light & Power Co., the Newland Electric Light & Power Co., and the Roane Creek Electric Light & Power Co., in North Carolina. Stock of the Tennessee Eastern Electric Co. (V. 125, p. 1054), serving Johnson City and Greenville, has been acquired also, but this company will not be merged, and will be operated as a subsidiary to the new company.

Florida Power Corp.—Acquisition.—The corporation has purchased the municipal electric plant in Dunnellon Fla., it is announced. The town was formerly supplied with wholesale power from the lines of the corporation.—V. 128, p. 3511.

Florida Public Service Co.—Preferred Dividend to be Paid by Associated Gas & Electric Co.—Holders of 7% cum. pref. stock on which the quarterly dividend was passed a few days ago, have been advised by R. A. Jones, Vice-President that the company has made arrangements with the Associated Gas & Electric Co. under which the latter will pay the registered holders of the preferred stock an amount equal to the quarterly dividend upon receipt of assignments of the right to the dividend when declared. "The directors believe it improper to pay this dividend at this time," the letter to the stockholders says, "but in order that no holder of the preferred stock will be inconvenienced by the passing of the dividend which we hope will be temporary only, the arrangements with Associated Gas were made."—V. 128, p. 3510.

Foreign Power Securities Corp., Ltd.—Initial Com. Div.—This corporation in which the Power Corp. of Canada, Ltd., has a substantial interest, declared their initial interim dividend of \$1 per share on common stock, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Dec. 31. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share on the on the pref. stock, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 31.—V. 128 p. 4153.

Inland Utilities, Inc.—Increases Gas Flow.—The corporation reports that its principal natural gas subsidiary, the Southeastern Gas Co., has increased its open flow by some 2,117,000 cubic feet daily. John E. Kelly, Vice-President in charge of natural gas operations, reports that tests have also disclosed hitherto unknown reserves which considerably enhance the value of the company's holdings. The corporation is now operating 168 producing wells in West Virginia and Kentucky and drilling 19 more. Total open flow production is more than 34,000,000 cubic feet daily, while gas being piped to surrounding markets is in excess of 11,500,000 cubic feet daily. In addition to its natural gas business which contributes more than 50% of its net income, the company operates manufactured gas and water properties in Pennsylvania and ice and refrigeration properties serving six cities and surrounding communities in Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia and Pennsylvania.—V. 129, p. 3325.

International Hydro-Electric System.—Nov. Output.—This system produced 357,452,000 k.w.h. of electric energy in November, 25% greater than in November 1928, and 95% over that of November 1927. The production for November was at an average daily rate of only 3-10ths of 1% under that in October when the system made a new high output record for a single month. In the first 11 months of this year the output was 3,499,324,000 k.w.h., 31% over the full year 1928, 47% over the first 11 months of 1928, and 2 1/2 times that in the first 11 months of 1927. The production of the system in the 12 months ended Nov. 30 was 3,789,714,000 k.w.h., an increase of 47% over that of the 12 months ended Nov. 30 1928.—V. 129, p. 3963.

Lawrence Gas & Electric Co.—Extra Dividend.—The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the capital stock, par \$25.—V. 124, p. 1220.

Lebanon Valley Street Ry.—Interest Unlikely.—Holders of the first mortgage 5% gold bonds have been advised in a letter from H. C. Hasbrouck, President, that there is little likelihood they will receive the interest due for the period from July 1 1929 to Jan. 1 1930. Any action to recover a judgment against the Reading Transit Co., lessee, the letter added, might result in a receivership of the latter company and "render any judgment practically uncollectible." In a letter replying to the Lebanon Valley Street Railway Co.'s request for advice as to whether interest would be paid, the Reading Transit Co. inclosed an operating statement of its Lebanon division showing operating income for 1929 of \$14,943 contracting with the interest requirements of \$25,000. "We propose to try to improve the showing of the Lebanon division," said the letter, "by petitioning the P. S. Commission for an increase in fare and also to permit the abandonment of one of the routes which has caused some of the losses and the substitution of bus operation. No great amount of hope, however, is felt that this will substantially change the results shown by the inclosed statement."

Lehigh Telephone Co.—Sale Approved.—See Bell Telephone Co. of Pa. above.—V. 129, p. 280.

Maryland Light & Power Co.—Consolidation Sought.—Consolidation of 13 Maryland electric utilities, with an estimated valuation of \$1,800,000 in physical properties, was sought in a petition filed with the Maryland P. S. Commission Dec. 27. The Baltimore "Sun" in reporting the matter said: "The consolidated concern, to be known as the Maryland Light & Power Co., will, it is said, be a subsidiary of the Empire Public Service Corp., which operates in 14 States."

The companies proposed to be merged are as follows:

- Empire Public Service Corp.
- Maryland East Coast Utilities, Inc.
- Betterton Ice & Electric Co.
- Home Electric Light Co.
- Antietam Electric Light & Power Co.
- Emmitsburg Electric Co.
- Midland Electric Light Co.
- Millington Light & Power Co.
- Trappe Electric Light Co.
- Love Point Light & Power Co.
- Somerset Electric Co.
- Suburban Electric Power Co.
- Cecilton Electric Light & Power Co.

The company, the petition asserts, "will be State-wide in scope, said company being a direct subsidiary of an adequately financed corporation, capable, through the experience of its executive and operating personnel, of efficiently managing said company, expanding its activities and extending its service to the ultimate benefit of public regulation and in conformity with a committed policy of Empire Public Service Corp. to eliminate subsidiary holding companies and otherwise improve its corporate structure."

Floyd W. Woodcock, former executive Vice-President of Day & Zimmerman will be president of the new company, while the directors will be composed of executive officers and Joseph A. W. Iglehart, Ezra B. Whitman, John H. Barrett and Clarence W. Miles, all of Baltimore.

A charter was filed with the State Tax Commission Dec. 27 with a capitalization of 25,000 shares of common stock and 10,000 shares of preferred stock of no par value. In the petition filed with the P.-S. Commission the proposed consolidated company asks authority to mortgage the properties to the extent of \$1,200,000 with 5 1/2% bonds and to issue 14,384 shares of common stock at not less than \$20 a share and 5,000 shares of preferred stock at not less than \$88 a share.

James W. Cryder, Philadelphia, is the owner of all outstanding stocks of the Betterton, Somerset, Millington, Cecilton, Trappe and Love Point companies, the petition says. His interests in these companies would be purchased by the Empire concern for slightly more than \$500,000, the petition asserts.

The Empire company is the owner of more than two-thirds of the capital stock of the Suburban, Home, Antietam, Emmitsburg and Midland utilities, as well as the owner of more than two-thirds of all classes of stock of the East Coast Utilities Co., which, in turn, owns all outstanding capital stock of the Maryland East Coast Utilities.

Middle West Utilities Co.—Correction.—Stock Syndicate Notes Offered by Halsey Stuart & Co., Inc.—Halsey Stuart & Co., Inc. [not Hill, Joiner & Co., Inc.] brought out the \$28,500,000 Middle West preferred and common stock syndicate serial discount gold notes. See details in V. 129, p. 3963.

New York State Rys.—Receivership.—

Receivers were appointed Dec. 31 by Federal Judge Bryant at Malone N. Y. Benjamin E. Tilton, President of New York State Railways and Wallace E. Pierce, of Plattsburgh, were appointed receivers.—V. 129, p. 4139.

New York Telephone Co.—Files Final Decree.—

A final decree was filed on Dec. 27 in the U. S. District Court for the Southern District of New York in the rate suit of the above company. This decree carries into effect the decision of the Court announced on Nov. 11 1929.

The decree states the value for rate making purposes of the property used by the company in furnishing the classes of service for which the Public Service Commission had fixed the rates complained against by the company. Such value is found by the Court to have been \$400,571,699 as of July 1 1926, and \$475,590,609 as of July 1 1928.

The Court states that 7% is the fair return to be earned by the company on the value of its property. Having found that the present rates have fallen short of earning such return the Court declares them to be confiscatory and invalid and enjoins their further enforcement. The decree further permits the company to increase its rates to such extent as may be necessary to earn the return specified by the Court.

In connection with the filing of the decree, Mr. J. S. McCulloh, President of the company, made the following statement:

"We are now engaged in the preparation of new rates in accordance with the Court's decree, to take the place of those which have been enjoined. These rates will cover various types and classes of service and facilities in some 340 points and places within the State of New York and the work of their revision is a complicated and difficult undertaking. This work, however, is under way and will be proceeded with as rapidly as possible. Time does not permit of the complete revision of the rate schedules and the performance of the amount of detail labor involved in changing the basis of charges and the billing of the more than 1,600,000 subscribers in the State prior to the New Year. The new rates will therefore have to go into effect on a date subsequent to Jan. 1.

"Further announcement will be made by the company concerning the new rates as soon as the schedules have been fully prepared. No statement can be made at this time giving the details of the rates in any particular locality and such information must await further work on the schedules.

"In accordance with the definite policy of the company which has been heretofore announced, it seeks to make only such adjustment in its rates as will permit it to furnish the best possible service at the lowest cost consistent with financial safety and enable it to continue to meet adequately the telephone demands of the State."

New Construction Authorized.—

President J. S. McCulloh announced on Dec. 28 that the directors at the regular monthly meeting held Dec. 26 authorized the additional expenditure of \$17,098,125 for new construction throughout the State. This brings the total appropriations for the year to \$123,995,392, of which \$106,673,520 has been devoted to the enlargement of facilities in the metropolitan district.—V. 129, p. 3635.

Northern States Power Co.—Purchases Power Plant.—

Halford Erickson, Vice-President in charge of operation of the Byllesby Engineering & Management Corp., has announced the purchase by the Northern States Power Co. of the hydro electric plant of the Cornell (Wis.) Wood Products Co. about 30 miles north of Chippewa Falls. In accordance with the terms of the purchase contract, the Northern States Power Co. acquires the power plant, dam, flowage and necessary land, including the site for a substation which will probably be constructed in the future. The power plant, however, has been leased back to the wood products company for a term of five years with a clause in the lease permitting termination in the event the Northern States Power Co. should need the plant before the expiration of the lease in order to meet increased demands for power.—V. 129, p. 4139.

Peoples Light & Power Corp.—Sales of Appliances.—

This corporation, which is controlled by the Tri-utilities Corp., reports that subsidiary companies' combined sales of domestic and industrial appliances, such as ranges, flat irons, washing machines, electric fans, water heaters, &c., totaled \$886,516 for the 10 months ended Oct. 31 1929, representing an increase of more than 61% over the corresponding period of 1928. For 12 months ended Oct. 31 1929, such merchandise sales aggregated \$1,061,582, and increase of \$446,355, or 73% over the corresponding period in 1928.—V. 129, p. 4139.

Providence Gas Co.—Rights.—

The company sold 2,360 rights to subscribe for capital stock, representing the rights unexercised by stockholders, to Providence (R. I.) brokers at \$1.25 per right, plus the stock to which the rights entitled them at the offering price of \$15 per share. Rights which expired Dec. 16, entitled subscription for one share of stock for each six shares held, so that brokers paid \$22.50 per share for the stock so acquired.

The company will turn the money received from the sale of rights back to the stockholders who failed to exercise their rights. ("Boston News Bureau")—V. 129, p. 3801, 2682.

Public Service Coordinated Transport.—Fares.—

Vice-Chancellor John J. Fallon in Jersey City, N. J., has ruled that he has no authority to restrain this corporation from charging a 10c. fare for occasional riders and the sale of 10 tokens for 50c. for regular patrons of their lines throughout the State. The fare goes into effect immediately. Vice-Chancellor Fallon stated that any relief from the new fare system must come from the Supreme Court, where the case is scheduled for hearing on Jan. 17.—V. 129, p. 3801.

Public Service Production Co.—New Vice-President.—

Edward B. Meyer, formerly chief engineer, has been elected Vice-President of the Public Service Production Co. division of the United Engineers and Constructors, Inc.—V. 126, p. 2476.

Radio Corp. of America.—Infringement of Patents.—

Infringement of patents involved in radio communications apparatus was charged in suits filed against the Universal Wireless Communication Co., Inc., in Buffalo, N. Y., and Newark, N. J., by the Radio Corp. of America on Dec. 27.

The Universal Wireless Communication Co., Inc. is a New York corporation which was granted 40 radio channels for domestic radio telegraph communication by the Federal Radio Commission last Spring. Under the terms of the grant the Universal company was to have a certain number of stations in operation between cities in the United States within certain specified time.

Three bills of complaint were filed in the U. S. District Court in the Buffalo case, the plaintiffs being the Radio Corp. of America and the General Electric Co., the Radio Corp. of America and the American Telephone & Telegraph Co., and the Radio Corp. of America and the Western Electric Co., Inc., respectively.

The Buffalo suits are based upon patents to Langmuir, Lowenstein, Cady, Schorky, Hineskeper and Stoeckle. These patents relate to vacuum tube crystals and their circuits.

In the New Jersey case, which is based upon the De Forest feed-back patents, former Judge Thomas G. Haight of Jersey City, appeared as Counsel for the plaintiffs in the U. S. District Court for the District of New Jersey.

The De Forest Radio Co. was joined as a defendant with the Universal company, but only on account of its interest in the De Forest patents, no charge of infringement being made against that company. The R. C. A. and the A. T. & T. Co. are plaintiffs in this suit.

District Judge William N. Runyon signed an order to show cause why a preliminary injunction should not issue against the Universal company, the order being returnable in Newark, N. J., on Jan. 20.

Under the provision of the order to show cause the Universal company has until Jan. 6 to serve its replying affidavits to the application for injunction and the plaintiffs have until Jan. 13 in which to serve their affidavits, on which they intend to rely in rebuttal.

The main office of the Universal company is in Buffalo, N. Y.—V. 129, p. 4139.

Rochester Ry.—Status of Bonds.—

The following letter has been sent to Rochester Railway bondholders by J. H. Pardee, Chairman of New York State Railways, the parent company, relative to value of mortgages underlying the bonds, and company prospects:

"The impression seems to prevail that the Rochester Railway first and second mortgage 5% bonds (due 1930 and 1933, respectively) are secured by all of lines in Rochester, N. Y. This is not the fact. Neither of such mortgages is a lien upon the Summerville, Sea Breeze or Glen Haven lines. These lines directly secure our consolidated mortgage.

"Another erroneous impression prevailing is that real estate securing the first and second mortgages is highly valuable and could be disposed of for an amount sufficient to pay off a large portion of the bonds. We have had counsel furnish us with a list of parcels of real estate under both mortgages and have had the parcels appraised. In making the appraisals, consideration was given to assessed values, values heretofore testified to by real estate experts in rate proceedings, opinion of employees most conversant with real estate values in their vicinity, and opinion of real estate experts. Each parcel of property was considered separately as well as availability of both building and land for other than railway purposes.

"We have been advised that value of real estate securing Rochester Railway first mortgage bonds, of which \$2,134,000 are outstanding, aggregates \$565,000, of which \$490,000 represents land and \$75,000 buildings.

"We have also been advised that real estate securing Rochester Railway second mortgage bonds, of which \$1,500,000 are outstanding, aggregates \$370,000 of which \$320,000 represents land and \$50,000 buildings.

"Other real estate owned by this company and situated in Rochester does not come under either of the Rochester Railway mortgages but is direct security for our consolidated mortgage.

"It is apparent from the foregoing that intrinsic value of the first mortgage bonds, based upon value of the real estate securing them, is equivalent to only 22 cents on the dollar and that the intrinsic value of the second mortgage bonds, based upon value of the real estate securing them, is less than 25 cents on the dollar. Any value in excess of these amounts must depend almost entirely upon the continuity of adequate earnings of the Rochester line to meet interest on such bonds.

"The service-at-cost plan expires July 31 next. The plan provided that, if it were to be extended, notice of extension should be filed one year before the expiration date. No notice of extension was given and so far as we know there is no assurance on the part of the City of Rochester to extend the service-at-cost plan for any further period. If it is not extended and the Quimby decision upholding a 5-cent fare is held binding, the situation will be serious. We have had a statement made up showing the 5-cent fare applied to the number of revenue passengers carried for the year ended with October 1929, to see what income statement would be if that fare had been in effect throughout the 12-month period, with the following results:

Operating expenses, maintenance, depreciation and taxes.....	\$3,920,817
Operating revenue, other income.....	2,775,758
Operating loss before provision for bond interest.....	1,145,059

"The erroneous impression also seems to prevail that the Rochester Railway lines can be seized by the Rochester Railway Co. first and second mortgage bondholders and operated independently of the New York State Railways. This cannot be done since substantial amounts of the equipment, as well as other property necessary to the operation of the Rochester lines, is subject to the first lien of our consolidated mortgage.

"A new survey of the expenditures necessary for maintenance, reconstruction, minor improvements, additions and betterments of lines and new equipment during the next five years in Rochester indicates it will be necessary to spend not less than \$1,350,000 yearly in each of the ensuing five years.

"We are submitting the above information, at this time, to fully inform those bondholders who do not realize the seriousness of the situation and who have been under the impression that their bonds were intrinsically worth more than the amounts which have been currently offered."—V. 129, p. 4140.

Southern California Edison Co.—Rights.—

Rights to subscribe to additional common stock were voted at a directors' meeting on Dec. 25. The common stockholders of record Feb. 25 will be offered the privilege of subscribing to one additional share at \$25 for every ten shares held. Rights will expire April 21.—V. 129, p. 2683.

Southern Michigan Ry.—Sale.—

The sale of the company's property scheduled for Dec. 28 has been postponed until Feb. 1. Wilbur M. Warner, Special Master, will conduct the sale.—V. 129, p. 3633.

Standard Gas & Electric Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 600,000 additional shares common stock (no par) upon official notice of issuance in connection with the acquisition of property of Standard Power & Light Co., making the total amount applied for not to exceed 2,579,435 shares. The 600,000 shares of common stock will be used as part consideration to acquire all the property as an entirety of its subsidiary, Standard Power & Light Corp. The principal asset of Standard Power & Light Corp. consists of 903,736,983 shares of the common stock of Philadelphia Co. which controls, through entire common stock ownership, Duquesne Light Co., which does all the electric light and power business in the City of Pittsburgh and which supplies substantially all the electric light and power service in the surrounding boroughs and the greater parts of Allegheny and Beaver Counties, Pa. The Philadelphia Co. also owns or controls, through subsidiaries, a gas distributing system in Pittsburgh and an extensive natural gas producing, transporting and distributing system in southwestern Pennsylvania and northern West Virginia and has a substantial interest in the Kentucky West Virginia Gas Co. system, which systems supply the greater part of the gas consumed in Pittsburgh. The Philadelphia Co. also owns securities of Pittsburgh Rys., representing the control (partly through long term leases) of the electric railway system in Pittsburgh and vicinity and the Beaver Valley Traction Co.; also all the stock of subsidiaries engaged in supplemental operations. Included in the balance of the property of Standard Power & Light Corp. are 38,250 shares of pref. stock, 23,500 shares of 2nd pref. stock and 60,000 shares of com. stock of Market St. Ry., which represents approximately a 40% stock interest in the Market St. Ry. system in the City of San Francisco.

None of the 600,000 shares of common stock will be acquired by Standard Gas & Electric Co. by reason of the company being a stockholder of Standard Power & Light Corp.

The plan of acquisition which has not yet been fully consummated contemplates the further payment by the company of 220,000 shares of its 7 cum. prior pref. stock; the assumption of the payment of principal and interest on \$24,000,000 debentures of the acquired company; and the surrender to Standard Power & Light of cancellation of 2,927,014 shares of partic. pref. stock which has constituted the voting control by the parent company; with cash adjustments of current accounts. See further details in V. 129, p. 4140.

Tennessee Eastern Electric Co.—Control.— See East Tennessee Light & Power Co. above.—V. 125, p. 1054.

United Gas Co.—Reports of Acquisition of Voting Control of Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. Denied.— See Consolidated Gas Utilities Co. above.—V. 129, p. 3966.

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1929, 1928. Rows include Gross earnings of subsidiary and controlled cos., Operating expenses, Maintenance, etc., Net earnings of subsidiary and controlled cos., and various dividend types.

United Traction Co. of Albany, N. Y.—Receivership.— Federal Judge Frederick H. Bryant at Malone, N. Y., Dec. 30, appointed Harry Weatherwax and Neil F. Towner, both of Albany, as receivers for the company.

Wilkes-Barre & Hazelton RR.—To Auction Securities.— Announcement has been made of the proposed sale at auction of securities pledged under the collateral trust mortgage of the company.

Adams Express Co.—Listing—Acquisition.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 642,010.4 shares (new) common stock out of the 924,323.75 shares of such stock heretofore issued and held restricted as to registration and unlisted (out of a total authorized issue of 5,000,000 shares) upon official notice of delivery of the shares in exchange for or in connection with the acquisition of the assets of Haygart Corp.

INDUSTRIAL AND MISCELLANEOUS.

Wage Raise Demanded by Garment Union.—The International Ladies' Garment Worker's Union notified 300 independent dress manufacturers Dec. 27 that agreements with their employees, terminating Jan. 1 will not be renewed unless substantial improvements in wages, hours and conditions of labor are granted.

Matters Covered in "Chronicle" of Dec. 28.—(a) National income totals \$89,419,000,000, according to National Bureau of Economic Research, p. 4023; (b) U. S. spent \$45,652,000,000 for construction during last 7 years, amount for 1928, \$7,789,000,000, p. 4043; (c) Life insurance sales in U. S. continue to gain, 3% increase in last 12 months, p. 4044; (d) Sales of ordinary life insurance in Canada continue to gain, increase of 7% in past 12 months, p. 4045; (e) Mail order houses reduce prices 10%, Sears, Roebuck and Montgomery Ward make cuts on wide range of commodities, no changes on auto tires, p. 4046; (f) International Paper Co. notifies publishers price of \$55 for newsprint will be kept for first half of 1930—Chairman of Newsprint Institute of Canada says \$60 will stand unless market conditions change, p. 4050; (g) Compilation by Thermoid Co. shows total investment in automobiles exceeds railroads' capitalization, while railroad mileage has decreased, p. 4051; (h) Pres. Machado of Cuba sets Jan. 15 for sugar grinding in accordance with recommendations of Sugar Defense Commission, p. 4052; (i) Compilation by Fletcher American Co. of Indianapolis showing ratio of earning position of various joint stock land banks, p. 4082; (j) Suspended sentences given cashier Di Paola and others indicted in City Trust Co. failure—Grand jury finds no law under which to indict Judge Mancuso, p. 4083.

Adams Express Co.—Listing—Acquisition.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 642,010.4 shares (new) common stock out of the 924,323.75 shares of such stock heretofore issued and held restricted as to registration and unlisted (out of a total authorized issue of 5,000,000 shares) upon official notice of delivery of the shares in exchange for or in connection with the acquisition of the assets of Haygart Corp., making the total number of shares of (new) common stock (free from restriction) which is applied for, 2,216,761.65 shs. See Haygart Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 3967.

Amerada (Oil) Corp.—New Directors.— Robert Youngs, partner in Iselin & Co. has been elected a director succeeding Francis I. Amory, of Boston.—V. 129, p. 3637.

American Cigar Co.—Omits Common Dividend.—The directors voted to omit the quarterly dividend of \$2 a share, usually paid at this time on the outstanding \$20,000,000 of common stock, par \$100. This rate had been paid regularly from Feb. 1 1926 to Nov. 1 1929 incl. A 23 1-3% stock distribution was also made on Dec. 31 1926.

Following the directors' meeting, President George W. Hill stated that about \$12,000,000 new capital expenditures has been found necessary. His statement follows: "The new management of American Cigar Co. has recently instituted a thorough analysis and survey of its conditions and affairs and has found that upwards of \$12,000,000 capital expenditures will be necessary to provide for procuring and maintaining adequate stocks of leaf tobacco and modernizing and extending factory machinery and equipment to take care of increasing sales and to meet the severe competition; also to bring up to date our selling and other facilities so as to be comparable with those used by the American Tobacco Co., the holder of a large majority of the common and preferred stocks of the American Cigar Co.

27,000 shares of American Cigar Co. preferred stock heretofore purchased from the American Tobacco Co. and now held in the treasury. The balance of said necessary amount will be borrowed when as required on a 6% basis from the American Tobacco Co."—V. 128, p. 1558.

American Hide & Leather Co.—Earnings.— 24 Weeks Ended Dec. 14— 1929. 1928. Net profit after deprec., int. and reserve for taxes. \$205,427 \$484,985 After charging off \$22,510 loss on sale of fixed assets.—V. 129, p. 2388

American Ice Co.—Earnings.— Period End. Nov. 30— 1929—Month—1928. 1929—11 Mos.—1928 Net profit after int., but bef. deprec. & Fed. tax \$250,045 \$202,528 \$5,528,475 \$5,256,160 —V. 129, p. 4142.

American, London & Empire Corp.—Omits Pref. Div.— Because shrinkage in the market value of the securities in its portfolio has reduced its net assets to an amount less than its paid-in capital, the corporation cannot pay the dividend accruing on its preferred stock for the December quarter, although earnings were sufficient to make the payment.

The corporation is fortunate in having had over \$2,500,000 in cash on Nov. 30, with no loans payable, and a portfolio of securities representing interests in companies in which the management has confidence. Since organization (in 1928) net earnings (after all expenses and before provision for reserves for depreciation in securities) from interest, dividend and realized net profits on the purchase and sale of securities have been \$567,815 out of which all dividends accrued upon the preferred stock from July 1 1928, to Oct. 1 1929, in amount of \$340,471, have been paid leaving undivided profits from such sources (before provision for such reserves) of Nov. 30 1929, of \$227,343, or over three times the amount required to pay the dividend on its preferred stock for the quarter ended Dec. 31. While therefore, the corporation has earnings sufficient to pay the dividend accruing on its preferred stock during the current quarter it cannot do so because the shrinkage in market value of the securities in its portfolio has reduced its net assets to an amount less than its paid-in capital; and even though current earnings be adequate for the purpose, dividends cannot be paid on its preferred stock at this time.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1929. Assets: Bank balance and cash, Due from brokers on contracts, etc. Liabilities: 6% cummul. pref. stock, No par participating stock, etc.

American Machine & Foundry Co.—Larger Quar. Div.— The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.75 per share payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 17. This compares with quarterly dividends of \$1 per share previously paid, and in addition, an extra of \$2 per share was paid on Dec. 2 1929, and one of \$1 per share on Aug. 1 1929.—V. 129, p. 3013.

American Piano Co.—Ancillary Receiver.— Judge Thompson of U. S. District Court at Philadelphia has appointed Henry Nathans ancillary receiver to take charge of affairs in that district of American Piano Co. and American Piano Retail Stores, Inc., for which Irving Trust Co. of New York was appointed primary receiver Dec. 18.

American Safety Razor Corp.—Capital Decreased.— The stockholders on Dec. 27 voted to reduce the authorized capital stock (no par value) from 250,000 shares to 200,000 shares. See also V. 129, p. 3803.

American Smelting & Refining Co.—Chairman Resigns.— Edgar L. Newhouse has resigned as Chairman of the Board. He intends to spend the next few years in traveling, which will not permit him to give the necessary attention to the duties of his office.—V. 129, p. 2685.

American Sumatra Tobacco Corp.—New President.— At a special meeting of the board of directors held on Dec. 30, following the death of Louis Leopold, former president, Seton Porter, chairman of the board of the corporation since its formation in 1926, was elected president and will assume the duties of that office, continuing to act as chairman of the board.

Anglo-Norwegian Holdings, Ltd.—Activities.— This corporation, the largest British unit in the whaling industry, the shares of which are listed on the New York Curb Exchange, reports a substantial increase in the catch of its subsidiaries for the 10 weeks of the antarctic season ended Dec. 29 1929, compared with the same period last year. Details of the operations of the various companies follow:

Table with 3 columns: Company, Shares Held, Bbls. Oil 1929. Rows include Falkland Whaling Co., Anglo Norse Co., Tonsbergs Hvalfangeri, etc.

Due to the exceptional catch of the factory ship of the Falkland Whaling Co., 13,000 barrels of whale oil have been trans-shipped and despatched to Europe in order to make room for additional catch expected before the close of the season. See also V. 128, p. 3828.

Archer-Daniels Midland Co. (& Subs.).—Earnings.— 3 Months Ended Nov. 30— 1929. 1928. Net profit after deprec., Fed. taxes, &c. \$458,165 \$417,349 Shares common stock outstanding 549,546 240,426 Earnings per share \$0.71 \$1.42 —V. 129, p. 3170.

Table with 3 columns: Description, 1929, 1928. Rows include Real est. & mach., Merchandise, Notes rec. & acc'ts receivable, Cash, Securities, Deferred charges, etc.

Art Metal Works, Inc.—Earnings.

The company reports for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 1929 net income of \$11,406 after charges. Net income for the month of November was \$36,332.—V. 129, p. 3639.

Atlantic Seaboard Airways, Inc.—New Control.

Reuben H. Reiffen, Chairman of the new Standard Aircraft Co. on Dec. 1 announced the acquisition of control of Atlantic Seaboard Airways, Inc., holding company controlling the Potomac Flying Service, International Airways, Haines Point Seaplane Service, Gettysburg Flying Service and Coover Field Inc.

The Potomac Flying Service will become the distributor of new Standard lanes in the Washington district and will establish a new passenger service between Washington and Florida, Mr. Reiffen said.—V. 128, p. 3829.

Atlantic Union Securities Co.—Investors to Receive 46 %.

Harry Bacharach, receiver for the company, reports that creditors will receive 46 cents on the dollar invested. He added that the receivership had paid \$35,000 out of \$80,000 invested in the corporation.

Autosales Corp.—Defers Preferred Dividend.

The directors have voted to defer the quarterly dividend of 75 cents per share on the preferred stock due at this time. The last dividend was paid Oct. 15 to holders of record Sept. 30.

The company, with funds obtained by stock offerings through the year, as invested largely in inventory and new vending machines. Benefits from this expansion program have not been reflected as yet, but are expected to materialize toward the end of 1930.

G. M.-P. Murphy, President of G. M.-P. Murphy, Henry Lockhart Jr. and Charles M. Marvin, both of Bancamerica-Blair Corp., and Frederick J. Allen, of Appenzeller, Allen & Hill, have been elected directors of Autosales Corp. G. P. Grant, President of Autosales; Roger Babson; L. M. Bainbridge, of Bainbridge & Ryan; W. H. L. Edwards, of Edwards, Murphy & Minton, and H. P. Miles, Vice-Pres. of Autosales, were re-elected directors.—V. 129, p. 1444.

Aviation Securities Corp.—Earnings.

Earnings for 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1929.

Gross income.....\$357,531
Net profits after interest, expenses and Federal taxes.....291,260
Earnings per share on 149,500 shares capital stock (no par).....\$1.84

Comparative Balance Sheet.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Oct. 31 '29.	Apr. 30 '29	Oct. 31 '29.	Apr. 30 '29
Invest. in Nat. Air Transport.....\$1,750,000	\$1,750,000	Capital stock.....\$2,242,500	\$2,235,000
Other stks. at cost.....597,085	1,565,756	Paid-in surplus.....997,500	995,000
Stks. carr. for synd.....255,750	—	P. and L. surplus.....288,359	141,683
Advances to synd.....791,750	93,750	Federal tax reserve.....39,717	19,082
Deferred charges.....1,200	—	Bank loan.....—	58,000
Furn. & fixtures.....1,316	1,289	Accruals.....—	11,477
Organization exp.....8,627	9,512	Accts. payable.....25	—
Notes receivable.....15,000	—		
Call loans.....100,000	—		
Cash.....47,373	39,935		
		Tot. (each side).....\$3,568,101	\$3,460,242

x Represented by 149,500 no par shares.

Note.—In addition to National Air Transport, Inc., the investments as of Nov. 1 included stock holdings in Transcontinental Air Transport; North American Aviation, Inc.; Aviation Credit Corp.; Curtiss Reid Aircraft Co., Ltd.; Curtiss Wright Corp.; Irving Air Chute Co., Inc.; Southern Air Transport; Fairley Aviation Co., Ltd.; Mercury Aircraft, Inc.; Rapid Air Lines Corp., and Cessna Aircraft Co.—V. 129, p. 284.

(The) Baldwin Co., Cincinnati.—Omits Common Div.

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 37½c. a share usually declared on the common stock at this time. The directors declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 a share on the old 6% pref. stock payable Jan. 14 to holders of record Dec. 31.—V. 124, p. 926.

Baldwin Locomotive Works.—\$30,000,000 Orders.

President George H. Houston early this week stated: "This corporation, together with its subsidiary companies will close the year 1929 with orders on hand substantially in excess of \$30,000,000 and with every prospect of normal business for 1930.

"The railroads of United States had one of the most prosperous years of their history in 1929, which should be reflected in volume of equipment business in 1930.

"Notice has been published that annual meeting of Baldwin Locomotive Works will be held in Philadelphia on March 6, at which authorization will be asked for an increase in debt of the company to \$15,000,000. If approved, it is the intention of company, at a convenient time thereafter, to fund its bank loans and provide itself with additional working capital."—V. 129, p. 4143.

Bankstocks Corp. of Maryland.—New Control.

See Bank Shares Corp. of the United States above.—V. 128, p. 2095, 4159.

Bank Shares Corp. of the United States.—Control.

Control of this corporation and through it of the Bankstocks Corp. of Maryland, incorporated in 1925, has been acquired by Bankshares National Corp. of New York, it is announced. At a meeting of the boards of directors of both companies changes in the directorates were made and new officers elected. In Bank Shares Corp. of the United States the following directors were chosen: Alan H. Andrews (of Frank L. Andrews & Son, Associates, Fall River, Mass.), Arthur Fox (Vice-President of Knickerbocker National Corp., Vice-President of Bankshares National Corp.), Paul G. Gayne, H. H. Harrison, Francis Henderson, Nelson F. Johnson, L. W. Kurtzman, W. H. Steiner, Ph., D., Frank C. Thomas (President of Bankshares National Corp., President of Knickerbocker National Corp.).

The Bankstocks Corp. of Maryland retains four of the former directors in the person of John H. Mooney (of Mooney, Meehan & Co. of Baltimore), Howard E. Spencer (of Sawyer, Fiske & Spencer of Boston), R. J. Heinkecamp of Baltimore, and J. Leo Kolb of Washington. The additional directors elected were those chosen for the board of the Bank Shares Corp. of the United States mentioned above.

Frank C. Thomas becomes President of both companies. The Vice-Presidents are Arthur Fox and W. H. Steiner, and in the case of Bankstocks Corp. of Maryland, Mr. Mooney, who was the original founder of the company. H. H. Harrison becomes Treasurer, Nelson F. Johnson Secretary, and L. W. Kurtzman, Assistant Treasurer. Fred R. Angevine, member of the firm of Moore & Bell, is counsel for the corporation, while Haskins & Sells are the auditors.

The two corporations own a controlling interest in a number of banking institutions, among them the Journal Square National Bank of Jersey City.

The Bankshares National Corp. maintains offices in New York and through its affiliate, Knickerbocker National Corp., distributes securities through offices at Buffalo, Boston, St. Louis, Washington, Rochester, Syracuse, Auburn, New York and Watertown, N. Y.—V. 129, p. 3639.

Bankshares National Corp. of New York.—Acquisitions

See Bank Shares Corp. of the United States above.

Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, Inc.—Acquisition.

See Parker Mills below.—V. 129, p. 2076.

Bethlehem Steel Corp.—Bonds Called.

All of the outstanding consol. mtge. 30-year sinking fund 6% gold bonds, series A, and consol. mtge. 30-year sinking fund 5½% gold bonds, series B, have been called for payment Feb. 1 next at 105 and 107, respectively, and interest at the Guaranty Trust Co., trustee, 140 Broadway, New York City.

In any owners of the bonds desire to dispose of the bonds owned by them, respectively, prior to Feb. 1 1930 they may, upon surrender thereof to the Guaranty Trust Co. mentioned in such notice, together with all coupons thereto appertaining maturing on and after said redemption date (Feb. 1 1930), receive for the 6% series A bonds so surrendered 105% of the principal amount thereof, and for the 5½% series B bonds so surrendered 107% of the principal amount thereof, plus in every case interest accrued and unpaid thereon to the date of the surrender thereof.—V. 129, p. 3968.

Bon Ami Co.—Extra Class B Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 50c. a share and the regular quarterly dividend of 50c. a share on the class B stock, both payable Jan. 17 to holders of record Jan. 14, and the regular quarterly dividend of \$1 a share on the class A stock, payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 14.

An extra of \$1 per share was paid on the A stock on July 30 and on Nov. 13 1929. An extra of 50c. per share was also paid on the B stock in January 1927, 1928 and 1929, and in July and November 1929.—V. 129, p. 2861.

Borden Co.—Acquisition.

The stockholders of the Mitchell Dairy Co. on Dec. 31, voted to convey their property and assets to the Borden Co. of New York for 8,000 shares of Borden stock, with an estimated market value of \$500,000. The Mitchell company's name will be changed to the Washington Holding Co.—V. 129, p. 3969.

(H. M.) Byllesby & Co.—Special Dividend.

President John J. O'Brien, announces that the directors have declared a special dividend of 1-20th of a share of class A stock on both the class A and B common stocks, payable Jan. 25, 1930 to holders of record Jan. 10 1930. This action follows approval by the stockholders, at their special meeting, of an increase in the authorized amount of class A stock, from 400,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares, and an increase in the authorized amount of class B stock, from 350,000 shares to 2,000,000 shares.

An extra cash dividend of \$1 per share for 1929 was paid Dec. 23 on the class A and B stocks in addition to the regular quarterly dividends of 50 cents per share.—V. 129, p. 3639.

Camperdown Mills, Greenville, S. C.—Liquidation.

Announcement has been made at Greenville, S. C. of the proposed liquidation and sale of all the physical property of the company, including the plant, approximately 25 acres of land, 112 operatives' homes and other real estate. The trustees in liquidation are George Norwood, W. C. Beacham, F. W. Symmes, and B. E. Geer. The Camperdown property is to be sold at public auction Jan. 15 to the highest bidder. The sale will be held at the company's office and no bid will be accepted unless the purchaser has first posted a certified check for \$10,000.

Camperdown Mill, the second oldest in Greenville, contains 12,032 spindles and 432 box looms. These, together with the dye plant and all complementary machinery, will be sold, nothing being reserved in the sale except finished goods. Stock in process of manufacture will be sold along with the plant and equipment.

Canada Cement Co., Ltd.—Earnings.

	1929.	1928.
Profits from operation.....	\$5,209,833	\$4,673,774
Provision for depreciation.....	2,038,717	1,598,874
Bond interest.....	1,100,000	1,100,000
Reserves.....	454,019	577,950
Preferred stock sinking fund.....	16,395	2,077

Net income.....\$1,600,701 \$1,394,874
Preferred dividends.....1,364,870 1,365,000

Balance, surplus.....\$235,831 \$29,874
Earns. per sh. on 600,000 shs. com. stk. (no par).....\$0.39 \$0.05

Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
L'd. bldgs., equip., &c.....	38,988,476	39,044,697	—
Inventories.....	1,892,793	2,924,051	—
Accts. receivable.....	1,053,026	969,311	—
Depos. on tenders.....	42,723	77,212	—
Deposits under Work. compens. Commission.....	74,937	—	—
Govt. bonds and other securities.....	198,704	—	—
Call loans.....	1,000,000	750,000	—
Cash.....	1,233,885	817,231	—
Def. chgs. to oper.....	112,659	121,825	—
Investments.....	7,047,016	4,727,651	—
		Tot. (each side).....	51,644,222

Represented by 600,000 shares no par.—V. 128, p. 563.

Canada Dry Ginger Ale, Inc. (& Subs.).—Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.
Cash.....	\$800,967	\$658,410	—
Call loans.....	1,470,000	1,900,000	—
U. S. Treas. 3½% notes.....	485,700	499,781	—
Other securities.....	3,885	—	—
Notes, drafts and accts receivable.....	1,714,637	1,263,436	—
Due from subser. to capital stock (employees).....	107,818	83,059	—
Inventories.....	613,087	765,408	—
Property, plant, equipment, &c.....	3,509,763	2,404,742	—
Deferred charges.....	354,997	144,443	—
Good-will, trademarks, &c.....	1	1	—
		Total.....	\$9,060,855
		Total.....	\$9,060,855
		x After reserves for depreciation of \$1,081,189. y Represented by 510,684 no-par shares.	

Our usual comparative income account for the nine months ended Sept. 30 was published in V. 129, p. 3969.

Carman & Co., Inc.—Earnings.

For the 9 months ended Sept. 30 1929, the company reports net earnings after all charges, including allowance for Federal income taxes, of \$277,342. This is equivalent to over 4 times the preferential dividend requirements for the period on outstanding class A stock.

The company has just completed the purchase of an additional block of this class A stock for sinking fund retirement, bringing total purchases for the year on this account up to over 2,600 shares. According to present figures, additional stock will be purchased for sinking fund and retired during the early part of 1930.—V. 129, p. 2390.

Century Shares Trust.—\$1 Dividend.

The trustees have declared a semi-annual dividend of \$1 a share on the participating shares payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 2. See also V. 129, p. 132, 2687.

Chile Copper Co.—Report 9 Months Ended Sept. 30.

During the nine months ended Sept. 30 1929 there were treated 8,556,804 tons of ore averaging 1.637% copper.

Production for the nine months was 242,779,825, a monthly average of 26,975,537 lbs.

The financial outcome of the Chile Copper Co. and subsidiaries had at Nov. 30 1929, in cash and call loans, \$19,336,400 as against \$19,750,100 on Aug. 31 1929.

Results for Three and Nine Months Ended Sept. 30.

Period—	1929—3 Mos.—1928.	1929—9 Mos.—1928.
Total sales (pounds).....	54,058,795	72,231,811
Gross receipts.....	\$10,055,800	\$10,881,897
x Expenses & charges.....	4,636,354	5,723,799
		\$16,394,439
		\$15,568,678
Surplus.....	\$5,419,446	\$5,158,098
Earns. per sh. on 4,415,498 shs. cap. stk. (par \$25).....	\$1.23	\$1.17
		\$4.54
		\$3.13

x Including depreciation, amortized discount on bonds, accrued Federal taxes and accrued bond interest.—V. 129, p. 3330.

(The) Chilton Pen Co.—Not to Dissolve.

In accordance with the provisions of the certificate of incorporation of the company, that, subject to the approval of the stockholders, all of the

properties and assets of the company will be sold on or about Jan. 8 and that no date has been set as of which stockholders of record shall be entitled to receive their distributive shares in such sale as it is not now planned that the company will dissolve or distribute any of its assets to its stockholders at the present time.

Clark Equipment Co.—Changes Annual Meeting Date.—The stockholders have voted to change the date of the annual meeting from Feb. 15 to April 30.—V. 129, p. 3478.

Clorox Chemical Co.—2% Stock Dividend.—The directors have declared a 2% stock dividend on both the class A and B stocks, payable in class A stock Jan. 30 to holders of record Jan. 15. If estimates of future earnings are realized the company will continue to pay a 2% stock dividend semi-annually in addition to an annual cash dividend of \$2 per share. Fractional shares will not be issued, but cash will be paid for them.—V. 129, p. 2232.

Cockshutt Plow Co., Ltd.—Earnings.—Net profit of the company for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 1929, including \$142,044 profit from sale of Adams Wagon Co., was \$949,655 after depreciation, taxes, &c. Surplus after dividends was \$624,980 from which \$100,000 was transferred to merchandise reserve.—V. 129, p. 3172.

Consolidated Lead & Zinc Co.—Smaller Dividend.—The directors have declared a dividend of 12½¢ per share, payable Jan. 2. Previously quarterly dividends of 25¢ per share were paid. The company recently eliminated all distinction between class A and class B stock. The stock is now all common stock.—V. 129, p. 967.

Consolidated Paper Box Co.—Omits Class B Dividend.—The directors have passed the quarterly dividend of 25¢ due at this time on the class B stock. Conservation of cash resources necessitated by the seasonal advance in accounts receivable due to the holiday demand is given as the basis cause of the omission.—V. 129, p. 2080.

Consolidated Steel Corp.—Note Issue.—According to Los Angeles dispatches the company has created an authorized issue of \$2,500,000 notes, of which \$1,500,000 will be offered shortly. Preferred and common stockholders have the right to purchase a \$1,000 6% note for every 292 shares of stock held. A syndicate is being formed to underwrite the issue, it is stated.—V. 129, p. 4143.

Consolidated Textile Corp. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Earnings for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.			
Gross sales	\$13,314,747		
Returns and allowances	258,632		
Cost of sales	12,150,865		
Gross profit	\$905,251		
Other income	83,194		
Total income	\$988,445		
Selling and administrative expenses	630,753		
Depreciation	186,588		
Interest on bonds, notes payable, &c.	648,909		
Amortization of discount and commission on bonds and notes	20,802		
Result before special credits	def\$498,607		
Prov. in prior years for int. on 5-yr. 6% inc. subordinated convertible debts, converted into stock during the period and now written back	Cr1,757		
Div. on first pref. stock of Consolidated Selling Co., Inc.	48,000		
Deficit for period	\$544,849		
Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 28 1929.			
Assets—	Liabilities—		
Land, bldgs., mach'y, eq., &c.	\$9,699,976	Funded debt	\$9,597,700
Goodwill, trademarks, &c.	1	Notes payable to banks	1,800,000
Inventories	5,023,341	Accounts payable	443,228
Accounts receivable	3,177,359	Accrued interest	194,200
Mortgage receivable	35,000	8% cum. first pref. stock	800,000
Cash	557,080	Net worth	5,791,154
Unamort. discount & comm'n	80,910	Total (each side)	\$18,626,283
Prepaid insurance, rent, &c.	52,614		

Container Corp. of America.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 117,514 additional shares of class A voting common stock (par \$20), official notice of issuance in full payment, for all of the assets subject to all of the liabilities (including the outstanding preferred stock, or a funded obligation sufficient in amount to retire same) of the Sefton Manufacturing Corp., and all of the assets subject to all of the liabilities of the Dixon Board Mills, Inc., making the total amount applied for 474,314 shares of class A common stock.

The acquisition comprises all of the properties and assets subject to liabilities of the Sefton Manufacturing Corp. and which are situated at Chicago, Ill., Anderson, Ind., and Brooklyn, N. Y., as well as all of the properties and assets subject to liabilities of the Dixon Board Mills, Inc., and which are situated at Carthage, Ind.

The Sefton plants are completely equipped for the manufacture of corrugated containers, folding boxes and pallets, and the Dixon plant completely equipped for the manufacture of paper board and strawboard.

Consolidated Statement of Operations 10 Months Ended Oct. 31 1929.
(Including Chicago Mill Paper Stock Co. and Mid West Box Co.)

Net profit from sales	\$1,762,430
Provision for depreciation	625,025
Net profit from operations	\$1,137,405
Miscellaneous income (net)	52,247
Total income	\$1,189,651
Interest charges	489,780
Provision for Federal income taxes	76,986
Net profits	\$622,885
Balance at Jan. 1	818,356
Total surplus	\$1,441,241
Dividends	274,516
Balance at end of period	\$1,166,725

Continental Department Stores, Inc.—New President.—Glen R. Jackson has been elected president. He was formerly head of the O. M. Smith Co. of Flint, Mich.—V. 128, p. 3519.

Continental Motors Corp.—Omits Dividend.—The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend of 20¢ a share due at this time. From April 30 1924 to and incl. Oct. 30 1929 quarterly distributions at this rate were paid.

Pres. R. W. Judson made the following statement after directors' meeting:
As a result of the unsatisfactory operating profits of the last quarter of the corporation's fiscal year a reflection of the unsettled conditions in the motor car industry, the directors have decided to omit the dividend due at this time because of the policy that dividends will not be paid unless earned.
Our policy is to preserve the strong cash and asset position of the corporation, which keeps it in a position to take care of all future business. Continental enters its new fiscal year with no preferred stock, no bank loans, no bonds or other funded debt of any character and an improved outlook for its future.—V. 129, p. 3640.

Continental Oil Co. (Del.)—Stock for Employees.—The company's monthly publication, "The Conoco Magazine," of December 1929, says:

The executive committee, feeling that the prices at which the stock of the company has been selling do not favorably represent the value thereof, has authorized the purchase of a sufficient number of shares to cover the allotment for 1929 under the stock ownership plan for employees and has authorized

the trustee to reduce the allotment price for 1929 from \$39.25 per share to \$27.50 per share. Interest on the unpaid balance will commence to accrue on Jan. 1 1930.

New Continental Stations.—Continental's construction program for the next few months includes at least three super type service stations in the east, and a number of bulk plants and service stations in the western Kansas territory.

At Tessville, Ill., a Chicago suburb, there is now under construction a new bulk plant and service station which will greatly facilitate the delivery of Conoco Products in Chicago and vicinity. This program will include a two-story bulk plant on railroad right-of-way, with large storage capacity, and a modern service station on a main artery of travel. The primary purpose of this plant will be to speed up distribution in the metropolitan area by avoiding the long haul from the company's bulk plant at Hammond, Ind.

Work will soon be started on Continental's new super station in Washington, D. C., to be situated at 10th and E Streets, Northwest, in the heart of the business district. This station is to be erected on a corner opposite the present Conoco station, which will be abandoned. The new station will be of octagon shape, of brick and stucco. Another super station will be built in Newark, N. J., on a site where 5 streets intersect, and considered one of the finest station locations in the city.

Plans have also been started for several bulk and service stations in western Kansas, and this construction program is scheduled to go forward immediately.

Oregon will be the first State to increase its gasoline tax rate in 1930. A new law calling for an increase of 4 cents a gallon becomes effective on Jan. 1. Convening of legislatures in other States may result in an earlier increase elsewhere, however, as agitation for an upward revision of the rates already has been started in several States.—V. 129, p. 3017.

Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.—To Default Debenture Interest.—Notice having been received that interest due Jan. 1 1930 on the certificates of deposit for 10-year 7% debenture bonds due 1930, and certificates of deposit for 10-year convertible 8% debenture bonds due 1930, will not be paid on that date, and that the coupons due on that date will be returned to the holders of the certificates of deposit at the time of delivery of new securities on surrender of certificates after consummation of the plan of reorganization, the Committee on Securities of New York Stock Exchange ruled that on deliveries made beginning Jan. 2 1930, interest shall be calculated for six months, no interest to be added for the period beginning Jan. 1 1930.—V. 129, p. 4144.

Cutler-Hammer, Inc.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of an additional 55,000 shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance as a 20% stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 330,000 shares of common stock.—V. 129, p. 3640, 638.

Cytron Mortgage Co., Cincinnati.—Receiver.—M. H. Rodemeyer has been appointed receiver for this company, dealer in second mortgages, after four receivership suits and an involuntary bankruptcy petition had been filed in Federal and State courts by creditors against the company and properties it controls.

Mr. Rodemeyer, who is President of the M. H. Rodemeyer Realty Co. of Cincinnati was directed by U. S. Judge Davis to immediately take charge of the company's affairs after posting \$25,000 bond.

De Beers Consolidated Mines, Ltd.—Redemption.—The company on Jan. 1 retired at par all of the outstanding (£1,635,495) South African Exploration debentures. This liability was met from the special reserve fund which was created for the purpose of redemption.—V. 129, p. 4135.

(The) De Haviland Aircraft Co., Ltd. (England).—Initial Dividend.—The directors have declared an initial dividend of 10% on the old American depository receipts and 6 2-3% on the new American depository receipts, payable Jan. 7.—V. 128, p. 3519.

Devoe & Reynolds, Inc.—No Extra Dividend.—The directors recently declared the regular quarterly dividends of 60¢ a share on the class A and class B common stocks, but decided to omit the usual extra dividends of 15¢ a share on these issues. The directors also declared the regular quarterly dividends of 1¼¢ on both the 1st and 2nd pref. stocks. All dividends are payable Jan. 1 to holders of record Dec. 21 (not Dec. 31 as previously stated).

An extra dividend of 15¢ a share was paid on both the class A and class B common stocks in each of the four quarters of 1929 and an extra distribution of 20¢ a share was made on July 2 and Oct. 1 1928.—V. 129, p. 3806.

Distributors Group, Inc.—Sales of North American Trust Shares Exceed \$40,800,000.—See latter below.—V. 128, p. 3834.

Duplan Silk Corp.—Earnings.—

6 Months Ended Nov. 30—		1929.	1928.
Net sales		\$7,533,355	\$6,719,787
Costs, expenses & depreciation		Not Available	\$813,568
Balance			22,977
Other income			\$836,545
Total income			37,559
Miscellaneous deductions			
Profit before tax		\$878,303	\$798,986
Federal taxes		131,746	110,000
Net profit		\$746,557	\$688,986
Preferred dividends		175,500	191,532
Surplus		\$571,057	\$497,454
Earnings per share on 350,000 shs. common stock (no par)		\$1.63	\$1.45

Consolidated Balance Sheet Nov. 30.

Assets—		Liabilities—			
1929.	1928.	1929.	1928.		
\$	\$	\$	\$		
Property, plant & equipment	8,469,919	8,326,726	Preferred stock	4,295,000	4,613,300
Cash	926,908	569,057	Common stock	3,679,480	6,879,480
Accts. receivable	1,868,694	1,033,218	Accounts payable	1,390,353	1,177,917
Inventories	5,112,049	5,496,159	Fed. tax reserves	103,603	255,259
Subsidiary invests.	109,102	12,650	Reserves	31,809	71,273
Marketable secur.		699,656	P. & L. surplus	3,883,641	3,158,982
Deferred charges	97,214	18,745			
Total	16,583,886	16,156,211	Total	16,583,886	16,156,211

x After depreciation. y Represented by 350,000 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 3641.

Dominion Bridge Co.—Earnings.—

Years End. Oct. 31—	1928-29.	1927-28.	1926-27.	1925-26.
Total earnings	\$2,639,832	\$1,820,824	\$1,106,156	\$572,750
Depreciation	400,000	300,000	180,000	133,680
Res. for plant ext'n, &c.	300,000	313,296		
Net income	\$1,939,832	\$1,207,528	\$926,156	\$439,070
Dividends	1,227,580	897,812	260,000	260,000
Rate per sh. or per ct.	(\$3.05)	(\$2.60)	(4%)	(4%)
Bonus paid		(20c.)73,125	(8%)520,000	
Balance	\$712,251	\$236,591	\$146,156	\$179,070
Profit & loss, surplus	\$4,194,856	\$3,482,605	\$3,246,014	\$3,099,859
Sbs. of cap. stock outstanding (no par)	410,437	365,625	325,000	y65,000
Earn. per sh. on cap.stk.	\$4.72	\$3.30	\$2.85	\$6.75

x Profits from contracts, interest and dividends received on investments and miscellaneous earnings, after allowing for Federal taxes.
y Par \$100.

Comparative Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Assets (Ant. machinery, equip., &c., v. in other cos., All loans, etc.) and Liabilities (Capital stock, Res. for deprec. & renewals, etc.).

Total 20,220,348 15,491,977. x Real estate, plant, machinery and equipment, \$10,524,547, less depreciation reserve, \$2,622,617. y Expenditures on uncompleted contracts, \$20,552,550, less amounts received on account, \$16,602,613. z Represented by 410,437 shares of no par value.—V. 129, p. 4144.

Dunhill International, Inc.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 15 1930 of 1,413 shares additional common stock (no par) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for to date 142,998 shares.—V. 129, p. 2392.

Eastern Manufacturing Co.—Consolidation.—

See Corono Pulp & Paper Co. below.—V. 129, p. 3971.

Easy Washing Machine Co., Ltd.—Omits Dividend.

The directors have voted to omit the quarterly dividend ordinarily paid Jan. 2 on the no par value common stock. This issue had been on \$2 annual dividend basis (50c. quarterly).—V. 128, p. 3691.

Electric Power Associates, Inc.—Report.—

The company reports for the 11 months ended Dec. 31 1929, realized net cash profits from interest, dividends and the sale of securities of \$1,213,668, according to H. Hobart Porter, President. After expenses there remains a balance of \$1,165,715 available for taxes (estimated at \$120,000) and dividends from which there has been declared a dividend of 25 cents per share, payable Feb. 1 1930 to holders of record Jan. 15 1930. The report covers the 11 months of operation since the organization of the company Feb. 8 1929.

Net profit totaled \$1,045,715, while profit on sale of securities amounted to \$793,809. Cash and call loans amounted to \$1,688,850, with securities cost totaling \$24,776,110. The company, as of Dec. 31 1929 had total assets of \$26,501,490.

Company was organized not as an investment trust to acquire and hold a highly diversified list of securities, states Mr. Porter in his report to stockholders, but with the intention of making long-term investments of relatively large amounts in the common stocks of public utilities which the management felt would increase in value over a period of time. "Funds not invested have been used to acquire as temporary investments a variety of other preferred and common stocks largely of public utilities," states the president.

"In spite of the very great decrease in the market value of securities that has taken place in the last few months the market value of the securities in your company's portfolio as of Dec. 31 1929, was in excess of cost and together with cash and call loans was in excess of the amount realized from the issuance of its own stocks."

Initial Dividends.—

The directors have declared initial dividends of 25 cents each, on the class "A" and common stocks, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15.—V. 129, p. 969.

Equitable Casualty & Surety Co.—Merger.—

Absorption of the Mayflower Fidelity & Casualty Insurance Co. by the Equitable company was announced on Jan. 1 by Edmund D. Bistline, secretary and treasurer of the Mayflower company. The Mayflower Fire & Marine Insurance Co. will continue business as in the past. See also V. 129, p. 4145.

Federated Publications, Inc.—Initial Common Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 30c. a share on the common stock, no par value, payable Jan. 31 to holders of record Jan. 15.—V. 129, p. 2235.

Florsheim Shoe Co.—Earnings.—

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1927, 1926. Rows include Operating profit, Other income, Total income, Charges, Federal taxes, Net profit, Preferred dividends, Common dividends, Preferred stock premium, &c., Surplus.

Earnings per share on 236,293 shares class A stock (no par) \$5.92 \$5.25 y\$5.15

Earnings per share on 327,414 shares class B stock (no par) \$2.96 \$2.63 y\$2.57

a After deducting operating expenses of \$2,107,790. x Declared prior to recapitalization. y Computed on present share basis.

On April 24 1928 the company recapitalized, issuing \$7,250,000 6% cum. pref. stock, 236,293 shares class A stock (no par) and 327,414 shares class B stock (no par) in exchange for the then outstanding \$7,489,600 class A and class B stock.

Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Table with 4 columns: 1929, 1928, 1929, 1928. Rows include Assets (Cash, U. S. Lib. bds., &c., Acc'ts & notes receivable, &c., Mdse. inventory, Inv., advs., &c., Cos. cap. stk. purchase for resale to empl) and Liabilities (Acc'ts payable, Accrued payrolls, Comm'n's, &c., Fed. income tax, Real est., personal prop. & miscell. taxes, Res. for conting's, Dividends payable, 6% preferred stock, Cl. A stk., (no par), Cl. B stk., (no par), Surplus).

Tot. (each side) 12,585,897 11,652,620. a 236,293 shares (no par). b 327,414 shares (no par).—V. 129, p. 3481.

Food Machinery Corp.—Listing.—

The San Francisco Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 1,000 additional shares of pref. stock, effective May 20 1929 and 61,324 additional shares of common stock on Sept. 27 1929, effective upon official notice of issuance.

The issuance of the 1,000 additional shares of pref. stock, authorized by the directors on Jan. 17 1929, were issued to provide additional working capital.

The directors have duly authorized the issuance of an aggregate of 61,324 additional shares of common stock. The California Corporation Department has granted permits, dated June 6 1929, Sept. 10 1929, and Nov. 21 1929, to issue portions of this aggregate of 61,324 shares of common stock as follows: 15,000 shares to acquire all of the outstanding capital stock (2,250 shares, \$100 par value) of the Stebler Parker Co.; 1,140 shares in exchange for all of the outstanding capital stock (32,549 shares) of the Vernon Edler Corp.; 800 shares to acquire the entire assets of Roberts & Huntington; 2,925 shares to cover 2% common stock dividend, which accrued to holders of common stock as of record Sept. 10 1929; 21,459 shares

to cover rights to subscribe to additional shares of common stock which accrued to holders of common stock as of record Sept. 10 1929.—V. 129 p. 3972.

Franklin Process Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share on the no par value capital stock, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 24.—V. 118, p. 557.

Fourth National Investors Corp.—1929 Annual Report.

Table with 2 columns: Description, Amount. Rows include Interest on call loans, &c., Cash dividends, Total, Loss realized on sale of securities, Management fee, Miscellaneous expenses, Interest, Provision for New York State taxes, Net loss.

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1929.

Table with 2 columns: Assets, Liabilities. Rows include Securities owned, at cost, Call loans, Cash, Accounts receivable, Interest receivable, Dividends receivable, Prepaid N. Y. State franc. tax, Net loss from operations, Total (each side).

a Represented by 500,000 no par shares. b Representing the excess of amount paid in for capital stock and purchase warrants over the stated value of capital stock, after deducting organization expenses.

Securities Owned Dec. 31 1929.

Table with 3 columns: Shares, Common Stocks, Market Value Dec. 31 1929. Lists various companies and their market values.

Total market value of securities owned \$15,467,800

Total cost of securities owned \$18,076,560

Excess of cost over market value \$2,608,760 —V. 129, p. 2082.

Fox Film Corp.—Deadlock Reached in Situation.—

The following is from the "Wall Street Journal" of Dec. 30: The situation in Fox Film and Fox Theatres has apparently reached a temporary deadlock which should be broken in a few days.

Conferences between Fox interests and representatives of a number of New York banks who hold the short term obligations have been under way for some time without any conclusion having been reached. It is understood that certain of these obligations are now due so that the situation should be brought to a head in the near future.

Apparently control of both Fox Film and Fox Theatres still remains with William Fox, who has held 100,000 shares of class B stock of each company, which, in each case, carries the voting control. In spite of the appointment recently of a committee of three trustees, there has been no change in the board of directors of either company so that it does not appear that the trustees have actually acquired any power other than that given them by Mr. Fox, who retains control of the board of directors of both companies.

In view of the short-term obligations, totaling over \$90,000,000 it would appear that the banking interests would feel that actual control of the management of the companies would be essential to any banking plan of reorganization. Likewise, it is apparent that Mr. Fox will be reluctant to relinquish control of his companies unless compelled to.

While trustees are understood to be working on a complete statement of liabilities of the companies, this has not yet been made public. The difficulty of arranging any permanent financing of such obligations is, of course, greatly complicated by the decline in value of the collateral involved, particularly of the holdings of Loew's.

While the majority of transactions which have caused Fox's present difficulties were handled through the Fox Theatres Corp., it is understood that the Fox Film Corp. has a contingent liability on obligations of Fox Theatres.

Class A Holders See Receivership Necessary Protection.—

Farrar Lazarus, a member of the Fox Film Corp. class A stockholders' protective committee, has issued the following statement:

"The class A stockholders' committee of Fox Film Corp. announces that the situation in Fox Film Corp. and Fox Theatres Corp. does not look encouraging and indications are that a receivership must be resorted to at once in order to protect all interests.

"The reported disagreement among the trustees of the class B Fox Film stock, the unwillingness of the company officials and trustees to co-operate with class A stockholders' committees, and the status of the creditors whose claims are reported due with no present arrangements for satisfying them make such step seem inevitable. If the receivership is not immediately applied for by the creditors, such immediate action is contemplated by the class A stockholders for their protection.

"On account of the similarity of interests of stockholders of class A stock of both Fox Film Corp. and Fox Theatres Corp. the same committee is organizing Fox Theatre class A stockholders so that their interests will also be protected. There is a likelihood that creditors may take action on account of the present situation to prevent the disbursement of the dividend of approximately \$900,000 now due and payable Jan. 15.

"The Government suit to force the company to divest itself of the Loew's, Inc., holdings if successful will result in the disposal of this valuable property at a severe loss on account of the market depreciation in the price of the stock. The removal of this most valuable asset and the resultant loss of revenue to the company will seriously impair earnings in the opinion of the committee.

"It is essential that the liabilities of the Fox Film Corp. and Fox Theatres Corp. be segregated and be made public at once, and the entire status of both corporations be brought out into the open, so that the assets of each corporation may be properly allocated and maintained in the position occupied by them prior to the appointment of the trustees. Appropriate action by the committee to this end is contemplated."

Members of the committee are said to include Allan I. Cole as Chairman; J. Toff, Farrar Lazarus with T. S. Da Ponte as Secretary, and Stanley M. Lazarus as Counsel.

Pres. Wm. Fox issues statement.—

William Fox, President of both the Fox Film Corp. and the Fox Theatre Corp., Jan. 2, issued the following statement in connection with the statement from the Lazarus committee:

"In connection with statements which have been made by counsel for the so-called stockholders' committee I wish to say that the assets of Fox Film Corp. over and above all liabilities, are in excess of \$73,000,000, and the earnings for the year of 1929 are over \$13,000,000 with a special non-recurring profit of \$6,000,000, or a total for the year 1929 of over \$19,000,000.

"The estimated earnings to be produced in 1930, based upon figures from the operating officials of the company are in excess of \$17,000,000. The officials of the company are in the process of negotiations which when completed, they believe, will enable them to fund all of the corporation's short term obligations.

"From all appearances the year 1930 will be the greatest in every respect in the history of the company."

Another Statement by Class A Committee.—

The following statement has been issued by the class "A" stockholders' committee:

"The statement issued by William Fox to the effect that the assets above liabilities of Fox Film Corp. are \$73,000,000, indicates a book value of \$73 a share for the "A" and "B" stocks. This, together with the estimate of earnings for 1929 or \$19,000,000, showing earnings of over \$19 a share for both classes of stock, is reassuring. The class "A" stockholders' committee is working to obtain additional figures giving more details.

"The willingness of Mr. Fox for the first time since the company's difficulties to make public these figures indicates that the committee's activities are having the desired effect.

"In so far as class "A" stockholders are concerned, the present situation will be relieved at the next annual meeting of the company, when, in the opinion of counsel of this committee, the class "A" stock will have direct representation by the election of five directors, which will remove the principal barrier of closed control of the corporation.

"In as much as only \$3,600,000 annually is required to continue the payments of the dividends on the class "A" stock and the indicated earnings for the next year will be at least equal to those of 1929, the refinancing program should not meet with any insurmountable difficulties, especially with the now expected co-operation of all interested parties."—V. 129, p. 3972.

Galena-Signal Oil Co. (Pa.)—To Dissolve.—

The stockholders on Dec. 30 voted to dissolve the company and transfer the remaining operating property to the Galena Oil Corp., as provided for in the plan of reorganization. The latter company will carry on the business of the Galena Signal Oil Co. without interruption.—V. 129, p. 4145.

Gardner-Denver Co.—Balance Sheet Nov. 30.—

Assets—	1929.	1928.	Liabilities—	1929.	1928.
Land, bldg., equip.	\$3,360,573	\$3,254,084	Preferred stock	\$2,074,500	\$2,389,350
Patents, tr.-mks., good-will	1	1	Common stock and surplus	5,694,773	4,997,646
Stock in other co's	300	11,286	Accounts payable	98,181	50,406
Empl. stock subsc.	487,713	17,819	Accrued wages	165	11,136
Deferred charges	38,973	20,282	Accrued commls.	12,328	8,891
Prepaid duties	43,683	25,467	Accrued taxes	39,198	42,619
Cash	234,733	306,895	Federal income taxes	214,673	126,652
Call loans	200,000	600,000			
Receivables	1,170,296	1,237,876			
Inventories	2,524,214	1,998,638			
Mdse. for re-sale	25,589	7,108			
Cash val. fire ins.	17,527	14,985			
Sundry accounts	30,436	32,359			

Total (each side) —\$3,133,818 \$7,526,700

x Represented by 195,532 common shares in 1929 and 185,002 shares in 1928; earned surplus was \$3,575,028 and \$3,085,159, respectively.—V. 129, p. 3972.

General Motors Corp.—President Issues Statement.—

President Alfred P. Sloan, Jr. in a circular to the stockholders dated Jan. 3 says:

General Motors is to-day distributing to its common stockholders over \$13,000,000, representing the extra dividend declared on Nov. 14 1929. With the payment of this extra dividend stockholders will have received an aggregate income of approximately \$165,000,000 applicable to 1929 earnings. This compares with \$174,704,759 for the year 1928.

It is exceedingly pleasing to be able to state that the total number of General Motors stockholders has increased during the past year from 71,000 to approximately 200,000. This indicates a confidence in General Motors and its policies on the part of the investing public, which is very gratifying to the management. Since this increase has been especially marked during the last 60 days, it seems appropriate at this time to say a few words regarding our recent progress.

During the last few months there has been an important widening in the scope of General Motors activities. We have made certain investments for the purpose of strengthening our position in the automotive field. We are now identified with the airplane industry through interests in the Bendix Aviation Corp. and the Packard Aircraft Corp. of America. We have entered the field of radio by association with the Radio Corp. of America through the organization of General Motors Radio Corp. These acquisitions, together with the important developments that have taken place through the Frigidaire Corp. have resulted and will still further result, through natural evolution, in an increasing diversity of General Motors activities and should accomplish a more effective capitalization of our manufacturing plants and equipment, our organization and our extensive distributing system throughout the world.

It must, however, be fully recognized that General Motors is engaged primarily in the automotive business and its affiliated industries. Its success is importantly linked with that of the manufacture and sale of motor cars. The automotive industry rests upon the most solid foundations—that of transportation. Next to food, shelter and clothing, man's greatest need and desire is the ability to move from place to place. The modern motor car for the first time in the development of civilization brings individual transportation well within the reach of the masses. Through its agency, distance is largely eliminated. Communication is facilitated. Time is saved. Thus the automotive industry may well be considered in reality a public utility, embodying the same fundamentals as are enjoyed by our railroads, electric utilities, the telephone and the telegraph.

The automobile replacement market, negligible up until the last few years, has injected into the industry a stabilizing influence of prime importance. With an increase in the world use of motor vehicles to over 30,000,000 and an upward trend in the number of new owners in the newer markets of the world, our studies indicate a stabilization of the American industry at around five and one-half million vehicles a year to be reached within the next few years. In addition to this it is reasonable to expect increases from year to year through the natural growth of population and wealth.

The production of motor cars during the last quarter of 1929 was on a reduced scale as compared to the previous periods of the year and somewhat less than the corresponding period of 1928. This does not in any sense indicate a change in the trend of retail sales. The movement of cars at retail is, after all, the only real index as to the position of the industry. The last quarter of the year is always low from a production standpoint because of the custom of readjusting plants and equipment incident to the revision of models for the new year. The trend is toward more and more of such changes taking place at the end of the year.

General Motors retail sales during the last quarter of 1929, so far as can be estimated at this writing, somewhat exceeded the corresponding quarter of 1928. Furthermore, although complete figures are not available at this writing, our total retail sales for 1929 were practically the same as our record performance of 1928.

With a sound financial position, an effective organization and a widely flung and highly developed dealer organization, General Motors enters the new year with the expectation of obtaining its full share of the business that may be available.

Number of Stockholders.—

The total number of General Motors common and preferred stockholders for the fourth quarter of 1929 was 198,600, compared with 140,113 for the third quarter, 125,165 for the second quarter, and 105,363 for the first quarter. There were 176,693 holders of common stock and the balance of 21,907 represents holders of preferred and debenture stocks. These figures compare with 117,767 common stockholders and 22,346 preferred for the third quarter, with 102,306 common and 22,859 preferred for the second quarter, and with 82,415 common and 22,948 preferred for the first quarter.

The total number of stockholders of both classes by quarters since 1917 follows:

Calendar Years—	1st Quar.	2nd Quar.	3rd Quar.	4th Quar.
1917	1,927	2,525	3,666	2,922
1918	3,918	5,737	8,615	4,739
1919	8,012	12,523	12,358	18,214
1920	24,148	26,136	31,029	36,894
1921	49,035	59,059	65,324	66,837
1922	70,504	72,665	71,331	65,665
1923	67,115	67,417	68,281	68,063
1924	70,009	71,382	69,428	66,097
1925	60,458	60,414	58,118	50,917
1926	54,851	53,097	47,805	50,369
1927	56,520	57,595	57,190	66,209
1928	72,986	70,399	71,682	71,185
1929	105,363	125,165	140,113	*198,600

* Senior securities of record Oct. 7 1929, and common stockholders of record Nov. 23 1929. V. 129, p. 3972.

General Motors Export Co.—Developments in 1929.—

President James D. Mooney, in a discussion of development of the year just closed, stated in part:

"During 1929 we completed and occupied new plants at Argentina, Belgium and Brazil. A fourth was started and soon will be completed at Copenhagen. None of these represent entrance into new territory. They represent the strengthening of the already existing American position in these territories. It is of equal importance that the expenditure of these millions on the countries where we operate means much to the economic uplift of the countries themselves because practically all of the money went into locally purchased material and labor.

"Plant expenditures and strengthening of personnel was accomplished in all our 20 other major overseas operations. Noteworthy in the extension of our organization was the opening of a warehousing and sales branch in Shanghai and the purchase of a substantial interest in Adam Opel A.G. of Russelsheim, one of the strongest motor works in Germany."

General Tire & Rubber Co.—Sales Increased.—

With a gain of only 5% in the number of its distributors in 1929, the company made better than a 20% gain during the year in the number of tires sold, in a year when the tire industry as a whole fell 5% below the 1928 figures for unit sales, it was stated by President W. O'Neill at the annual meeting of stockholders.

Because of the fact that tires are 15 to 20% cheaper than they were a year ago, the company's gain in dollars and cents has been less than the increase in unit sales, President O'Neill pointed out.

During Dec. 1929, the business of the company showed an increase of 10% over December of the year before, in dollars and cents, and much more than that in unit sales, President O'Neill said. December is normally the slowest month in the year in the tire industry.

President O'Neill told stockholders that the company was in an extremely favorable position in relation to chain stores and mail order houses. He pointed out that while such concerns had increased their distributing units 100% in 1929, their gain had not been as great as that of the General Tire & Rubber Co., which had increased its number of dealers only 5%. "This fact, together with lower prices for the product, makes the outlook for 1930 particularly happy for our distributors," President O'Neill said. "Our company should not feel the effect of the slackening in demand for automobiles that is expected during the early part of 1930 because of the fact that we are engaged exclusively in the replacement trade to the ultimate consumer. Rubber to-day is selling at the lowest price it ever has sold and any movement must be upward as it is now priced lower than the cost of production. The low cost of tires to-day and present economical tendencies on the part of the buying public increase the demand for a high quality tire."—V. 129, p. 3972.

Godchaux Sugars, Inc.—Decision.—

Justice Frankenthaler of New York Supreme Court has decided in favor of 71 dissenting stockholders of the old preferred stock who asked that arrears of \$10 a share be paid and preferred stock be redeemed, the court deciding that the stock was worth \$95 a share plus arrears.

The court ordered the company within 6 days after being served with court order, to pay \$10 a share of the arrears to the dissenting stockholders and to give 60-day promissory notes carrying 6% interest for the balance.—V. 129, p. 3807.

Gotham Silk Hosiery Co., Inc.—Stockholders Increase 33 1-3%—Opens New Plant.—

For the period from Sept. 1 1929 to date the number of stockholders of this company has increased 33 1-3%, according to an announcement this week.

The opening of the company's new Canadian plant this month marks the 12th manufacturing plant in the Gotham organization, plants now being operated in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Canada. The new plant will give the company an important tariff preferential as regards other British possessions.

New records for the economical operation of its various producing units are reported by Gotham. Substantial operating economies have been effected during the past year, hand in hand with increased efficiency. Full benefits from this program are expected to be derived during 1930. Owing to its revolutionary selling policies, the company is never hampered by any inventory problem.

The company reports a strong financial condition, its assets ratio being better than 9-to-1, and cash on hand in excess of \$3,000,000.—V. 129, p. 3332

(F. & W.) Grand-Silver Stores, Inc.—Initial Dividend.

The directors have declared an initial quarterly dividend of 25c. a share on the common stock, payable Jan. 23 to holders of record Jan. 13.

The F. & W. Grand Stores, Inc., has declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.62 1/2 a share on the pref. stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 13.

The Isaac Silver & Bros., Inc., has declared the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.75 a share on the pref. stock, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 13 1930.

The directors of Isaac Silver & Bros., Inc., declared an initial quarterly cash dividend of 25 cents a share on the common stock, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 13 1930.

The directors of F. & W. Grand 5-10-25 Cent Stores, Inc., declared the regular quarterly dividend of 25 cents a share on the common stock, payable Jan. 20 to holders of record Jan. 13 1930.—V. 129, p. 3642.

Grand Union Co.—Sales Higher—Acquisition.—

50 Weeks Ended Dec. 14— 1929. 1928.
Total sales \$35,383,984 \$30,645,000
The company recently purchased the chain of Glenwood Food Shops, which in 1929 had sales totaling about \$1,444,800. This chain consists of 36 grocery stores and 11 meat markets operating in Albany, Troy, Gloversville, Hudson Falls, Glen Falls and other parts of northern New York State. This purchase was made entirely out of earnings and involved no additional financing.

The Grand Union Co. on Dec. 14 had over \$600,000 in cash and no notes payable, whereas a year previous it had cash of \$432,000 and notes payable \$1,500,000.—V. 129, p. 4146, 3642.

Greif Bros. Cooperage Corp.—Earnings.—

Years Ended Oct. 31—	1929.	1928.	1927.
Mfg. profit after deducting material used, labor, mfg. exp. and depletion	\$1,287,457	\$1,186,694	\$1,125,164
Other income	19,396	18,774	25,697
Total income	\$1,306,853	\$1,205,468	\$1,150,861
Depreciation	187,168	170,433	164,760
Selling, general and admin. expenses	474,547	474,689	514,125
Interest on gold notes	86,111	92,951	98,775
Other interest charges	26,098	33,079	34,844
Sundry deductions (net)	63,819	64,618	22,936
Provision for estimated Federal taxes	48,000	51,000	40,000
Net profit	\$421,109	\$318,697	\$275,421
Dividends on class A stock (\$3.20)	204,800	204,800	204,800
Balance, surplus	\$216,309	\$113,897	\$70,621
Earnings per share on 54,000 shares class B shares (no par)	\$4.01	\$2.11	\$1.30

Consolidated Balance Sheet Oct. 31.

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for 1929 and 1928. Assets include land, buildings, machinery, etc., and liabilities include common stock and surplus.

x Represented by 64,000 shares of class A cum. common stock and 54,000 shares of class B common stock, both of no par value...

Grigsby-Grunow Co.—To Increase Capital.—The company has notified the New York Stock Exchange that it proposes to increase its capital from 2,000,000 to 3,000,000 shares...

Guardian Bank Shares Investment Trust.—Certificate Offered.—F. E. Kingston & Co., Hartford, Conn., are offering 250,000 series I preferred non-cumulative beneficial ownership certificates...

Series I preferred beneficial ownership certificates are subject to redemption at \$35 for each certificate on any div. date upon 30 days' notice...

Option Warrants.—Series I preferred beneficial ownership certificates carry non-detachable warrants entitling the holder to purchase an equal number of common beneficial ownership certificates...

Business.—The Guardian Bank Shares Investment Trust operates under the laws of the State of Connecticut and in accordance with its own trust agreement. It is a trust, not a corporation or an association...

Sources of Income.—The income of The Guardian Bank Shares Investment Trust will be derived from dividends and interest received from the companies whose securities and obligations are held in the portfolio...

Capitalization.—Series I preferred beneficial ownership certificates—250,000 Common beneficial ownership certificates—500,000

Management.—The Guardian Bank Shares Investment Trust is under the management of The Guardian Investment Trust, which will act as fiscal agent, managing the portfolio and handling all financial operations...

Personnel of Board.—The trustees are as follows: Edmund S. Wolfe, President; Frederick C. Burroughs, Vice-Pres.; Frederic E. Kingston...

(M. A.) Hanna Co.—Recapitalization Plan Approved.—The stockholders on Dec. 30 approved a plan for the issuance of new authorized issue of 200,000 shares of \$7 cum. pref. stock...

Haygart Corp.—Sale Approved.—The stockholders on Dec. 31 approved the proposed merger with the Adams Express Co. on the basis of 1.42 shares of Adams stock for each Haygart share...

Horn Signal Mfg. Corp.—Contract.—The corporation has been finally awarded the contract for 1,025 Horn Signal Alarm Boxes for the City of New York, the price being in excess of \$121,000...

Houdaille-Hershey Corp.—Acquisition.—The corporation has acquired a substantial interest in the Schwitzer Cummins Co. of Indianapolis, manufacturers of motor cooling fans, water pumps, oil pumps, superchargers, and other automobile products...

Houston Oil Co. of Tex.—Listing.—The Baltimore Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$400,000 additional 10-year 5½% convertible gold notes.—V. 129, p. 3176.

Insull Utility Investments, Inc.—Debentures Offered.—A group headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., Inc., and including Continental Illinois Co., Inc., Harris Trust & Savings Bank, Central-Illinois Co., First Union Trust & Savings Bank...

Dated Jan. 1 1930; due Jan. 1 1940. Redeemable, all or part, at any time upon 30 days' notice at following prices and interest: to and incl. Dec. 31 1930, at 105; thereafter less ¼% for each year or fraction elapsed...

Data from Letter of Chairman Samuel Insull, Chicago, Dec. 31.

Business.—Company was organized in Illinois Dec. 27 1928 to carry on an investment business and to acquire, hold, sell and underwrite securities of all kinds. It now owns, among other securities, substantial blocks of stock of Commonwealth Edison Co., Peoples Gas Light & Coke Co., Middle West Utilities Co. and subsidiaries, Public Service Co. of Northern Illinois, and the entire capital stock of its subsidiary, Insull Son & Co., Inc.

Capitalization—Authorized. Outstanding. 5% gold debentures, series A, due Jan. 1 1949—\$2,469,000 6% gold debentures, series B (this issue)—60,000,000

Common (no par value)—6,000,000 shs. y Maximum dividends on pref. stock, 1st series, are payable as follows: \$3 per share during 1930; \$4 per share during 1931; \$5 per share during 1932...

There will be reserved 360,000 shares of common stock which may be issued during 1931 to satisfy warrants attached to pref. stock, 2d series. Sufficient additional shares of common stock will also be reserved to provide against the exercise of the warrants attached to the 10-year 6% gold debentures, series B.

Debenture Provisions.—The company will covenant in each debenture that so long as any of the series B debentures are outstanding it will not mortgage or pledge any of its assets without securing the debentures equally and ratably with the other obligations secured or to be secured by such mortgage or pledge...

Conversion and Stock Purchase Warrants.—Each \$1,000 debenture will carry a non-detachable warrant whereby the debenture may be surrendered at its principal amount in exchange for common stock of the company at the following prices per share: During the calendar year 1930, at \$65; during 1931, at \$72.50; during 1932 at \$87.50; during 1933 at \$105; and during 1934 at \$125...

Arrangements have been made with Insull, Son & Co., Inc., whereby all common stock to which a debenture holder may be entitled through exercise of warrants will be acquired by him from Insull, Son & Co., Inc., within 30 days from the date of surrender to it of the debenture or the payment of the purchase price, as the case may be.

Common Stock Dividends.—Company has already declared a 6% dividend on the common stock out of 1929 earnings payable in common stock in quarterly installments during 1930. The first installment will be paid on Jan. 15 to holders of record on Jan. 1. In addition, the company has announced its intention to declare dividends of 6% in common stock during 1930 out of earnings for that year of which 4½% if declared will be paid in 1930.

Earnings.—The consolidated earnings of the company and its wholly owned subsidiary from all sources applicable to the interest charges for the calendar year 1929 with the month of December partly estimated, amounted to \$12,227,233, as against which the annual interest requirements on all debentures to be presently outstanding will be \$3,723,450. These figures are not necessarily a true reflection of the earnings of the company inasmuch as they do not include income on all the securities that will be owned upon the completion of this financing, nor on approximately \$19,500,000 of free cash that will be in the treasury.

Purpose.—Proceeds of this financing will furnish sufficient funds to pay off all current indebtedness and acquire all securities now contracted for, and will further provide the company with a substantial cash sum. Officers.—Samuel Insull, Chairman; Samuel Insull Jr., President; Martin J. Insull, Vice-Pres.; P. J. McEnroe, Sec. & Treas.; John F. O'Keefe, Asst. Sec. & Asst. Treas.

Directors.—Walter S. Brewster, Britton I. Budd, Edward J. Doyle, Louis A. Ferguson, John F. Gilchrist, John H. Gulick, Martin J. Insull, Samuel Insull, Samuel Insull Jr., P. J. McEnroe, George F. Mitchell, Stuyvesant Peabody, Marshall E. Sampsell, H. L. Stuart, Waldo F. Tobey.

Balance Sheet Nov. 30 1929 (After This Financing).

Table with columns for Assets and Liabilities, and rows for investment securities, insull, son & co., inc., capital stock, etc., and preferred stock, common stock, etc.

Contingent liability as subscriber to the amount of \$4,700,000 to the Middle West Syndicate agreement. a 60,000 shs. (no par). b 40,000 shs. (no par). c 450,000 shs. (no par). d 2,077,224 shs. (no par). e 27,100 shs. (no par).—V. 129, p. 3973.

International Cigar Machinery Co.—Larger Quar. Div.—The directors have declared a quarterly dividend of \$1.25 per share, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 17. This compares with quarterly distributions of \$1 per share previously made, and in addition, an extra of \$1.50 per share was paid on Dec. 2 1929 and one of 50c. per share on Aug. 1 1929.—V. 129, p. 3020.

International Combustion Engineering Corp.—Committee for Preferred Stock.—Receivers in equity having been appointed, E. W. Stetson (V.-Pres. Guaranty Trust Co. of New York), Martin G. Missir (partner J. R. Williamson & Co.), John A. Kienle (V.-Pres. Mathieson Alkali Works, Inc.), Grant Thorn (V.-Pres. International Combustion Tar & Chemical Corp.) and H. J. Halle (Pres. Universal Oil Products Co.), at the request of holders of a large number of shares of the pref. stock, have consented to act as a

committee for the protection of the interests of the preferred stockholders. E. W. Stetson, Chairman, says: "The situation is such that immediate steps should be taken to protect the position of the preferred stockholders and the preferred stockholders are accordingly requested to send to the secretary of this committee their names and addresses, together with a statement of the amount of stock owned by them, so that the committee may keep such stockholders advised of developments."

G. W. Grove, 35 Nassau St., N. Y. City, is Secretary, and Simpson Thacher & Bartlett, 120 Broadway, N. Y. City, are counsel.—V. 129, p. 4147.

International Business Machines Corp.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 10 of 30,378 additional shares of capital stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 637,954 shares.

Consolidated Income Account 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.

Table with financial data for International Business Machines Corp. showing Net profits of subs. cos., Deprec. of plant, equipment & rental machines, Patent & development expenses, etc.

Comparative Consolidated Balance Sheet.

Table comparing Consolidated Balance Sheet for Sept. 30 '29 and Dec. 31 '28. Assets include Plant, prop. equip., Cash, Patents and goodwill, etc. Liabilities include Capital & surplus, Accts. payable, etc.

a After reserve for depreciation of \$10,453,568. b After reserve for amortization of \$1,111,254. c Represented by 607,576 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 3483.

International Shoe Co.—Reports Most Successful Year in Its History.—

In connection with its annual report to stockholders (see preceding page of this issue), the company reveals a production for its fiscal year, 1929, sufficient to supply two pairs of shoes for every family in the United States. From 44 shoe factories located in 39 cities, came a production amounting to 54,730,685 pairs of shoes—an increase of more than 6,000,000 pairs over the previous year and the largest shoe output that has ever come from a single organization.

In commenting on this growth in business Pres. Frank C. Rand, declared it was evidence of the stability of the consuming public with regard to sound merchandise values. "It is obvious," he said "that there is no substantial reason for any considerable readjustment of merchandise values in the present situation."

"Wide fluctuation in security values last fall did not affect staple commodity prices. They affected intangible value of securities, and were felt by only a comparatively small part of our population. There has been no change in the aggregate tangible wealth of the industries and businesses of the country, and there is no reason to expect such change. Some individuals are poorer by reason of losses in value of securities, but the industries and businesses themselves have not been affected."

"For instance, while some individuals may have suffered paper losses on our stocks, the International Shoe Co. is in a stronger position than at any time in its history. Its tangible wealth and earning power are larger, regardless of any changes in the stock market price of its securities."

"Total capital and surplus now exceeds \$105,000,000 with net working capital of \$71,800,000. Current assets are 13.9 times liabilities. Cash on hand and collateral loans amounted to \$27,463,000. Our total inventories amount to \$28,984,525, a decrease of \$6,198,200 compared to the previous year."

"From our standpoint, the conditions in the nation as a whole are not unfavorable and for 1930 we anticipate a healthy flow of business, particularly when that business is based on sound values."—V. 129, p. 3974.

Investors Equity Co., Inc. (& Subs.)—Earnings.—

Table with financial data for Investors Equity Co., Inc. showing Interest received & accrued, Dividends, Net profit from sale of securities, etc.

This report does not include earnings of Motion Picture Capital Corp. prior to the date of the merger viz. Oct. 23 1929. Such earnings of Motion Picture Capital Corp. for the period from June 1 1929 to Oct. 23 1929, amounting to approximately \$537,000, became a part of the earned surplus of the merged company and this amount may properly be added to the official earnings to arrive at an estimate of the total earnings for the period applicable to the present capitalization.

Consolidated Balance Sheet Dec. 10 1929.

Table with financial data for Investors Equity Co., Inc. showing Assets (Cash, Investments, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, etc.).

x) Market value \$26,113,426. y) Represented by 594,203 no par shares. V. 129, p. 2568

Kimberly-Clark Co.—New Lakeview Mill.—

The corporation, it was announced early this week, expected to commence operation of a new pulp and paper mill at Menasha, Wis., about Jan. The company also has mills at Neenah, Appleton, Kimberly and Niagara Falls, N. Y., as well as in Ontario, Canada. It has been the policy of the company to develop a specialty business in its United States mill, in view of the tariff situation permitting the free import of newsprint from Canada. The new mill, known as the Lakeview plant and formerly owned by Sears, Roebuck & Co., was acquired early this year in order to handle the company's expanding specialty business. The plant itself is of substantial modern construction. Much new machinery of special design has been added and the entire plant has been electrified. A large four-story fireproof finishing and shipping department, containing 50,000 square feet of floor space, has also been added. The new mill will have a capacity of 50 tons a day and is ideally adapted for the manufacture of specialties. The company's products besides newsprint, include tissue paper, book covers, and various other specialty products.—V. 127, p. 69

Kroger Grocery & Baking Co.—Balance Sheet.—

Pro Forma Balance Sheet as of June 29 1929 (Giving Effect to Acquisitions)

Table with financial data for Kroger Grocery & Baking Co. showing Assets (Cash, Marketable securities, etc.) and Liabilities (Accounts payable, etc.).

Total (each side) \$65,383,848 Represented by 1,827,616 shares (no par value.)—V. 129, p. 4148.

Laconia Car Co.—Annual Report—Liquidation Recommended.—

William H. Raye, President, and Donald M. Hill, Clerk, in the annual report to stockholders state in part: "Directors considered liquidation two years ago, but have continued in business expecting that Boston & Maine RR. and Boston Elevated Ry. would be in the market for cars, these two roads having been the principle source of company's business in the past."

"During this period directors have to find other profitable lines to tide over the period when no car orders have been available. The manufacture of 'Nepsco' and of boats was undertaken but this is not sufficient to carry the overhead expense incidental to the plant."

"No orders for cars have been placed by Boston Elevated Ry. in these two years, although directors expected that the Legislature would during this period establish the status of the road, and that orders would follow."

"Until this year Boston & Maine had not purchased any composite freight cars since their allotment of a 1,000 box cars from the lot of 100,000 cars bought by the U. S. RR. Administration in 1918, and of this lot of 100,000 the Laconia Co. built 1,000. Normally it is necessary for railroads of the class of the Boston & Maine to buy new freight equipment at intervals of 10 years or less on account of additions and replacements, and it was in expectation of the imminence of orders and of continuance of the Boston & Maine business that it appeared advisable to 'carry on'."

"Ever since company has been in business it has always been able successfully to compete for and build composite freight cars for the Boston & Maine. Situated at the Laconia Car Co. plant in, it has not been able to compete with Western car builders for business in their territory, but has enjoyed certain advantages through being on the line of the Boston & Maine. These advantages have been lost through the terms of two orders for 1,000 cars each recently placed by the Boston & Maine. Notwithstanding this, the Laconia Car Co was able to quote on the order for the second thousand cars a price satisfactory to the railroad, but the terms of the contract required financing by the Laconia Car Co. at an interest rate which was less than it was able to obtain, and the company did not feel justified in taking the order on these terms."

"Since no business has materialized from the two railroads, directors regretfully recommend the closing of the plant and the liquidation of company's assets as promptly as possible, as it would appear that the possibility of further business from the Boston & Maine is most unlikely and with the removal of this large customer the prospects of business from other sources are not sufficient to justify company's continuance in business."

Income Account Years Ended Sept. 30.

Table with financial data for Laconia Car Co. showing Operating loss, Other income, Total loss, Dividends declared, etc.

Total deficit \$213,747 \$147,761 surpl \$77,081 \$114,202

Surplus Account.—Capital surplus Sept. 30 1928, \$500,000; balance of surplus Sept. 30 1928, \$117,783 total \$617,783, less loss for year 1929 as above \$213,747, balance surplus Sept. 30 1929, \$404,036.

Balance Sheet Sept. 30.

Table with financial data for Laconia Car Co. showing Assets (Real estate, buildings, machinery, etc.) and Liabilities (Preferred stock, Accounts payable, etc.).

x) After deducting \$738,776 reserve for depreciation. y) Capital surplus represented by 8,921 shares 2nd pref. no par stock (authorized issue 10,000 shares) and 10,000 shares no par common.

Note.—Holders of 9,679 shares of the pref. stock incl. 2,699 shares in the treasury, have assented to the plan waiving claim to divs. up to Jan. 1 1924; of these, holders of 8,921 shares have had their stock stamped with the waiver clause and have had 8,921 shares of 2nd pref. stock issued to them in lieu of their claim to back divs. 728 shares of unstamped, and 1,971 shares of stamped pref. stock, have been purchased and are held in the treasury of the company. The accrued undeclared dividends on 311 shares of non-assenting stock from Jan. 1 1914 to Jan. 1 1924, \$70, amount to \$21,770 and on 7,301 shares of outstanding pref. stock from July 1 1924 to March 31 1927, \$19,25 and for the year ending Sept. 30 1929, \$7, amount to \$191,651.—V. 129, p. 4148.

(The) Lehman Corp.—Financial Report.—

Statement of Profit and Loss, Period from Sept. 24 to Dec. 31 1929.

Table with financial data for Lehman Corp. showing Interest earned, On bonds, treasury notes, loans and advances, Cash dividends, Commissions.

Total \$1,417,584 Expenses 142,325

Balance \$1,275,259 Loss on sales of securities (net) 1,780,341

Loss for period \$505,082

Arthur Lehman, President, says: "You will observe that the corporation's balance sheet as of Dec. 31 1929 shows that of the corporation's resources, taken at cost, \$33,516,004, or 33.516%, is represented by cash in bank and on call and U. S. Government securities. Valuing all securities at not in excess of market, the net asset value of the capital stock of the corporation is approximately \$91.54 per share."

Balance Sheet Dec. 31 1929.

Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash in banks	\$1,337,379	Payable for securities purchased, current	\$27,735
Funds loaned on call	13,300,000	Payable for securities purchased, 1930-1932	854,000
U. S. bonds and treasury notes (at cost)	18,878,625	Reserve for accrued expenses	10,000
Secs. owned (at cost)—Bonds	4,557,237	Capital stock (1,000,000 shs. no par value)	50,000,000
Preferred stocks	4,388,213	Paid in surplus	50,000,000
Common stocks—Indus'ls	21,703,012	Profit & loss account (loss)	605,082
Public utilities	12,152,594		
Railroads	5,384,318		
Oils	5,432,500		
Banks & insurance co.'s	4,735,082		
Mining	1,913,607		
Miscellaneous	1,594,624		
Adv. on short-term bldg. loans	1,463,320		
Other loans and advances	2,966,454		
Divs. rec. & int. accrued	579,688		
Total (each side)		\$100,386,653	

Note.—(1) The corporation has loan and purchase commitments under which during the ensuing three years it may make investments which will not exceed \$5,625,000. of which short-term building loans amount to approximately \$4,015,000. (2) The value of the corporation's securities and its interest in accounts with others at Dec. 31 1929 taken at not in excess of market was less than cost by approximately \$7,950,000.—V. 129, p. 1924.

Lautaro Nitrate Co., Ltd.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$32,000,000 1st mtge. 6% convertible gold bonds, due July 1 1954 on official notice of issue in exchange for outstanding and listed interim receipts of the National City Co.

Income Account for Stated Periods.

Year End.	6 Mos. End.	Year End.	Year End.	
June 30 '29.	June 30 '28.	Dec. 31 '27.	Dec. 31 '26.	
Net sales	\$22,238,745	\$12,123,891	\$22,409,112	\$14,961,578
Cost of sales	18,361,048	9,861,917	19,151,535	12,710,882
Depreciation	1,146,857	586,816	490,768	452,979
Gen. & admin. expense	509,347	240,107	490,508	556,504
Net profit	\$2,221,494	\$1,435,051	\$2,276,301	\$1,241,212
Other inc. & deduct. (net)	667,604	126,065	159,149	178,421
Inc. avail. for int. & taxes	\$2,889,098	\$1,561,116	\$2,435,449	\$1,419,633
Interest	823,785	389,382	967,155	957,529
Taxes			40,001	39,780
Net income	\$2,065,313	\$1,171,733	\$1,428,294	\$422,324
Surplus at the beginning of the period	\$3,642,596	\$3,527,316	\$2,143,761	\$3,370,843
Adjustments (net)	Dr. 630,415	Dr. 98,725	Dr. 44,739	Dr. 53,194
Dividends paid		957,727		1,596,212
Surp. at end of period	\$5,077,493	\$3,642,596	\$3,527,316	\$2,143,761

Conversions of the company's accounts from pounds sterling into United States dollars have been made at the rate of \$4.8665 to the pound.—V. 129, p. 3176.

Lever Brothers Co.—Balance Sheet Sept. 28.

[As filed with the Massachusetts Commissioner of Corporations.]

1929.		1928.		1929.		1928.		
\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	
Assets—		Liabilities—						
Real estate	6,808,853	5,897,382	Capital stock	11,650,000	10,650,000			
Mach., auto trucks			Notes payable	3,265,000	3,620,000			
turn., fixt., &c.	4,066,169	3,470,186	Accts. pay. & accr.	1,890,433	991,387			
Merchandise	7,306,207	5,487,279	Surp. earned & cap.	6,957,194	6,617,235			
Accts. rec., sec. & def. charges	3,149,912	5,094,971						
Trade marks	1,000,000	1,000,000						
Cash	1,431,486	928,804						
Total		23,762,627		21,878,622				

—V. 125, p. 3650.

Lima Locomotive Works, Inc.—Equipment Order.

The corporation has just received an order for 15 super-power locomotives of the 2-10-4 type from the Chicago Great Western RR.—V. 128, p. 4333.

Live Poultry Transit Co.—Sale.

See North American Car Corp. below.—V. 126, p. 2658.

McCrorry Stores Corp.—Stock Acquired by Bankers.

J. G. McCrorry, Pres., states that a group headed by Merrill Lynch & Co. and Kissel, Kinnicut & Co., have acquired a large block of his personal stock holdings in the corporation. Other than including representatives of these interests on the board of directors, no change in the management is contemplated.

Mr. McCrorry further said that sales for 1929 were substantially larger than in any previous year and that while the profits from store operations for 1929 cannot be definitely determined, it is estimated that they will be the largest in the history of the company. He also stated that the corporation was in a strong financial position, having closed the year with no bank loans.

In a letter to the executive heads, managers and supervisors of the various stores, Mr. McCrorry said, in part:

"Until the loss of Van [Mr. McCrorry's son] I had planned to keep my stock in the McCrorry family forever, but with his loss and my advancing years I thought it best to take this step in order to safeguard your interests, and to provide for the perpetuation of the business. This group is in hearty sympathy with my aims and ideals, and I am confident that with their assistance and yours, I will be able to develop the business more aggressively and profitably in the future than in the past."—V. 129, p. 3645.

McKesson & Robbins, Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 5,145 shares 7% conv. pref. stock and 58,396 shares common stock as follows: 6,940 additional shares of common; 1,264 additional shares of pref. to be issued as part consideration for the transfer and delivery of the assets and business (except the corporate franchise) of Berry, DeMerville & Co.; 768 additional shares of pref. stock to be issued as part consideration for the transfer and delivery on Nov. 27 1929 of the assets and business (except corporate franchise) of Duff Drug Co.; 1,212 additional shares of common stock to be issued to repay a loan to the corporation of 1,212 shares of common stock, the shares so loaned having been delivered as part consideration for the transfer and delivery on Nov. 27 to the corporation of the assets and business (except corporate franchise) of Duff Drug Co.; 3,113 additional shares of pref. stock to be issued as part consideration for the transfer and delivery on Oct. 17 1929, of all of the outstanding capital stock of Charles W. Whittlesey Co.; 8,099 additional shares of common stock to be issued to repay a loan to the corporation of 8,099 shares of common stock, the shares so loaned having been delivered as part consideration for the transfer and delivery on Oct. 17, to the corporation of all of the outstanding capital stock of Charles W. Whittlesey Co.; 37,000 additional shares of common stock to be issued pursuant to, and upon the exercise of, an option granted by the corporation to bankers to purchase all, or a part of, such shares at the price of \$32 per share; 5,145 additional shares of common stock on conversion of a like number of additional shares of pref. stock.

Company Issues Statement on Clayton Act Violation Charges.

F. Donald Coster, President, Dec. 30 issued the following statement regarding a complaint filed by the Federal Trade Commission charging that the corporation violated the Clayton Act by acquiring capital stock of 28 wholesale drug businesses in several States:

"McKesson & Robbins, Inc., brought under a single ownership a group of long-established drug houses in different parts of the country and a manufacturer producing well-known lines of drug products. Before the plan was put into effect a statement of the facts was submitted to the Department of Justice at Washington and the company was advised that the Department saw no objection to the acquisitions now questioned in the complaint of the Federal Trade Commission. Any overlapping of territory between the different wholesale houses acquired was incidental and the effect of the McKesson & Robbins acquisitions has been to continue and increase competition in the wholesale drug field. The organization has made possible a comprehensive service to independent drug retailers and has been enthusiastically endorsed by retailers the country over. We are confident that the facts to be shown in any investigation by the Commission will result in a dismissal of the complaint."—V. 129, p. 3021.

McLellan Stores Co.—Sales for December.

Sales for December are running considerably ahead of the same period of 1928, according to a statement made by Chairman W. W. McLellan to the board of directors. Sales for the eleven months of this year were 34.2% greater than the corresponding period of 1928. The comparative figures include sales of Green Stores Co. which was acquired at the beginning of 1929. The McLellan & Company now operates 260 stores in the Middle-western, Southern, New England and Atlantic Seaboard States.

The following table indicates the steady expansion of sales and earnings of the company since 1924:

Year	No. of Stores.	Net Sales.	Net Income Before Pref.
1924	80	\$5,551,555	\$371,437
1925	94	6,731,106	550,095
1926	112	9,486,548	787,659
1927	128	11,940,330	850,818
1928	150	13,939,374	939,068
*1929	260	\$24,000,000	\$1,650,000

* 1929 figures include Green Stores Co. e Estimated.—V. 129, p. 3645.

Marvel Carburetor Co.—Record Unfilled Orders.

The company has unfilled orders on its books amounting to over \$750,000, the largest total in its history, according to C. S. Davis, President of the Borg-Warner Corp., the parent concern. "The company has increased its working force to over 1,000 employees, and its production by more than 20%," said Mr. Davis. "The Wheeler-Schebler Carburetor Co. has begun deliveries to three large automobile manufacturers that have recently changed over to its units and the Johnson Co. plant is operating on a materially increased production schedule."—V. 126, p. 3768.

Massachusetts Investors Trust.—Earnings.

Earnings for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.

Dividends from securities owned	\$318,396
Interest on call loans	85,333
Sales of stock dividends	31,282
Interest on bank deposits	3,725
Total income	\$438,736
Expenses and tax reserve	62,487
Balance income	\$376,248
Dividends paid	\$70,073
Balance	\$6,175
Undistributed income Sept. 30 1929	78,302

—V. 129, p. 2869.

Mass. Mutual Liability Ins. Co.—Receiver.

On information by Insurance Commissioner Merton L. Brown, that the company is insolvent, Judge Field of the Mass. Supreme Court Dec. 27 appointed Henry F. Hurlburt, Jr., of Wellesley, receiver.

Maytag Co.—Retires Stock Acquired in Open Market.

The company has retired 34,500 shares of its \$3 cum. pref. stock and 8,000 shares of its \$6 1st pref. stock, it is announced by Pres. E. H. Maytag. The shares being retired were purchased by the company at advantageous prices in the open market, in part from the proceeds of its exercise of warrants, and their retirement will reduce annual preferred and preference dividend requirements by \$151,500. Incidental to the retirement, warrants for the purchase of 45,375 shares of common stock are being cancelled. After giving effect to the retirement, outstanding capitalization of the company will consist of 80,000 shares of \$6 1st pref. stock, 285,500 shares of \$3 preference stock and 1,617,822 shares of common stock. Regular dividends are being paid on the common stock at the rate of \$1.50 annually and in each of the past two years the company has declared an extra dividend of 50 cents a share.—V. 129, p. 3645.

Middle States Petroleum Co.—Incorporated.

This company was incorp. in Delaware Dec. 31 with an authorized capital of 300,000 shares class A stock and 2,000,000 shares class B stock. The company will succeed the Middle States Oil Corp. through reorganization.

Monsanto Chemical Works.—Listing—Earnings, etc.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 5,975 additional shares of common stock (no par value) upon official notice of issuance in connection with the declaration by the board of directors on Nov. 25, a 1 1/2% quarterly stock dividend, payable Jan. 2 to holders of record Dec. 14 making the total amount applied for 404,268 shares.

Consolidated Statement of Income 9 Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.

Gross profit (sales less cost of sales)	\$3,908,516
General, administration & miscellaneous expense	1,475,157
Depreciation & obsolescence	721,187
Research expense	306,495
Earnings after depreciation	\$1,405,678
Other income	276,957
Total income	\$1,682,635
Bond interest & discount	97,902
Other interest	25,225
Federal taxes	185,216
Net earnings	\$1,374,292

Philip Stockton and Commander Charles Belnap, both of Boston, have been elected directors, increasing the board from 9 to 11 members.

Mr. Stockton is president of the First National Bank and First National-Old Colony Corp., of Boston, and is, in addition, a member of the boards of American Telephone & Telegraph Co., General Electric Co., Gillette Safety Razor, International Acceptance Bank, New England Mutual Life Insurance Co. and a number of other large corporations.

Commander Belnap is president of the Merrimac Chemical Co., a recently acquired subsidiary of Monsanto.—V. 129, p. 3810.

Montgomery Ward & Co., Chicago.—December Sales.

Period—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Month of December	\$35,799,316	\$31,951,847	\$25,008,348	\$23,103,429
12 months to Dec. 31	\$291,530,621	\$232,354,738	\$202,403,959	\$199,262,563

—V. 129, p. 4149.

Montpelier (Md.) Foundry & Machine Co.—Sale.

A petition of David A. Lillie, receiver for the company, for authority to sell its plant and close up the business of the company, has been granted by the circuit court at Hartford City, Ind.

National Breweries, Ltd.—Split-Up.

The stockholders on Dec. 30 approved a proposal of the directors to split the no-par common stock four-for-one and the \$100 par pref. stock also four-for-one, making the par value of the new preferred \$25. See also V. 129, p. 4149.

National Dairy Products Corp.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 3,700 additional shares of common stock as follows: 3,504 shares upon official notice of issuance, in connection with the acquisition of the entire property and assets of the business conducted by August F. Westphal under the name of Westphal & Sons Milk Products Co., and the entire property and assets of certain other dairy products businesses conducted by August F. Westphal. 90 shares upon official notice of issuance from time to time as the equivalent of stock dividends in respect of shares of common stock of the company issuable in connection with the acquisition of the property and assets of certain companies, and 35 shares on and after April 1 1930, 35 additional shares on and after July 1 1930, and 36 additional shares on and after Oct. 1 1930 of its common stock upon official notice of issuance from time to time as stock dividends, making the total amount applied for 5,348,239 shares.

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet, as at June 30 1929. [Giving effect as of that date to the recent financing in connection with the offer of rights to subscribe to additional shares of common stock, in-

cluding all subsidiary companies acquired subsequent to June 30 1929, or presently to be acquired, assuming 100% acquisition of the capital stock of Detroit Creamery Co. and Ann Arbor Dairy Corp., and including Sinclair Ice Cream Co., Washington Dairy Co., Inc., Deerfoot Farms Co., Frechtling Dairy Co. and the Hilland Dairy Co., as at July 31 1929, and the Lockwood ice cream business as of Aug. 31 1929.]

Assets— Cash \$32,137,291; Marketable securities 1,073,063; Notes & accts. rec., less res. 19,872,704; Inventories 16,155,610; Receivable from employees 184,143; Value of life insurance 284,945; Investments 1,641,872; Advances 30,992; Sinking funds 208,328; Capital assets (less reserve) 102,817,266; Deferred charges 2,742,738; Good-will purchased 13,692,635. Total \$190,841,587.

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31. Assets— 1929. 1928. Liabilities— 1929. 1928. Inv. in stks. & purch. warrs. of affil. cos. at cost \$4,740,000 \$1,000,000; Accounts receiv. 20,668; Divs. receivable 3,341; Cash 173,722 59,222; Call loans 1,000,000 3,300,000; Stk. & purch. warrs. of Nat. Inv. Corp. purch. & held for sale to empl., at cost less paym'ts received 83,788; Prepd. N. Y. State franchise tax 3,640; Furniture & fixt. 6,681. Total. (each side) \$6,045,158 \$4,371,644.

National Distillers Products Corp.—Listing.— The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of voting trust certificates for 107,915 shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance in the acquisition of common stock of The American Medicinal Spirits Co., through Medicinal Products Corp., a wholly-owned Delaware subsidiary, making the total number of voting trust certificates for common stock applied for 275,915 shares (see V. 129, p. 3810).

Pro Forma Consolidated Income Account 10 Months Ending Oct. 31 1929. Giving effect to the proposed acquisition through subsidiary of all outstanding Common Stock of The American Medicinal Spirits Co. Net sales of whiskey and other commodities \$4,393,511; Cost of sales 2,788,292; Gross profit on sales \$1,605,218; Bottling & storage revenue (net) 140,800; Miscellaneous income 377,775; Total \$2,123,793; Selling, distributing, administrative & general expense 1,084,298; Interest 101,748; Taxes 95,756; Net profit \$841,992; Dividends on pref. stock of The American Medicinal Spirits Co. payable to outside stockholders 336,339; Balance of profit \$505,653.

Pro Forma Consolidated Balance Sheet at Oct. 31 1929. Giving effect to proposed acquisition through subsidiary of all outstanding Common Stock of The American Medicinal Spirits Co. Assets— \$; Liabilities— \$. Cash in bank & on hand 653,219; Call loans receiv. (sec.) 2,100,000; Miscell. invests 162,937; Notes receivable 693,277; Accounts receivable 1,067,910; Inventories 12,346,896; Advs. on purchase contracts 308,948; Invs. in other companies 50,000; Deferred charges 127,689; Brands, trade marks, patents & good-will 8,400,000; Land, bldgs., mach. & equip. 2,042,320. Total (each side) 27,953,196.

National Investors Corp.—1929 Annual Report.— Pres. Fred Y. Presley in his remarks to stockholders Jan. 1, says in part: Corporation was organized in New York in June 1927 to form and operate investment companies and to manage investment funds. The first affiliated company, Second National Investors Corp., upon completion of financing on Nov. 26 1928, had a paid in capital of \$10,600,000. The second affiliated company, Third National Investors Corp., upon completion of financing on July 30 1929, had a paid in capital of \$10,400,000. Fourth National Investors Corp., the third affiliated investment company, upon completion of financing on Sept. 16 1929, had a paid in capital of \$27,000,000. The aggregate initial paid in capital of these three companies amounted to \$48,000,000. All of the funds of these affiliated companies are managed by this corporation under contracts. The authorized capital structure of the corporation originally consisted of 40,000 shares of 5 1/2% preferred stock (par \$100) and 200,000 shares of common stock (no par). The 40,000 shares of pref. stock, together with 40,000 shares of common stock and purchase warrants for 60,000 shares of common stock, were offered privately in the form of allotment units represented by unit allotment certificates, each unit consisting of one share of pref. stock, one share of common stock, and purchase warrants for 1 1/2 shares of common stock. The organizers received warrants to purchase, on the same terms as the holders of the purchase warrants included in the allotment units, the remaining 100,000 shares of common stock then authorized. On July 1 1929 unit allotment certificates representing the allotment units became exchangeable for the securities included in the units. On Oct. 8 1929 the stockholders authorized a 6-for-1 split-up of the common stock and an increase of the authorized common stock to a total of 2,000,000 shares, including the 1,200,000 shares resulting from the split-up of the 200,000 original shares, all of which were outstanding or reserved against exercise of warrants. On Oct. 14 1929 the corporation offered to exchange 2 1/2 shares of the new common stock for each share of preferred stock. This offer expired on Dec. 9 1929. Under this offer 25,142 shares of preferred stock out of a total of 40,000 shares were exchanged and cancelled. The outstanding capitalization now consists of 14,858 shares of 5 1/2% preferred stock (par \$100) and 802,388 shares of common stock (no par value). The chief assets of the corporation are its holdings of common stock in affiliated companies and purchase warrants for common stock in these affiliated companies. The purchase warrants are the more important of these two classes of assets and represent the principal capital investment of the corporation. These purchase warrants for the purchase of shares of the affiliated companies have an indeterminate value, since they are exercisable at prices higher than the current market prices for such shares and the prices at which these shares were offered for public subscription. The ultimate value of these purchase warrants, all of which run for substantial periods of time, will necessarily depend upon the results secured in the investment of the capital of the affiliated companies.

Income Account, Year Ended Dec. 31 1929. Profits realized on sale of securities \$859,687; Management fees received from affil. companies 180,090; Fees received for other investment services 24,000; Interest on call loans, &c. 126,448; Cash dividends 44,257; Total income \$1,234,481; Compensation of officers and employees \$95,520; Rent 11,088; Franchise taxes, incorporation fees, &c. 20,744; Miscellaneous expenses 71,188; Legal fees 2,870; New York State taxes 90,728; Federal income tax 107,000; Net profits \$858,957; Preferred dividends 179,349; Balance sur \$679,608; Includes profit from sale at \$12.50 each of purchase warrants for 65,000 shares of common stock of Fourth National Investors Corp. def \$31,869.

x Represented by 802,388 shares of common stock (without par value) issued and outstanding of a total authorization of 2,000,000 shares.

Investment in Affiliated Companies, Dec. 31 1929. (1) Second National Investors Corp.—100,000 shares of common stock, and purchase warrants for 200,000 additional shares of common stock exercisable at \$25 per share until Jan. 1 1944. (2) Third National Investors Corp.—20,000 shares of common stock, and purchase warrants for 101,200 additional shares of common stock exercisable at \$60 per share until March 1 1934, and thereafter at \$2 more per share per annum until March 1 1939. (3) Fourth National Investors Corp.—Purchase warrants for 685,000 shares of common stock exercisable at \$60 per share until Oct. 1 1939.

The annual reports of the affiliated companies are given elsewhere in this issue.—V. 129, p. 2400. Neisner Bros., Inc.—December Sales.— 1929—Dec.—1928. Increase. 1929—12 Mos.—1928. Increase. \$2,684,813 \$2,092,608 \$592,205 \$15,087,610 \$10,292,115 \$4,795,495.—V. 129, p. 3022, 3646.

New River Co.—\$1.50 Back Dividend.— The directors have declared a quarterly preferred dividend of \$1.50 on account of accumulations, payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. This represents the dividend due Aug. 1 1922. See also V. 129, p. 2243.

Newton Steel Co.—\$3,000,000 Note Issue Offered.—An offering of \$3,000,000 2-year 6% conv. gold notes is being made by a Cleveland banking group headed by the Midland Corp. and the Union Cleveland Corp. The proceeds of the issue will be used to supplement funds already raised by the sale of common stock for the cost of the company's new \$7,000,000 plant at Monroe, Mich. The notes are convertible into com. stock on the basis of \$83.33 a share. According to E. F. Clark, President, the company earned approximately \$2,300,000 in 1929, or about \$7.20 a share on the 254,000 shares of common stock outstanding. This compared with earnings of \$1,526,346 in 1928. Net for the first 11 months of the year approximated 12.7 times interest requirements on the new note issue. The company specializes in the production of highly finished steel sheets, used in the automobile, furniture and metal stamping industries. The new plant at Monroe is located near the Detroit automobile manufacturing industry. It is said to be one of the most modern and efficient plants of its kind in the country, and will be in operation early in February. President Clark reports that with the beginning of the new year releases have greatly increased and that plant operations are expanding. The stockholders will vote Jan. 9 on authorizing the creation of the \$3,000,000 note issue.—V. 129, p. 2549.

North American Car Corp.—Acquisition.— The directors have approved the purchase of the Live Poultry Transit Co., President H. H. Brigham announced on Dec. 27. The corporation assumed operation of the Transit company on Jan. 1. The consideration was not revealed. The North American Car Corp. will acquire the rail and equipment, plants, patents and good-will of the Live Poultry Transit Co. Equipment includes 2,061 steel poultry cars and 16 combination live poultry and refrigerator cars. Plants comprising complete car-building and repair facilities are located at Buffalo, Kenton, Ohio, and in the Union Stock Yards, Chicago. Fertilizer plants are maintained at Buffalo and Kenton. All minority capital stock of the Palace Poultry Car Co., operated by the North American Car Corp. for three years, will also be acquired in the deal. This makes the corporation sole owner of all cars for rail transportation of live poultry in the United States, with a total of 2,677 cars.—V. 129, p. 3485.

North American Match Corp.—Initial Dividend.— The directors have declared an initial dividend of \$1.50 a share, payable Jan. 30 to holders of record Jan. 10. It is not the intention of the company at this time to place the stock on a regular dividend basis, but to pay dividends as earnings and conditions in the trade warrant.

North American Title Guaranty Co.—Liquidation.— Liquidation of the company has been completed and its business closed with arrangements made for the satisfaction of the firm's entire contingent liabilities of \$18,336,506 on outstanding policies, according to a report by Albert Conway, State Superintendent of Insurance. Debts of the company were paid in full with interest, the report states. The liquidation was completed in four months and two days at an expense of 1.91% of the assets. Subject to the approval of the Supreme Court and the issuance of a contract for reinsurance, the Title Insurance Company of Richmond, Va., will assume the contingent liability of the North American Title Guaranty Co.—V. 128, p. 1243.

North American Trust Shares.—Fixed Trust Sales Record Set—Dividend Distribution Approximates \$2,000,000—Extra Declared and Rights Offered to 20,000 Shareholders Between Jan. 1 and 15.— Setting a new record for investments trust of the fixed type, the sales of North American Trust Shares for the year 1929 totaled \$40,117,516, Lee, Stewart & Co., syndicate managers for Distributors Group, Inc., has announced. In addition to the regular semi-annual dividend of 6%, an extra payment of 4.4% has been declared to be paid shareholders as of record Dec. 31 1929. The total dividend disbursement amounting to approximately \$2,000,000, as compared with \$938,490 paid on June 30 1929, consists of the regular dividend of 30c. per share and an extra of 21.4 cents per share. This is at the annual rate of approximately 11.73% on the 3,676,000 outstanding shares of the trust. Aside from the extra disbursement, it is announced that rights have been issued, exercisable between Jan. 1 and 15 1930, entitling shareholders to reinvest part of the proceeds from their dividend in additional shares totaling \$1,360,000, as compared with \$708,953 offered for subscription to shareholders on June 30 1929. The reserve fund held by the trustee, the Guaranty Trust Co. of New York, totals \$2,205,600 as of Dec. 31 1929, as compared with \$916,600 on June 30 1929. It is pointed out by Thomas F. Lee, President of Lee, Stewart & Co., that the regular and extra dividends represent only the amount of distribution from the underlying stocks during the past six month period and do not anticipate dividends declared but not payable until after Dec. 31 1929, nor do these returns include any important dividends carried over from the first six months of 1929. This systematic plan of reinvestment, says Mr. Lee, follows the policy of the trust for the maintenance of a balanced diversification among the 28 stocks held by the trust. Through exercising of their rights shareholders will save \$68,000 by reinvesting at the bid price, it is stated, this operation being carried on without profit to distributors. 7,352 shares of each of the following stocks, or a total of 205,856 shares, all of which are listed on the New York Stock Exchange, under the 1,838 units of North American Trust Shares outstanding:

Atchinson Topelka & Santa Fe.
Canadian Pacific.
Illinois Central.
Louisville & Nashville.
New York Central.
Pennsylvania.
Southern Pacific.
Union Pacific.
Royal Dutch Co. (N. Y. shares).
Standard Oil of California.
Standard Oil of New Jersey.
Standard Oil of New York.
Texas Corp.
American Radiator.

American Tobacco (class B).
Du Pont.
Eastman Kodak.
General Electric.
Ingersoll-Rand.
National Biscuit.
Otis Elevator.
United Fruit.
United States Steel.
Westinghouse Electric.
Woolworth.
American T. & T.
Consolidated Gas.
Western Union.

The average investment in each of the 28 companies is now in excess of \$1,286,516 per company. The reserve fund, which totals \$2,205,600, is designed for equalization of the minimum coupon return in periods of possible depression. Dividends from the deposited stocks which are now actually in sight for the first half of 1930 indicate that the return to shareholders for that period will be considerably in excess of the annual average return of 13.7% which has accrued to the depositors stocks over the past 18 years, states Mr. Lee.

"There are now more than 20,000 holders of North American Trust Shares," says Mr. Lee in his report, "with an average of \$2,000 to an investor. Our records show that the smallest investment is \$100, while the largest is over \$330,000. The holders of any number of shares have the privilege of converting them directly through the trustee at any time. Holders of one-fourth of a unit, or multiples thereof, may convert into one share of each of the 28 stocks held by the trust, and holders of fractional amounts may cash in their certificates by means of the revolving fund on deposit with the trustee. There is no service charge or penalty imposed at the time of conversion and the shareholder may receive the full value of the deposited stocks together with his pro-rata portion of the reserve fund and any dividends which may have accumulated since the preceding coupon date. It is interesting to note that less than 1/4% of North American Trust Shares have been resold by investors out of the \$40,000,000 of sales since public offering was first made in Feb. 19 1929 and no shares have been converted through the trustee.

Mr. Lee in his report points out that North American Trust Shares have enjoyed a greater sales volume during and since the market break than at any previous period since their organization in 1929. "November sales aggregated \$6,000,000, while December amounted to more than \$5,000,000. The week of the worst break in the market, Oct. 29, showed the largest volume of any week during the year."

"We feel that this unusual record during the past two months indicates a distinct trend toward the static type of trust and shows conclusively that the investor is still ready and eager to invest in corporations whose future is linked up with that of our country."

Figures making up the regular and extra dividend of North American Trust Shares were announced as follows: Regular, .01481; extra, .0255; split-ups, 0.2741; stock dividend, 0.0024, and rights, .0639, with the figures of the last three constituting the reinvestment privilege.—V. 129, p. 140.

Oil Well Supply Co.—Resignation.—S. Clarke Reed has resigned as Vice-President and director.—V. 129, p. 1457.

Orono (Me.) Pulp & Paper Co.—Consolidation.—The stockholders have approved the proposed merger of this company with the Eastern Manufacturing Co., Brewer, Me. Under the merger, which stockholders indicated would take effect immediately, the combined assets of the two companies would be approximately \$18,000,000.—V. 116, p. 186.

Osgood Bradley Car Co.—Proposed Merger.—See Pullman, Inc., below.—V. 125, p. 3652.

Pacific Western Oil Co.—Expansion.—Since the completion of the Ohio Oil Co.'s discovery well in Playa Del Rey oil field near Venice, Calif., the Pacific Western Oil Co. has added several parcels to its holdings in that field and is expected to profit substantially from the new development. The Pacific Western company now has scattered holdings in the field aggregating about 8 1/4 acres and consisting of about 100 lots well situated in relation to the discovery well, which is flowing at the rate of 2,500 barrels a day 22 gravity oil.—V. 129, p. 3646.

Park & Tilford, Inc.—Listing.—The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing on or after Jan. 14 1930 of 2,121 shares additional capital stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend, making a total amount applied for to date 214,418 shares.—V. 129, p. 3486.

Parker Mills, Fall River, Mass.—Considers Sale.—The directors on Dec. 31 1929 advised the stockholders to accept a purchase offer of the Berkshire Fine Spinning Associates, Inc. The offer will remain open until Jan. 15.—V. 129, p. 4150.

Pathe Exchange, Inc.—Earnings.
Earnings for 12 Weeks Ended Oct. 5 1929.

Gross sales and rentals	\$3,783,516
Costs and expenses	3,804,729
Amount transferred from surplus to absorb excess costs of sales over normal costs	Cr. 129,396
Operating income	\$108,183
Other income	35,232
Total income	\$143,415
Interest	99,559
Depreciation	13,962
Net profit	\$29,894

—V. 129, p. 2089.

Peabody Coal Co.—Pref. Dividend No. 2.—The directors have declared a dividend of \$2 a share on the 6% pref. stock, payable Jan. 11 to holders of record Jan. 10. An initial distribution of like preferred amount was made on May 23 1929. See V. 128, p. 3367.

Peerless Insulated Wire & Cable Co.—Notes Called.—All of the outstanding 5-year 8% conv. gold notes will be redeemed and paid on Jan. 15 1930 at 105 and int. at the Fidelity Trust Co. of New York, 120 Broadway.—V. 103, p. 2083.

Permutit Co.—Changes in Personnel.—W. Spencer Robertson, formerly Secretary of the American Locomotive Co., has been elected President, succeeding H. Kriegsheim, who has been elected Chairman.—V. 129, p. 3486.

Pickwick Corp.—Earnings.
Earnings for Nine Months Ended Sept. 30 1929.

Net operating profit	\$790,315
Net earnings after all charges and pref. divs., but before taxes and depreciation	632,199

Pres. F. C. Wren says: "The figures do not reflect the \$1,465,000 obtained through merger early this year of the company's stage system in the formation of the Pacific Transportation Securities, Inc., and the Pickwick Greyhound Lines, Inc. This amount has been applied directly to surplus. Gains have been made steadily throughout the year and a better rate of increase may be expected for the current quarter."—V. 127, p. 2972.

Providence Biltmore Hotel Co., Providence, R. I.—Plan Dropped.—

The recapitalization committee has directed the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co., depository under the proposed recapitalization plan invalidated by the Federal Court decree, to reissue or return to the 1st pref. stockholders the certificates to which they are entitled, according to a recent announcement by the committee.

The bank is notifying these stockholders that they will receive stock certificates on surrender of their certificates of deposit. About 80% of the 1st pref. stockholders will be affected by the committee's action.

This move on the part of the committee, whose term of appointment expired on Dec. 31 1929, brings to a final conclusion a struggle between a minority stockholder, Maynard K. Yoakam, and more than 80% of the pref. stockholders who approved the recapitalization plan and deposited their certificates with the Rhode Island Hospital Trust Co. on Nov. 7 1928, in accordance with the plan.

Mr. Yoakam objected on the grounds that the plan was detrimental to the 1st pref. stockholders, many of whom were small local investors. In a decree handed down in the Federal District Court on Sept. 11 last, Judge Ira Lloyd Letts decided that the scheme for reorganization was valid except insofar as it purported to abolish a sinking fund of \$20,000 a year, which had been used for the retirement of 1st pref. stock.

The plan, which was put into effect more than a year ago with the understanding that it would be abandoned if found invalid by the Court, was automatically nullified on Dec. 11, the date of expiration of the period of appeal, as no attempt had been made for new trial.

"As an appeal would have entailed considerable additional expense, and as it could not certainly be predicted that a reversal of the ruling of the lower Court would be obtained on appeal, the committee with great reluctance has felt it advisable to abandon the plan, although it is still of the opinion that it will be necessary within a few years for the 1st pref. stockholders to adopt some plan to eliminate or recapitalize in some manner the large accrual of unpaid dividends upon its outstanding pref. stock," the announcement stated.

The committee consisted of George L. Crooker, William L. Sweet, Edwin O. Chase, Joseph Samuels, Henry D. Sharpe and Walter R. Callender ("Providence Journal").

The stock capitalization prior to the proposed plan was as follows:

First preferred stock (\$100 par)	27,500 shs.	22,781 shs.
Second preferred stock (\$100 par)	12,500 shs.	10,000 shs.
Common stock (no par value)	10,000 shs.	10,000 shs.

The plan of recapitalization provided that the holders of 2d preferred stock could exchange their 2d preferred stock for common stock on the basis of two shares of common for each share of the 2d preferred stock. By the exchange they would have released all claims to the accumulated dividends on the 2d preferred stock.

The proposed plan also provided that 1st preferred stockholders making the exchange of their present 1st preferred stock under the plan would receive for each share exchanged: one share of 7% prior preferred class A stock, par \$50; one share of 5% prior preferred class B stock, par \$50; and one-half share of common stock.

It was also proposed that each holder of 1st preferred stock making such exchange should be entitled at any time on or before Dec. 31 1932, to subscribe for common stock at \$20 per share in the ratio of one-half share of common stock for each share of 1st preferred stock surrendered.

Providence Washington Insurance Co.—To Change Par.
In the opinion of the board of directors it is advisable that the company change the number and par value of shares of the issued and outstanding capital stock and they will recommend at the next annual meeting, on Jan. 28 that the stockholders increase the number of shares from 30,000 shares of the par value of \$100 each to 300,000 shares of the par value of \$10 each, so that the stockholders for each share of \$100 par value now held by them respectively, shall be and become stockholders of ten shares of stock of the par value of \$10 each.—V. 129, p. 3487.

Pullman, Inc.—To Increase Capitalization—Proposed Acquisitions.—The stockholders will vote Jan. 28 on increasing the authorized capital stock, no par value, from 3,375,000 shares to 3,875,000 shares, and on approving a proposal of the directors to acquire the properties of the Standard Steel Car Co. with certain subsidiaries, and the Osgood-Bradley Car Co. It is planned that the latter companies are to be acquired by a newly incorporated subsidiary of Pullman, Inc., wholly owned by it, but to be operated as a group separately from the properties of its present manufacturing subsidiary, the Pullman Car & Manufacturing Co.

The fixed property to be thus acquired by Pullman, Inc. is to be paid for in the stock of the corporation and the miscellaneous assets are to be acquired for cash or its equivalent. Stockholders of Pullman, Inc., at their meeting next month will be asked to approve a proposal of the directors to increase the authorized capital stock of the corporation from 3,375,000 shares to 3,875,000 shares.

The stockholders of the Standard Steel Car Co. and the Osgood-Bradley Car Co. will meet in the near future to vote on the proposal. The boards of directors of both companies approved the plan on Dec. 27 at a joint meeting with directors of Pullman, Inc.,

The letter to the stockholders of Pullman, Inc., reads in part:

The plan for acquisition of the properties of the Osgood-Bradley Car Co. and of the Standard Steel Car Co., and certain of its subsidiary companies, contemplates the payment of 500,000 shares of new stock of Pullman Inc., for the plants and associated properties of the above-mentioned companies in the United States and also for the acquisition, directly or indirectly, of the properties of the Middletown Car Co., owning and operating a car assembling plant at Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, and of the Entreprises Industrielles Charentaises, owning and operating a freight and passenger car plant at La Rochelle, France.

In addition to the above mentioned manufacturing plants, there are included in this purchase certain lands, housing properties, &c., now owned by Standard Steel Car Co. or subsidiaries thereof. The inventories, receivables, &c., connected with the above mentioned manufacturing plants are to be acquired for cash or equivalent in securities now owned by the corporation.

It is believed by your board of directors that the properties to be acquired and the earnings resulting therefrom justify the issuance of the shares necessary to acquire them. The French plant (Entreprises Industrielles Charentaises) is well equipped and well located for a general export business, as well as for business in France, and has a substantial volume of orders on the books, all satisfactorily financed.

The management believes that substantial economies can be effected by the co-ordinated operation of the Pullman and of the Standard and Osgood-Bradley groups of plants and that your corporation by the acquisition of these properties will participate in business in regions not heretofore effectively reached. The board of directors are of the opinion that it is for the best interest of this corporation and its stockholders to acquire the properties, and they unanimously recommend to the stockholders the increase of the capital stock necessary for the acquisition of these properties.

Officers and Directors.—J. F. Drake, now President of Standard Steel Car Co., will become Chairman of Pullman Inc., and D. A. Crawford will continue as President. The following will be added to the directorate of Pullman Inc.: R. K. Mellon, Vice-Pres. of the Mellon National Bank, Pittsburgh; A. M. Scaife, Vice-Pres. of W. B. Scaife & Sons, Pittsburgh, and J. F. Drake. The present board of Pullman Inc., includes George F. Baker, George F. Baker Jr., Arthur O. Choate, David A. Crawford, Donald R. McLennan, J. P. Morgan, John R. Morron, George M. Reynolds, Alfred P. Sloan Jr., Harold S. Vanderbilt and George Whitney.

The officers of the Standard Steel Car-Osgood Bradley group will be as follows: P. H. Joyce, President; R. L. Gordon, P. G. Jenks, W. J. McKee, C. P. Stempel, J. C. Snyder and C. W. Wright, Vice-Presidents, and William Bierman, Secretary. C. A. Liddle remains as President of the Pullman Car & Manufacturing Corp.—V. 129, p. 3024.

Punta Alegre Sugar Co.—Bondholders Asked to Deposit Debentures Under Agreement to Waive Sinking Fund.
The holders of \$4,132,800 15-year 7% sinking fund convertible debts. due July 1 1937 are being asked to deposit their debentures under an agreement to waive sinking fund requirement for five years beginning with the year to June 30 1929, and ending with year to June 30 1933. The

sinking fund amounts to 5% of total principal amount of debentures at any time outstanding. Holders of at least 75% of outstanding debentures must deposit in order to make the change effective.

The normal functioning of Punta Alegre sinking fund requirements last year was interrupted due to the abnormally low selling price of sugar during the summer and consequent necessity for conserving cash. The payment of the sinking fund requirements on the 7% debentures was not made but since the close of the fiscal year ended Sept. 30, last, all requirements in connection with the sinking fund on the 15-year 7½% 1st mtge. gold bonds of Baraqua Sugar Co. a subsidiary have been complied with.—V. 129, p. 3978.

Railroad Shares Corp.—Profits.

The corporation report Dec. 26 shows earned surplus from dividends, interest, and realized profits has increased \$129,482 for the period from Oct. 2 1929 to Dec. 16 1929. The liquidating value of its assets based upon the close of market Dec. 16 1929 amounted to \$9.42 per share and total assets per share as of the same date amounted to \$9.72 a share as compared with the present market price of about \$7.50 a share.

The statement of the corporation Dec. 16, included 59 stocks of the leading railroads and nine of allied companies.

The directorate consists of 46 directors, which include 26 railroad, utility, and banking executives identified with activities in almost every section of the country. Directors from these various sections report good prospects for material increases in the earnings of the railroads in the immediate future.—V. 129, p. 3647.

Rainbow Light, Inc.—Granted Motion for Continuance of Injunction Against Claude Neon Lights for Unfair Methods of Competition.

Judge Glennon of the Supreme Court of the County of New York has granted the motion of company for continuance of an injunction against Claude Neon Lights, Inc. to restrain Claude Neon from employing unfair methods of competition and from indulging in unfair dealings.

Judge Glennon in his decision states that: "The affidavits submitted by plaintiff in support of this motion convincingly show that the defendant Claude Neon Lights, Inc. has breached all rules of fair dealings. I gather that there has been a great deal of litigation between plaintiff and defendant Claude Neon Lights, Inc. concerning the validity and scope of certain letters patent. This litigation has brought about a bitter feeling. Defendant is entitled to have the rights accorded to it under its letters patent defined and determined but is not privileged during the pendency of the actions to adopt tactics calculated to drive its competitors and alleged infringers out of business.

"It therefore will be enjoined from continuing the acts complained of by plaintiff in its complaint and affidavits on this motion. Since the argument before me at Special Term counsel for the plaintiff have submitted in support of their application a decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals affirming a decree of the U. S. District Court, by which it was decided that plaintiff was not guilty of any infringement of defendant's patents. The opinion of Judge Hand is made part of the motion papers.

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"The decision I reach is not based upon the motion papers. The patents, but upon the ground that defendant Claude Neon Lights, Inc. is unfairly competing with plaintiff. Furthermore, this decision is not to be construed as affecting, in any way, rights which defendant may have under its letters patent. Such questions are beyond the jurisdiction of this court and must be decided under the appropriate provisions of the Federal laws. Settle order."

Republic Iron & Steel Co.—New Republic Combine Wins Full Control of Johnston Electric Welding Process.

Full control of the revolutionary Johnston process for electric welding of steel tubing has been secured to the new \$350,000,000 midwest steel merger built around the Republic Iron & Steel Co., Youngstown, Ohio, by a decision handed down in the U. S. District Court in Brooklyn, N. Y.

The case was a patent suit brought by Steel & Tubes, Inc., Cleveland, Ohio, a subsidiary of the Republic Iron & Steel Co., and owner of the electric welding patents, against the Greenpoint Metallic Bed Co. of Brooklyn. Federal Judge C. G. Galston of Brooklyn held that the patents were valid and had been infringed.

Republic is using the process and is building a new \$10,000,000 electric welding tube plant at Youngstown. This plant is expected to be one of the most important factors in the success of the new independent steel merger.

The effect of the court decision will be widely felt outside the steel industry, as the process is used for the manufacture of tubing for the automotive, furniture and many other industries. Electric conduit tubing is an important product. The patents involved cover the method and apparatus which permits the electric welding of the tubing at a speed of 65 to 150 feet a minute, against an average of about 12 feet for the older welding processes.

The electric welding method was invented some years ago by Gustav V. Johnson of the American Metal Molding Co., Chicago, and acquired by the Elyria Iron & Steel Co., predecessor of Steel & Tubes, in 1919, when it bought the Chicago company. The Steel & Tube properties were absorbed by Republic Iron & Steel in 1928.

Testimony before Judge Galston set forth that the machinery and equipment involved in the infringement were manufactured by the American Electric Fusion Co., Chicago, from whom the defendant purchased the two machines which it was alleged to have operated in violation of the patents.

The plaintiff testified that the only companies in the United States licensed by it to operate under the patent were the Simmons Co., manufacturers of metal beds, Kenosha, Wis.; Michigan Steel Tube Products Co., Detroit, and the Rome Manufacturing Co., Rome, N. Y. The plaintiff, according to evidence, holds patents covering the process in all important foreign countries, except Great Britain, Belgium and France, in which countries the right have been sold.

This is the second case in which the patent rights of Steel & Tubes have been upheld in United States Court in the eastern district of New York, located at Brooklyn. In 1924, in litigation against the Mohegan Tube Co. and John F. Lawson of Brooklyn, Federal Judge Edwin R. Carbin upheld the plaintiff. The decision was sustained by the circuit court of appeals.

The process covered by the patents is used by Steel & Tubes in its plants at Cleveland, Ferndale, Michigan and Brooklyn, and is to be used in a new electric conduit plant now under construction by the company at Warren, Ohio.—V. 129, p. 3978.

Reynolds Spring Co. (& Subs.)—Earnings.

Period End.	Sept. 30—1929—3 Mos.	—1928.	1929—9 Mos.	—1928.
Net earnings	\$129,541	\$106,712	\$400,153	\$260,657
Deprec. & interest	71,142	71,550	214,103	221,810
Net profit before Fed. taxes	\$58,399	\$35,162	\$186,050	\$38,847
Shares com. stock outstanding (no par)	495,200	494,720	495,200	494,720
Earnings per share	\$0.11	\$0.06	\$0.36	\$0.06

Consolidated Balance Sheet Sept. 30 (Incl. Subs.).

	1929.	1928.		1929.	1928.
Assets—			Liabilities—		
Cash	\$713,493	\$176,939	Class A 7% cum. pref. stock	\$107,900	\$121,000
Accts. & notes rec.	644,883	645,999	Class B 7% cum. pref. stock	15,700	19,100
Inventories	1,713,724	1,345,441	Com. capital stock & surplus	24,666,876	4,819,220
Accrd. int. receiv.	122	737	Notes payable	1,052,165	122,326
Investm'ts at cost.	198,902	187,514	Accounts payable	192,415	159,972
Land, bldg., mach. & equip.	4,743,222	4,683,259	Accrd. int. payable	32,500	32,500
Patents, good will & developments	554,599	580,646	Accrd. wages, salaries, tax, insur. &c.	40,311	43,712
Deferred charges	75,833	60,151	Res. for conting.	8,393	
Cash in sink. fund.	9,865	8,946	Res. for doubtful notes, accts. rec. com. & disc't.	37,564	12,026
			Res. for deprec. of properties	1,627,712	1,401,183
Total (each side)	\$8,654,644	\$7,689,933	Funded debt	881,500	950,500

x Represented by 495,220 no par shares (subject to arrears of dividends on preferred stock).—V. 129, p. 3180.

Russell Motor Car Co., Ltd.—Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of 1% on the common stock, in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the common stock and the regular quarterly dividend of 1¼% on the preferred stock, all payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Dec. 31. Regular quarterly dividends of 1¼% were paid on the common stock on May 1, Aug. 1 and Nov. 1 last, as compared with a semi-annual payment of 2% and an extra of 1% made on Feb. 1 1929.—V. 128, p. 3848.

Safeway Stores, Inc.—Pref. Stock.

Merrill, Lynch & Co. recently purchased from the company 20,000 shares of 6% preferred. This preferred is the same series as the present 6% preferred, of which 39,150 shares are outstanding.

The proceeds will be used to reimburse company's treasury in part for capital expenditures during 1929. Warrants attached to the preferred stock will be immediately exercised by Merrill, Lynch & Co., who will then give the company an option to repurchase common stock for offering to company's employees. See also V. 129, p. 3978.

Sargent & Co., New Haven, Conn.—Stock Increased.

The stockholders have authorized an increase in capital stock from \$6,500,000 to \$10,050,000, of which \$8,750,000 will be common and \$1,300,000 preferred.—V. 126, p. 1367.

Scott Paper Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of an additional 3,960 shares of common stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance, as a 2% stock dividend, making the total amount applied for 156,060 shares of said common stock.—V. 129, p. 3979.

Scovill Mfg. Co.—Capital Increased, &c.

The stockholders have authorized an issue of \$25,000,000 15-year 5½% debentures and 500,000 additional shares of capital stock, to be used in connection with the acquisition of other companies. The principal acquisition will be A. Schrader Sons, Inc. of Brooklyn, which, it is expected, will be consummated this month.—V. 129, p. 4150.

Seaboard Dairy Credit Corp.—Earnings.

The corporation reports for the 11 months ended Nov. 30 1929, a balance of \$237,495 after all charges, reserve for income tax and preferred divs., equal to \$2.68 a share on the 88,690 com. shs. outstanding.—V. 129, p. 2873.

Second Nat'l Investors Corp.—1929 Annual Report.

Income Account Year Ended Dec. 31 1929.

Profits realized on sale of securities	\$1,125,825
Interest on call loans, &c.	282,257
Interest on bonds	99,390
Cash dividends	177,532
Total	\$1,685,004
Management fee	84,697
Miscellaneous expenses	41,436
Interest	8,077
New York State taxes	25,765
Federal income tax	158,195
Net profits	\$1,366,834
Preferred dividends	537,500
Balance	\$829,334

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31 1929.

Assets		Liabilities	
Securities owned, at cost	\$8,965,038	Accounts payable	\$3,642
Call loans	2,600,000	Accrued expenses	2,750
Cash	38,286	Prov. for N. Y. State taxes	34,590
Accounts receivable	1,350	Prov. for Fed. income tax	158,000
Interest receivable	13,582	\$5 conv. pref. stock	c1,000,000
Dividends receivable	28,530	Common stock	b1,500,000
Prepd. N. Y. State franchise tax	8,825	Capital surplus	a8,100,000
		Earned surplus	856,628
Total	\$11,655,610	Total	\$11,655,610

a Representing the excess of paid in capital over the stated value of capital stock. b Represented by 300,000 no par shares. c Represented by 100,000 no par shares.

Securities Owned Dec. 31 1929.

Shares.	Market Value Dec. 31 '29.
2000 Air Reduction Co., Inc.	\$249,250
3000 American Can Co.	367,500
1500 American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	333,750
700 American Tobacco Co., Class "B"	143,150
4200 Borden Co.	279,300
4000 Consolidated Gas Co. of New York	400,500
1700 Continental Can Co., Inc.	87,975
400 Deere & Co.	184,000
2000 du Pont (E. I.) de Nemours & Co.	234,000
1500 First National Stores, Inc.	81,000
1600 General American Tank Car Corp.	159,200
800 General Electric Co.	194,800
5000 Gold Dust Corp.	200,000
4500 International Harvester Co.	362,250
2000 International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.	149,500
3000 Johns-Manville Corp.	375,000
6000 Kruger & Toll Co. (American certificates)	147,750
5500 Montgomery Ward & Co., Inc.	268,125
3300 National Dairy Products Corp.	160,875
1000 Otis Elevator Co.	275,000
5500 Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	288,750
3500 Purity Bakeries Corp.	275,187
5000 Remington Rand, Inc.	132,500
2600 Safeway Stores, Inc.	297,700
2500 Simmons Co.	232,500
4000 Southern California Edison Co.	228,000
3000 Underwood Elliot Fisher Co.	299,250
2000 Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.	158,000
5000 United Biscuit Co. of America	188,750
8500 United Light & Power Co., class "A"	242,250
2000 Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.	289,000

Bonds.

\$90,000 Central Agricultural Bank of Germany 6s, Oct. 1960.	\$70,200
90,000 Consol. Agric. Loan of German Prov. & Communal Banks 6½s, 1958.	70,200
46,000 Free State of Prussia 6s, 1952.	38,122
82,000 German Consolidated Municipal Loan 6s, 1947.	66,420
52,000 Hungarian Consolidated Municipal Loan 7½s, 1945.	47,320
90,000 Republic of Finland 6½s, 1956.	82,575
63,000 Rhine-Westphalia Electric Power 6s, 1952.	54,495
90,000 Rhine-Westphalia Elec. Pow. (with warrants) 6s, 1953.	77,175
	\$506,507
Total cost of securities owned	\$8,965,038
Total market value of securities owned	7,788,330
Excess of cost over market value	\$1,176,718

—V. 129, p. 2552.

Seaboard Utilities Shares Corp.—To Reincorporate.

To provide for the payment from time to time of dividends from earnings, the executive committee has voted to recommend to the directors a plan for changing the domicile of the corporation from Massachusetts to Delaware where the laws are more suitable for investment trust purposes. The change is in line with the action taken by other investment trusts during the past year and is subject to ratification by the stockholders who will be asked to attend a meeting to be called shortly.

Vice-President Bowen Tufts stated that without exception, the 107, the larger utility and holding companies, amounts of whose shares are owned by the above corporation, show increases in earnings per share and resultant increases in assets as of Oct. 30 1929, as compared with the same date last year. Net realized profits of the corporation, he said, have increased \$123,249 since Oct. 4, last, and the total net earnings from interest,

Dividends and realized profits, after deducting all expenses, tax reserves and dividends paid in, now amount to \$598,179 or 37 1/2 cents per share. A entire amount has been earned during the past five months after the payment of two dividends of 12 1/2 cents per share since the organization of the corporation in March 1929. These surplus earnings are equal to one and one-half times the amount needed to pay the first dividend in 1930 of 12 1/2 cents per share, which will be considered and recommended by the executive committee after the formation of the Delaware corporation.—V. 129, p. 3647.

Sears, Roebuck & Co.—Listing.—

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 91,173 shares of common stock on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend; up to a maximum of 1,103 shares on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend upon 54,850 shares at the present time issued to treasurer of Sears, Roebuck & Co., in trust, under resolutions of directors and executive committee adopted May 1 and May 2 1929, respectively, should said 54,850 shares be subscribed for by employees of Sears, Roebuck & Co. prior to the record date in January 1930; up to a maximum of 1,000 shares on official notice of issuance as a stock dividend on shares of stock at the present time authorized by charter but unissued, which may be issued prior to the record date in April 1930, in payment for properties which may be purchased by the company; and up to a maximum of 6,724 additional shares as may be required in the cash adjustment of fractions of shares resulting from stock dividends, making the total amount applied for 91,199 shares.

December Sales.—

Period—	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.
Month of December	\$54,219,540	\$42,434,173	\$34,485,503	\$29,983,402
Months ended Dec. 31—	443,452,640	346,973,915	292,927,257	272,699,314

Sefton Mfg. Corp., Chicago.—Merger.—

See Container Corp. of America above.—V. 128, p. 1924.

Shepard Stores, Inc.—Defers Class A Dividend.—

The directors recently decided to defer payment of the regular quarterly dividend of 75 cents ordinarily paid on Nov. 1. This rate had been paid on and incl. Aug. 1 1928.—V. 128, p. 2481.

(Isaac) Silver & Bros. Co., Inc.—Dividend.—

See F. & W. Grand-Silver Stores, Inc., above.—V. 129, p. 36

(F. H.) Smith Co. (Del.)—Protective Committee.—

The Stockholders' Protective Committee representing holders of preferred stock announce that it has been requested by interests owning a considerable amount of stock and has consented to act as a Committee to represent and protect the interests of holders of preferred stock. The necessity for such a committee is due to the following facts:

- (1) Stockholders are widely scattered and cannot effectively protect their interests except by acting in concert with each other through a committee appointed for that purpose.
- (2) Legal proceedings have been instituted against the company in which charges of mismanagement, waste and conversion of the assets of the company are made, and for the appointment of receivers.
- (3) Other legal proceedings are threatened against the company.

In view of the critical condition of the affairs of the company, the Committee is convinced the interests of stockholders will be best conserved by promptly depositing their preferred stock with the depository, Interstate Trust Co., 37 Wall Street, New York City.

Committee.—Samuel J. Marshall (Chairman), Fred A. Hepper, Charles E. Rodd, D. Webb Granberry, with F. Sternfeld (Sec.) and Hobart C. Inard, Chamber of Commerce Bldg., Newark, N. J., Counsel.

Southern Asbestos Co.—Extra Dividend.—

The directors have declared the regular semi-annual dividend of \$1.25, plus an extra dividend of 25c. on the capital stock, no par value, both payable Jan. 15 to holders of record Jan. 9. A similar extra dividend was paid on Jan. 15 and July 15 1929.—V. 129, p. 1758.

Southern Pipe Line Co.—To Vote on Sale.—

The stockholders will vote Jan. 22 on approving a proposition to sell the Manufacturers Light & Heat Co., a Pennsylvania corporation, certain pipes and rights-of-way extending from their junction with the Chesapeake and Ohio Ry. to the Eureka Pipe Line Co. at the State boundary between West Virginia and Pennsylvania eastward to Millway, Pa. (such pipes not being now required for the satisfactory operation of the company's steam) the price for the same to be \$1,500 per mile of six-inch pipe and \$400 per mile of eight-inch pipe, including rights-of-way, all in accordance with contracts made between this company and the manufacturers Light & Heat Co.—V. 129, p. 3488.

Standard Oil Co. of N. Y.—Brings Suit.—

A bill of complaint asking that the Standard Oil Company, of Rhode Island, be enjoined from using the words "Standard," "Standard Oils," or "Standard Oil Co." was filed in Superior Court at Providence R. I., Dec. 3, by the Standard Oil Co. of New York.

The Rhode Island company obtained a charter a few months ago in Rhode Island. Three Rhode Island men, the original incorporators, are named in the bill of complaint as dummy incorporators acting for Harry A. Barr of N. Y. City, who, with Aaron Shapiro, has made application for incorporation of similar companies in other States, particularly in Maine. Judge Hugh B. Baker issued a restraining order and hearing was assigned to Jan. 22.—V. 129, p. 4151.

Standard Steel Car Co.—Consolidation.—

See Pullman, Inc., above.—V. 126, p. 1211.

(F. B.) Stearns Co.—To Dissolve.—

The stockholders on Dec. 30 approved the proposal to dissolve the corporation. What stockholders will receive will depend upon what is realized on the sale of the plant and property, according to President H. J. Leonard, who will head the liquidating committee.—V. 129, p. 3980.

Stutz Motor Car Co. of America.—Bankruptcy.—

A dispatch from Indianapolis Dec. 30 states that a petition in involuntary bankruptcy has been filed against the company in Federal Court here. The petition, it is stated, was filed by three creditors, E. C. Atkins Co., E. H. Hyde, Leather & Belting Co. and the Vonnegut Hardware Co., all of Indianapolis, who claim total bills against the company of \$2,176. The petitioners charge the company committed an act in bankruptcy by paying its debts to preferred creditors, who are unnamed.

The Standard Automotive Parts Co., it is further stated, has filed a receivership suit against the company in the Marion County Superior Court. In addition to the involuntary bankruptcy petition, two separate suits have been started in the State courts of Indiana asking that a receiver be appointed. The original suit asking for appointment of a receiver was filed Dec. 28 by the Standard Automotive Equipment Co. of Muskegon, Mich., alleging an unpaid account of \$753 for valves and tappets. The second application for a receiver, filed as an intervening petition in the suit of Standard Automotive, gives as the plaintiff the Faurex Mfg. Co. of Peoria, Ill., a manufacturer of electrical appliances and brass fittings, with an account of \$1,399.—V. 129, p. 2874.

Submarine Boat Corp.—Receivership.—

Henry R. Sutphen, Arnold J. Walser and William L. Dill have been appointed equity receivers by Federal Judge Runyan at Newark, N. J. Application for the receivership was made by Max Doyle of Hoboken, a stockholder. Mr. Doyle claimed the company had been operating at a large loss for several years.

Judge Alfred Coxo in the U. S. District Court at New York has appointed Vincent Trust Co. and Henry R. Sutphen, receivers in equity on the application of the Haimont Corp. Liabilities are estimated at \$3,240,000 and assets at \$4,772,500.—V. 128, p. 2825.

Swift International Corp.—Larger Dividend.—

The directors have declared a semi-annual dividend of \$1.25 a share, payable Feb. 15 to holders of record Jan. 15. During 1929, two semi-annual distributions of \$1 a share were made.—V. 129, p. 143.

Title Insurance Co. of Richmond, Va.—Assumes Liability.—

See North American Title Guaranty Co. above

Third National Investors Corp.—1929 Annual Report.—
Income Account April 17 1929 to Dec. 31 1929.

Profits realized on sale of securities	\$467,758
Interest on call loans, &c.	76,055
Cash dividends	136,535
Total	\$680,347
Management fee	40,397
Miscellaneous expenses	15,262
Interest	4,645
New York State taxes	1,897
Federal income tax	66,000
Net profits	\$552,146
Dividends	220,000
Balance	\$332,146

Balance Sheet, Dec. 31 1929.

Assets		Liabilities	
Securities owned, at cost	\$9,491,356	Accounts payable	\$1,539
Call loans	1,200,000	Accrued expenses	3,400
Cash	48,691	Prov. for N. Y. State taxes	24,583
Accounts receivable	1,088	Prov. for Federal tax	66,000
Interest receivable	856	Common stock	10,340,000
Dividends receivable	35,510	Capital surplus	19,318
Prepd. N. Y. State franch. tax	9,486	Earned surplus	332,146
Total	\$10,786,986	Total	\$10,786,986

a Represented by 220,000 no par shares.

Securities Owned, Dec. 31 1929.

Common Stocks—	Market Value Dec. 31 1929
2000 Air Reduction Co., Inc.	\$249,250
2500 American Can Co.	308,250
1500 American Telephone & Telegraph Co.	333,750
700 American Tobacco Co., class "B"	143,150
5200 Borden Co.	345,800
1000 Chesapeake & Ohio Ry.	202,000
4000 Consolidated Gas Co. of New York	400,500
1700 Continental Can Co., Inc.	87,975
400 Deere & Co.	184,000
1200 Detroit Edison Co.	244,800
2000 du Pont (E. I.) de Nemours & Co.	234,000
1500 First National Stores, Inc.	81,000
1100 General American Tank Car Corp.	109,450
800 General Electric Co.	194,800
5000 Gold Dust Corp.	200,000
4500 International Harvester Co.	362,250
2000 International Telephone & Telegraph Corp.	149,500
3000 Johns-Manville Corp.	375,000
7000 Kreuger & Toll Co. (American certificates)	168,875
5500 Montgomery Ward & Co., Inc.	268,125
3200 National Dairy Products Corp.	156,000
1000 Otis Elevator Co.	275,000
5000 Pacific Gas & Electric Co.	262,500
3000 Purity Bakeries Corp.	235,875
5000 Remington Rand, Inc.	132,500
2600 Safeway Stores, Inc.	297,700
3000 Sears, Roebuck & Co.	267,750
2000 Simmons Co.	186,000
4000 Southern California Edison Co.	238,000
3000 Underwood Elliott Fisher Co.	299,250
2000 Union Carbide & Carbon Corp.	158,000
4000 United Biscuit Co. of America	151,000
8000 United Light & Power Co., class "A"	228,000
2500 Westinghouse Electric & Mfg. Co.	361,250
Total cost of securities owned	\$7,879,300
Total market value of securities owned	\$9,491,356
Excess of cost over market value	\$1,612,056

—V. 129, p. 3338.

Thompson-Starrett Co., Inc.—Earnings.—

[Including Thompson-Starrett Co., Ltd., Canada.]
Earnings for the Period from Apr. 30 1929 to Oct. 24 1929.

Income from operations	\$1,610,996
Income from investments, &c.	177,799
Total income	\$1,788,795
Exps. of offices & yards, incl. deprec. on construct., equip., value equip. destroyed dur. oper. & Fed. tax & taxes of various states	915,803
Net income for 6 months available for dividends	\$872,992
Dividends paid	280,000
Balance, surplus	\$592,991

The net earnings of \$872,992 compares with \$645,172 for the preceding 6 months.

The uncompleted work on contracts in hand on Oct. 24 1929, amounted to \$42,339,492 against \$23,812,228 on April 30 1929.—V. 129, p. 3490.

Tri-Continental Allied Co., Inc.—Merger Approved.—
See Tri-Continental Corp. below.—V. 129, p. 3815.

Tri-Continental Corp.—Merger of Tri-Continental Corp. and Tri-Continental Allied Co., Inc. Approved.—
Stockholders Dec. 27 approved consolidation of Tri-Continental Corp. and Tri-Continental Allied Co., Inc. into a single corporation under the name of Tri-Continental Corp., as proposed by the directors and outlined in V. 129, p. 3815.

Old Securities Now Exchangeable for New—Personnel of Board Announced.—

Consolidation of Tri-Continental Corp. and Tri-Continental Allied Co., Inc. into a single investment company under the name of Tri-Continental Corp. has been completed, it is announced by Earle Bailie, Pres., in a letter to stockholders. Securities of the two predecessor corporations are now exchangeable for securities of the new Tri-Continental Corp. at the office of J. & W. Seligman & Co., New York. No further transfers of the stocks of either of the predecessor corporations will be made.

Assets and portfolios of the two former corporations have been taken up on the books of the new corporation at the lower of cost or market and the new corporation will commence business with a substantial initial surplus. Outstanding capitalization consists of \$43,465,000 of 6% (\$100 par) preferred stock, 2,020,150 shares (no par) common stock and detached warrants to purchase 1,008,650 shares of common stock at any time without limit at \$22.50 a share.

Holders of preferred stocks of the predecessor corporations will receive equivalent amounts of preferred stock of the consolidated corporation. For each share of \$100 preferred stock of the former Tri-Continental Corp., the holder will also receive purchase warrants for 1 1/2 shares of new common and for each share of \$50 preferred stock of the Allied company, the holder will receive a purchase warrant for one-half share of new common. Holders of the common stock of the former Tri-Continental Corp. will receive 1.2 shares of new common stock for each share of old common, and holders of common stock of the Allied company will receive one new share for each share of the Allied company now held.

Directors of the new corporation are: William S. Gray Jr., Vice-Pres. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.; C. E. Groesbeck, President Electric Bond & Share Co.; David McAlpin, Clark, Dodge & Co.; David Sarnoff, Executive Vice-President Radio Corp. of America; George C. Fraser, Fraser, Speir & Meyer; John R. Simpson, President Cuba Cane Sugar Corp.; Arthur F. White, President Dominion Securities Corp.; Albert H. Wiggin, Chairman Chase National Bank; Carl W. Painter, Cravath de Gersdorff, Swaine & Wood, and the following partners of J. & W. Seligman & Co.: Earle Bailie, Henry C. Breck, Francis F. Randolph, Henry Seligman, Frederick Strauss and Robert V. White.

Officers are: Earle Bailie, Chairman and President; Robert V. White, Francis F. Randolph and Homer B. Vanderblue, Vice-Presidents, and J. Bernard Miller, Secretary and Treasurer.—V. 129, p. 3815.

Tuckett Tobacco Co., Ltd.—\$2 Extra Dividend.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$2 per share for the common stock in addition to regular quarterly dividend of \$1 per share, both payable Jan. 15. This is the first change in the company's dividend payment since 1921. It is probable that \$6 per share in dividends will be paid next year also.

The official statement says: "The company reports Christmas sales surpassing all previous records and regards the outlook for 1930 as promising. Advertising and sales effort will be steadily increased during the coming year."—V. 128, p. 3850.

Ulen & Co.—Contract for Chilean Dam.

A contract for the construction of the Junta del Carmen irrigation dam to cost \$2,000,000 in the Ovale district of Chile, South America, was signed late last month by the Chilean Government and Ulen & Co., construction engineers, according to a cable received at the company's office, 120 Broadway, N. Y. City. This dam, which is part of Chile's extensive irrigation program, is a new project but is the third irrigation dam built by Ulen & Co. in Chile resulting from their successful construction of the Recoleta Dam. Ulen & Co. are also building in Chile a tunnel through the Andes besides road construction in Cali, Colombia. Chile, world's second largest producer of copper, has turned her attention to another great source of National wealth, the fertility of her soil for farming and grazing purposes and is appropriating large sums for irrigation purposes.—V. 129, p. 3980.

Union Oil Co. of Calif.—New Pipe Line.

The company has just announced plans for construction of an 86-mile six-inch pipe line from Kettleman Hills to Port San Luis Obispo, to cost \$750,000 and which will be used as a natural gasoline carrier, according to P. N. Boggs, Vice-President in charge of production.—V. 129, p. 3816.

Union Tank Car Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 1,265,872 shares of capital stock (no par value) on official notice of issuance in exchange for outstanding certificates for capital stock of the par value of \$100 per share, in the ratio of four new shares for each share of stock of \$100 par value.—V. 129, p. 4151.

United Fruit Co.—Earnings.

Period End, Dec. 31—	1929—3 Mos.—	1928. 1929—12 Mos.—	1928.
Net profit after charges and taxes.....	\$5,700,000	\$3,600,000	\$17,600,000
Shs. com. stk. outstand.....	-----	-----	2,625,000
Earnings per share.....	-----	-----	\$6.70
x Before taxes.—V. 129, p. 4151.	-----	-----	\$8.24

United Piece Dye Works (N. J.)—Four Quar. Divs.

The directors have declared the dividends for the year 1930 on the com. stock in advance. The declaration covered payments of 50 cents per share on Feb., May, Aug., and Nov. 1 to holders of record of the 15th of the respective previous month. The company had previously followed the policy of paying an annual dividend at the rate of \$2 per share on the present stock which was issued early this year in exchange for the old com. stock on the basis of two new shares for one old share.—V. 129, p. 1303.

United States Bond & Mortgage Corp., N. Y.—Control.

The American Home Foundation Holding Corp., controlling the American Home Foundation, Inc., and other companies, and which is headed by Wendell W. Chase, has acquired control of the United States Bond & Mortgage Corp., with branches in 13 cities and the largest of second mortgage companies, H. J. Simonson, Jr., is retiring as President of the United States corporation.

Mr. Chase announced that the business of the latter would be converted to the Foundation Mortgage system, which runs for 7 years is self-amortizing, with interest at 6% and discount at 3%, compared with old types of second mortgages running one to three years at 6% int. with 5% per year discount.—V. 129, p. 4175, 4024.

United States Financial Corp.—Defers Dividend.

The directors took no action on the quarterly dividend of 30 cents due on class A stock at this time.—V. 129, p. 1932.

U. S. Industrial Alcohol Co.—Dividend Correction.

The directors have declared an extra dividend of \$1 per share in addition to the regular quarterly dividend of \$1.50 per share (not \$1.25 as erroneously stated in V. 129, p. 3982) on the common stock, no par value, both payable Feb. 1 to holders of record Jan. 15. During 1929, four quarterly dividends of \$1.50 per share were paid, compared with quarterly disbursements of \$1.25 per share made from Feb. 1 1927 to Nov. 1 1928, incl.—V. 129, p. 3982.

U. S. Radio & Television Corp.—Earnings.

Periods—	4 Mos. End. 8 Mos. End.
Net profit after charges.....	Nov. 30 '29. July 31 '29.
	\$752,438 loss \$746,841

Balance Sheet November 30 1929.	
Assets—	Liabilities—
Cash.....	Accounts payable.....
Accounts receivable.....	Notes payable.....
Railroad claims.....	Trade acceptances payable.....
Officers & employes.....	Accruals.....
Advances to salesmen.....	Reserve for advertising.....
Notes & trade accept. rec.....	Capital stock.....
Inventories.....	Surplus.....
Due from stockholders of predecessor companies.....	
Deferred charges.....	
Land, buildings, machinery & equipment, &c.....	
R.C.A. & Hazeltine licenses & patent rights.....	
	Total.....
x After depreciation of \$123,988.	y Represented by 142,605 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 3339.

United States Rubber Co.—Chairman of Fin. Comm.

William deKraft, who has been for many years associated with the Baldwin Locomotive Works as vice-president in charge of finance, on Jan. 1 1930, assumed the duties of chairman of the finance committee of the United States Rubber Co. For some time Mr. deKraft has been a member of the board of directors of the latter company.

The appointment of Dr. W. A. Gibbons of Montclair, N. J., as director of the development department of the company was also announced. In his new post Dr. Gibbons assumes charge of all research work a field in which the company holds high rank in the rubber industry.

United States Stores Corp.—Transfer Agent.

The Empire Trust Co. has been appointed transfer agent for the preferred stock, preference stock, and common stock.—V. 129, p. 3982.

United Thrift Plan, Inc.—Record Business.

The corporation broke all previous records for volume of business done during the month of December. A total of \$1,622,400 of insurance was written as compared with \$477,030 last December, an increase of 240%. For the year 1929 the corporation reports a total volume of insurance written of \$14,658,200 as compared with \$9,595,100 in 1928, an increase for the year of 52%.—V. 129, p. 3649.

Utilities Hydro & Rails Shares Corp.—New Director.

Columbus Haile, President of the Missouri-Kansas-Texas RR., has accepted a directorship in the corporation.—V. 129, p. 3966.

Van Sicken Corp.—To Issue Notes.

The Van Sicken Corp., a subsidiary of Allied Motor Industries, Inc., has authorized \$1,000,000 5-year convertible 6% notes in connection with acquisition of the Lorraine Corp., which manufacturers a controllable and mobile driving light. Of the total, \$600,000 will be issued now, part of proceeds to meet cash requirements in the acquisition, the balance to be used for other corporate purposes.

Each \$1,000 note will be convertible, at the option of the holder, into shares of participating class A stock of the Van Sicken Corp., to and in Combined earnings of the two companies for the nine months ending Sept. 30 1929 were \$278,715, or more than 10 times the nine month interest requirements of the \$600,000 of notes presently to be outstanding.

Consolidated pro forma balance sheet as at the same date showed net assets, after eliminating patents and good-will of \$2,200 for each \$1.00 note, and current assets of \$837,264, or more than six times current liabilities, which totaled \$127,294. The corporation's strong current position is further emphasized by the fact that cash alone, amounting to \$476,485 was more than 3 1/2 times current liabilities.

Capitalization—		
Five-year convertible 6% gold notes.....	Authorized.....	Outstanding.....
Participating class A stock (no par).....	\$1,000,000	\$600,000
Common stock (no par).....	200,000 shs.	91,350 shs.
	200,000 shs.	140,540 shs.

—V. 129, p. 2556.

Virdeen Packing Co., San Francisco.—To Liquidate Unused Assets.

Following a meeting of the stockholders to consider a report of the minority stockholders on conditions of the company, Charles G. Johnson, a directors, said: "The committee recommended that the company adjust itself to a more liquid condition by the sale of all properties not held by the company which are not conducive to the operation of a meat packing business. The company has extensive holdings in several institutions, as well as many properties, and a special committee of three was appointed to concern itself with the liquidation of these properties and to make recommendation at the annual meeting of the stockholders to be held in April."

Wamsutta Mills.—Earnings.

Years End. Sept. 30—			
	1929.	1928.	1927.
Gross income.....	\$4,755,456	\$4,201,122	\$6,245,836
Operating expenses.....	4,389,363	3,943,501	x5,839,520
Depreciation.....	174,571	95,863	See x.
Taxes.....	109,486	124,543	
Inventory markdown.....	-----	-----	338.60
Net profit.....	\$82,037	\$37,215	\$406,316
Dividends.....	-----	180,000	240,000
			def\$193.30
Surplus.....	\$82,037	def\$142,785	\$166,316
x Includes depreciation and taxes.			def\$523.57

Balance Sheet Sept. 30.			
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Land, buildings & machinery.....	7,320,936	7,302,232	Capital stock.....
Misc. materials & stock in process.....	1,675,306	1,953,637	Notes & accts. pay.....
Cash & accts rec'd.....	831,522	773,637	Depre. res. for tax and improv't.....
Total.....	9,827,765	10,029,506	2,485,653
			2,349.46
			Profit & loss.....
			485,455
			414.95
			Total.....
			9,827,765
			10,029.50

—V. 127, p. 3560.

Warner Co.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of \$6,869,000 1st mtg. 6% sinking fund bonds, due April 1 1944.—V. 129, p. 3649.

Warner Bros. Pictures, Inc.—Listing.

The New York Stock Exchange has authorized the listing of 448,111 additional shares of common stock (no par value) as follows: 256,067 shares on official notice of issue on conversion of the optional 6% convertible debentures, series due 1939, and 192,050 shares on official notice of issue in payment of interest on such debentures, making the total amount of common stock applied for 3,351,187 shares.—V. 129, pp. 3491, 3467, 3649.

Western Tablet Stationery Corp.—Earnings.

Earnings for 12 Months Ended Oct. 31 1929.	
Net earnings.....	\$1,245.07
Interest.....	138.50
Amortization of bond discount and expense.....	30.79
Federal tax.....	132.00
Net income.....	\$943.77
Earnings per share on 116,045 shares common stock (no par)....	\$6.0

Balance Sheet Oct. 31 1929.			
Assets—		Liabilities—	
Cash.....	\$986,072	Accounts payable.....	\$206.96
Call loans.....	200,000	Dividends payable.....	57.99
Marketable securities.....	129,843	Accrued state and local taxes, salaries & wages, bond interest, &c.....	99.81
Notes & acceptances rec.....	136,591	Income taxes, Federal & State.....	143.06
Accounts receivable.....	965,461	Funded debt.....	1,786.50
Inventory.....	1,785,148	7% cum. pref. stock.....	3,463.20
Other assets.....	21,751	Common stock.....	y1,599,740
Land, build., mach., &c.....	x3,817,839	Surplus.....	898.43z
Deferred assets.....	213,008		
Total (each side).....	\$8,255,712		
x After depreciation of \$681,744.		y Represented by 116,045 no par shares.—V. 129, p. 299.	

Wood Newspaper Machinery Corp.—Earnings.

Earnings for Year Ending June 30 1929.	
Sales, less discounts & allowances.....	\$1,122,962
Cost of goods sold incl. \$44,399 deprec. & \$43,365 exting. of dev.....	679,215
Gross Profit.....	\$443,747
Interest, &c., received.....	11,720
Total profit.....	\$455,467
Administrative, selling & general expenses.....	279,048
Interest paid.....	1,540
Provision for Federal income tax.....	20,987
Net profit for year carried to annexed state. of earned surplus.....	\$153,890
Balance at June 30 1928.....	767,996
Total surplus.....	\$921,886
\$7 cumulative prior pref. dividends.....	49,000
\$7 cumulative pref dividends.....	65,982
Earned surplus June 30 1929, carried to balance sheet.....	\$806,904

Balance Sheet June 30 1929.		
Assets—		Liabilities—
Land, bldgs, machry. & equip.....	y\$667,036	Capital stock.....
Autoplate & newspaper print. press develop. & other def. exp., goodwill & patents.....	1,902,575	Capital surplus.....
Inventory.....	227,021	Notes payable.....
Notes receivable.....	38,501	Accts. pay. incl. advs. in excess of expend. on contracts.....
Accounts receivable.....	343,838	Royalties & coms. payable.....
Cash.....	199,973	Provision for Federal taxes.....
Prep. Insurance & expenses.....	8,055	Earned surplus.....
		806,904
		Total (each side).....
		\$3,387,598
		x Represented by: 7,000 shares of \$7 cum. prior pref. stock no par value, redeemable at \$110 per share; 9,426 shares of \$7 cum. pref. stock, no par value, redeemable at \$110 per share, and 43,500 shares common stock, no par value. y After reserve for depreciation of \$221,807.—V. 128, p. 4178.

Wilson Line, Inc.—Consolidation.

Effective Jan. 2, two Delaware River transportation companies, the Wilson Line and the Bush Line will merge their interests, according to the announcement made to-day (Jan. 4) by George B. Junkin, President of the Wilson Line, Inc., and Henry T. Bush, President of the Bush Line. Mr. Bush becomes a member of the board of directors of the consolidated company. The Bush Line began business in 1774 and since has handled freight water between Wilmington and Philadelphia. Gross earnings for the fiscal year ended Sept. 30 1929 were \$290,000. The Wilson Line, established in 1882, has conducted a passenger and freight service between the two cities. Gross earnings for the fiscal year ending Sept. 30 1929, were \$853,000. Total assets of the consolidated company approximate \$3,000,000.—V. 129, p. 3339.

CURRENT NOTICES

—Hubbard Bros. & Co., a prominent cotton trading firm and active in other commodity markets, will enlarge its activities to include the stock brokerage and investment business, according to a recent announcement. Samuel T. Hubbard Sr., senior partner, and Eustace Hubbard, his ranking partner, are retiring from active participation and will be special partners in the firm. The other partners in the firm—Samuel T. Hubbard Jr., Joseph A. Russell and H. Allen Wardle—will continue, and Ralph H. Hubbard, a member of the New York Stock Exchange, joins the firm. Hubbard Bros. & Co. now have memberships in the New York Stock, New York Cotton, New York Coffee & Sugar exchanges, an associate membership in the New York Curb Exchange and Liverpool Cotton Association, and are also members of the Chicago Board of Trade, the New York Produce Exchange and the National Raw Silk Exchange. The firm's main office is in the Coffee Exchange Building in New York, with branches in Boston, Fall River, Providence, Memphis, Dallas, Charlotte and Oklahoma City. Coincident with the opening of a department for securities, trading and investment, the firm also plans to widen its activities in the cotton, grain, coffee and sugar and other commodity markets.

—The firm of Schiff & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, formally opened previously for business on Jan. 2 1930 at 111 Broadway, New York in the quarters occupied by Arthur J. Rosenthal & Co., which firm was dissolved on Dec. 31 1929. Schiff & Co. will conduct an investment banking business similar to that of the firm with which its members have been affiliated. The general partners are Bernard E. Denzer, a partner of the dissolved firm and a member of the New York Stock Exchange; C. E. Unterberg, well known in bank stock circles and for nearly three years joint manager of the bank stock department of Arthur J. Rosenthal & Co.; Arthur J. Schiff, intimately associated with the late Arthur J. Rosenthal for the last 14 years and a partner of the dissolved firm; and M. Thomas Ackerland, formerly associated with the Rosenthal firm in an executive capacity. Harold D. Wimpfheimer has become a special partner.

—General reorganization of the companies under his direction has been announced by A. E. Fitkin, investment banker and public utility operator. A. E. Fitkin & Co., Inc., will be succeeded by Fitkin Securities Corp., which will own a controlling interest in A. E. Fitkin & Co., Ltd., an investment affiliate, and in United States Engineering Corp., which, as heretofore, will continue as the engineering and management subsidiary. Mr. Fitkin retains his interest in all companies as Chairman of the board of Fitkin Securities Corp., of which J. M. Bowlby is President. D. A. Pepp of Los Angeles is President of A. E. Fitkin & Co., Ltd., and A. V. Wainwright is President of United States Engineering Corp. No other important changes in the personnel of the Fitkin companies have been made or are contemplated.

—Leo V. Belden, formerly Vice-President and member of the executive committee of Bancamerica-Blair Corp., and director and member of the executive committee of the Bank of America N. A., with William H. Combs, Vice-Pres. in charge of the trading department of the Bancamerica-Blair Corp., have formed the Stock Exchange firm of Belden & Co., and have opened offices at 44 Wall Street, New York. Messrs. Belden and Combs for the past ten years have been connected with the corporations controlled by A. P. Giannini. They established the first New York headquarters for the various Giannini companies. Mr. Combs will be floor member of the firm, which will conduct a general investment banking business, specializing in institutional business.

—J. A. Ritchie & Co. announce that Donald T. Wetmore, formerly with J. & W. Seligman & Co., has been appointed General Sales Manager of the firm; Wm. S. Vorsanger, formerly resident manager in the Pittsburgh office has been appointed Field Sales Manager, in New York; Frank W. Quinn, appointed Resident Manager in Pittsburgh; Arthur L. Lyman, formerly with Dillon, Read & Co. in Pittsburgh, appointed Assistant Manager of the Pittsburgh office; Dominic J. Niederroest, formerly with A. L. Chamber & Co., appointed Resident Manager of the Buffalo office and Gregory T. Nallin, formerly with Bancamerica-Blair Corp. appointed Resident Manager of the Scranton office.

—A merger of the T. Holt Haywood and the Dickson & Valentine departments of Frederick Viator & Achells, Inc. is announced, effective Jan. 1. The combined business will be conducted under the name of Haywood, Mackay & Valentine, Inc., and will be factored by the Commercial Factors Corporation. The personnel of Haywood, Mackay & Valentine, Inc. will include practically all the former employees of both the T. Holt Haywood department and the Dickson & Valentine department. Virtually all of the merchandise formerly handled by these two departments will be handled by the new concern, and in addition many new will be shown.

—The partnership of Arthur Perry & Co. of Boston, having been dissolved by mutual agreement as of Dec. 31, the assets and business of the firm have been taken over by Arthur Perry & Co., Inc. The officers and directors are as follows: Chairman of the board, Arthur Perry Jr. (Boston); President, Russell B. Stearns (Boston); Vice-Presidents, B. Hubert Cooper (Philadelphia) and Homer Sewall (Boston); Treasurer and Secretary, Henry H. Perry (Boston); Assistant Treasurer and Assistant Secretary, Kenneth S. May (Boston). The firm has offices in Boston, New York, Philadelphia, Providence, Portland, Worcester and Hartford.

—Blake Brothers & Co. announces the admission as of Jan. 1 1930, of Lawrence Howe and T. Edwin Quisenberry to general partnership and the opening of an office at 209 South La Salle St., Chicago, under their management, as resident partners. Simultaneously Howe, Quisenberry & Co., Inc., heretofore Chicago correspondents of the firm, will be dissolved. Blake Brothers & Co. was established on April 1 1853 and has maintained offices in New York and Boston for over seventy years, besides holding memberships, dating from 1875 and 1862, respectively in the stock exchanges, of those cities.

—Following the dissolution of the firm of Lage & Co., the co-partnership of Lage & Co. was announced, comprising the following partners: Frederic Lage, John F. Trow, Harry P. Talcott, William E. Smith and Donald C. Alford.

—William Kempton Johnson, who has retired from the firm of Prince & Whitely, announces the formation of the Stock Exchange firm of W. K. Johnson & Co. with offices at 141 Broadway, New York, and branch offices in Hartford, New Haven, New Britain and Newark and Albany. The other members of this new firm are John C. Scott, John J. Keenan, Nathaniel R. Wilkes, Frederick F. Small, S. Cassels Young, and Joseph A. Keenan, Jr. Alexander G. Sclater, formerly in charge of the Statistical Department of Clark Williams & Co., will be in charge of a similar department in the new firm.

—Following the dissolution by mutual consent of the firm of Block Maloney & Co., announcement is made of the formation of the Stock-Exchange firm of Benjamin Block & Co., to conduct a general investment commission business in stocks, bonds and commodities and to continue the business heretofore conducted by Block, Maloney & Co. The partners of the new firm are Benjamin Block, J. Horace Block, member New York Stock Exchange, William B. Anderson, Alfred L. Rosener, Albert F. Straight, William B. Giles and Bernard Miller, member New York Stock Exchange.

—J. Murray Walker & Co., Inc., of Boston, announce that George Patrick Welch, formerly with Gilbert Elliott & Co., New York, has been elected a Vice-President of the firm. Mr. Welch joined Gilbert Elliott & Co. last March, having been previously with the firm of Fuller, Richter, Aldrich & Co. of Hartford, Conn., where he had been statistician for two years. He has also been affiliated with the Aetna Life Insurance Co., where for two years he was in the actuarial department.

—Hano, Wasserman & Co., members New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges Philadelphia Jan. 2 1930 announce the opening of a New York office at 26 Broadway. They also announce that Sylvan L. Joseph, formerly with Colvin & Co., has been admitted as a general partner in their firm. Harold L. Norton, formerly of Colvin & Co., has become associated with them in charge of their bond department and Charles J. Basch, Jr. has also become associated with them.

—H. D. Whitcomb, A. B. Primrose and H. R. Brobst, formerly Vice-Presidents of Stanley & Bissell, Inc., have formed the firm of H. D. Whitcomb & Co., Inc., which will conduct a general investment business at 120 Broadway, New York. Associated with the new firm will be A. E. Bolter, M. W. McGrath, N. H. Horner and G. A. Schwind, respective managers of the wholesale, trading, retail sales and cashier departments.

—Following the dissolution of the firm of Burden, Cole & Co., the co-partnership of Burden, Cole & Co. was announced, with offices at 120 Broadway, New York City. It consists of the following partners: John N. Cole, William Burden, Charles E. Clapp, Jr., member New York Stock Exchange, Henry P. Cole, Douglas K. Severn, Jules R. Gimbernat, Jr. and James C. Riley, member New York Curb Exchange.

—Brown Brothers & Co. announce that Laurence G. Tighe was admitted to partnership as of Jan. 1. He will have his quarters in the firm's Boston office. Mr. Tighe entered the employ of Brown Brothers & Co. in Boston in 1924 and shortly after his connection with that firm was appointed sales manager taking the place of Ellery S. James when Mr. James was transferred from Boston to New York.

—Dudley F. King, formerly a partner in Love, Macomber & Co., has become a member of the firm of Lord & Widly, 14 Wall Street, New York. The partnership of Love, Macomber & Co. has been dissolved and the major part of this organization has become associated with Lord & Widly to continue in the investment banking business heretofore conducted by the former firm.

—Townsend Whelen & Co., Philadelphia, announce that Thomas D. Smith, formerly of Harrison, Smith & Co., has become associated with them. It is also announced that the firm has taken over the offices of Harrison, Smith & Co., in Bethlehem, Pa., under the management of Edgar McC. Ulman, and in Sunbury, Pa., under the management of James H. Drann.

—Lee & Co., 11 Broadway, New York, announce that A. Bailly-Blanchard, formerly editor of The American Banker is now in charge of their trading department and with him are associated William H. Lavac and Frederick T. Clee on bank and insurance stocks and Seymour P. Selig on unlisted bonds. They also announce that R. D. Buchholtz has been appointed retail sales manager.

—The firm of Hanning, Conklin & Pidgeon, Inc., has been formed to conduct a wholesale business in investment securities at 120 Broadway, New York. The firm is composed of H. A. Hanning and De Witt Conklin, both formerly connected with Moody's Investors Service and with Calvin Bullock; and Ashley E. Pidgeon, formerly of Poor's Publishing Co.

—Announcement has been made that Gray MacW. Bryan, member of the New York Stock Exchange, and Tristram C. Colket and W. Lippincott Colket, sons of the late T. C. Colket, one of the founders of the business of Drayton, Pennington & Colket, have been admitted to partnership in that firm, and that Worthington Davis has retired from the firm.

—Frank J. Hardiman, formerly head of the bank stock department of Arthur J. Rosenthal & Co., and Bernard Aronson, Vice-President, Modern Investment & Loan Corp., announce the formation of the firm of Hardiman & Aronson, to deal in bank and insurance stocks and other unlisted securities, with offices at 50 Broadway, New York City.

—Potter & Company, members of New York Stock Exchange, 5 Nassau St., New York, announce that they have admitted Eliphalet N. Potter, Jr. to general partnership in their firm and that E. N. Potter, Sr., formerly a special partner has become a general partner and Grafton H. Pyne, formerly a general partner, has become a special partner.

—Anthony di Pietro, formerly Philadelphia manager for J. M. Toolan & Co., of New York, announces the formation of Di Pietro & Co., to handle a general list of investment securities, specializing in the stocks of banks, insurance companies and investment companies. Offices of the new firm will be located at 1420 Walnut St.

—Herzog & Glazier, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Arthur Herzog and Henry S. Glazier have retired from the firm. Irving D. Speyer, Hartley C. Davidson, J. Harry Alexander, Hugo Sellman and Alfred E. Vondermuhll will continue the business of the firm as a limited partnership.

—Following the dissolution of the firm of Moyses & Holmes, the co-partnership of Moyses & Barry was announced, and comprises the following partners: James B. Barry, member New York Stock Exchange, and Leo B. O'Meara, general partners, and Leon Moyses and Walther Ehrentraut, special partners.

—Russell E. Prentiss, member New York Stock Exchange; Emil H. Wolff; Richard S. Perkin; Caroline E. Prentiss, and John F. Talmage announce that they have formed a co-partnership under the firm name of Geo. H. Prentiss & Co., continuing the same general brokerage business as heretofore.

—Announcement is made of the formation of the new Stock Exchange firm of Cronin, Jacobson & Fisher with offices at 120 Broadway, as of Jan. 2 1930. The personnel will be William Fisher, Eli Jacobson, Joseph Jacobson, John P. Cronin, member New York Stock Exchange, and Belmont L. Gottlieb.

—The business of Kelley, Converse & Co. will hereafter be conducted by a corporation under the name of Kelley, Converse & Co., Inc. The following are officers of the corporation: Don M. Kelley, Allan D. Converse, Horatio W. Turner, Pierpont M. Hamilton, A. Thornton Baker and Phillip F. Chew.

—Sylvester S. Brand, Louis S. Grumet and Charles Milgrim of the dissolved firm of Hewitt, Brand & Grumet have formed the firm of Brand & Grumet, with offices at 30 Broad St., New York, to continue the transaction of a general investment business, specializing in bank and insurance stocks.

—F. W. Vogell, Jr., formerly of Hall, Vogell & Co., announces the formation of F. W. Vogell, Jr. & Company to deal in unlisted securities with offices at 150 Broadway, New York, N. Y. They also announce that John B. Miller and William C. Chapman have become associated with them.

—R. M. Snyder & Co., Philadelphia, announce that, as of Jan. 1 1930, Edward W. Kling became associated with them in their sales department. He will have charge of the Pennsylvania municipal bond department, which was formerly conducted by his father, the late William F. Kling.

—Jas. B. Colgate & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, announce that George E. Stevens, member New York Stock Exchange, has been admitted to their firm as a general partner. They also announce the retirement of Harvey N. Wadham as of Dec. 31 1929.

—Abbott, Hoppin & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange and New York Curb Exchange, announce the admission, effective Jan. 1 1930, of John Sise to general partnership and the retirement of G. Beekman Hoppin as a general partner to become a special partner.

—Hugh C. Wallace 2nd, Darnall Wallace, Homer R. Phelps, Edward L. Bouton, Jr. and Allan H. Church, Jr. announce the continuance of the business at 57 William St., New York, and the formation of a new partnership under the firm name of Wallace & Co.

—Arthur Sinclair, Hugh C. Wallace 2nd, and Darnall Wallace announce the expiration by limitation and the dissolution, as of the close of business on Dec. 31 1929, of the partnership heretofore existing under the name of Arthur Sinclair, Wallace & Co.

—Redmond & Co., members New York and Philadelphia Stock Exchanges, announce that they have admitted to their firm Alexander Craig Culbertson as a general partner, and George H. Pendleton as a special partner, as of Jan. 1 1930.

—J. A. Sisto & Co., announce the retirement of Graham Adams as a general partner of their firm to become vice-president of Sisto Financial Corp. Announcement is also made of the admission of Francis L. Haveron as a general partner.

—S. B. Chapin & Co., admitted as partners on Dec. 31 1929 the following Kenneth A. Patterson, Henry M. Parmlly, James F. Smith and James P. Doherty; they also announce that Tracy L. Turner retired from the firm on the same date.

—Spencer B. Koch & Co. members New York Stock Exchange and New York Curb Exchange, announce that I. Edwin Tanenbaum for several years associated with them has been admitted to general partnership as of Jan. 2 1930.

—Kissel, Kinnicut & Co. announce that Andrew Stewart, formerly of Peat, Marwick, Mitchell & Co., and James C. Fuller, son of Samuel L. Fuller of Kissel, Kinnicut & Co. have been admitted as general partners of that firm.

—James J. Twigg, announces the organization of a new firm of which he will be head, with offices at 26 Court St., Brooklyn. Mr. Twigg was formerly resident partner in charge of the Brooklyn office of Hambleton & Co.

—Williamson, Gilbert & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce the opening of a new branch office at Fordham Road and Morris Ave., New York, under the management of Martin A. Negersmith.

—Hoffman & Blum, 49 Broadway, New York City, announce the opening of an Unlisted Trading Department specializing in bank, insurance and industrial stocks under the management of Malcolm G. Bratton.

—Noah MacDowell & Co. announce that Allan A. Ryan Jr. has retired from general partnership in the firm, effective Dec. 31, and that the business will be continued under the name of MacDowell, Sabin & Co.

—William J. Crawford, formerly of Moody's Investment Service has become associated with Yaeger, Young & Pierson as Statistician. G. Abel Anderson has been appointed Treasurer of the same firm.

—Hirsch, Lillenthal & Co. announce that Frederick N. Eiseman and John Gaston have retired from the firm, and that F. Julian Kleeman and Paul L. Kohns have been admitted as general partners.

—Knight, Dysart & Gamble, St. Louis, announce that as of Jan. 2 1930, Joseph L. Patton, Lois W. C. Frohardt, Warren Browne and Philip V. Fabel were admitted to their firm as general partners.

—August Belmont & Co. announce the appointment of Lester H. Spalding as manager of their syndicate department and the appointment of Bernard Fischer as assistant manager of the same department.

—Berdell Bros. announce that Chas. P. Berdell, Jr., formerly a partner in their firm, has rejoined them as a general partner, and that Edmund S. Twining has also been admitted as a general partner.

—Louis A. Guidice and Alan M. Limburg have withdrawn from the firm of L. F. Rothschild & Co., as of Dec. 31. Samuel Weinstein has been admitted to partnership in the same firm as of Jan. 1.

—Frank C. Masterson & Co. announce that James H. Cunningham, formerly with Shields & Co., has become associated with them as manager of the industrial and chain store stock department.

—William M. Spencer, Russel T. Stern and Joseph Wade, Jr., have been admitted as general partners of the firm of Jackson Bros., Boesel & Co., and will make their headquarters in Chicago.

—Harvey Fisk & Sons announce that Theodore Revillon has retired as a general partner and become a limited partner, and that Charles S. Eytine has been admitted as a limited partner in the firm.

—E. Lowitz & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Gerson J. Brown, Herbert M. Weil and Leon M. Woolf, have been admitted to general partnership in the firm.

—Lord, Westerfield & Co., announce that Wm. R. Westerfield and G. Allan Larter have been added to the board of directors. Mr. Larter will represent the company in northern New Jersey.

—Mann, Pell & Peake, members New York Stock Exchange, announce that S. Vernon Mann, Jr., and Francis M. Simonds, Jr., have been admitted to general partnership as of Jan. 2 1930.

—George W. Hall and Donald J. Grant formerly of the dissolved firm of Hall, Vogell & Co., announce the formation of the firm of George W. Hall & Co., with offices at 111 Broadway.

—Robt. Glendinning & Co., bankers, Philadelphia, announce that Charles W. Welsh, who has been a general partner in this firm for over 33 years, has retired as of Dec. 31 1929.

—Thomson & McKinnon announce that James A. Kiernan and Henry T. Hermes have become partners of their firm and express regret that Joseph H. Vaill has retired as a partner.

—F. B. Keech & Co., announce that Thomas N. McCarter, Jr., a member of the New York Stock Exchange, has been admitted to general partnership in their firm, as of Jan. 2.

—Alfred C. Middlebrook, after serving on the staff of the Wall Street Journal for four years, has become associated with Calvin Bullock as director of publicity and advertising.

—W. E. Lewis and R. M. Hastings, formerly of Lewis-Dewes & Co., Inc., have become associated with the Chicago organization of Hallgarten & Co., 120 So. La Salle St., Chicago.

—Samuel L. Epstein, formerly a member of the accounting firm of Epstein, Wulffing & Co., has been admitted to partnership in the Stock Exchange firm of Edwin Weisl & Co.

—Sutro Bros. & Co. announce that Matthew F. Maury, who has resigned as manager of the Philadelphia office of Sutro Bros. & Co., has been succeeded by Emmett A. Kirkwood.

—Edward Wise has retired from partnership in the Stock Exchange firm of J. S. Bache & Co., and Seymour M. Ottenberg has been admitted to partnership in the same firm.

—O'Brian, Potter, Stafford & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, of Buffalo and New York, has been formed to succeed the dissolved firm of O'Brian, Potter & Stafford.

—Russell, Brewster & Co., Chicago, announce that Robert J. Fischer and William W. Sutherland have been admitted as general partners in their firm as of Jan. 1 1930.

—Gruntal, Lillenthal & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Samuel Wechsler was admitted to general partnership in their firm as of Jan. 2.

—Newburger, Henderson & Loeb, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Irving D. Rosshelm has been admitted as a general partner in the firm.

—Irving I. Kahn, formerly with Richards & Co., has become associated with the New York Stock Exchange firm of Hamerslag, Borg & Co., 39 Broadway, N. Y. City.

—A. O. Slaughter & Co., 120 So. La Salle St., Chicago, express regret over the retirement from their firm as of Dec. 31 of Mr. Frank W. Thomas and Oliver J. Martin.

—Edward S. H. Pendergast, formerly associated with Bancamerica-Blair Corp., has joined the Stock Exchange firm of Gould, Avery & Co. as a limited partner.

—Gilbert Elliott & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, have prepared an analysis of the Virginia Fire & Marine Insurance Co., Richmond, Va.

—Clement, Curtis & Co., 231 So. La Salle St., Chicago, have admitted to partnership as of Jan. 1, R. Arthur Wood, Irving E. Marcus and Joseph R. Kessler.

—H. L. Horton & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Sherburn M. Becker, Jr. has been admitted as a partner in their firm.

—Frank M. Murphy, formerly resident manager E. A. Pierce & Co., has been admitted to general partnership in Scott, Burrows & Christie, Chicago.

—Henry G. Lapham & Co., members New York Stock Exchange, of New York and Boston, have admitted Ernest Lamphear to general partnership.

—Scholle Brothers, members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that William J. Doyle, Jr. has been admitted as a general partner in their firm.

—Lamson Bros. & Co., 166 West Jackson Blvd., Chicago, announce that William C. Karlson has been admitted to general partnership in their firm.

—Tucker, Anthony & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange have appointed Bryan H. Handy associate manager of their Syracuse office.

—C. F. Childs & Co., Inc. announce that R. K. Amerman has been appointed manager of the municipal bond department in their Chicago office.

—J. C. Collings Woods has been admitted to partnership in the public accounting firm of Fedde & Co., with which his practice has been merged.

—Shuman & Co., members of the New York Stock Exchange, announce that Paul Franfurter has been admitted to general partnership in the firm.

—Gray & Wilmerding announce that Eglinton H. Montgomery and Harry T. Byrne have been admitted to general partnership in their firm.

—R. F. Gladwin & Co. announce that Ralph T. Dimpel has been admitted to the firm of R. F. Gladwin & Co., 25 Broad St., New York.

—Paul H. Davis & Co., Chicago, announce that Luther Dearborn and Lyman Barr have been admitted to general partnership in their firm.

—Janney & Co., Philadelphia, announce that Walter C. Janney has become Chairman of the board, and Samuel Wagner Jr., President.

—Herbert W. Marache, formerly city sales manager of Bancamerica-Blair Corp., has been admitted to partnership in Craigmyle & Co.

—Howard Fletcher Whitney, for many years associated with the firm of R. L. Day & Co., has been admitted to general partnership.

—White, Warren & Co., Inc. has been formed by Kenneth R. White and Ralph F. Warren to conduct a general brokerage business.

—Paul de Vallombrosa has retired from general partnership in the firm of de Saint Phalle & Co.

—Richard H. Moeller has been admitted to partnership in the firm of Carreau & Snedeker.

—James J. Colt, has been admitted to general partnership in the firm of Louis Stern & Co.

—Warner S. Conn has become associated with Mitchell, Hutchins & Co., Chicago.

—Geo. W. Hodges has retired from the firm of R. L. Day & Co. as of Dec. 31 1929.

—Harold S. Fowler has retired from partnership in the firm of R. J. Ross & Co.

The Commercial Markets and the Crops

COTTON—SUGAR—COFFEE—GRAIN—PROVISIONS

PETROLEUM—RUBBER—HIDES—METALS—DRY GOODS—WOOL—ETC.

COMMERCIAL EPITOME

The introductory remarks formerly appearing here will now be found in an earlier part of this paper immediately following the editorial matter, in a department headed INDICATIONS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 3 1930.

COFFEE on the spot was quiet at 14¼ to 14¾c. for Santos 4s and 9½ to 9¾c. for Rio 7s. Maracaibo fair to good Cucuta 14½ to 15c.; Ocana, 15 to 15½c.; Bucaramanga, natural, 15½ to 16½c.; washed, 16½ to 17c.; Honda, Tolima and Giradot, 16½ to 17c.; Medellin, 18 to 18½c.; Manizales, 16¾ to 17¼c.; Mexican, washed, 19 to 20c.; Surinam, 12 to 13c.; Ankola, 24 to 32c.; Mandheling, 29 to 35c.; Genuine, Java, 29 to 31c.; Robusta, washed, 12 to 12½c.; Natural, 9¾ to 10¾c.; Mocha, 25½ to 26½c.; Harrar, 23½ to 24c.; Abyssinian, 18 to 18½c. Arrivals of mild coffee in the United States during December were 278,230 bags against 319,925 in December, last year. Deliveries were 278,882 bags against 317,436 last year. Stock of mild coffee on Jan. 2 was 245,612 bags against 246,256 on Dec. 1, and 362,759 on Jan. 2 last year. Some contend that, though Brazil is apparently having difficulty in negotiating a large loan, the policy of restricting receipts from the interior is being maintained, and taking this into consideration along with the low prices at which the distant deliveries are selling should be kept in mind. Also the short position of the market, everybody having for months been bearish. On Dec. 28 cost and freight offerings from Brazil were scarce. Those received were down about 25 points and for prompt shipment, Bourbon 4-5s were at 11¾c.; 5-6s at 10¼c. and 6-7s at 9¼c. For shipment to the American Legion, Bourbon 6s were offered at 9¾c.

On Dec. 30 weaker exchange tended to restrict the supply of cost and freight offers. For prompt Santos Bourbon 2-3s 14.30 to 14¼c.; 3-4s at 12¼ to 13.85c.; 3-5s at 12¼ to 12.80c.; 4-5s at 12 to 12¼c.; 6s at 10c. to 11½c.; 6-7s at 9½ to 10c.; 7-8s at 7½ to 8.10c.; part Bourbon 3s at 13.60 to 13¾c.; 3-5s at 12.05 to 13c. 3-6s at 12.70c.; Rio 7s at 8c. and 7-8s at 7¾c. Rain-damaged 3-4s at 13½; 3-5s at 10.10c.; 5s at 10½ to 10¾c.; 7s at 8.45c.; 7-8s at 7¾c. and 8s at 7.40c. There were no reported offers from Victoria. On the 2nd inst. cost and freight offers were up 10 to 35 points. The improvement was attributed to firmer Brazilian exchange and a better demand for cost and freight coffees as well as to the increasing strength in milds. For prompt shipment, Santos Bourbon 2-3s were held at 14.60c.; 3s at 14c.; 3-4s at 12¾ to 13.60c.; 3-5s at 12¼ to 13½c.; 4-5s at 12 to 13c.; 5s at 12¾c.; 5-6s at 10.35 to 11½c.; 6s at 10 to 10.10c.; 6-7s at 10½c.; 7-8s at 7.60 to 9.45c.; part Bourbon 3-5s at 12.35 to 12¾c.; 5s at 11c.; 6s at 11.70c.; Rio 7s at 7.55c. On the 2nd inst. clearances from Rio were 1,500 bags for San Francisco; from Santos 36,700 bags for New York; 1,000 for Jacksonville; 2,100 for Norfolk; 4,400 for Baltimore and 5,800 for San Francisco. Fifteen thousand bags have been deducted from the Rio stock and 2,500 from Santos owing to local consumption.

To-day early cost-and-freight offers from Brazil were a little better but the quantity was not large. Prices generally were 10 to 25 points higher. Santos Bourbon 2-3s were here at 14.80c.; 3s at 14 to 14.70c.; 3-4s at 13.15 to 14.45c.; 3-5s at 13 to 13½c.; 4-5s at 12½ to 13c.; 5s at 11.65 to 12¾c.; 5-6s at 10.95 to 11½c.; 6-7s at 9.85 to 9.95c.; 7s at 10½c.; 7-8s at 8.30 to 7.90c.; part Bourbon 2-3s at 15¾c.; 3-5s at 12.55c.; peaberry 4s at 12¾c.; rain-damaged 7s at 8¼c.; Victoria 7-8s at 6¾c. There were no reported offerings from Rio but it is learned that yesterday 7s sold at 7.55c. for prompt shipment. Futures on the 28th inst. ended unchanged to 8 points lower on Rio and 3 to 8 points lower on Santos with more or less Brazilian and European selling and a feeling of uncertainty about trade and exchange in Brazil. On Dec. 30 Santos fell 11 to 15 points with sales of 32,000 bags. Rio ended unchanged to 4 points higher. The Exchange voted to close at 1 p. m. on Dec. 31. The supply of contracts was small, like that of cost-and-freight offers as well as spot Santos and mild.

On Dec. 31 futures advanced moderately on covering in what appeared to be a short market. The cables were irregular but Exchange was steady. Futures on Dec. 31 closed with Santos 23 to 40 points higher and Rio 21 to 27 points up; sales 7,000 bags Santos and 18,000 bags of Rio. On the 2nd inst. with Rio cables higher and the spot market here strong futures advanced 10 to 40 points in a short market. Rio rose 9 to 15 points with sales of 36,000 bags and Santos 20 to 30 points with sales of 31,000. Mild coffee came to the front as a bracing factor being scarce and in better demand. No. 7 Rio was 9¼c.; No. 4, Santos 14¼ to 14¾c. and No. 7-8 Victoria 8c. To-day futures ended 9 to 32 points lower on Rio with sales of 131 lots and 10 points lower to 5 higher on Santos with sales of 207 lots. Generally the tone was steady

with Europe buying and mild coffee houses covering. Selling was scattered and seemed to be partly of a profit taking nature. Final prices for the week show a rise on Rio of 17 to 33 points and 45 to 78 points on Santos.

Rio coffee prices closed as follows:
 Spot (unofficial) 9½ May 7.30 September 7.25@nom.
 March 7.57 July 7.26 December 7.15

Santos coffee prices closed as follows:
 Spot (unofficial) May 10.85 September 10.55@10.56
 March 11.81 July 10.70 December 10.46@nom.

COCOA to-day ended 2 points lower on March but 6 points higher on May with sales of 43 lbs. Final prices are 21 to 23 points lower than a week ago. Cocoa prices closed as follows:

Spot March 9.41@nom. July 9.95@trad.
 January 9.06@nom. May 9.75@trad. September 10.20@nom.

SUGAR.—Cuban raws were quiet small offerings at one time. Porto Ricos for middle of January arrival were 3.83c. delivered or 2 1-16c. c. & f. Refiners were said to be buyers of shipment sugars at 2c. c. & f. One argument is that in view of the large surplus of raw sugar carried over from last year, the strong competition which the Cuban Single Seller is likely to encounter from Porto Rican and Philippine producers during the next few months, and the fact that the distant positions are not too low to discourage hedge selling there may be no material rise in the near future. Receipts for the week at Cuban ports were 33,499 tons against 26,285 in the same week last year; exports 41,630 tons against 52,235 in same week last year; stock (consumption deducted) 181,460 tons against 124,403 in same week last year. The Sugar Institute gave the melt of 15 United States refiners up to and including the week ending Dec. 21st 1929 as 4,730,000 long tons against 4,540,000 long tons in the same period in 1928. It put the deliveries for the same period in 1928 at 4,460,000 long tons against 4,295,000 long tons in a similar period in 1928. Futures on the 28th inst. ended 2 points lower to 1 point higher in a quiet and drifting market awaiting a new cue of some sort, a settlement of the tariff question once and for all being the great desideratum.

On Dec. 30 futures ended unchanged to 3 points lower. January acted the best. The sales were small. Wall Street and Europe sold but it was on a moderate scale. As a rule there was no pressure to sell. Some 17,000 bags of Porto Rico sold at equal to 2 1-16c. c. & f. and 3.78½ delivered. Further bids were 3.77 to 3.78½c. delivered. Refined was 5.10 to 5.15c. with a fair withdrawal demand. On Dec. 30 London cables were dull and depressed. There were sellers of centrifugals at 8s. 2¼d. c. i. f. afloat; 8s. 4½d. for Jan.; 8s. 6d. for Feb.; 8s. 7½d. for March and 8s. 9d. for April shipment. In Liverpool a small sale was made at 8s. 0¾d. c. i. f., but no details were given. One opinion was: "The one thing in favor of sugar is the price, and notwithstanding the general depression at the moment, it is perhaps unwise to become too pessimistic about the future of an article which is used universally and which is selling at a very low price. We remain of the opinion that consumption is slowly overtaking production and in the long run expect a better market. In the meantime the premiums on the distant months in our market continue to offer an attractive hedge which producing interests are not slow to take advantage of."

On Dec. 31 prices closed at 1 p. m. unchanged to 3 points higher. The advance in the price of prompt raws helped. Some 15,000 bags of Porto Ricos for prompt shipment sold at 3.80c. delivered and there were bids for both Porto Ricos and Cubas. On Dec. 31 London reported raw sugars dull. A small lot of South American raws afloat sold at 8s. 0¾d. c. i. f. and of Brazils for February shipment at 8s. 3d. c. i. f. March shipment was offered at 8s. 4½d. with buyers at 8s. 3d. c. i. f. F. O. Licht issued a revised estimate of beet sugar crops for all Europe including Russia which he places at 8,415,000 metric tons against 8,397,000 tons, his November estimate plus increases since added, and last year's outturn of 8,467,000 metric tons. The countries which show a change in the past month are as follows: Germany, 1,965,000 against last estimate of 1,850,000; Belgium, 255,000 against 270,000 last estimate; Sweden 121,000 against 110,000; Poland, 900,000 against 850,000; Italy, 450,000 against 430,000; Spain, 240,000 against his last estimate of 245,000.

On the 2nd inst. the tone was better on the confirmation of sales on Tuesday by the Cuban Single Seller of 50,000 tons, presumably for January shipment, half at 2 1-32c. and the rest at 2 1-16c. c. & f. Some 5,000 tons of Philippines for February arrival sold at 3.83c. Futures on the 2nd inst. advanced 7 points on January and 1 to 3 points early reflecting the better tone of the market for actual sugar. The trading was mostly in January and March, which were bought by Cuba and trade interests. Some Cuban interests sold. To-day futures ended 5 to 10 points lower. The tone was steady, however. It was a quiet market with every-

body awaiting further developments. Prompt raws were quiet. Final prices on futures show a decline for the week of 6 to 8 points on March and May.

Sugar prices closed as follows:

Spot (unofficial) 2 1-16	May	2.00	September	2.19
January	July	2.13	December	2.13
March		1.95		

LARD on the spot was for a time weak; prime Western, 10.55 to 10.65c.; refined Continent, 10 3/4c.; South America, 11c.; Brazil, 12c. Futures on the 28th inst. closed 2 to 3 points lower with Dec. corn off and no stimulating features in lard itself. Futures on Dec. 30 declined 10 to 12 points net. Dec. was a little the weakest, though there was no heavy liquidation. Cash prime Western was weaker at 10.45 to 10.55c. Liverpool lard was unchanged to 3d. higher. Receipts at Chicago were 53,000. At Western points the total was 131,300 against 165,000 for the same time last year. Clearances from New York during the week were 8,856,000 lbs. against 10,473,000 a year ago. Futures on the 2d inst. advanced 7 to 16 points. After the close a decrease in the stock in Dec. was announced of 916,377 lbs. A decrease of 1,000,000 lbs. had been expected. Western hog markets advanced 10 to 15c. with total receipts at Chicago 22,000 and at all Western points 84,000. Jan. contract deliveries were 2,800,000 lbs. of lard and 2,950,000 lbs. of bellies. To-day futures ended unchanged to 2 points lower in an uneventful market, but sustained more or less by the relative steadiness of most grain prices.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF LARD FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
January delivery	10.12	10.02	9.95	---	10.02	10.00
March delivery	10.35	10.25	10.15	---	10.25	10.22
May delivery	---	---	---	---	10.45	10.45

PORK steady; mess, \$26.50; family, \$33.50; fat back, \$20 to \$24. Beef steady but quiet. 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 tongue, \$70 to \$75 a barrel. Cut meats steady. Pickled hams, 10 to 20 lbs., 17 3/4 to 18 1/2c.; pickled bellies, 6 to 12 lbs., 17 to 18c.; bellies, clear, dry salted boxed, 18 to 20 lbs., 13 5/8c.; 14 to 16 lbs., 14 1/8c. Butter lower grades to high scoring 28 to 39c. Cheese flats, 20 to 24 1/2c.; daisies, 21 3/4 to 25c. Eggs, medium to extra, 40 to 47c.; closely selected heavy, 48c. fancy, 1 to 2 1/2c. more.

OILS.—Linseed has latterly had a rather better inquiry, with raw in car lots 14.3c., though there were intimations that oil could be had at 13.8c. Tank cars were 13.5c. with rumors that 13c. might be accepted. Coconut, Manila coast tanks, 6 3/4c.; spot New York tanks, 7 1/8c. Corn, crude tanks, f. o. b. mills, 7 3/4c.; Olive, Den., 95s. to \$1.00; China wood, New York drums, carlots, spot, 13 1/4 to 13 5/8c.; Pacific Coast futures, 12c.; Soya bean, tanks coast, 9 1/4c.; edible, olive, 2.25 to 2.40. Lard, price, 15c.; extra strained winter, New York, 13c. Cod, Newfoundland, 62c. Turpentine, 54 to 60c. Rosin, \$8.15 to \$9.85. The price of linseed is by some considered unwarrantably low. It is added that there will be less than 50,000,000 bushels of flaxseed available from the Argentine crop now being harvested, a drop of 23% from last year. The final government estimate on the United States crop was roughly 16,000,000 bushels a decrease of 14% from last year. Around 2,000,000 bushels of this will be reserved for seeding. The Canadian crop showed a drop of 59% from last year. A summary of all three countries shows a decrease of 23%. Normally the United States requires 44,000,000 bushels.

COTTONSEED OIL sales to-day including switches, 7,300 bbls. P. Crude S. E., 7 1/8c. Prices closed as follows:

Spot	8.40@8.65	March	8.77@---	June	9.02@9.15
January	8.45@8.65	April	8.80@8.98	July	9.17@---
February	8.45@8.60	May	8.97@8.99	August	9.22@9.35

PETROLEUM.—There has been a moderate business as usual at the holidays. New Jersey standard gasoline and kerosene will be reduced on Monday 1 1/2 cents at some points on the Atlantic Seaboard with the introduction of its new price schedule based upon distance from refineries. The present price is 19 cents including a State tax of 2 cents in Bayonne, Jersey City, Elizabeth and Newark. It will be reduced to 17 1/2c. Kerosene will be dropped 1c. Under the new plan consumers will benefit by the cheapness with which gasoline can be shipped to them. Those living on the coast will not have to help pay the cost of transporting gasoline to New Jersey points inland as they do now. Bulk gasoline has been in fair demand at 8 3/4c. for spot U. S. Motor in tank cars at refineries. Kerosene has been steady at 7 3/4c. for 41-43 water white in tank cars, and 8 3/4c. in tank cars delivered to nearby trade. A very fair business, considering the season has been done. Fuel oil has been steady with a fair business. Marine fuel oils have been in fair demand with Grade C bunker oil \$1.05 refinery, and Diesel oil \$2. Lubricating oils were quiet.

[Tables of prices usually appearing here will be found on an earlier page in our department of "Business Indications," in an article entitled "Petroleum and Its Products."]

RUBBER on the 28th inst. ended unchanged to 10 points down with sales of 82 tons. Jan., 15.60 to 15.70c.; March, 16c.; May, 16.60 to 16.70c.; July, 17.10c.; Sept., 17.40 to 17.50c. Exports from the Dutch East Indies in November were 21,185 tons. The sales in December of crude rubber on the Rubber Exchange reached a record high total for any one month at 44,793 contracts or 111,982 long tons on the basis of 2 1/2 tons to a contract and compares with the previous high record of 43,865 contracts in the Sept. 1929 delivery. On Dec. 30th January advanced 30 points in the teeth of

100 notices emanating from the cotton trade. Other months advanced 20 points. Total sales were 852 tons. New York closed on Dec. 30th with Jan., 15.80 to 16c.; March 16.40c.; May, 16.80 to 16.90c.; July, 17.20 to 17.30c.; Nov., 18c. Outside prices: Ribbed smoked spot and Jan., 15 7/8 to 16 1/8c.; Jan.-March, 16 1/4 to 16 3/8c.; April-June, 16 5/8 to 16 7/8c.; July-Sept., 17 1/4 to 17 1/2c.; Spot first latex, 16 1/2 to 16 3/4c.; thin pale latex, 16 3/4 to 17c.; clean thin brown crepe, 13 3/8 to 13 7/8c.; specky crepe, 13 to 13 1/2c.; rolled brown crepe, 10 to 10 1/4c.; No. 2 amber, 14 to 14 1/4c.; No. 3, 13 3/4 to 14c.; No. 4, 13 1/4 to 13 1/2c.; Paras, upriver fine spot, 15 1/4 to 16c.; coarse, 8 1/4 to 8 1/2c.; Acre, fine spot, 16 1/4 to 16 1/2c.; Caucho Ball-upper, 8 to 8 1/4c. London 1/8 to 3-16d. up; spot and Jan. 8d.; Singapore Jan., 7 3/8d. an advance of 1/8d.; Jan.-March, 7 11-16d.

New York on Dec. 31 ended 10 to 20 points higher with sales of 670 tons. Jan. closed at 16c.; March at 16.50 to 16.60c.; May, 17c.; July, 17.40c.; Sept., 17.80 to 17.90c. A new high record was reached in the turnover on the Rubber Exchange of New York during the past year. The total was 196,486 contracts for 491,215 long tons of crude rubber. This compares with 167,369 contracts for 418,422 1/2 long tons in 1928, the previous record year. The high price for the year was established in Feb., when 26.70c. a pound was reached for the near delivery. The low point was reached in Dec. at 15.10c. Stocks of rubber in London on Dec. 30 were 54,260 tons, an increase for the week of 366 tons; in Liverpool 19,059 tons, an increase for the week of 363 tons; total stocks in Great Britain, 73,319 tons, an increase of 729 tons for the week. Malayan shipments of rubber during Dec. were 47,300 tons.

New York on the 2nd inst. fell 50 to 60 points with sales of 902 tons. London and Singapore dropped 1/8d. The Consular vise figures showed exports to American ports last week of 7,168 tons, an unexpectedly small total against 11,577 tons in the preceding week. They were the smallest exports in months. Trade interests and shorts in the cotton trade bought. London on the 2nd inst. closed with spot and January 7 7/8d.; February, 8d.; March, 8 1-16d.; April-June, 8 1/4d.; July-Sept., 8 9-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 8 13-16d. Singapore closed on the 2nd inst. with January, 7 9-16d.; April-June, 8 1/8d.; July-Sept., 8 9-16d. The high price of 1929 came in February at 26.70 cents for the near delivery; the low was in December at 15.10 cents. To-day prices ended 10 to 20 points lower with sales of 384 lots. Final prices for the week are 30 to 40 points lower. Rubber prices closed as follows:

London to-day closed with spot, 7 7/8d.; January, 7 7/8d.; February, 8d.; March, 8 1-16d.; April-June, 8 1/4d.; July-Sept., 8 9-16d.; Oct.-Dec., 8 13-16d. Singapore ended with January, 7 9-16d.; April-June, 8 1/8d.; July-Sept., 8 9-16d.; No. 3 Ambers spot, 6 7-16d. Prices follow:

Spot	15.60@nom.	April	16.00@nom.	July	16.60@16.70
January	15.30@15.40	May	16.20@16.30	August	16.80@nom.
February	16.50@nom.	June	16.40@nom.	September	17.10@trad.
March	15.80@trad.				

HIDES.—On Dec. 20 prices were unchanged to 15 points lower with sales up to 1,200,000 lbs. January ended at 14.05c.; February, 14.30c.; March, 14.60c.; April, 14.90c.; May, 15.20 to 15.25c.; June 15.40c.; July, 15.60c.; Aug., 15.80c.; Sept. 16 to 16.05c.; Oct., 16.10c.; Nov., 16.20c. Outside trade of late was dull. Of frigorifico, however, the sales were 63,000 Argentine steers at 17 7/8 to 18c. Common dry hides, Maracaibo, 15c.; Central America, 15 1/2c.; Savanillas, 15 1/2c.; Santa Marta, 16 1/2c.; Packer, spready native steers, 18c.; native steers, 16c.; butt brands, 15c.; Colorados, 14c. New York City calfskins 5-7s, 1.75c.; 9-12s, 2.75c.; 7-9s, 2.15c.

On Dec. 31 prices ended 5 to 12 points higher with sales of 1,880,000 lbs. Jan. ended at 14.10c.; Feb., 14.35c.; March, 14.65c.; April, 14.95c.; May, 15.25 to 15.40c.; June, 15.45c.; July, 15.65c.; Aug., 15.90c.; Sept., 16.12 to 16.15c.; Oct., 16.20c.; Nov., 16.30c. Business was largely confined to May and Sept. New York on the 2d inst. advanced 5 to 10 points with sales of 600,000 lbs. Dec. sales at the New York Exchange were 21,520,000 lbs., against 11,520,000 lbs. during June, the first month of its existence. Jan. on the 2d inst. closed at 14.20c.; Feb., 14.45c.; March, 14.75c.; April, 15.05c.; May, 15.35c.; June, 15.55c.; July, 15.75c.; Aug., 15.95c.; Sept., 16.19c.; Oct., 16.30c. The sales were confined to May at 15.35 to 15.40c., and Sept. at 16.10 to 16.25c. To-day prices at the Exchange ended 5 to 45 points up with sales of 35 lots. Jan. ended at 14.25c.; March at 13.20c.

OCEAN FREIGHTS were quiet though there was some grain business.

CHARTERS included: Sugar, Pernambuco, 6,500 tons, to United Kingdom, 15s., Jan. 20-31. Tankers: December. Odessa, Novorossisk, vegetable oil, United Kingdom-Continent, one port to one port, 5,650 lbs. two to two ports, 2,400 lbs. more. Tankers: Clean, Gulf, February, Marseilles, 32s. 3d.; dirty, January, Gulf to north of Hatteras, 27 3/4c. Tankers: Gulf, dirty cargo to north of Hatteras, 27 3/4c. Jan.-Feb.; clean, North Atlantic, Jan., to two ports French Atlantic, 28s. Tankers: Gulf-French Mediterranean, 29s. clean, Jan.-Feb.; clean, Jan., motor vessel, 2,600 tons, Black Sea-St. Louis du Rhone, 15s. 6d.; clean, motor vessel, 1,800 tons, Black Sea-Tunis, 21s., Jan.-Feb. Lumber: Luckenbach steamer, reported North Pacific, Jan.-Feb., at \$7, north of Hatteras, probably part cargo; Jan., Pensacola to Spanish Mediterranean, \$1.40; Norfolk-Charleston, Jan., to Buenos Aires, \$14.25. Time: Steamer, a few months, West Indies, 90c. prompt; West Indies, direct continuation round, West Indies, \$1.35; prompt, north of Hatteras, West Indies round, \$1.20; West Indies round prompt, 67 3/4c.; prompt, north of Hatteras, West Indies round, 85c. Grain 35,000 quarters Gulf, Jan., to United Kingdom, 2s. 6d., probably with usual options.

COAL has been in fair demand and firm. Exports increased in December. At Hampton Roads the tone was strong. Anthracite was firmer on everything down to buck-

wheat No. 1 inclusive. The Department of Commerce placed November exports of anthracite at 266,925 tons, against 305,871 in November last year, and 1,486,295 tons of soft coal against 1,617,468 tons in the same time last year. In 11 months of 1929 exports were 2,726,313 tons of anthracite against 2,720,177 in November, last year and 13,477,877 tons of soft against 13,338,891 tons in 1928. At times mild weather has hurt trade in the New York territory.

TOBACCO was quiet, with many of the cigar factories closed from Dec. 15th until after the turn of the year. There is nothing new in this. It happens every year or something very similar. There was no useless pressure to sell. The sales needless to say were small. Prices were generally unchanged and apparently steady. Knoxville, Tenn., wired Jan. 1: "Tobacco prices on the Knoxville market showed advances to-day as the warehouses reopened for the second part of the buying season. The average was \$28.22 as compared to the pre-holiday average of \$26.19. Total sales were 160,488 lbs. bringing \$45,290.95 to growers." The Bureau of Internal Revenue reported a decline in domestic cigar withdrawals during the month of November as compared with the same month of last year of 7,592,348 cigars. Total withdrawals during the month amounted to 622,938,344. All classes of domestic cigars except nickel goods showed declines from their totals of November 1928. Small cigarettes and snuff, of the various other varieties of tobacco products, made gains during the month. Withdrawals of class A cigars increased by more than 15,200,000 last month over the corresponding period of 1928. Class B cigars increased by more than 15,200,000 last month over the corresponding period of 1928. Class C cigars, however, dropped by approximately 10,500,000 while class D goods went off to the extent of more than 11,500,000. Withdrawals of class E cigars ran behind the Nov. 1928 figure by some 660,000 and class E merchandise fell slightly in the red to the extent of some 63,000 cigars. Vice-President Stone of the Farm Board declares for a cut in excise taxes; he urges 50% reduction, as aid to growers. He believes the cut would be made up in increased consumption. He says "tobacco is only industry on a war-time basis of taxation."

Louisville, Ky. wired the U. S. Tobacco Journal that prices for burley remain low in Kentucky with retail business fair. Havana Remedio crop it is declared shows great improvement in the smoking quality. The crop of Vuelta Abajo was large, the best for years past. Oxford, N. C. wired the Journal: "Oxford's sales for the three days this week were 973,880 lbs. at an average of \$18.70; total to date, 18,587,153 lbs. at an average of \$20.71. Various estimates of the amount to be sold after the holidays range from 3,500,000 to 4,500,000 which would bring the total for the season of 1929-30 to approximately 22,500,000 lbs." Washington wired: "The United States Department of Agriculture states the crop in 1929 at 1,500,891,000 lbs., an increase of 126,344 lbs. or 9% over 1928. A moderate increase in total acreage combined with the increase in the average yield per acre, account for the larger production this year. Average prices are lower that is 19c. against 20.2c. in 1928. Richmond, Va. reported sales there last week were almost equal in volume to the total for the previous four weeks of the 1929 season. They were 703,917 lbs. at an average of \$13.55. This brings the season's total to 1,633,917 lbs.

COPPER has been quiet though railroad electrification projects seem to suggest an increased demand sooner or later from the Pennsylvania, Lackawanna and the Reading roads. January figures are expected to show a sharp increase in surplus stocks of refined copper, and smaller shipments and production. The consumption is expected to show a gain of 7%. Three lots or 150,000 lbs. were sold on the Exchange on the 2nd inst. Closing prices on that day were 15 points higher; February sold at 16.70c.; March at 16.55c. and July at 16.25c. January ended at 16.25c. bid; February, 16.55c. nominal; March, 16.25c. bid; April, 16.10c. bid; May, 16.05c. bid; June, 16.05 to 16.25c.; July, 16.05 to 16.20c.; August and beyond, 16.10c. nominal. In London on the 2nd inst. spot standard advanced £3 10s. to £71 7s. 6d.; futures up £2 15s. to £70; sales, 200 tons spot and 800 futures. Electrolytic was £83 for spot and £83 15s. for futures. At the second session spot standard dropped 17s. 6d.; futures off 15s. on sales of 50 tons of spot and 250 of futures. To-day futures ended with January, 16.55c.; March, 16.25c. and May, 16.05c.

TIN has latterly been quiet with sales at 39 5/8c. for Straits. On the 2d inst. at the Exchange prices fell 20 to 25 points. Feb. closed at 39.55 to 39.60c.; March, 39.75 to 39.80c. On the 2d inst. in London spot rose £2 2s. 6d. to £180 5s.; futures up £2 to £183 12s. 6d.; sales, 100 tons spot and 350 futures. Spot Straits up £2 to £182 7s. 6d.; Eastern c. i. f. London ended at £185 on sales of 175 tons. At the second London session standard fell £1 12s. 6d. on sales of 650 tons of futures. The world's visible supply increased 2,966 tons during Dec., an exceptionally large increase. The gain in Dec. 1924, however, was 4,111 tons. Total supplies, 28,140 tons. Straits shipments to all countries were less than predicted, or 8,950 tons and not 10,500 to 11,000 tons as some had estimated. World's visible supplies are 3,577 tons larger than a year ago. To-day prices ended lower with sales of 80 tons. Jan. ended at 38.45c.; March at 39.10c., and May at 39.45c.

LEAD has latterly declined noticeably in London but New York has been called steady in spite of London, but trade has been slow at 6.10c. for East St. Louis and 6.25c. at New York. Lead shipments in December are estimated at 55,000 tons, making the total for the last six months, 390,000 tons against 384,293 tons during the first half of this year and 380,698 tons the second half of 1928. In London on the 2nd inst. spot declined 10s. to £21 8s. 9d.; futures, £21 10s.; sales, 50 tons of futures.

ZINC.—Business of late has been on a very moderate sales scale. In fact sales have been small with prices 5.45c. for East St. Louis. People are curious as to curtailment of production that was brought about in December. Statistics on this point have not yet appeared. They are awaited with unusual interest. The tone for the time being seems to be a little more steady. At any rate it looked more stabilized than it did recently. London on the 2nd inst. advanced 2s. 6d. to £19 15s. for spot and £20 7s. 6d. for futures with sales of 500 tons spot and 1,100 of futures.

STEEL.—Recent awards were some 75,000 tons, two-thirds of which was for the Empire State Building, the largest tonnage for one building ever recorded in this city. Scrap recently rose 50c., the first advance since last Aug. That was at Pittsburgh. At Cleveland it fell 50c. In eastern Pennsylvania 10,000 tons heavy melting sold at \$14.50. Despite a decrease in production since 1907, during the last two months the steel ingot production broke the previous high record of 1928 by 8 1/2%. The production of steel ingots during the past 12 months was approximately 54,600,000 tons, according to the "Iron Age." The automobile industry is still buying but only to supply immediate needs. The railroads, structural concerns and farm implement makers are buying on what is considered a scale suggestive of coming improvement. Steel scrap moreover has remained strong. There are hints of some easing of prices now and then on finished steel, especially in material for automobile makers.

PIG IRON.—Business has been somewhat larger than had been expected but it has been confined for the most part to small lots to supply consumers who had allowed their stocks to become unduly scanty. Such buyers have stipulated for prompt deliveries. The business aside from this has been mostly for delivery in the first quarter of 1930. Foundries have done better in the closing week or 10 days of the old year than had been expected. Scrap has been very steady.

WOOL has sold rather freely than usual at this season of the year and prices have been steady. Ohio & Pennsylvania fine delaine, 54 to 35c.; 1/2 blood, 40 to 41c.; 3/8 blood, 41c.; 1/4 blood, 40 to 41c. Territory, clean basis, fine staple, 82 to 83c.; fine medium, French combing, 75 to 80c.; fine medium clothing, 72 to 73c.; 1/2 blood staple, 82 to 83c.; 3/8 blood, staple, 78 to 80c.; 1/4 blood, 70 to 72c.; Texas clean, basis fine, 12 month, 77 to 80c.; fine 8 months, 73 to 75c.; fall, 60 to 65c. Pulled, scoured basis, A super, 75 to 83c.; B, 65 to 70c.; C, 50 to 55c.; Domestic, mohair, original Texas, 49 to 50c.; Australian, clean basis in bond, 64-70s, combing super, 65 to 68c.; 64-70s, clothing, 55 to 57c.; 64s combing, 62 to 65s, 60 to 62c.

A Boston government report said: "Moderate quantities of 58-60s, strictly combing territory wools, have been sold at prices in the range of 80 to 82c., scoured basis, and manufacturers continue to show further interest in wools of this type. The major part of the business reported for last week, however, was on the 64s and firmer French combing and original bad territory wools. The receipts of domestic wool at Boston during the week ended Dec. 28 amounted to 1,243,100 lbs., against 1,626,100 lbs. during the previous week." London cabled: "Minister of Labor Bondfield has decided to appoint a Court of Inquiry into settlement of wage dispute in British wool textile industry."

SILK to-day closed 1 to 4 points lower with sales of 370 bales. January ended at 4.47 to 4.50; March, 4.51 to 4.54; May, 4.50 to 4.62. Final prices show an advance for the week of 3 to 6 points.

COTTON

Friday Night, Jan. 3 1930.

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 154,364 bales, against 187,785 bales last week and 260,772 bales the previous week, making the total receipts since Aug. 1 1929 6,657,834 bales, against 7,054,734 bales for the same period of 1928-29, showing a decrease since Aug. 1 1929 of 396,900 bales.

Receipts at—	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.	Total.
Galveston	5,962	4,999	8,043	4,649	---	5,877	29,530
Texas City	---	---	---	---	---	2,611	2,611
Houston	6,375	8,132	4,584	4,282	1,989	12,682	38,044
Corpus Christi	135	739	17	349	---	284	1,524
Beaumont	---	---	293	---	---	1,442	1,735
New Orleans	5,867	33,093	7,623	2,347	267	7,478	56,675
Mobile	1,932	4,179	752	449	487	4,641	12,440
Savannah	95	658	603	---	1,533	1,025	3,914
Charleston	815	189	306	---	71	177	1,558
Lake Charles	592	---	---	---	210	416	1,882
Wilmington	540	344	372	---	703	1,241	3,252
Norfolk	553	289	466	---	---	---	114
New York	63	51	---	445	---	---	445
Baltimore	---	---	---	---	---	---	48
Philadelphia	---	48	---	---	---	---	---
Totals this wk.	22,929	52,721	23,059	12,521	5,260	37,874	154,364

The following table shows the week's total receipts, of the total since Aug. 1 1929 and stocks to-night, compared with last year:

Table with columns: Receipts to Jan. 3., 1929-30., 1928-29., and Stock (1930, 1929). Rows list various ports like Galveston, Houston, New Orleans, etc.

In order that comparison may be made with other years, we give below the totals at leading ports for six seasons:

Table with columns: Receipts at— (1929-30., 1928-29., 1927-28., 1926-27., 1925-26., 1924-25.) and rows for various ports.

*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 179,420 bales, of which 42,911 were to Great Britain, 28,657 to France, 46,846 to Germany, 33,611 to Italy, nil to Russia, 16,937 to Japan and China and 10,458 to other destinations.

Table with columns: Week Ended Jan. 3 1930. Exports from— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other, Total) and rows for various ports.

Table with columns: From Aug. 1 1929 to Jan. 3 1930. Exports from— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Italy, Russia, Japan & China, Other, Total) and rows for various ports.

NOTE.—Exports to Canada.—It has never been our practice to include in the above table reports of cotton shipments to Canada, the reason being that virtually all the cotton destined to the Dominion comes overland and it is impossible to get returns concerning the same from week to week, while reports from the customs districts on the Canadian border are always very slow in coming to hand.

In addition to above exports, our telegrams to-night also give us the following amounts of cotton on shipboard, not cleared, at the ports named:

Table with columns: On Shipboard Not Cleared for— (Great Britain, France, Germany, Other Foreign, Coastwise, Total, Leaving Stock) and rows for various ports.

Speculation in cotton for future delivery has been on only a moderate scale, but for a time the trade demand was a sustaining factor and prices advanced. On the whole, however, there has been a certain drift downward, with more or less liquidation and a lack of breadth in the speculation.

On Dec. 31 prices were slightly lower, with Liverpool weaker than due and a certain amount of year-end liquidation under way. It was small. Lack of any marked pressure prevented any material decline.

respond to anything bullish in the situation. For instance, the report on the tenderability of cotton that had appeared up to Dec. 1 stated the quantity that might be tendered on contract at 78.2% against 85.6 for the same time last year. In other words, this indicates that about 22% of the crop that had appeared up to Dec. 1 could not be offered on contracts as against about 14½% unacceptable for the same time last year. But this got scant attention. Prices wound up barely steady for the day at practically the lowest of the session. Finl prices show a decline for the week of 8 to 23 points, January recording the least depression. Spot cotton ended at 17.30c. for middling, a decline for the day of 15 points, but the net loss for the week is 10 points.

Staple Premiums
60% of average of
six markets quoting
for deliveries on
Jan. 9 1930.

15-16 inch.	1-inch & longer.	Grade	White	Mid.	
.26	.73	Middling Fair	..88 on	Mid.	
.26	.73	Strict Good Middling	..73	do	
.26	.73	Good Middling	..59	do	
.26	.71	Strict Middling	..42	do	
.26	.71	Middling	..Basis	do	
.25	.67	Strict Low Middling	..75 off	Mid.	
.25	.63	Low Middling	..1.73	do	
		*Strict Good Ordinary	..2.80	do	
		*Good Ordinary	..3.78	do	
		Good Middling	Extra White	..59 on	do
		Strict Middling	do	..42	do
		Middling	do	..Even	do
		Strict Low Middling	do	..75 off	do
		Low Middling	do	..1.73	do
.24	.66	Good Middling	Spotted	..22 on	do
.23	.63	Strict Middling	do	..05 off	do
.22	.63	Middling	do	..73 off	do
		*Strict Low Middling	do	..1.65	do
		*Low Middling	do	..2.73	do
.21	.57	Strict Good Middling	Yellow Tinged	..05 off	do
.21	.57	Good Middling	do	..50	do
.21	.57	Strict Middling	do	..1.00	do
		*Middling	do	..1.60	do
		*Strict Low Middling	do	..2.27	do
		*Low Middling	do do	..3.15	do
.21	.57	Good Middling	Light Yellow Stained	..1.25 off	do
		*Strict Middling	do do	..1.83	do
		*Middling	do do	..2.48	do
.21	.57	Good Middling	Yellow Stained	..1.50 off	do
		*Strict Middling	do do	..2.35	do
		*Middling	do do	..3.15	do
.20	.57	Good Middling	Gray	..80 off	do
.20	.54	Strict Middling	do	..1.18	do
		*Middling	do	..1.65	do
		*Good Middling	Blue Stained	..1.65 off	do
		*Strict Middling	do do	..2.40	do
		*Middling	do do	..3.18	do

*Not deliverable on future contracts.

The official quotation for middling upland cotton in the New York market each day for the past week has been:

Dec. 28 to Jan. 3	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
Middling upland	17.30	17.30	17.25	17.45	17.45	17.30

NEW YORK QUOTATIONS FOR 32 YEARS.

1920	17.30c.	1922	18.65c.	1914	12.40c.	1906	11.85c.
1929	20.25c.	1921	16.00c.	1913	13.30c.	1905	7.10c.
1928	19.55c.	1920	39.25c.	1912	9.35c.	1904	13.50c.
1927	12.80c.	1919	31.65c.	1911	15.00c.	1903	9.00c.
1926	20.70c.	1918	32.70c.	1910	16.10c.	1902	8.31c.
1925	24.30c.	1917	17.55c.	1909	9.35c.	1901	10.12c.
1924	35.65c.	1916	12.40c.	1908	11.40c.	1900	7.75c.
1923	26.80c.	1915	7.90c.	1907	10.75c.	1899	5.88c.

FUTURES.—The highest, lowest and closing prices at New York for the past week have been as follows:

	Saturday, Dec. 28.	Monday, Dec. 30.	Tuesday, Dec. 31.	Wednesday, Jan. 1.	Thursday, Jan. 2.	Friday, Jan. 3.
Jan.—						
Range	17.10-17.18	17.08-17.13	17.06-17.12		17.09-17.29	17.10-17.23
Closing	17.10	17.11	17.06		17.25	17.10-17.11
Feb.—						
Range					17.32	17.17
Closing	17.25	17.24	17.19			
Mar.—						
Range	17.40-17.48	17.37-17.42	17.32-17.39		17.34-17.46	17.25-17.37
Closing	17.40-17.41	17.37	17.32		17.40	17.25-17.36
Apr.—						
Range	17.51	17.49	17.44		17.51	17.36
Closing						
May.—						
Range	17.63-17.71	17.60-17.64	17.55-17.62		17.56-17.70	17.47-17.60
Closing	17.63-17.64	17.61	17.56-17.57		17.63-17.64	17.48
June.—						
Range	17.72	17.69	17.64	HOLI-	17.72	17.56
Closing	17.72			DAY.		
July.—						
Range	17.81-17.89	17.76-17.81	17.72-17.79		17.76-17.88	17.64-17.80
Closing	17.81-17.82	17.77	17.73		17.82	17.65-17.66
Aug.—						
Range	17.81	17.78	17.75		17.83	17.67
Closing						
Sept.—						
Range	17.81	17.79	17.76		17.84	17.68
Closing						
Oct.—						
Range	17.82-17.87	17.80-17.85	17.77-17.84		17.81-17.94	17.70-17.83
Closing	17.82	17.81-17.82	17.78		17.86	17.70-17.71
Nov.—						
Range	17.92	17.91	17.88		17.92	17.75
Closing						
Dec.—						
Range					17.98-18.00	17.81-17.92
Closing					17.98	17.81

Range of future prices at New York for week ending Jan. 4 1930 and since trading began on each option:

Option for—	Range for Week.	Range Since Beginning of Option.
Dec. 1929.	17.06 Dec. 31	16.55 Nov. 13 1929 20.70 Mar. 15 1929
Jan. 1930.	17.29 Jan. 2	16.70 Dec. 21 1929 20.60 Mar. 15 1929
Feb. 1930.	17.48 Dec. 28	17.04 Nov. 13 1929 19.12 Sept. 1 1929
Mar. 1930.	17.25 Jan. 3	17.03 Dec. 21 1929 20.25 Apr. 1 1929
April 1930.	17.47 Jan. 3	17.71 July 9 1929 18.82 July 8 1929
May 1930.	17.71 Dec. 28	17.27 Dec. 21 1929 20.18 Sept. 3 1929
June 1930.	17.58 Dec. 28	17.58 Dec. 23 1929 18.87 Oct. 24 1929
July 1930.	17.64 Jan. 3	17.49 Dec. 21 1929 20.00 Sept. 3 1929
Aug. 1930.	17.89 Dec. 28	18.34 Nov. 22 1929 18.34 Nov. 22 1929
Sept. 1930.		
Oct. 1930.	17.70 Jan. 3	17.44 Dec. 21 1929 18.56 Nov. 20 1929
Nov. 1930.	17.81 Jan. 3	17.78 Dec. 16 1929 17.78 Dec. 16 1929
Dec. 1930.	18.00 Jan. 3	17.81 Jan. 3 1930 18.00 Jan. 2 1930

THE VISIBLE SUPPLY OF COTTON to-night, as made up by cable and telegraph, is as follows. Foreign stocks as well as afloat are this week's returns, and consequently all foreign figures are brought down to Thursday evening. 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.

	1930.	1929.	1928.	1927.
Jan. 3—				
Stock at Liverpool	822,000	874,000	863,000	1,234,000
Stock at London				
Stock at Manchester	96,000	87,000	68,000	141,000
Total Great Britain	918,000	961,000	931,000	1,375,000
Stock at Hamburg				
Stock at Bremen	532,000	713,000	615,000	549,000
Stock at Havre	258,000	248,000	329,000	240,000
Stock at Rotterdam	6,000	10,000	8,000	14,000
Stock at Barcelona	91,000	89,000	123,000	85,000
Stock at Genoa	81,000	42,000	45,000	44,000
Stock at Ghent				
Stock at Antwerp				
Total Continental stocks	968,000	1,102,000	1,120,000	932,000
Total European stocks	1,886,000	2,063,000	2,051,000	2,307,000
India cotton afloat for Europe	146,000	122,000	75,000	54,000
American cotton afloat for Europe	499,000	613,000	444,000	888,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat for Europe	97,000	76,000	77,000	84,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	434,000	479,000	441,000	423,000
Stock in Bombay, India	916,000	891,000	542,000	274,000
Stock in U. S. ports	2,642,893a2	3,333,824a2	4,495,227a2	2,942,393
Stock in U. S. interior towns	1,476,971a1	2,406,631a1	2,955,532a1	1,529,304
U. S. exports to-day				
Total visible supply	8,097,864	7,818,455	7,420,759	8,501,697
Of the above, totals of American and other descriptions are as follows:				
American				
Liverpool stock	382,000	581,000	576,000	864,000
Manchester stock	67,000	63,000	54,000	117,000
Continental stock	892,000	1,041,000	1,064,000	893,000
American afloat for Europe	499,000	613,000	444,000	888,000
U. S. port stocks	2,642,893a2	3,333,824a2	4,495,227a2	2,942,393
U. S. interior stocks	1,476,971a1	2,406,631a1	2,955,532a1	1,529,304
U. S. exports to-day				
Total American	5,959,864	5,872,455	5,928,759	7,233,697
East Indian, Brazil, &c.—				
Liverpool stock	440,000	293,000	287,000	370,000
London stock				
Manchester stock	29,000	24,000	14,000	24,000
Continental stock	76,000	61,000	56,000	39,000
American afloat for Europe	146,000	122,000	75,000	54,000
Egypt, Brazil, &c. afloat	97,000	76,000	77,000	84,000
Stock in Alexandria, Egypt	434,000	479,000	441,000	423,000
Stock in Bombay, India	916,000	891,000	542,000	274,000
Total East India, &c.	2,138,000	1,946,000	1,492,000	1,268,000
Total American	5,959,864	5,872,455	5,928,759	7,233,697
Total visible supply	8,097,864	7,818,455	7,420,759	8,501,697
Middling uplands, Liverpool	9,53d.	10,50d.	10,92d.	6,98d.
Middling uplands, New York	17,30c.	20,00c.	19,85c.	13,10c.
Egypt, good Sakel, Liverpool	15,10d.	20,45d.	18,85d.	15,50d.
Peruvian, rough good, Liverpool	13,75d.	14,50d.	12,25d.	11,50d.
Brazil, fine, Liverpool	7,60d.	9,90d.	9,75d.	6,25d.
Tinnevelly, good, Liverpool	8,95d.	10,25d.	10,30d.	6,75d.

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 146,000 bales. The above figures for 1929 show an increase over last week of 20,453 bales, a gain of 279,409 over 1928, an increase of 677,105 bales over 1927, and a loss of 403,833 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 Jan. 3 1930.					Movement to Jan. 4 1929.				
	Receipts.		Shipments.		Stocks Jan. 3.	Receipts.		Shipments.		Stocks Jan. 4.
	Week.	Season.	Week.	Week.	Week.	Week.	Season.	Week.	Week.	
Ala., Birmingham	2,425	96,314	2,562	18,061	1,150	47,329	1,521	10,113	10,113	
Euifaula	129	16,464	711	4,992	67	12,733	3	6,408	6,408	
Montgomery	137	55,730	928	33,526	362	49,934	773	26,986	26,986	
Selma	119	70,171	1,869	37,561	234	42,253	234	25,605	25,605	
Ark., Blytheville	2,676	109,321	3,489	43,833	3,591	72,543	2,401	21,782	21,782	
Forest City	813	27,454	359	14,729	1,351	22,910	611	10,686	10,686	
Helena	894	52,799	1,348	21,451	1,637	51,188	3,361	21,060	21,060	
Hope	397	53,246	785	5,548	215	58,726	1,214	11,803	11,803	
Jonesboro	607	35,440	1,078	5,794	718	29,631	1,637	5,891	5,891	
Little Rock	1,716	116,249	3,417	42,436	1,662	100,375	2,759	29,127	29,127	
Newport	382	49,295	741	7,540	1,923	43,290	2,235	12,077	12,077	
Pine Bluff	2,147	171,801	2,914	46,924	3,544	117,690	2,707	42,337	42,337	
Walnut Ridge	679	50,547	1,189	9,200	1,306	29,397	1,354	9,984	9,984	
Ga., Albany	3	6,477	33	2,574	9	3,556	17	1,951	1,951	
Atlanta	840	31,890	1,500	19,327	520	27,303	600	15,812	15,812	
Augusta	10,007	105,434	2,972	83,817	2,967	96,425	4,647	69,949	69,949	
Columbus	6,841	254,332	7,100	109,883	3,968	174,583	4,723	80,931	80,931	
Macon	418	22,097	1,012	4,841	1,006	25,282	2,000	5,024	5,024	
Rome	1,456	66,907	1,833	22,759	469	46,895	1,358	9,491	9,491	
La., Shreveport	435	139,444	1,666	58,434	2,033	134,836	3,021	69,505	69,505	
Miss., Clarkdale	3,062	171,455	9,857	58,228	998	135,909	8,453	60,808	60,808	
Columbus	99	26,525	309	14,177	175	28,582	891	14,619	14,619	
Greenwood	3,41									

236,340 bales more than at the same period last year. The receipts at all the towns have been 21,903 bales less than the same week last year.

MARKET AND SALES AT NEW YORK.

Table with columns for Spot Market Closed, Futures Market Closed, and SALES (Spot, Contr't, Total) for days from Saturday to Friday, including a total since Aug. 1.

OVERLAND MOVEMENT FOR THE WEEK AND SINCE AUG. 1.

Table showing overland movement for the week and since Aug. 1, categorized by route (Via St. Louis, Via Mounds, etc., Via Rock Island, etc.) and total gross overland, deducting shipments to interior towns and inland consumption.

*Including movement by rail to Canada.

The foregoing shows the week's net overland movement this year has been 24,813 bales, against 17,746 bales for the week last year, and that for the season to date the aggregate net overland exhibits an increase over a year ago of 110,961 bales.

Table showing movement into sight in previous years (1928-1929) and current year (1929-30) for receipts at ports, net overland, and north spinners' takings.

* Decrease.

Movement into sight in previous years:

Table comparing movement into sight in previous years (1928-1929) and current year (1929-30) for various weeks in January.

QUOTATIONS FOR MIDDLING COTTON AT OTHER MARKETS.—Below are the closing quotations for middling cotton at Southern and other principal cotton markets for each day of the week:

Table of closing quotations for Middling Cotton on Saturday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, listing prices for various locations like Galveston, New Orleans, Mobile, Savannah, Norfolk, Baltimore, Augusta, Memphis, Houston, Little Rock, Dallas, and Fort Worth.

NEW ORLEANS CONTRACT MARKET.—The closing quotations for leading contracts in the New Orleans cotton market for the past week have been as follows:

Table of New Orleans contract market quotations for various months from January to December, showing spot and options prices.

PINK BOLLWORM QUARANTINE REGULATIONS REVISED.—The Secretary of Agriculture announced on Dec. 30 a revision of the pink bollworm quarantine regulations, effective Jan. 1.

The important change made at this time consists of authorizing "under certain safeguards the issuance of permits for the inter-State movement of cotton samples and of compressed and baled lint or linters from the regulated areas of western Texas, New Mexico and Arizona, without fumigation, when such samples, lint or linters have been produced in a county within which and within five miles of which no pink bollworm infestation has been found for the two preceding crop seasons."

CHARGES REDUCED AT NEW ORLEANS PUBLIC COTTON WAREHOUSE.—A general reduction in charge at the New Orleans public cotton warehouse, effective Jan. 1 1930, and designed to equalize cotton handling costs at New Orleans with those existing at competitive ports...

The principal receiving and storage charges have been grouped under a single charge of 25 cents per bale, including 30 days free storage, whereas the previous charge was 50 cents. This charge covers receiving, ranging, furnishing tags and taggings, furnishing tag sheets showing country marks and tags, issuing warehouse receipts, including one set of samples from top and bottom, weighing, inspecting for condition, furnishing two copies of weight sheets, and entering and certifying to weights on receipts when required.

The 30-day free storage applies on all cotton under this 25 cent charge, and the former charge of 35 cents, embracing 10-day storage, has been wholly eliminated. The charge for extra ties has been reduced from eight cents to five cents.

The former charges of 20 cents and 30 cents for patches of three and four pounds, respectively, have been reduced to a single charge of six cents per pound for three or four pound patches. The restoring charge—cotton ordered out of storage and ordered restored—has been reduced from 35 cents to 20 cents per bale.

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 of weather reports by telegraph, including Rain, Rainfall, and Thermometer readings for various locations like Galveston, Abilene, Brownsville, Dallas, Del Rio, Houston, Palestine, San Antonio, New Orleans, Shreveport, Mobile, Savannah, and Charleston.

The following statement we have also received by telegraph, showing the height of rivers at the points named at 8 a. m. of the dates given:

Table showing the height of rivers at various points (New Orleans, Memphis, Nashville, Shreveport, Vicksburg) in feet on Jan. 3 1930 and Jan. 4 1929.

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 of receipts from plantations showing weekly receipts at ports, stocks at interior towns, and receipts from plantations for various weeks in September, October, November, and December.

The above statement shows: (1) That the total receipts from the plantations since Aug. 1 1929 are 7,902,355 bales; in 1928 were 7,864,235 bales, and in 1927 were 7,084,916 bales. (2) That, although the receipts at the outports the past week were 154,364 bales, the actual movement from plantations was 138,320 bales, stocks at interior towns having decreased 16,044 bales during the week.

WORLD'S SUPPLY AND TAKINGS OF COTTON.

Table of world's supply and takings of cotton for 1929-30 and 1928-29, showing visible supply, American in sight, Bombay receipts, and other India shipments.

* Embraces receipts in Europe from Brazil, Smyrna, West Indies, &c. a This total embraces since Aug. 1 the total estimated consumption by Southern mills, 2,447,000 bales in 1929-30 and 2,375,000 bales in 1928-29—takings not being available—and the aggregate amounts taken by Northern and foreign spinners, 7,332,802 bales in 1929-30 and 7,771,870 bales in 1928-29, of which 4,758,602 bales and 5,146,670 bales American. b Estimated.

INDIA COTTON MOVEMENT FROM ALL PORTS.—

The receipts of India cotton at Bombay and the shipments from all India ports for the week and for the season from Aug. 1, as cabled, for three years, have been as follows:

Table with columns for 'Jan. 2. Receipts at—', '1929-30.', '1928-29.', and '1927-28.'. Rows include 'Bombay' and 'Exports from—' with sub-categories like 'Great Britain', 'Continent', and 'Japan & China'.

According to the foregoing, Bombay appears to show a decrease compared with last year in the week's receipts of 17,000 bales. Exports from all India ports record an increase of 49,000 bales during the week, and since Aug. 1 show a decrease of 22,000 bales.

ALEXANDRIA RECEIPTS AND SHIPMENTS.—We now receive weekly a cable of the movements of cotton at Alexandria, Egypt. The following are the receipts and shipments for the past week and for the corresponding week of the previous two years:

Table with columns for 'Alexandria, Egypt, Jan. 2.', '1929-30.', '1928-29.', and '1927-28.'. Rows include 'Receipts (cantars)' and 'Exports (bales)'.

Note.—A cantar is 99 lbs. Egyptian bales weigh about 750 lbs. This statement shows that the receipts for the week ending Jan. 2 were 175,000 cantars and the foreign shipments 24,000 bales.

MANCHESTER MARKET.—Our report received by cable to-night from Manchester states that the market in yarns is steady and in cloths quiet. Demand for India is improving. We give prices to-day below and leave those of previous weeks of this and last year for comparison:

Table comparing prices for 1929 and 1928. Columns include '32s Cop Twists', '8 1/2 Lbs. Shirts', and 'Cotton Middl'g'. Rows list dates from Sept. 20 to Jan. 3.

SHIPPING NEWS.—As shown on a previous page, the exports of cotton from the United States the past week have reached 179,420 bales. The shipments in detail, as made up from mail and telegraphic reports, are as follows:

Table listing shipping details for 'GALVESTON', 'MOBILE', and 'CHARLESTON' with columns for destination, date, and quantity in bales.

SAN FRANCISCO—To Germany—Dec. 28—Crefeld, 100

Table listing shipping routes and quantities for various destinations including Japan, Hamburg, Dunkirk, Venice, and London. Includes sub-totals for 'LAKE CHARLES' and 'NEW ORLEANS'.

Total 179,420

COTTON FREIGHTS.—Current rates for cotton from New York, as furnished by Lambert & Burrows, Inc., are as follows, quotations being in cents per pound:

Table showing freight rates for various ports including Liverpool, Manchester, Antwerp, and Rotterdam, with columns for 'High Density', 'Standard', and 'Low Density'.

LIVERPOOL.—By cable from Liverpool we have the following statement of the week's sales, stocks, &c., at that port:

Table showing weekly statistics for Liverpool: Sales of the week, Forward, Total stocks, Total imports, and Amount afloat.

The tone of the Liverpool market for spots and futures each day of the past week and the daily closing prices of spot cotton have been as follows:

Table showing daily market prices for Liverpool from Saturday to Friday, including 'Spot' and 'Futures' prices.

Prices of futures at Liverpool for each day are given below:

Table showing futures prices for various months from Dec. 28 to Jan. 3, with columns for 'Sat.', 'Mon.', 'Tues.', 'Wed.', 'Thurs.', and 'Fri.'.

BREADSTUFFS

Friday Night, Jan. 3 1930.

Flour has remained quiet both for export and home consumption. Clearances last week were 64,808 sacks and 737 barrels against 52,763 sacks and 245 barrels in the previous week. Later, with trade still dull, prices declined 10c.

Wheat, in the end, showed no important change for the week. It is awaiting a new cue of some sort. Export business has been only moderate, and this has offset to a large degree the bullish advices in regard to the Argentine crop and prospective supplies. On the 28th ult. prices, after a dubious opening, advanced 3c., or $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2c., as the final net rise, owing to a sharp demand for hard winter for export, covering and buying by houses with English and foreign connections. At the Gulf the basis was the best of the season, i. e., No. 2 hard at up to the May price. It was a rise of 4c. for the week. Argentine cables said that country would have only 50,000,000 bushels for export to Europe after allowing 20,000,000 for Brazil, while 10,000,000 of this wheat is considered unmerchantable. Shipments to Europe from the Southern Hemisphere, it is suggested, may not exceed 80,000,000 bushels. It is argued that would make European buying in the United States compulsory. There were rumors of export sales of 1,000,000 bushels. The snow cover that prevailed over the Eastern winter wheat belt gradually disappeared under the warm weather of last week, and at the close the ground was bare over practically the entire section except the Northern Ohio Valley. Condition of the crop remains generally good, with only local reports of unfavorable freezing and thawing. It is claimed that the United States should have about 100,000,000 smaller surplus on Aug. 1 1930 of wheat than a year ago. Prospective return to moderate surplus suggests sound commercial conditions in the spring, whether in Europe, United States or Canada.

On Dec. 30 prices ended $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ c. net lower, on pre-holiday selling and a lack of export demand and total stocks about 40,000,000 bushels larger than a year ago. But European stocks were reported decreasing and the stocks on passage were about 24,000,000 bushels smaller than a year ago. Liverpool advanced $2\frac{1}{4}$ c., and Buenos Aires $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. The representative of the wheat producers said that the Farmers' National Grain Corporation expects to handle 40% of the wheat crop next year, and that purchases would be made whenever officials felt that it could be made profitable. The United States visible supply decreased last week 3,149,000 bushels against an increase in the same week last year of 1,336,000. The falling off was larger than expected. The total is still 178,107,000 bushels against 138,745,000 a year ago. But export sales were only 200,000 to 300,000 bushels. On Dec. 31 prices declined $1\frac{1}{2}$ to 2c., with world's stocks estimated at less than those of a year ago, lessened offerings and a fair foreign demand. Liverpool advanced $\frac{3}{8}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ d., Buenos Aires $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ c., and Rosario $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. Not since 1926 have world's stocks been smaller than on the same date in the previous year as they are now. The tendency of stocks is considered to be definitely downward.

Sales of wheat futures for delivery on the Chicago Board of Trade in 1929 were 15,739,583,000 bushels against 8,930,129,000 bushels a year ago. In 1925 the total was 18,048,505,000 bushels. Open interest in wheat at the close of business Dec. 27 was 183,524,000 bushels against 187,290,000 a week ago. In May wheat alone it was 149,143,000 bushels against 152,730,000 bushels the previous week.

Chicago wired: "The main disappointment of the Middle West at the year-end is that the Farm Board has not brought grain to higher prices. Doubt as to whether it will accomplish the desired results for some time to come is now general. The individual farmer is not convinced that the Board's program is to reach him as he had expected. The wheat belt of the high plains is the brightest spot in the interior, for large yields are being harvested on cheap land. But elsewhere producers have either sold grain at figures approximately as low as those of last year, or else have stored it, hoping for better prices. Much grain is yet to go to market, and most producers are borrowing to carry their crop. Still, the country banks have passed through the year with the smallest number of failures in many years, and with consolidations numerous. The closing months of the year saw deposits low and loans above last season, but this was partly due to holding back of grain."

On the 2nd inst. prices ended $2\frac{1}{4}$ c. lower, after an early advance of 1 to $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. on firm cables. But the fear that Russia and France had been selling wheat to Liverpool seemingly in some degree confirmed by the relative dullness of export business here had a depressing effect. The export

sales on this side were estimated at 700,000 bushels. Buenos Aires, after rising $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ c., on reports of general rains in Argentina, lost this. Paris cables made no mention of French sales to England. There was much less inquiry for hard winters at the Gulf, but very little change in the basis as compared with futures, and no particular pressure of offerings was apparent. The market is dependent largely upon the attitude of foreign buyers and declines in price will bring in a good demand.

To-day prices closed $\frac{1}{8}$ c. lower to $\frac{1}{4}$ c. higher after an early decline of 2c. under professional selling, encouraged by lower cables and dullness of export business. The export sales for the day were estimated at only 300,000 to 400,000 bushels. That included 135,000 bushels from Portland, Ore. Later on, however, offerings fell off. The market proved to be oversold. Then came a sharp rally. Large commission houses were good buyers. The East bought if the Northwest and some of the cash houses sold. In the Northwest there was a certain depression right up to the end. Liverpool ended $1\frac{1}{2}$ to $1\frac{3}{4}$ d. lower. Buenos Aires fell $\frac{3}{4}$ c. The condition of the winter wheat crop was regarded as in the main favorable, the only drawback being the lack of snow cover. Some think that the shortage of supplies will be felt more during the present month than it was earlier in the season. The total of North American exports, according to Bradstreet's, was only 4,868,000 bushels. The world's shipments point to 7,750,000 bushels. That suggests a very noticeable decrease in stocks afloat. Final prices show an advance for the week of $\frac{1}{8}$ to $\frac{3}{8}$ c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 hard	137 $\frac{1}{2}$	137 $\frac{3}{4}$	139	136 $\frac{1}{2}$	137 $\frac{1}{2}$	137 $\frac{3}{4}$

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery	132 $\frac{1}{2}$	132 $\frac{1}{2}$	132 $\frac{1}{2}$	130 $\frac{1}{2}$	130 $\frac{1}{2}$	130 $\frac{1}{2}$
May delivery	136 $\frac{1}{2}$	135 $\frac{1}{2}$	136 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$
July delivery	136 $\frac{1}{2}$	135 $\frac{1}{2}$	136 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$	134 $\frac{1}{2}$

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF WHEAT FUTURES IN WINNIPEG.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
May delivery	146 $\frac{1}{2}$	146 $\frac{1}{2}$	147 $\frac{1}{2}$	145 $\frac{1}{2}$	145 $\frac{1}{2}$	145 $\frac{1}{2}$
July delivery	148	147 $\frac{1}{2}$	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	146 $\frac{1}{2}$	146 $\frac{1}{2}$	146 $\frac{1}{2}$
October delivery	148	147 $\frac{1}{2}$	149 $\frac{1}{2}$	143	142 $\frac{1}{2}$	142 $\frac{1}{2}$

Indian corn closed lower under the influence of a larger crop movement and a falling off in the cash demand. The latest weather news is more favorable for moving corn to market. On the 28th ult. prices fell $1\frac{1}{2}$ c. on December, in which there was so much liquidation that it more than offset the rise in wheat. Besides, the weather was better. Larger country offerings were feared. The spot basis was 1c. lower to 1c. higher. The open interest in futures was the smallest on record. Distant months were unchanged to $\frac{1}{8}$ c. lower. The primary receipts on the 28th ult. were 1,353,000 bushels against 618,000 a week ago and 1,457,000 on the same day last year. Shipments were 714,000 bushels against 467,000 a week ago and 835,000 on the same day last year. Considerable cribbing was accomplished during the week, but there is some complaint of damage by high water to outstanding corn in some Ohio Valley sections and some spoiling of fields and cribs in parts of Illinois. On Dec. 30 the December price fell $2\frac{1}{2}$ c. under liquidation, with that month $\frac{5}{8}$ c. lower. It was predicted that on Dec. 31 200 to 300 cars would be delivered on December contracts on track. Consumptive demand was not active. Outside markets were underselling Chicago. The industries bought on a fair scale. The United States visible supply increased last week 1,208,000 bushels against 1,208,000 last year. If the weather is better receipts are expected to increase sharply. There has been a very noticeable delay in moving the crop this month owing to bad water. The total visible supply is 7,943,000 bushels against 17,140,000 a year ago.

On Dec. 31 December closed $1\frac{1}{4}$ c. lower, with the other months a shade higher, owing to an unfavorable weather forecast for most States, smaller estimated receipts to arrive and buying by cash houses. On the 2nd inst. prices declined $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{5}{8}$ c. net, after an early advance of $\frac{1}{2}$ to $\frac{3}{4}$ c. Dullness of cash corn was a depressing factor. So were larger receipts. Industries and shippers bought sparingly. Discounts, especially in the lower grades, increased. Choice corn was wanted. Country offerings to arrive were small, but, consequently, were fairly large. To-day prices were steady enough at first, with country offerings small, and some reports of rain over a considerable area. Later on, however, the weather news was better. That made a noticeable difference. The cash demand was small. Consignments were quite large. Professionals were selling. So were a good many of the commission houses. The decline was stopped, however, by covering and the rally in wheat. Final prices show a decline for the week of 1 to 2c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN IN NEW YORK.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
No. 2 yellow	105 $\frac{1}{2}$	104 $\frac{1}{2}$	103 $\frac{3}{4}$	105 $\frac{1}{2}$	105 $\frac{1}{2}$	105

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF CORN FUTURES IN CHICAGO.

	Sat.	Mon.	Tues.	Wed.	Thurs.	Fri.
March delivery	93	92 $\frac{1}{2}$	92 $\frac{3}{4}$	92	91 $\frac{3}{4}$	91 $\frac{3}{4}$
May delivery	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	95 $\frac{3}{4}$	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	95	95
July delivery	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	95 $\frac{1}{2}$	95 $\frac{3}{4}$	97 $\frac{1}{2}$	96 $\frac{3}{4}$	96 $\frac{3}{4}$

Oats have been in very fair cash demand much of the time and have fluctuated within narrow limits, showing a fractional net decline at the end. On the 28th ult. prices ended $\frac{3}{8}$ c. lower to $\frac{1}{4}$ c. higher. Liquidation in December had some effect, but May rallied later and ended the strongest of any delivery on that day. The recent freezes badly damaged oats in the Southeast, but in most parts of the country conditions are favorable. Moisture is needed in

parts of the Southwest, while the snow is diminishing in the Northwest. On Dec. 30th prices ended 2 1/2c. lower for December under liquidation and 5/8c. lower on later months.

On Dec. 31 there was a decline in December of 1c. on last minute liquidation of that month. Cash houses bought the December offerings. Distant months advanced 1/4 to 3/8c.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS IN NEW YORK. No. 2 white. Sat. 59, Mon. 58 1/2, Tues. 58 1/2, Wed. 58 1/2, Thurs. 58 1/2, Fri. 58 1/2.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN CHICAGO. March delivery. Sat. 48 1/4, Mon. 47 3/4, Tues. 48, Wed. 48, Thurs. 47 3/4, Fri. 47 3/4.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF OATS FUTURES IN WINNIPEG. May delivery. Sat. 65 3/4, Mon. 64 3/4, Tues. 65 3/4, Wed. 65 3/4, Thurs. 64 3/4, Fri. 64 3/4.

Rye has declined slightly under the weight of liquidation, but no features of arresting interest have developed. The worst factor is the continued lack of an export trade.

DAILY CLOSING PRICES OF RYE FUTURES IN CHICAGO. March delivery. Sat. 106 3/4, Mon. 105 1/2, Tues. 104 3/4, Wed. 104 1/2, Thurs. 104 1/2, Fri. 104 1/2.

Closing quotations were as follows:

Table with columns for Flour (Spring pat. high protein, Rye flour, etc.) and Grain (Wheat, Oats, Rye, etc.) listing prices per bushel or pound.

For other tables usually given here, see page 94.

Total receipts of flour and grain at the seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 28, follow:

Table showing Receipts at— Flour, Wheat, Corn, Oats, Barley, Rye for New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc., for total week ending Dec. 28, 1929, and since Jan. 1, 1929.

* Receipts do not include grain passing through New Orleans for foreign ports through bills of lading.

The exports from the several seaboard ports for the week ending Saturday, Dec. 28, are shown in the annexed statement:

Exports from— Wheat, Corn, Flour, Oats, Rye, Barley. Table listing bushels/barrels for New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc.

The destination of these exports for the week and since July 1 1929 is as below:

Exports for Week and Since July 1 to— Flour, Wheat, Corn. Table showing barrels/bushels for United Kingdom, Continent, So. & Cent. Amer., etc.

The visible supply of grain, comprising the stocks in granary at principal points of accumulation at lake and seaboard ports Saturday, Dec. 28, were as follows:

GRAIN STOCKS. United States— Wheat, Corn, Oats, Rye, Barley. Table showing bushels for New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore, etc.

Canadian— Montreal, Ft. William & Pt. Arthur, etc. Table listing bushels.

American— Total Dec. 28 1929, Total Dec. 21 1929, Total Dec. 29 1928. Summary— American, Canadian.

Total Dec. 28 1929, Total Dec. 21 1929, Total Dec. 29 1928. Summary— American, Canadian.

The world's shipments of wheat and corn, as furnished by Broomhall to the New York Produce Exchange, for the week ending Friday, Dec. 27, and since July 1 1929 and 1928, are shown in the following:

Exports— Wheat, Corn. Table with columns for 1929 (Week Dec. 27, Since July 1), 1928 (Since July 1), listing bushels for North Amer., Black Sea, etc.

WEATHER BULLETIN FOR THE WEEK ENDED DEC. 31.—The general summary of the weather bulletin issued by the Department of Agriculture, indicating the influence of the weather for the week ended Dec. 31 follows: The week was characterized by rather stable weather conditions, as temperature changes were not marked and large areas of the central and western parts of the country had little or no precipitation.

the northern border States, but precipitation was not widespread until the 28-29th when fairly general rains or snows fell over the East, while on the 29-30th a moderate "low" moved from Virginia to Nova Scotia, bringing rain or snow to much of the Northeast.

West of the Rocky Mountains high pressure prevailed during most of the week, but temperatures were not unusually low for the season. Practically no rain or snow occurred, except in the far Northwest, although light falls were reported south to northern California toward the close of the period.

Chart I shows that the week, as a whole, was abnormally warm over much of the country, and especially from the central Mississippi Valley and lower Great Plains northward. This was in marked contrast to the preceding week, when the temperatures over this area averaged from 12 deg. to 18 deg. below normal compared with plus departures of 12 deg. to 20 deg. for the current week. In the Southeastern States, while the latter part of the week was comparatively warm, the period, as a whole, was considerably below normal in temperature, especially in Florida where the weekly means were deficient by 3 deg. to as much as 7 deg.

Subfreezing temperatures were reported well into northern Florida in the Southeast, but in the interior of the country the line of freezing did not extend farther south than Oklahoma City and central Missouri. There were no zero temperatures reported from first-order stations, except locally in the interior of the Northeast.

Chart II shows that very little precipitation occurred during the week. There were a few moderately heavy local falls in the lower Mississippi Valley, and weekly totals up to 2 inches or more were reported from the extreme northern Pacific coast; elsewhere there was mostly less than 0.5 inch rather generally, and practically no precipitation occurred over the western half of the country, except in the extreme Northwest.

The outstanding feature of the week's weather was the marked reaction to warmer, sunny conditions throughout the interior of the country and in the Northwest, which permitted more active outside operations in seasonal farm work. Under the abnormal warmth the snow cover disappeared rapidly and the main Wheat Belt is again bare, except in the northern parts of the Ohio Valley; there is still some snow cover in portions of the middle Atlantic area.

Late reports as to the effects of the severe freeze last week in the Southeast indicate that considerable harm was done to winter truck crops, especially to cabbage in east Gulf sections. The first of the current week there was also additional injury by freezing in northern Florida, and tender truck was harmed in the central division, with some damage as far south as the Miami district. The recent freeze caused heavy defoliation of satsuma orange trees in the east Gulf section. In the west Gulf area truck is recovering with the warmer conditions, but shipments have been considerably retarded.

Warmer weather and the absence of storms were favorable for livestock over the great western grazing sections, though there is much need of moisture, in the absence of snow, on ranges in some sections, especially in western Colorado and southern Utah, while ranges are still very dry in south Pacific districts. In the central and north Pacific area conditions are much more favorable since the recent moisture supply, while the soil absorbed much water from melting snows in the northwestern Great Plains.

SMALL GRAINS.—The snow cover that prevailed over the eastern Winter Wheat Belt gradually disappeared under the warm weather of the week and at the close the ground was bare over practically the entire section, except the northern Ohio Valley. Condition of the crop remains generally good, however, with only local reports of unfavorable freezing and thawing and little apparent damage thus far. The recent freezes badly damaged oats in the Southeast, but in most parts of the country east of the Mississippi River the reaction to warmer was beneficial. In the southern Great Plains condition of wheat is good to excellent, despite some freezing to the ground in Kansas, where the crop has a vigorous root system and shows a tendency to green. Moisture is needed in parts of the Southwest, while the snow cover is diminishing in the Northwest, with moisture badly needed for plowing in southern California.

CORN AND COTTON.—More favorable conditions prevailed than recently gathering corn, especially from the Mississippi River westward. Considerable cribbing was accomplished during the week, but there were complaints of damage by high water to outstanding corn in some central Ohio Valley sections, and some spoiling in field and crib in parts of Illinois.

The week was also generally favorable for harvesting the remaining cotton crop, although but little is ungathered.

The Weather Bureau furnishes the following resume of the conditions in the different States:

Virginia.—Richmond: Cold first, with snows; warmer latter part of week. Snow cover most of week in middle and Great Valley sections beneficial for winter grains. Favorable for farm operations in east, but melting snow kept ground wet in other parts. Truck and winter grains in good condition.

North Carolina.—Raleigh: Light snow cover in west first half of week; warmer latter part and generally fair. Small grains in satisfactory condition. Favorable for truck in southeast; ground prepared for setting out cabbage and lettuce. Picking cotton about completed.

South Carolina.—Columbia: Abnormally cold early in week, followed by more favorable weather, with light rains. No serious damage to winter cereals and hardy truck from recent freezes, but considerable sweet potatoes frosted. Small grains up and doing fairly well, but wheat sowing in north backward account wet soil. Cotton picking practically finished. Hog killing continues, but not much other work.

Georgia.—Atlanta: Temperatures below normal, with heavy rain only on coast. Ground remains wet and cold; no general farm work done. Damage to cabbage plants by freeze of preceding week reported to be very considerable, and in central Georgia there was much damage to trees, wires, and ornamental plants by ice. Pruning and spraying peach trees in progress.

Florida.—Jacksonville: Showers in extreme north and west; otherwise sunny and cold. Tender truck that escaped previous cold in central was killed and some damage in south; hardy truck, such as cabbage, killed or damaged in north and west. Strawberry bloom killed where not protected. Oats killed or damaged in north and west. Citrus slight damage on low places, but crop, as a whole, escaped. Planting potatoes and other truck continued. Land prepared for tobacco.

Alabama.—Montgomery: Cold at beginning, with freezing in central and north; temperatures mostly somewhat above normal thereafter. Moderate rains middle of week; otherwise fair. Recent freezes killed or badly damaged oats, truck, and vegetables; loss of truck and vegetables, especially cabbage, considerable in coast section. Sweet potatoes ungathered prior to recent severe freezes mostly frozen in ground. Defoliation of satsuma trees very heavy. Little farm work accomplished.

Mississippi.—Vicksburg: Snow disappeared; generally light to moderate rain. Wet soil permitted little progress in farm work, except butchering.

Louisiana.—New Orleans: Mostly fair weather generally favorable, but little work done, except grinding sugar cane, mostly windrowed cane; extent of loss in standing cane yet to be determined. Both leaf and root truck crops extensively damaged by severe weather of preceding week. Orange trees not materially damaged in southeast, but few reports of some damage in southwest.

Texas.—Houston: Warm and dry, with excessive sunshine. Progress and condition of winter wheat and oats only fair in portions of west and northwest account last week's freeze and drought, but mostly good elsewhere, and condition fair to good. Condition of pastures and livestock fair. Some plowing done in west and north, but soil mostly too wet elsewhere. Hardy truck recovering in lower coast section and portions of southwest, but shipments retarded by hard freeze of last week. Damage to citrus trees and fruit slight and shipments continued.

Oklahoma.—Oklahoma City: Moderately warm and mostly clear; no precipitation. Favorable for field work. Some cotton snapped; a little still in fields in west portion. No material damage to wheat by hard freeze of preceding week; condition continues good to excellent, but beginning to need rain in southwest. Pastures short, but livestock in fair to good condition.

Arkansas.—Little Rock: Little work first of week, due to cold, rainy weather and frozen ground in north; favorable for work remainder of week. Some cotton and corn gathered; very little in fields. Some butchering and hauling. Favorable for wheat, oats, meadows, pastures and fruit; all in good condition in most portions.

Tennessee.—Nashville: Improved weather conditions resulted in wheat, oats, rye, and barley picking up satisfactorily, as recent snow covering beneficial. Clover recovering. Livestock fair to good.

Kentucky.—Louisville: Temperatures variable, becoming mild toward close; precipitation light. More favorable for corn gathering; rather dry for handling tobacco. Winter grains look well and show no apparent injury.

THE DRY GOODS TRADE

New York, Friday Night, Jan. 3 1930.

Optimistic forecasts for 1930, coupled with expectations of an early influx of buyers, created more favorable sentiment and firmer prices throughout the textile markets. While the past year has not been one free of unfavorable features, the last few months have witnessed a gradual improvement in the statistical strength of the industry. This has been due to the more intensified practicing of curtailing production, which has had a strengthening effect upon prices in many sections of the trade, and also prompted both buyers and sellers to look forward to the new year as one which holds promise of a more profitable business. While none are so foolish as to presuppose that such improvement can come about without the co-operated action of all concerned, many appear sanguine in their belief that 1930 will bring forth better conditions for the trade as a whole than were experienced in 1929. During the past week, however, sales were more or less limited owing to the holiday interruption, and the fact that the trade was engaged in completing inventories and arranging for clearance sales. On the threshold of the spring season, stocks are generally claimed to be low, and with prices apparently on a more stable basis, increased activity is expected next week when a large number of buyers are due to arrive in the market. Many have arrived the past few days, and several large buying organizations indicate that they will soon be interested in the market. It is hoped that quotations will prove attractive enough to stimulate sales on a scale large enough to enable mills to plan their operating schedules economically.

DOMESTIC COTTON GOODS.—The outlook for the new year in the markets for domestic cotton goods is considered favorable. Although certain types of cloths are firmer and in a better statistical position than others, it is expected that practically all will participate in the improvement. In reviewing the outstanding influence of the past year, factors are generally agreed that one of the most important impulses agitating a better balance between supply and demand has been the efforts of the Cotton-Textile Institute. This organization has efficiently collected, compiled and disseminated statistical data relative to production, consumption and style trends of cotton goods. This has done more to accentuate the position of the trade than any other single development and has allowed manufacturers intelligently to plan their output schedules. The resultant closer approximation of production and consumption has had a strengthening effect upon prices, and has also encouraged buyers to operate on a more liberal scale. Naturally, the past week, being permeated with the holiday spirit, was an exemption. However, business was not at a standstill, and the total for the week was considered of fair proportions. Particular improvement set in since New Year's Day. Orders received through the mails have been larger, and with buyers beginning to arrive in the market to operate on the new lines, the trade is disposed to look forward to an excellent business next week. According to current indications, it is expected that wash goods, various prints and fine goods will prove the most popular fabrics during the coming season. The curtailment of production during the past fortnight has been one of the most drastic and widespread since last summer, and has resulted in a much healthier condition. 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 8c., and the 39-inch 80x80's at 9½c.

WOOLEN GOODS.—In the absence of important business, interest in the markets for woolens and worsteds centered in the forthcoming Golden Fleece Fabric and Fashion Revue which is to be held at the Hotel Ritz-Carlton next week. This will be the forerunner of the spring and fall showings, and also serve to stimulate interest in the new weaves, designs, weights and colors which are claimed to be extremely attractive. Mills are reported to have made significant strides along these lines recently, and all indications point to a successful exhibition. In the meantime, prices continue firm despite the holiday lull, and buyers are expected to re-enter the market and operate in a substantial way within the near future.

FOREIGN DRY GOODS.—Local linen markets continued irregular. While a fairly good spot business was transacted the earlier part of the week, sales tapered off later owing to the holiday interruption. Interest in dress linens was a feature, with numerous orders placed for January and February delivery. Current prospects are that the market will be relatively quiet for the time being, but that sales will begin to increase again about the middle of the month. Prices appear quite firm at current levels, and many believe that manufacturers will try to get operations on a more profitable basis within the near future. Reports concerning Christmas distribution indicated that sales totals were about in line with those of the corresponding period a year ago. Burlaps were quiet, with prices comparatively steady. Light weights are quoted at 5.15c., and heavies at 5.30c.

State and City Department

MUNICIPAL BOND SALES IN DECEMBER AND FOR THE YEAR 1929.

State and municipal long-term bonds sold during December aggregated \$298,316,506. This figure compares with \$84,752,974 for the previous month and with \$149,428,822 for December the previous year.

The total amount of long-term bonds sold during the twelve months of 1929, according to our records, was \$1,432,661,806. This figure, however, is subject to correction by later returns. In 1928 the grand total was \$1,414,784,537; in 1927, \$1,509,582,929; in 1926, \$1,365,057,464; in 1925, \$1,399,637,992; in 1924, \$1,398,953,158, and in 1923, \$1,063,119,823.

The magnitude of the December emissions is attributable principally to the putting out by the City of New York of long-term obligations aggregating \$130,100,000, the disposal by the City and County of San Francisco, Calif., of \$41,000,000 4 1/2% San Francisco-Spring Valley water bonds, and the public award by the City of Detroit, Mich., of various bond issues aggregating \$24,266,000. New York City on Dec. 11 awarded \$65,000,000 of 4 1/2% gold corporate stock and serial bonds, due from 1931 to 1980 inclusive, to a National City Co. syndicate at a price of 102.3487, an interest cost basis of about 4.351%—V. 129, p. 3836. The city, in addition, during the latter part of the month sold \$65,100,000 of its obligations to its sinking funds, made up of a \$52,000,000 issue of 3 1/2% rapid transit railroad construction bonds, due on Dec. 15 1933, at a price of par, and of \$13,100,000 3 1/2% corporate stock and serial bonds, due in from 5 to 50 years—V. 129, p. 3999. The Bank of Italy of San Francisco purchased at private sale at a price of par the \$41,000,000 City and County of San Francisco, Calif., 4 1/2% Spring Valley water bonds, due from 1930 to 1970 incl., which had been unsuccessfully offered for sale on Jan. 14 of 1929—V. 129, p. 436. The City of Detroit, Mich., on Dec. 5 awarded seven issues of bonds, maturing from 1930 to 1959 incl., to a group managed by the Bankers Co. of New York at a price of 100.009, for \$12,313,000 bonds as 4 1/2s, \$6,953,000 bonds as 4 1/4s and \$5,000,000 bonds as 5s, an interest cost to the city of about 4.47%—V. 129, p. 3665. The usual table of the bonds unsuccessfully offered during the month will be found below.

A compilation of other municipal awards of \$1,000,000 or over during December is given herewith:

- \$12,976,000 Philadelphia, Pa., improvement bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank, of New York, at a price of par, as follows: \$6,620,000 bonds, due Dec. 2 1979, optional on or after Dec. 2 1949, sold as 4 1/4s, \$5,356,000 bonds, due Dec. 2 1979, optional on or after Dec. 2 1949, sold as 4 1/2s, and \$1,000,000 bonds, due Dec. 2 1944, without option of prior redemption, were sold as 4 1/4s.
7,278,000 Chicago, Ill., 4% bonds, consisting of seven issues maturing annually from 1931 to 1947, incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by the First National Bank of New York, at 97.44, a basis of about 4.44%.
4,609,000 Boston, Mass., 4 1/4% bonds, comprising 25 issues maturing from 1930 to 1970, incl., awarded to a syndicate headed by the Old Colony Corp., of Boston, at a price of 100.239, a basis of about 4.23%. The accepted tender was the only one received.
3,590,000 Buffalo, N. Y., improvement bonds due annually from 1930 to 1959, incl., consisting of seven issues, awarded to a syndicate headed by White, Weld & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.036, a net interest cost basis of about 4.095%, as follows: \$2,450,000 bonds were sold as 4 1/4s, and \$1,140,000 bonds were sold as 4s.
2,500,000 Wayne County, Mich., bonds sold as follows: \$1,100,000 airport bonds, due \$100,000 from 1931 to 1941, incl., sold as 4 1/4s, and \$800,000 airport bonds, due \$100,000 from 1942 to 1949, incl., sold as 4 1/4s, to a group headed by the Continental Illinois Co., Chicago, at a price of 100.007, a basis of about 4.42%; \$100,000 airport bonds, due on April 1 1930 and \$500,000 hospital bonds, due \$100,000 from 1930 to 1934, incl., sold as 4 1/4s, at a price of par, to the American State Bank, of Detroit.
2,300,000 Cincinnati City S. D., Ohio, 4 1/4% bonds awarded to a syndicate headed by Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Chicago, at a price of 101.318, a basis of about 4.36%. The bonds mature annually from 1931 to 1954, inclusive.
1,500,000 Tacoma, Wash., 4 1/4% electric light and power bonds awarded to a group headed by the Bancamerica-Blair Corp. of New York at a price of 97.35, a basis of about 5.18%. The bonds mature from July 1 1936 to Jan. 1 1942.
2,000,000 Milwaukee County, Wis., 4 1/4% coupon court house bonds, due \$100,000 on Dec. 1 1930 to 1949, incl., awarded to a group managed by the Chase Securities Corp., of New York, at a price of 103.069, a basis of about 4.36%.
2,000,000 Seattle, Wash., 5% utility bonds sold to a syndicate managed by the Bancamerica-Blair Corp., of New York, at a price of 92.68, a basis of about 5.67%. The bonds mature annually from 1935 to 1959, inclusive.
2,000,000 Waterbury, Conn., 4 1/4% funding bonds, due \$200,000 on Nov. 1 1930 to 1939, inclusive, awarded to a group headed by Emanuel & Co. of New York at a price of 100.83, a basis of about 4.57%.
1,800,000 Maverick Co. Water Impt. Dist. No. 1, Tex., bonds reported sold at a price of 90 to the Ulen Engineering Co. of Lebanon (Indiana). No official confirmation of this sale has been made.
1,800,000 New Haven, Conn., 4 1/4% improvement bonds, due annually from 1932 to 1960, incl., comprising three issues, awarded at a price of 102.32 to the Chase Securities Corp. and White, Weld & Co., both of New York, jointly. Interest cost basis of about 4.28%.
1,787,000 Camden Co., N. J. 4 1/4% bonds awarded to a group headed by White, Weld & Co. of New York, as follows: \$1,301,000 county building bonds, due from 1931 to 1948, incl., sold at a price of 102.66, a basis of about 4.29% and \$486,000 park bonds, due from 1931 to 1979, incl., sold at a price of 103.06, a basis of about 4.30%.

- \$1,769,000 San Francisco, Calif., 4 1/4% bonds, comprising three issues maturing from 1932 to 1938, incl., awarded at a price of par to the American National Co. of San Francisco.
1,700,000 Syracuse, N. Y., bonds, comprising three issues, awarded to Eldredge & Co. of New York, at a price of 100.09, an interest cost basis of about 4.208%, as follows: \$880,000 railroad aid refunding bonds were sold as 4 1/2s; due from 1930 to 1949, incl., and \$500,000 school bonds, due from 1930 to 1949, incl., also \$320,000 water bonds, due from 1930 to 1969, incl., were sold as 4s.
1,194,350 Toledo, Ohio, bonds and notes awarded to the Bancamerica-Blair Corp., of New York, as follows: \$944,350 bonds, \$629,670 as 4 1/4s and \$314,680 as 4 1/2s, awarded at a price of 100.01, an interest cost basis of about 4.532%. The bonds mature from 1931 to 1934, incl. An issue of 250,000 Street Cleaning Dept. notes, due \$125,000 on June and Dec. 15 in 1931, was sold as 4 1/4s at a price of 100.22, a basis of about 4.60%.
1,518,000 Albany Port District, N. Y., improvement bonds, due from 1934 to 1979, incl., awarded as 4 1/4s to a syndicate headed by George B. Gibbons & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.11, a basis of about 4.74%. The accepted tender was the only received.
1,682,000 Bayonne, N. J., bonds awarded as 4 1/4s to a group headed by H. L. Allen & Co. of New York, as follows: \$1,168,000 improvement bonds, due from 1932 to 1950, incl., sold at a price of 100.24, a basis of about 4.74%. An issue of \$382,000 water bonds, due from 1932 to 1970, incl., sold at a price of 100.54, a basis of about 4.46%, and an issue of \$132,000 school bonds, due from 1932 to 1969, incl., sold at a price of 100.24, a basis of about 4.48%.
1,400,000 Fisher County, Tex., refunding and highway bonds reported sold to the Brown-Crummer Co. of Wichita. Details of the award have not been received.
1,258,000 Bergen Co., N. J., public improvement bonds, due from 1930 to 1951, incl., awarded as 4 1/4s to a group managed by Graham Parsons & Co., of New York, at a price of 101.01, a basis of about 4.39%.
1,013,000 New Rochelle, N. Y., bonds, consisting of four issues maturing annually from 1932 to 1964, incl., awarded as 4 1/4s to the Bancamerica-Blair Corp. and Salomon Bros. & Hutzler, both of New York, jointly, at a price of 100.63, a basis of about 4.19%.
1,000,000 Austin, Tex., bonds awarded as 4 1/4s to a syndicate managed by Caldwell & Co., of Nashville, at a price of 101.25, a basis of about 4.65%. The bonds sold, comprising four issues, mature annually from 1931 to 1960, inclusive.
1,000,000 Illinois, State of, 4% water way bonds, due on Jan. 1 1936, awarded to the Chase Securities Corp. of New York, at a price of 98.10, a basis of about 4.36%.
1,000,000 Long Beach School Districts, Calif., 5% bonds awarded as follows: \$550,000 Long Beach City School District bonds, due annually from 1930 to 1959, incl., were awarded to R. H. Moulton & Co. of Los Angeles, at a price of 102.76, a basis of about 4.72%, and \$450,000 Long Beach City High School District bonds, due annually from 1930 to 1959, incl., awarded to the Seaboard Co., of Los Angeles, at a price of 103.63, a basis of about 4.67%.
1,000,000 Ramsey County, Minn., road and bridge bonds awarded to Roosevelt & Son, of New York, at a price of par, and interest cost basis of about 4.22% as follows: \$652,000 bonds maturing from 1931 to 1945, incl., were sold as 4 1/4s and \$348,000 bonds maturing from 1945 to 1950, incl., were sold as 3 1/4s.

As was the case in preceding months, a considerable number of municipalities was unsuccessful in disposing of their offerings in December. In the following table we give a list of the municipalities which failed to market their offerings during the month, showing the amount of the offering, the interest rate specified and the reason, if any, assigned for the failure to award the obligations:

Table with 6 columns: Page, Name, Int. Rate, Amount, Report. Lists municipalities such as Astoria, Ore., Beaver Falls S.D., Pa., Berea, Ohio, etc., with their respective bond amounts and reasons for failure to sell.

a Date of sale was postponed until 2.30 P. M. on Jan. 7—V. 129, p. 3994. b Bonds were unsuccessfully offered as 5s on Dec. 17—V. 129, p. 3503; reoffered at not to exceed 6% interest on Jan. 7—V. 129, p. 4165. c Bonds reoffered to be sold at 7.30 P. M. on Jan. 8. Interest rate not to exceed 6%—V. 129, p. 4616. d Award held up by the District Court—V. 129, p. 3665. e Rejected offer was 95.25, submitted by C. W. McNear & Co., of Chicago—V. 129, p. 4167. f A syndicate bid prices of 88.60 and 90.40 for the bonds, which were rejected as unsatisfactory. The bonds are being reoffered to be sold at 10 A. M. on Jan. 6—V. 129, p. 3834. g A block of \$500,000 of the \$3,325,000 bonds offered was awarded to the First National Bank, of Mobile, as 4 1/4s, at a price of 98. h A temporary order restraining the county commissioners from selling the bonds was issued, pending a hearing of a request filed in the District Clerk for an injunction enjoining the sale of the bonds, which was subsequently denied—V. 129, p. 3831, 4164. i The rejected tender, an offer of 101.83 for the bonds as 4 1/4s, was submitted by a group headed by the Equitable Trust Co. of New York, and was made with the proviso that the State furnish an unqualified opinion as to legality. Governor Richards rejected the offer, stating that he felt that a much better price could be had after the appeal of the act authorizing the bonds had been passed upon by the U. S. Supreme Court—V. 129, p. 4000.

Temporary loans negotiated during the month totaled \$37,105,997, of which \$21,850,000 was borrowed by the City of New York. Canadian long-term municipal bonds sold during December aggregated \$59,261,910. About \$14,000,000 of these bonds are reported to have been placed in the United States. The Province of Ontario, Can., contributed \$30,000,000 to the month's total, having awarded an issue of bonds for that amount, bearing 5% interest, to a syndicate managed by the National City Co. of New York, at a price of 100.8099 (Canadian funds), a basis of about

4.95%. Of the proceeds from the sale of the bonds, which mature on Dec. 2 1960, approximately \$10,000,000 will be used for refunding purposes and the remaining \$20,000,000 for capital expenditures—V. 129, p. 3673. A total of \$18,300,000 Montreal, Que., bonds, \$14,000,000 due on Jan. 1 1950, and \$4,300,000 due on Jan. 1 1970, were awarded as 4½s to a Bancamerica-Blair Corp. syndicate, at a price of 92.8177 (Canadian funds), a basis of about 5.02%—V. 129, p. 4003. An issue of \$750,000 Government of Porto Rico 4½% irrigation bonds, due annually on July 1 from 1952 to 1970, inclusive, was awarded to M. M. Freeman & Co. of New York, at a price of 102.139, a basis of about 4.38%—V. 129, p. 3837.

Below we furnish a comparison of all various forms of obligations sold in December during the last five years:

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Perm. mun. loans (U.S.)	\$ 298,316,506	\$ 149,428,822	\$ 111,025,235	\$ 144,878,224	\$ 157,987,647
*Tem. mun. loans (U.S.)	37,105,997	27,780,000	40,188,500	69,278,000	140,025,125
Canadian loans (temp.)	None	None	None	None	None
Canadian loans (perm.)					
Placed in Canada	45,261,910	2,314,777	4,561,612	7,584,989	12,110,422
Placed in U.S.	14,000,000	None	7,500,000	None	10,500,000
Gen. fd. bds. (N. Y. C.)	None	None	None	None	11,800,000
Bds. of U.S. Posses's'ns	750,000	None	2,216,000	None	1,000,000
Total	395,434,413	179,523,599	165,496,347	221,741,213	333,423,194

* Includes \$21,850,000 temporary securities issued by New York City in December 1929, \$9,740,000 in Dec. 1928, \$28,975,000 in 1927 and \$40,125,000 in December 1926 and \$129,440,000 in December 1925.

The number of municipalities emitting bonds and the number of separate issues made during December 1929 were 313 and 477, respectively. This contrasts with 291 and 405 for November 1929, and with 385 and 660 for December 1928.

The following table shows the aggregate of permanent issues for December, as well as the twelve months for a series of years. The 1929 figures are subject to revision by later advices:

Month of December	For the Twelve Months	Month of December	For the Twelve Months
1929	\$298,316,506	1910	\$36,621,581
1928	149,428,822	1909	31,759,718
1927	111,025,235	1908	28,050,299
1926	144,878,224	1907	13,718,505
1925	157,987,647	1906	21,260,174
1924	93,682,986	1905	8,254,593
1923	113,645,909	1904	9,985,785
1922	66,049,400	1903	13,491,797
1921	220,468,661	1902	11,567,812
1920	55,476,631	1901	15,456,958
1919	62,082,923		22,160,751
1918	22,953,088		4,981,225
1917	32,559,197		7,308,343
1916	35,779,384		17,855,477
1915	34,913,362		10,664,287
1914	29,211,479		8,545,804
1913	44,635,028		13,486,375
1912	27,657,909		17,306,564
1911	36,028,842		3,297,249

The monthly output in each of the years 1929 and 1928 is shown in the following table:

1929.		1928.		1929.		1928.	
January	\$75,472,965	\$100,343,627	September	\$99,588,853	\$66,704,334	February	\$69,639,101
February	105,695,207	129,832,864	October	116,747,833	99,233,955	March	105,695,207
March	105,695,207	129,832,864	November	84,732,974	171,281,252	April	91,907,769
April	91,907,769	129,832,864	December	298,316,506	149,428,822	May	175,595,882
May	175,595,882	154,707,953				June	150,620,034
June	150,620,034	129,806,486				July	83,583,447
July	83,583,447	80,799,070	Total	\$1,432,661,806	\$1,414,784,537	August	80,741,230
August	80,741,230	68,918,129	Average per month	119,388,483	117,898,711		

The total of all municipal loans put out during the calendar year 1929 was \$2,569,978,014, including \$1,432,661,806 of new issues of long-term bonds by the States, counties and minor civil divisions of the United States, \$908,467,704 temporary municipal loans negotiated, \$202,058,504 obligations of Canada, its provinces and municipalities, \$1,570,000 of the Governments of Porto Rico and the Philippines, \$3,520,000 of the Territory of Hawaii, none of the City of Honolulu, and \$21,700,000 "general fund bonds" of New York City. In the following table we furnish a comparison of all these forms of securities put out in each of the last five years:

	1929.	1928.	1927.	1926.	1925.
Permanent loan (U. S.)	\$ 1,432,661,806	\$ 1,414,784,537	\$ 1,509,582,929	\$ 1,365,057,464	\$ 1,399,637,992
* Temporary loans (U. S.)	908,467,704	734,539,723	602,178,437	608,534,019	857,168,702
* Canadian loans (permanent)					
Placed in Can.	140,246,504	56,710,360	92,704,566	56,752,275	118,062,019
Placed in U.S.	61,812,000	38,052,750	135,256,000	109,792,000	145,955,000
Bds. U. S. Poss's'ns	5,090,000	6,161,500	12,934,000	10,422,500	8,715,000
Gen. fund bonds (N. Y. City)	21,700,000	38,500,000	14,980,000	43,250,000	41,000,000
Total	2,569,978,014	2,288,748,870	2,367,635,982	2,193,808,258	2,571,138,713

* Includes \$558,990,500 temporary securities issued by New York City in 1929, \$529,778,500 in 1928, \$423,925,000 in 1927, \$426,015,000 in 1926 \$693,314,000 in 1925, and \$730,876,940 in 1924.

* 1927 includes a Dominion loan of \$45,000,000; 1926 a Dominion loan of \$40,000,000; 1925 a Dominion loan of \$145,000,000; 1924 a Dominion loan of \$175,000,000; 1923 a Dominion loan of \$200,000,000.

In the following table we give a list of December 1929 loans in the amount of \$298,316,506, issued by 313 municipalities. In the case of each loan reference is made to the page in the "Chronicle" where accounts of the sale are given:

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
3994	Ackerman, Miss.	-----	6	12,000	-----	-----
4164	Ada, Ohio	-----	6	15,000	100.33	5.93
3831	Akron City S. D., Ohio	4½	1936-1949	266,000	100.32	4.47
4165	Albany Port Dest., N. Y.	4½	1934-1979	1,518,000	100.11	4.74
3831	Albuquerque Mun. Sch. Dist., N. Mex.	4½	-----	r300,000	-----	-----
4165	Alexandria, Va.	-----	1935-1968	750,000	98	4.64
3831	Alhambra, Calif.	5	1930-1959	150,000	103.65	4.67
4165	Alhambra Un. H. School District, Calif.	5	1931-1950	240,000	101.81	4.78
4665	Alliance, Ohio (4 issues)	4½	1930-1948	68,500	100.12	4.73
4165	Altoona City S. D., Pa.	4½	1931-1960	800,000	100	4.25
3994	Angola, N. Y.	-----	1931-1950	35,000	100.82	4.88
3994	Anniston, Ala.	5½	1930-1949	75,000	100.26	5.45
167	Applington, Iowa	-----	-----	135,000	-----	-----
4165	Ashtabula, Ohio	-----	-----	1,000,000	-----	-----
3994	Austin, Tex. (4 issues)	4½	1931-1960	1,000,000	101.25	4.65
3994	Bar Harbor, Me.	-----	1932-1937	80,000	99.83	4.54
4165	Bartow, Fla.	6	1932-1944	r64,000	90	7.35
3994	Bayonne, N. J.	4½	1932-1950	1,168,000	100.24	4.47
3994	Bayonne, N. J.	4½	1932-1970	382,000	100.54	4.46
3994	Bayonne, N. J.	4½	1932-1969	132,000	100.24	4.48
3831	Bedford, Ohio (3 iss.)	5½	1930-1940	337,883	100.26	-----
167	Bedford, Ind.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
3994	Bedford, Ohio	5	1931-1941	40,000	102.25	4.58
4165	Belmont Co., Ohio	5	1931-1940	127,926	100.86	4.84
3831	Benton Co., Ind.	-----	-----	60,795	100.86	4.82
3663	Berea, Ohio (2 issues)	5	1930-1930	1,940	100	6.00
167	Berea, Ohio (2 issues)	5	1931-1940	58,225	100.81	4.75
3831	Bergen Co., N. J.	4½	1930-1951	1,258,000	101.01	4.39
4165	Bergenfield, N. J.	5½	1931-1939	600,000	100.12	5.72
4165	Bertendorf, Iowa	4½	1930-1940	11,500	100.48	4.65
3831	Binghamton, N. Y. (8 iss.)	4½	1930-1959	530,000	102.25	4.22
3995	Birmingham, Ala.	5	1931-1940	310,000	100.65	4.87
4165	Bismarck, Mo.	5½	1934-1949	47,000	100.09	5.49
3995	Bloom Twp. Rur. S. D.	-----	-----	-----	-----	-----
167	Bolivar, N. Y.	-----	1931-1953	40,000	100.18	-----
3831	Booneville Sewer Dist., No. 2, Ark.	6	1930-1944	50,000	99	6.17
3995	Boone County, Ind.	4½	1930-1939	2,600	100	4.75
3664	Boston, Mass. (25 iss.)	4½	1930-1974	4,609,000	100.23	4.23
4165	Brockway Twp. S. D. No. 1, Mich.	5½	1931-1959	95,000	102	5.08
3995	Brookhaven S. D. No. 3, N. Y.	5	1935-1953	26,800	100.20	4.98
3995	Brook Park, Ohio	5½	1930-1939	17,247	100.52	5.63
3995	Brookline, Mass. (2 iss.)	4½	1931-1940	340,000	101.06	4.03
3995	Brownwood, Tex.	6	20 years.	160,000	100	6.00
3832	Buffalo, N. Y.	4½	1930-1949	2,450,000	100.03	4.09
3832	Buffalo, N. Y.	4½	1930-1959	1,140,000	100.03	4.09
4165	Buhl, Minn.	-----	-----	181,000	100.42	6.00
4165	Burley, Idaho	6	1932-1940	19,000	100	5.91
3995	Butler Co., Ohio	6	1931-1935	3,760	100.26	6.00
3832	Camden Co., N. J.	4½	1931-1968	1,301,000	102.66	4.29
3832	Camden Co., N. J.	4½	1931-1979	486,000	103.06	4.30
4166	Canton, S. Dak.	6	-----	34,011	100	6.00
4166	Canton, Ohio	4½	1931-1945	26,162	100.12	4.73
4166	Canyon Co. S. D. No. 47, Idaho	-----	-----	12,000	100	-----
3995	Castleton-on-Hudson, N. Y.	6	1931-1935	5,000	100.78	5.80
3832	Cedar Rapids Ind. Sch. District, Iowa	4½	1931-1950	100,000	101.33	4.34
3995	Chapmanville Sch. Dist., W. Va.	-----	-----	65,000	100	-----
4166	Chapel Hill, N. C.	5½	1931-1954	65,000	100.54	5.20
4166	Chelan, Wash.	5½	2-20 yrs.	12,500	100	5.60
167	Chelsea, Mass. (3 issues)	4½	1930-1939	150,000	100.52	4.19
3832	Chester Twp., N. J.	6	1931-1963	145,000	-----	-----
3995	Chicago, Ill. (7 issues)	4	1931-1947	7,278,000	97.44	4.44
3832	Cincinnati S. D., Tex. 5	-----	1969	22,500	100	5.00
3995	Circleville Ind. S. D., Ohio	4½	1931-1954	2,300,000	101.31	4.36
4166	Clarke County, Wash.	6	1937	d171,000	100	6.00
3832	Clay County, Ind.	4½	1931-1948	27,270	100	5.00
3832	Cleveland, Ohio	4½	1931-1947	750,000	100.14	4.31
3832	Cleveland, Ohio (2 issues)	4½	1931-1941	230,000	100.14	4.31
3832	Climax County, Ind.	5	1930-1940	14,280	101.08	4.75
3832	Coastal Highway Commission, S. C.	5	1931-1939	300,000	100.19	4.95
4166	Coffee County Rural High Sch. Dist. No. 1, Kan.	5	1931-1935	5,000	-----	-----
3996	Colby, Kan.	4½	1930-1939	41,000	-----	-----
4166	Colerain Twp. Rural Sch. District, Ohio	4½	1931-1952	90,000	100.12	4.74
3832	Columbia Co. Sch. Dist. No. 47, Ore.	5½	-----	15,000	100.14	-----
3996	Columbus, Neb. (4 issues)	5	5-20 yrs.	73,500	-----	-----
3665	Compton H. S. D., Calif.	5	1940-1959	225,000	104.61	4.63
3996	Cook Co. Forest Preserve District, Ill.	4	1930-1948	383,000	96.43	4.45
4166	Coronado Sch. Dist., Pa.	4½	1936-1957	70,000	102.22	4.32
3832	Cortlandt Sch. District No. 4, N. Y.	4	1932-1971	108,000	100.31	4.78
167	Coshocota, O. (4 issues)	5	1930-1939	26,851	-----	-----
3996	County Water Dist., Calif.	5½	1939-1950	60,000	102.17	5.28
3665	Covington, Ky.	4½	1932-1961	192,000	100.06	4.49
3996	Crab Orchard, Neb (2 issues)	-----	-----	r13,000		

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167	Grapeland Rd. D., Tex	5 1/2	1949	20,000	---	---	3837	Raeford, N. C.	6	1932-1951	20,000	101.56	5.82
169	Greenville, Tenn.	5 1/2		98,000	---	---	4169	Ramsey Co., Mich	4 3/4	1931-1945	652,000	100	4.75
167	Grosse Pointe Twp. Agric.						4169	Ramsey Co., Mich	3 3/4	1946-1950	348,000	100	3.75
	S. D. No. 1, Mich	4 3/4	1930-1959	120,000	101.38	4.61	4000	Redonda Beach, Calif	5	1931-1955	50,000	101.17	4.87
169	Grundy Co., Iowa	5		12,000	100.66	---	4169	Reesville Rur. S. D., Ohio	5	1930-1952	52,000	100.20	4.97
	Hackensack, N. J.	4 3/4	1931-1947	189,000	100.21	4.72	171	Rensselaer, N. Y.	4 1/2	1932-1949	149,000	101	4.38
666	Hamilton Co., Ind.	4 3/4	1930-1939	2,600	100.03	4.74	3837	Richard, Lexington & Saluda Cos., S. C.	5	1931-1945	500,000	101.60	4.82
834	Hancock Co., O. (2 iss.)	5	1931-1939	24,150	100.60	4.88	4169	Riverside Co. W. W. Dist.			60,000	---	---
834	Harlan County, Ky.	5	1958-1959	25,000	---	---	171	No. 1, Calif	7	1931-1942	72,000	100.46	4.41
997	Hartford, Kan.	5		40,000	---	---	171	Roseburg, Ore.	4 1/2	1931-1942	60,000	---	---
834	Haverford Twp. S. D., Pa.	4 3/4	1931-1960	200,000	100.00	4.25	4000	Rye Central H. S. D. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4.40	1931-1960	350,000	100.57	4.35
834	Haywood Co., Tenn.	5	1935-1959	100,000	100.38	4.96	3670	St. Clair Shares, Mich. (2 iss.)	5 1/2	1931-1935	69,800	---	---
666	Hempstead School Dist.						171	Salem, Ohio	4 3/4	1931-1948	186,000	100.15	4.61
834	No. 12, N. Y.	4.80	1930-1959	61,000	100.27	4.77	3837	Salem, Ore.	5 1/2	1931-1940	39,042	100.19	---
834	Hillsboro, Kan.	4 3/4	1930-1934	7,801	100.02	5.49	4000	Salt Lake City, Utah	4 3/4	1930	700,000	99.52	4.73
834	Hillsdale S. D. No. 22, Ia.	5	20 years	16,000	100.00	5.00	3670	San Francisco, Calif. (3 iss.)	4 1/2		1,769,000	100	4.60
997	Hoboken, N. J.	5	1930-1939	80,000	100.49	4.89	4000	San Francisco (City & Co. of Calif.)	4 1/2	1930-1970	1,000,000	100	4.50
167	Holland, Mich.	5 1/2	1931-1939	95,085	100.09	5.48	171	Saul, Mich. (2 issues)	5-10 yrs.	34,888	---	---	---
997	Holmes Co., Ohio (2 iss.)	5 1/2	1930-1934	46,320	100.08	5.20	4170	Scarsdale, N. Y.	4 1/2	1934-1958	87,500	100.33	4.47
167	Homewood, Ala.	6		90,000	---	---	4170	Scarsdale, N. Y.	4 1/2	1930-1934	40,000	100	4.50
169	Hudson Falls, N. Y.	5	1930-1939	30,000	101.66	4.63	3670	Schenectady, N. Y. (diss.)	4.40	1930-1949	425,000	100.22	4.36
167	Hunterdon Co., N. J.	4 1/2	1931-1946	276,000	100.04	4.49	3670	Scotia, N. Y. (2 iss.)	4.60	1930-1958	150,500	100.14	4.58
834	Huntington, N. Y.	4.40	1934-1949	123,000	100.06	4.39	4000	Scribner, Neb.	5	1934	9,000	100	5.00
169	Hutchinson, Kan. (2 iss.)	4 3/4	1930-1939	79,991	100.60	4.62	3670	Seatle, Wash.	5	1935-1959	2,000,000	92.68	5.27
169	Illino (State of)	4	1930	1,000,000	98.10	4.36	3670	Seneca Falls, N. Y.	5	1930-1937	30,000	100.30	4.92
169	Independence, Kan. (2 iss.)	5	1930-1939	24,255	---	---	3670	Sharon, Pa.	4 1/2	1934-1944	55,000	100.65	4.42
666	Indianapolis, Ind.	4 1/2	1932-1951	875,000	101.33	4.35	171	Sharon, Cherry Valley and Roseboom S. D. No. 1, N. Y.	4.90	1931-1960	130,000	100.68	4.84
167	Indianapolis, Ind.	4 1/2	1932-1956	79,000	100.26	4.47	3671	Shelby Co., Ind.	4 3/4	1931-1941	14,840	100.05	4.74
167	Irondequoit, N. Y.	5 1/2	1930-1944	869,554	100.00	5.50	4170	Shelby, Ohio.	5	1930-1936	14,000	100	5.00
167	Isanti Co., Minn.	4 3/4		18,400	101.38	---	4170	Skowhegan, Me.	4	1930-1943	129,000	97.67	4.32
167	Jacksboro I. S. D., Tex.	5		49,000	---	---	3837	So. Plainfield, N. J. (3 iss.)	5 1/2	1930-1936	73,000	100.13	5.47
169	Jacksonville, Tex.	5		75,000	100	---	4001	South Plains S. D., Tex.	5	1931-1937	16,000	100	5.57
834	Jenkintown, Pa.	4 3/2	1939-1959	445,000	101.61	4.30	4170	South Zanesville, Ohio	5 1/2	1931-1937	9,823	100.55	5.37
169	Jenkintown S. D., Pa.	4 3/4	1940-1960	60,000	100.05	4.24	4001	Sparks, Nev.	5	1932-1951	80,000	100	5.00
834	Jericho Water D., N. Y.	4.30	1934-1948	350,000	100.11	4.29	3671	Speedway, Ind.	5	1950	40,000	101.12	4.91
169	Johnstown, Neb.	6	1949	73,000	---	---	171	Springfield, Mass.	4	1930-1960	1,000,000	100	4.00
169	Joliet Park Dist., Ill.	5	1930-1948	200,000	103.65	4.54	4001	Springfield, Ohio	4 1/2	1931-1955	200,000	101.51	4.34
3997	Kane, Pa.	5	1930-1937	32,000	101.01	4.75	3837	Steffton, Pa.	5	1930-1939	38,865	---	---
834	Kenosha, Wis.	5	1930-1949	200,000	104.43	4.56	4170	Stockton, Calif.	5	1931-1940	10,000	100.01	4.49
3997	King County, Wash.	4 1/2	2-30 yrs.	500,000	100.09	4.49	4170	Stockton, Calif.	4 1/2	1941-1947	250,000	103.35	4.43
3997	King Co. S. D. No. 210, Wash.	5		45,000	100	5.00	3838	Tacoma, Wash. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1939-1941	150,000	103.35	4.43
169	Kings Point, N. Y.	4 1/2	1934-1967	275,000	101.35	4.40	4170	Taconia, Wash.	4 3/4	1949	100,000	101.31	4.40
3997	Knox Co., Ind.	6	1931-1940	26,151	100	6.00	3671	Tacoma, Wash.	4 1/2	1930-1949	r880,000	100.09	4.208
3667	Lake Co., Ohio (2 issues)	4 3/4	1930-1949	117,538	100.31	---	3838	Teanack Twp., N. J.	6	1936-1942	1,500,000	97.35	5.18
169	Lake Co., Ohio	5	1930-1939	97,754	100.80	4.80	3838	Texarkana S. D., Tex.	5	1931-1969	665,000	99.15	5.07
167	Lake Dallas S. D., Tex.	6		12,000	100	---	4001	Tokio Ind. S. D., Tex.	4	1930-1938	288,000	100	---
834	Lakeview, Ore.	6		75,000	98	---	4001	Toledo, Ohio (4 issues)	4 3/4	1931-1933	629,670	100.01	4.53
169	Lansing, Mich. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	1931-1940	500,000	100.21	4.46	4170	Toledo, Ohio	4 3/4	1933-1934	314,680	100.01	4.53
3667	Laussing S. D. No. 9, N. Y.	5	1931-1950	125,000	101	4.87	4170	Toledo, Ohio	5	1939	250,000	100.22	4.60
3667	Lauderdale Co., Miss.	6		30,000	---	---	3838	Topoka, Kan.	5 1/2	1930-1939	131,234	100.47	4.55
4168	Laurel, Miss. (5 issues)	5 1/2	1949	420,000	100.27	5.75	3838	Toskey, Kan.	4 1/2	1930-1939	89,124	100.47	4.55
3998	Letcher County, Ky.	5 1/2	1949	110,000	100	5.75	171	Trumbull Co., O. (4 iss.)	4 1/2	1930-1949	r880,000	100.09	4.208
3998	Lincoln Twp. S. D. No. 1, Mich.	5 1/2	1931-1960	35,000	99.85	5.59	3671	Syracuse, N. Y.	4 1/2	1930-1969	820,000	100.09	4.208
3998	Little Rock, Ark.	5		33,000	96.27	---	4001	Syracuse, N. Y. (2 iss.)	4	1930-1942	1,500,000	97.35	5.18
4168	Long Beach S. D., Calif.	5	1930-1959	550,000	102.76	4.72	4170	Tacoma, Wash.	4 1/2		615,000	100.08	---
4168	Long Beach S. D., Calif.	5	1930-1959	450,000	103.63	4.67	3671	Teaneck Twp., N. J.	6	1930-1938	668,000	99.15	5.07
4168	Lynbrook, N. Y.	4 1/2	1932-1950	283,000	100.36	4.36	3838	Texarkana S. D., Tex.	5	1931-1969	225,000	100	---
4168	Mc Connellsville, Ohio.	6		4,000	100	6.00	4001	Tokio Ind. S. D., Tex.	4	1930-1938	288,000	100	---
3998	Madison Co., N. C.	6	1930	180,000	100.02	5.98	4001	Toledo, Ohio (4 issues)	4 3/4	1931-1933	629,670	100.01	4.53
3668	Manasquan, N. J.	6	1930-1949	20,000	100.01	5.99	4170	Toledo, Ohio	4 3/4	1933-1934	314,680	100.01	4.53
3998	Manfield, Ohio	5 1/2	1931-1940	20,500	101.54	5.22	4170	Toledo, Ohio	5	1939	250,000	100.22	4.60
4168	Mantua Vill. S. D., O.	5	1930-1953	90,000	100	5.00	3838	Topoka, Kan.	5 1/2	1930-1939	131,234	100.47	4.55
169	Marlow, Okla.	4	1933-1952	60,000	---	---	3838	Toskey, Kan.	4 1/2	1930-1939	89,124	100.47	4.55
4168	Marshall, Mich.	4 3/4	1930-1944	30,000	100.11	4.73	171	Trumbull Co., O. (4 iss.)	4 1/2	1930-1949	r880,000	100.09	4.208
3998	Massillon, Ohio	5	1931-1938	36,000	100.46	4.90	3838	Union Co., Ohio	5	1931-1935	36,500	100.46	---
3998	Maverick Co. Water Impt. Dist. No. 1, Tex.	6		1,800,000	90	---	4001	Union Twp. S. D., N. Y.	5	1932-1970	322,000	101.28	4.92
4168	Meadow Sch. Dist., Tex.	6		50,000	---	---	4170	Wakeney, Kan.	5	1939	25,000	101.04	4.87
169	Mechanicsburg S. D., Pa.	4 1/2	1933-1960	190,000	102.07	4.34	4171	Waltham, Mass.	4 1/2	1931-1955	500,000	100.15	4.48
4168	Mecklenburg Co., N. C.	5 1/2		75,000	100.013	---	4001	Washington S. D., Conn. 4 1/2			36,000	100	---
3998	Melbourne, Fla.	6		r43,000	95	---	4001	Washington S. D., W. Va.	5				
170	Mentor Sch. Dist., Ohio.	5	1930-1944	100,000	100.16	4.97	4001	Washington Sub. San. D. Md.	4 3/4	30-50 yrs.	250,000	100.93	4.45
4168	Milwaukee Co., Wis.	4 3/4	1930-1949	2,000,000	103.06	4.99	171	Waterbury, Conn.	4 1/2	1930-1933	2,000,000	100.83	4.58
4168	Midland Co., Tex.	5 1/2	1931-1970	150,000	100.33	5.47	171	Waterloo, N. Y.	4 3/4	1931-1966	160,000	100.44	4.76
4168	Mitchell, Ind.	5	1930-1944	25,500	100.89	4.88	3838	Watertown, N. Y.	4.80		10,000	---	---
4168	Mobile County, Ala.	4 3/4		500,000	98	---	3672	Watkins Un. S. D., N. Y.	5	1930-1954	250,000	101.52	4.83
4168	Mobile, Ala.	5	1932-1959	100,000	100.11	4.99	4002	Waushara Co., Wis.	4 1/2	1935-1937	178,000	96	5.23
3668	Monroe County, Ga												

Page.	Name.	Rate.	Maturity.	Amount.	Price.	Basis.
4169	Richland Twp., Ill. (Oct.)	6	1931-1940	35,000	-----	-----
3837	San Luis Obispo, Calif. (Aug.)	5	1930-1954	25,000	100.95	4.89
3837	San Luis Obispo, Calif. (Aug.)	5	1930-1969	20,000	100.19	4.98
4000	Sheridan Spec. Imp't. Dist. No. 30, Wyo. (Aug.)	6	1939	65,000	-----	-----
3838	Tama Co., Iowa	5	1930-1931	72,000	-----	-----
4170	Taylor Twp., Mich.	6	1930-1934	27,000	-----	-----
3871	Texhoma, Okla. (Oct.)	5	1932-1954	58,000	100	-----
3838	Urbana, Ill.	5 1/2	1947	90,000	100	5.50
3838	Warren, Ohio	5 1/2	1931-1933	13,545	100.30	5.35
4171	Williamson Co. H. S. No. 204, Ill. (June)	6	1932-1948	60,000	101.10	5.60

All of the above sales (except as indicated) are for November. These additional November issues will make the total sales (not including temporary loans) for that month \$84,-752,974.

DEBENTURES SOLD BY CANADIAN MUNICIPALITIES IN DECEMBER.

3839	Beverley Twp., Ont.	5	20 inst.	13,054	95.60	5.58
3673	Brampton, Ont.	5 1/2	5-20 yrs.	39,107	97.79	---
3673	British Columbia, Prov. of (2 issues)	5 1/2	1930-1931	6,000,000	-----	-----
4002	Edmonton, Alta.	5	15-30 yrs.	483,627	95.41	5.33
4002	Halton Co., Ont.	5	1-20 yrs.	55,000	100	5.00
4171	Lanark Co., Ont. (2 iss.)	5	10-20 yrs.	78,000	97.98	5.25
4002	Louiseville, Que.	5 1/2	1934	65,000	98.78	5.78
172	Moncton, N. B.	5	20 yrs.	150,000	97.75	5.18
4002	Montreal, Que.	4 1/2	1950	14,000,000	92.81	5.02
4002	Montreal, Que.	4 1/2	1970	4,300,000	92.81	5.02
4003	Moose Jaw Sask. (2 iss.)	4 1/2	10-15 yrs.	54,138	89.50	---
4003	New Westminster, B. C.	5	5-20 yrs.	129,034	-----	---
4003	Norfolk Co., Ont.	5	15 inst.	40,900	98.04	5.30
4171	North York Twp., Ont.	5 1/2	30 yrs.	190,000	101.15	5.38
3673	Ontario, Province of	5	1960	20,000,000	100.80	4.95
3673	Ontario, Province of	5	1960	1,000,000	100.80	4.95
3878	Ontario Co., Ont.	5	15 inst.	98,000	97.50	5.37
4171	St. Joseph D'Alma, Que.	5 1/2	20 yrs.	13,800	94.60	6.23
172	Sandwich, Ont.	5 1/2	30 yrs.	39,000	98.31	---
172	Sandwich, Ont. (5 iss.)	5 1/2	5-30 yrs.	491,886	98.31	---
3878	Sarnia, Ont.	5	1930-1949	400,000	96.39	5.46
4003	Saskatchewan S. D., Sask.	5	-----	6,000	-----	---
3673	Stamford Twp., Ont.	5	-----	412,079	95.42	---
4003	Windsor, Ont. (3 iss.)	5	10-30 yrs.	1,070,551	96.48	5.46
172	York Twp., Ont. (6 iss.)	5	9-40 yrs.	1,132,734	97.12	5.24
Total amount of debentures sold during December				\$259,261,910		

CANADIAN ADDITION.

4003	Port Credit, Ont. (Nov.)	5 1/2	1931-1960	190,000	-----	---
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CANADIAN ELIMINATION.

3839	Windsor, Ont. (June)	-----	-----	1,050,644	-----	---
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NEWS ITEMS

Chicago, Ill.—Civic Projects Contemplated for 1930. — J. E. Vesely, Director, Department of Business Research of the Chicago Association of Commerce, dated Dec. 28, sets forth the details of contemplated civic improvements which are to total \$104,000,000:

More than \$104,000,000 will be spent for public improvements in the Chicago district during 1930, according to estimates by the Chicago Association of Commerce. No new financing is involved in any of the projects on the list, all of them being covered by money already voted or collected or by special assessments.

The complete list of public expenditures as anticipated by the Association of Commerce follows:

Chicago City.—Street repair work	\$4,000,000
Extension of water system	4,000,000
Bridge construction	5,700,000
River straightening	1,575,000
Paving, streets, alleys, sidewalks and sewer construction by special assessment	20,000,000
Miscellaneous building construction	500,000
Lincoln Park.—Reclaiming land	3,000,000
Bridge construction	3,500,000
Shore protection	200,000
South Park.—Paving	2,760,000
Reclaiming Fine Arts Building	3,000,000
Completing stadium	800,000
Completing aquarium	100,000
Bridges and viaducts	2,000,000
Completing planetarium	100,000
Field houses	300,000
Sanitary District.—Constructing sewage disposal plants and appurtenances	13,500,000
Board of Education.—School buildings	18,000,000
Public Library.—Branch buildings	450,000
County of Cook.—Road construction grade separation	1,500,000
Addition to Municipal Tuberculosis Sanitarium	250,000
West Chicago Park Commission.—Paving	600,000
State Road Construction.—Chicago district	9,000,000
Chicago Zoological Gardens at Brookfield 1930 construction	700,000
Miscellaneous small park districts	1,000,000
Total	\$104,535,000

Discussing the improvements to be undertaken in the city itself, the Association of Commerce points out that the street repair work will be financed by the annual vehicle tax, the water extensions by special warrants already authorized, and the river straightening by funds previously provided for. The bridge construction projects included in the estimate are those at Wabash Avenue and at Roosevelt Road.

War Department requirements figure as the basis for the \$13,500,000 sewage disposal program facing the Sanitary district.

The very impressive building program planned by the Board of Education is not expected to be in any way affected by the financial difficulties that have been threatening the school payrolls. Under the Board of Education budget system, building funds are kept entirely separate from operating monies.

Connecticut.—Addition to List of Savings Bank Legal Investments.—We are informed that the City of Bayonne, N. J. has been placed upon the list of investments considered legal for savings banks and trust funds due to the filing recently of a statement of debt with the State Banking Department.

Florida Inland Navigation District.—East Coast Canal Transferred to the Government.—The above named district has recently made a formal transfer of the Florida East Coast Canal, the bonds of which has been involved in litigation, to be later declared legal by the State Supreme Court—V. 128, p. 3557—to the Federal Government. The following report on the proceeding from Stuart, Fla., is taken from the Dec. 27 issue of the Daily Bulletin of the "Manufacturer's Record":

Formal transfer of the Florida East Coast Canal to the United States Government, has been effected by the Florida Inland Navigation District, of which Charles F. Burgman, Daytona Beach, Fla., is Chairman. The

waterway extends from Mayport, near Jacksonville, to Miami and according to Stanley Kitching of this city, a member of the Commission, it is expected that tolls will soon be dropped. From an authorized bond issue of \$1,837,000, the Florida Inland Navigation District will pay the Florida Canal and Transportation Company \$750,000 for the canal and use \$250,000 for the purchase of the right-of-way. Two hundred feet of right-of-way go with the purchase of the canal, but the Government has asked for 30 feet additional for widening the canal at a future date. The delivery of the canal will insure the expenditure of \$4,125,000 for deepening and widening the waterway and an annual expenditure of \$125,000 for maintenance. The improvement of the canal will soon be started, it is said.

Idaho.—State Bonded Debt to be Reduced.—According to a special dispatch from Boise to the "United States Daily" of Dec. 31, State Treasurer Byron Defenbach made an oral statement on Dec. 28 in which he said that the State's bonded indebtedness will be below \$5,000,000 for the first time in over 10 years, following the redemption on Jan. 1 of \$203,000 in State bonds. In his biennial report issued last January Mr. Defenbach urged that the State's bonded debt not be increased by the Legislature inasmuch as the debt then stood within \$194,000 of the constitutional limit—V. 128, p. 591. Mr. Defenbach is quoted as saying that the gross debt of the State as it now stands represents an average per capita debt of \$9.48 and that this redemption of bonds will mean a saving in interest charges of approximately \$10,000 annually.

Illinois.—State Tax Rate Increased by 9 Cents.—On Dec. 27 the State Tax Board agreed upon an increase in the tax rate for the State of 9 cents, thus raising the rate to 39 cents for State purposes on each \$100 of assessed valuation, reports the Chicago "Journal of Commerce" of Dec. 28. The newspaper article goes on to state that the general revenue tax was raised from 9 to 15 cents; the State school tax rate was increased from 10 to 12 1/2 cents and that there were slight increases in the rate of payment on the principal and interest on waterway bonds and soldiers' bonus bonds.

New York City.—Mayor Walker Sworn In—Signs Salary Increases.—On Dec. 31 Mayor Walker took the oath of office for second term with Presiding Justice Victor J. Downing of the Appellate Division administering the oath. Prior to being sworn in, the Mayor signed the four Municipal Assembly bills raising the salaries of the eight members of the Board of Estimate, of whom he is one, by \$60,000 a year, the bills having been passed on Dec. 17 by the Aldermanic branch and approved by the Board of Estimate on Dec. 19—V. 129, p. 3993. On Jan. 2 the Mayor, addressing the Chamber of Commerce of the State of New York, announced his intention of devoting the additional \$15,000 yearly to which he will be entitled to charity.

New York, N. Y.—\$40,000,000 of the \$65,000,000 Stock and Bond Award Marketed.—The National City Co. of New York on Dec. 30 is reported to have announced on behalf of the members of the syndicate to whom was awarded on Dec. 11 the \$65,000,000 4 1/2% long-term corporate stock and serial bonds at 102.3487, an interest cost to the city of about 4.351%—V. 129, p. 3836—that \$40,000,000 of the securities had been sold to investors at prices to yield 4.10 to 4.30%. Approximately \$25,000,000 of the distribution is said to have been effected the first day that orders were accepted.

New York State.—Legislature Convened.—The New York State Legislature convened in the 153d annual session on Jan. 1. At the opening of the session Governor Roosevelt read his second annual message to the joint assembly, quite a lengthy document, in which he set forth his plans for the current session, particularly stressing his proposal to provide cheaper electricity through the development by the State of the water power of the St. Lawrence River, a measure which the Governor advocated last year; action on the proposed four-year term for Governor, either by the passage of a constitutional amendment or by public referendum and the reform of the State penal system in regard to prison conditions primarily. The principal recommendations made by Governor Roosevelt in his message as given in the New York "Times" of Jan. 2 were as follows:

Prisons.—Reform of the State prison system to the end that prisons shall no longer be breeding places for crimes.

Banking.—Omnibus revision of the banking law, including provision for more examiners, to safeguard depositors.

Public Utilities.—Modernization of the "antiquated" Public Service Commission law.

County Government.—Modernization of county and town government along home rule lines, in the interest of efficiency and economy.

Labor.—Extension of compensation benefits to all occupational diseases; "genuine" eight-hour day and forty-eight-hour week for women and minors in industries; minimum wage legislation; State regulation of private employment agencies; prohibition against granting injunctions in labor disputes without notice and provision for jury trial.

Water Power.—Legislation affecting the St. Lawrence and providing for State ownership and operation of plant and construction of transmission lines under State auspices with retention by the State of the title.

Four-Year Term.—Constitutional amendment providing for four-year terms for Governors, with elections midway between Presidential elections.

Elections.—Bipartisan election boards in all counties, limitation of campaign expenditures and publication of receipts and disbursements in advance instead of after elections.

Bond Issue.—Authorization of a new bond issue for permanent public improvements and adoption of a constitutional amendment to empower the Legislature to authorize the issuance of bonds for such purposes in the future without a referendum.

BOND PROPOSALS AND NEGOTIATIONS.

ALLENTOWN, Lehigh County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—Malcolm W. Gross, Mayor, will receive sealed bids until 9:30 a. m. on Jan. 21, for the purchase of \$1,850,000 4 3/4% coupon improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 2 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Dec. 2, as follows: \$166,000, 1934; \$207,000, 1939; \$258,000, 1944; \$321,000, 1949; \$400,000, 1954; and \$498,000 in 1959. Interest payable semi-annually. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. These bonds are issued subject to the favorable opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson, of Philadelphia, as to their legality.

ANDERSON, Madison County, Ind.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—It is reported that the issue of \$50,000 fire station construction bonds offered for sale on Dec. 6—V. 129, p. 3352—was not sold, as no bids were received.

ANNISTON, Calhoun County, Ala.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by W. T. Morton, Jr., City Treasurer, until Jan. 23, for the purchase of a \$35,000 issue of 5 1/4% semi-annual library bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. (These bonds were voted on Dec. 16 by a count of 278, "for" to 76 "against.")

APLINGTON, Butler County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$10,000 issue of funding bonds is reported to have been purchased by the Carleton D. Beh Co., of Des Moines.

ARKANSAS, State of (P. O. Little Rock)—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ralph Koonce, State Treasurer, until 10 a. m. on Feb. 11, for the purchase of an \$18,000,000 issue of 4 1/4, 4 1/2, 4 3/4 and 5% coupon highway bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Due as follows: \$350,000, 1935 and 1936; \$400,000, 1937; \$300,000, 1938 and 1939; \$250,000, 1940; \$200,000, 1941 and 1942; \$100,000, 1943; \$500,000, 1949 and 1950; \$600,000, 1951; \$650,000, 1952; \$700,000, 1953; \$750,000, 1954; \$800,000, 1955; \$850,000, 1956; \$500,000, 1957; \$150,000, 1958; \$1,350,000, 1959; \$1,500,000, 1960 and 1961; \$1,600,000, 1962 and 1963; and \$2,000,000 in 1964. Prin. and int. (P & A) payable in lawful money at the Chase National Bank in New York. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, and Rose, Hemingway, Cantrell & Loughborough, of Little Rock, will furnish the legal opinion on the bonds. (These are the bonds originally scheduled for sale on Jan. 11.—V. 129, p. 4165.)

ATTLEBORO, Bristol County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—W. O. Gay & Co., of Boston, recently purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan at a 3.98% discount. The loan is dated Dec. 30 1929 and is payable on Oct. 30 1930. The following other bids were received:

Bidder—	Discount.
First National Bank of Attleboro	4.07%
First National-Old Colony Corp.	4.08%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (Plus \$3.00)	4.09%
Bank of Commerce & Trust Co.	4.125%

BEDFORD, Lawrence County, Ind.—BOND SALE.—The \$40,000 5 bonds issued for the purpose of paying outstanding and unpaid warrants offered on Dec. 31—V. 129, p. 4165—were awarded to Thomas D. Sheerle & Co., of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$900, equal to a price of 102.25, a basis of about 4.58%. Dated Dec. 16 1929. Due as follows: \$2,000, July 1 1931; \$2,000, Jan. and July 1 1932 to 1940, incl., and \$2,000 on Jan. 1 1941.

BEREA, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$58,237.54 offered on Dec. 16—V. 129, p. 3503—were awarded as 5s, to the Guardian Trust Co., of Cleveland, as stated herewith:

\$35,599.07 series No. 1, property owners' portion, street improvement bonds sold at par plus a premium of \$288, equal to a price of 100.81, a basis of about 4.75%. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1931; \$4,000, 1932; \$3,000, 1933; \$4,000, 1934; \$3,000, 1935; \$4,000, 1936; \$3,000, 1937; \$4,000, 1938 and 1939, and \$3,559.07 in 1940.

22,678.57 series No. 2, property owners' portion, street improvement bonds sold at par plus a premium of \$184, equal to a price of 100.81, a basis of about 4.75%. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1933, incl.; \$3,000, 1934; \$2,000, 1935 to 1937, incl.; \$3,000, 1938, 1939, and \$2,678.57, 1940.

Both issues are dated Nov. 1 1929.

BLUE BALL RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Warren County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harry J. Mehl, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 13, for the purchase of \$24,000 coupon school building bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5 1/2%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$500. Due \$500 on Mar. and Sept. 1 from 1931 to 1954, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (M. & S. 1) payable at the office of the Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education or at such other place as the purchaser may desire. A certified check for \$480.00, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal.

BOLIVAR, Allegany County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$55,000 coupon or registered street improvement bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 4165—were awarded as 5s, to the State Bank, of Bolivar, and the First Trust Co., of Wellsville, jointly, at a price of 100.81, a basis of about 4.83%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due \$5,500 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1940, incl.

The following other bids were received:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Barr Bros. & Co.	100.659
Batchelder & Co.	100.41
A. B. Leach & Co.	100.0654
Marine Trust Co. (Buffalo)	100.198

BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Conn.—BOND OFFERING.—William Chew, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 11 a. m. on Jan. 6, for the purchase of \$150,000 4 3/4% series G, coupon or registered school bonds. Dated Jan. 15 1930. Due on Jan. 15, as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1960, incl., and \$3,000, 1961 to 1970, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J.) payable in gold at the office of the City Treasurer. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the First National Bank of Boston, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the City Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. Legality will be approved by Ropes, Gray, Boyden & Perkins, of Boston.

BROADWATER COUNTY (P. O. Townsend), Mont.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$100,000 5 1/2% refunding bonds has recently been purchased by the State Bank of Townsend. (These bonds were voted in 1919.)

BROOKLYN, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—George J. Lang, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. (Eastern standard time) on Jan. 15, for the purchase of the following issues of 6% bonds aggregating \$131,754.80:

\$61,714.68 property owners' portion paving bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$6,214.68, 1931; \$6,000, 1932 and 1933; \$6,500, 1934; \$6,000, 1935 and 1936; \$6,500, 1937; \$6,000, 1938 and 1939; and \$6,500 in 1940.

11,869.98 property owners' portion sewer bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,369.98, 1931; \$1,000, 1932 and 1933; \$1,500, 1934; \$1,000, 1935 and 1936; \$1,500, 1937; \$1,000, 1938 and 1939; and \$1,500 in 1940.

25,998.03 water mains bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,998.03, 1931; \$2,500, 1932 to 1939, incl., and \$3,000 in 1940.

\$25,130.30 sidewalk bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$5,130.30, 1931, and \$5,000, 1932 to 1935, inclusive.

7,041.81 service connection bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,541.81, 1931, and \$3,500 in 1932.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929. Prin. and int. (M. & S.) payable at the Pearl Street Savings & Trust Co., Cleveland. Bids for the 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 multiples thereof. A certified check for 5% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

BROOKLYN HEIGHTS (P. O. Independence), Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Harvey Betscover, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 20 for the purchase of \$1,100 5 1/4% street improvement bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denomination \$100. Due on April 1 as follows: \$100, 1932 to 1940 inclusive, and \$200 in 1941. Principal and semi-annual interest (April and Oct. 1) payable at the Cleveland Trust Co., Cleveland. A certified check for 10% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

BUCKEYE UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Phoenix), Maricopa County, Ariz.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 15 by C. L. Walmsley, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors, for the purchase of a \$60,000 issue of school bonds. Interest rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 15 1929. Due \$4,000 from Dec. 15 1935 to 1949, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & D.) payable either at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Bankers Trust Co. in New York. The blank bonds and legal opinion are to be furnished by the purchaser. A certified check for 5% of the amount bid is required.

CALDWELL, Essex County, N. J.—FINANCIAL STATEMENT.—In connection with the scheduled sale on Jan. 7 of three issues of not to exceed 6% interest bonds aggregating \$130,000, notice and description of which appeared in V. 129, p. 4165, we are in receipt of the following:

Assessed Valuations:	
Real estate and improvement	\$9,036,530.00
Personal property, included above	517,400.00
Actual valuation, estimated	15,000,000.00
Debt:	
Total bonded debt, including this issue	\$261,000.00
Water debt, included above	31,000.00
Floating water debt, included above	116,339.24
Floating water debt, included above	5,919.76
Floating debt covered by assessments to be levied	69,448.16
Total indebtedness	446,787.40
Net indebtedness	340,419.48

(The Borough has \$22,950 on hand in a sinking fund, which is applicable for the major part to the water indebtedness.)

Tax rate for 1929, \$35.70 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. Population, estimated, 1929, 6,000.

Note.—The Borough owns property based on cost figures totaling \$485,300, which includes a sewer system \$300,000, a water system \$97,000, and real estate \$88,300.

CAMBRIDGE, Middlesex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The \$500,000 temporary loan offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 4165—was awarded to the Shawmut Corp., of Boston, at a 3.92% discount. The loan is dated Dec. 31 1929 and is payable on June 30 1930. The following other bids were received:

Bidder—	Discount.
Harvard Trust Co. (Plus \$5)	4.05%
Central Trust Co. (Plus \$16)	4.06%
Salomon Bros. & Hutzler (Plus \$11)	4.06%

CAMERON COUNTY WATER IMPROVEMENT DISTRICT NO. 14 (P. O. Brownsville), Tex.—BONDS NOT AWARDED.—We are informed that the \$1,650,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water bonds that was offered on Dec. 12—V. 129, p. 3832—has not as yet been awarded as the bids are still being held for further consideration.

CARBON COUNTY HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Baggs), Wyo.—BOND SALE.—The \$14,000 issue of semi-annual school bonds that was unsuccessfully offered on Sept. 21—V. 129, p. 3198—has since been purchased by Boettcher, Newton & Co., of Denver, as 5 1/4s, at par. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Due \$1,000 from Sept. 1 1934 to 1947, inclusive. Optional after Sept. 1 1939.

CARPINTERIA UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Santa Barbara), Santa Barbara County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until Jan. 6, by the County Clerk, for the purchase of an \$80,000 issue of high school bonds. (These bonds were voted on Nov. 26 by a large majority.—V. 129, p. 3664.)

CHELSEA, Suffolk County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The following 4 1/4% coupon bonds aggregating \$150,000 offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 4166—were awarded to Stone & Webster and Blodget, Inc., of Boston, at a price of 100.52, a basis of about 4.19%.

\$100,000 water bonds. Due annually from 1930 to 1939, incl.

35,000 street bonds. Due annually from 1930 to 1936, incl.

15,000 sidewalk bonds. Due annually from 1930 to 1934, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929. The following other bids were received:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
F. S. Mosely & Co.	100.46
Harris, Forbes & Co.	100.16
First National-Old Colony Corp.	100.016

COLLINGDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Delaware County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—George H. Baumert, Secretary of the school district, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Jan. 21 for the purchase of \$100,000 4 1/4% coupon, registrable as to principal, series K school bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 1 1949. Int. payable J. & J. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Treasurer of the school district, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia, will be furnished to the purchaser.

COSHOCTON, Coshocton County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$26,850.68 offered on Dec. 21—V. 129, p. 3504—were awarded to the Commercial National Bank, of Coshocton:

\$12,396.53 special assessment paving bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due as follows: \$600, Apr. 1 and \$798.26 on Oct. 1 1930; \$600, Apr. 1 and \$798.27 on Oct. 1 1931; \$600, Apr. and Oct. 1, from 1932 to 1939 incl.

5,426.03 special assessment paving bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due as follows: \$275, Apr. 1 and \$238.01, Oct. 1 1930; \$275, Apr. 1 and \$238.02, Oct. 1 1931; \$275, Apr. and Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1939 incl.

5,195.02 special assessment paving bonds. Due as follows: \$250, Apr. 1 and \$347.51, Oct. 1 1930 and 1931; \$250, Apr. and Oct. 1 from 1932 to 1939 incl.

3,833.10 special assessment paving bonds. Due as follows: \$190, Apr. 1 and \$223.10, Oct. 1 1930; \$190, Apr. and Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1939 incl.

COTTLE COUNTY (P. O. Paducah), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—A \$350,000 issue of 5% semi-annual road bonds will be offered for sale at public auction by James M. Whatley, County Judge, on Jan. 15. Dated Mar. 1 1927. A certified check for 5% must accompany the bid.

CROPSY TOWNSHIP (P. O. Cropsey) McLean County, Ill.—BOND SALE.—The State Farmers Mutual Auto Insurance Co., of Bloomington, recently purchased an issue of \$30,000 5% coupon gravel road bonds at a price of par. The bonds are dated June 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due annually from 1931 to 1940 incl. Interest payable on June and Dec. 1.

DALTON, Whitfield County, Ga.—BOND ELECTION.—It is reported that a special election will be held on Jan. 29 in order to pass upon the proposed issuance of \$100,000 in bonds for school purposes in the city.

DAYTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. J. Schmidt, Clerk-Treasurer of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 23, for the purchase of \$70,000 4 1/4% coupon school bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Oct. 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1931 to 1941 incl.; \$2,000, 1942; \$3,000, 1943 to 1953 incl., and \$2,000 in 1954. Principal and semi-annual int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the National Park Bank, New York. Any bidder desiring to do so may present a bid for such bonds based upon their bearing a different rate of interest than specified above, provided, however, that where a fractional interest rate is bid, such fraction shall be 1/4 of 1% or multiples thereof. If bids are received based upon a different rate of interest than above specified the bonds will be awarded to the highest bidder offering not less than par and accrued interest based upon the lowest rate of interest. Split rate bids will not be considered. A certified check for 2% of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the above-mentioned official, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Squire, Sanders & Dempsey of Cleveland, will be furnished to the purchaser without charge. The following statement accompanied the offering notice:

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description of bonds and Total amount. Includes items like 'Assessed valuation of the taxable property of the school district', 'Total amount of all bonds, notes and certificates of indebtedness issued and outstanding', and 'Total, items (a) to (h), incl. (sections 2293-13 and 2293-15)'.

DELPHOS, Ottawa County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—Local investors are reported to have recently purchased a \$20,000 issue of community hall bonds.

DENNISON, Tuscarawas County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$7-372 5/4% city's portion street improvement bonds offered on Dec. 19—V. 129, p. 3833—were awarded to the Provident Savings Bank & Trust Co., of Cincinnati, for a premium of \$64.80, equal to a price of 100.87, a basis of about 5.32%. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$972 in 1931, and \$800 from 1932 to 1939, incl.

DICKINSON AND FENTON CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Port Dickinson), Broome County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$125,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 3996—were awarded as a 4 1/4s, to the Peoples Trust Co., of Binghamton, at a price of 100.139, a basis of about 4.74%. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929 and mature on Nov. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1930 to 1939, incl.; \$5,000, 1940 to 1948, incl.; and \$6,000 from 1949 to 1958, incl. The following other bids were received:

Bidder table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Int. Rate, and Rate Bid. Includes Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co. (Buffalo) at 4.80%, Prudden & Co. at 4.90%, George B. Gibbons & Co. at 5.00%, A. B. Leach & Co. at 5.00%, Dewey, Bacon & Co. at 4.90%, Barr Bros. & Co. at 4.90%, Binghamton Savings Bank at 5.30%, and Batchelder & Co. at 4.90%.

DONNA IRRIGATION DISTRICT (P. O. Donna), Hidalgo County, Tex.—BONDS VOTED.—We are informed that at a special election held recently, the voters authorized the issuance of \$1,700,000 in bonds for an extensive drainage system and for canal construction purposes.

EAST WHITTIER SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Los Angeles), Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 13, by L. E. Lampton, County Clerk, for the purchase of an \$80,000 issue of 5% school bonds. No bids will be considered at less than a 5% interest rate. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due \$5,000 from Jan. 1 1935 to 1950, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the County Treasury. A certified check for 3%, payable to the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, is required. The following information is furnished in conjunction with the offering notice:

East Whittier School District has been acting as a school district under the laws of the State of California continuously since July 1 1902. The assessed valuation of the taxable property in said school district for the year 1929 is \$5,454,860.00, and the amount of bonds previously issued and now outstanding is \$154,000.00.

East Whittier School District includes an area of approximately 12.50 square miles, and the estimated population of said school district is 3500.

ELIZABETHTON, Carter County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. A. Smith City Manager, until 8 p. m. on Jan. 9, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 semi-annual refunding bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. (It is reported that a block of funding bonds will also be offered at the same time.)

EL MONTE, Los Angeles County, Calif.—BOND SALE.—An issue of \$11,882 6 1/2% improvement district No. 1 bonds has recently been purchased by G. W. Bond & Son, of Santa Ana, for a premium of \$36, equal to 100.30, a basis of about 6.47%. Due on Dec. 1 1944.

EL PASO COUNTY (P. O. El Paso), Tex.—BOND SALE.—The \$550,000 issue of 5% semi-annual road bonds offered for sale on Dec. 20—V. 129, p. 3833—was awarded to the Well, Roth & Irving Co., of Cincinnati, and associates, for a premium of \$4,556, equal to 100.828, a basis of about 4.92%. Dated Dec. 15 1929. Due from Jan. 15 1931 to 1960, incl.

EL PASO-HUDSPETH COUNTIES ROAD DISTRICT (P. O. El Paso), Tex.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—We now learn that the \$700,000 issue of 4 1/2% road bonds that was offered on Dec. 20—V. 129, p. 3833—was not sold. Dated Feb. 10 1928. Due from April 10 1938 to 1957, incl. (This report corrects that given in V. 129, p. 4160.)

ENNIS, Ellis County, Tex.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$10,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water and sewer bonds that was sold to the Citizens National Bank, of Ennis—V. 129, p. 3996—was awarded at 98.50, a basis of about 6.18%. Due in 1939.

ERIE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Erie County, Pa.—BOND OFFERING.—R. S. Scobell, Business Manager, Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 11:30 a. m. (eastern standard time) on Jan. 16, for the purchase of \$700,000 4 1/4% school bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Feb. 1, as follows: \$15,000, 1932 and 1933; \$20,000, 1934 to 1937, incl.; \$25,000, 1938 to 1942, incl.; \$30,000, 1943 to 1947, incl.; \$35,000, 1948 to 1950, incl.; \$40,000, 1951 to 1953, incl.; and \$45,000 in 1954 and 1955. Prin. and semi-annual int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the District Treasurer. A certified check for 2% of the par value of the bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Secretary and Business Manager of the Board of Education, must accompany each proposal. Legality to be certified by the Solicitor of the School District.

FAIR LAWN SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Fair Lawn) Bergen County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—Arthur C. Messman, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 7 p. m. on Jan. 13, for the purchase of \$83,000 5% coupon or registered school bonds. Dated July 1 1929. Due on July 1 as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1950, incl.; and \$4,000, 1951 to 1955, incl.

Principal and semi-annual interest (Jan. and July 1) payable in gold at the Hackensack Trust Co., Hackensack. 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 Custodian of School Moneys, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Thomson, Wood & Hoffman of New York, will be furnished to the purchaser. These are the bonds scheduled to have been sold on Dec. 30.—V. 129, p. 4166.

FAIRVIEW WATER DISTRICT (P. O. Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 coupon or registered water bonds offered on Dec. 26—V. 129, p. 3996—were awarded as 4.60s to the Marine Trust Co., of Buffalo, at a price of 100.47, a basis of about 4.53%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due \$2,000 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1945, incl.

FARMERVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 3 (P. O. Farmerville), Union Parish, La.—ADDITIONAL OFFERING NOTICE.—In connection with the sale scheduled for Jan. 7, of the \$50,000 issue of not exceeding 6% school bonds—V. 129, p. 3354—we now learn that the bonds mature on Apr. 1, as follows: \$500, 1931 to 1933; \$1,000, 1934 to 1942; \$1,500, 1943 to 1948; \$2,000, 1949 to 1952; \$2,500, 1953 to 1956; and \$5,000, 1957 to 1960, all incl. Prin. and int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the Chase National Bank in New York City or at the office of the Parish Treasurer. The following official statement is furnished:

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'Assessed valuation for 1929' at \$1,185,972 and 'Population' at 40,000.

FLOYDADA, Floyd County, Tex.—PRICE PAID.—The \$158,000 issue of 5 1/2% funding bonds that was reported to have been sold—V. 129, p. 2570—was awarded at a price of 102.50.

FORDSON SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Dearborn), Wayne County, Mich.—BOND OFFERING.—Calvin M. Frysinger, Secretary of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. (Eastern standard time) on Jan. 8 for the purchase of \$900,000 school bonds, to bear int. at a rate not exceeding 4 1/4%. Dated Jan. 15 1930. Due \$30,000 on Jan. 15 from 1931 to 1960 incl. Int. payable semi-annually. Successful bidder to furnish printed bonds. The bonds offered are part of an issue of \$1,750,000 authorized at a special election held on July 15, by a vote of 113 to 1948—V. 129, p. 317. A block of \$240,000 bonds of the issue was sold on Aug. 7 as 5s to the First National Co. of Detroit, and the Detroit & Security Trust Co., jointly, at 100.79, a basis of about 4.92%—V. 129, p. 1160.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount. Includes 'Assessed valuation of district' at \$218,722,975.00 and 'Population' at 40,000.

GALLIPOLIS CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT, Gallia County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—C. M. Yeager, Clerk of the Board of Education, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 21, for the purchase of \$205,000 5 1/4% bonds issued to finance the acquisition of a site and the erection thereon of a new school building. Dated Feb. 15 1930. Due as follows: \$4,500 on Mar. and Sept. 15 from 1931 to 1951, incl.; and \$4,000 on Mar. and Sept. 15 in 1952 and 1953. Bids for the 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 multiples thereof. A certified check for \$4,000, payable to the order of the Board of Education must accompany each proposal.

GATES (P. O. Coldwater), Monroe County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$111,505 coupon or registered street improvement bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 3997—were awarded as 5 1/4s to Sage, Wolcott & Steele, of Rochester, at a price of 100.53, a basis of about 5.17%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930 and mature on Jan. 1, as follows: \$7,505, 1931; \$6,000, 1932 to 1935, incl.; \$7,000, 1936 to 1940, incl.; \$8,000, 1941 qnd 1942; \$9,000, 1943, and \$10,000 in 1944 and 1945.

GIRARD, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BONDS OFFERED.—R. L. Evans, City Auditor, received sealed bids until 12 m. (Central standard time) on Jan. 3, for the purchase of \$3,181 6% sanitary sewer construction bonds, property owner's portion. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due annually on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1934, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. (A. & O. 1) payable at the First National Bank, Girard. These bonds were previously offered for sale on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 3997.

GLENDALE SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Waxahachie) Ellis County, Tex.—BOND SALE CORRECTION.—We are now informed that the amount of the issue of bonds reported sold in V. 129, p. 4167, was \$2,000 and not \$20,000, as previously stated.

GRANT COUNTY (P. O. Silver City), N. Mex.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 25 by Hesse E. Merfeldt, County Clerk, for the purchase of a \$200,000 issue of court house and jail bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated July 1 1929. Due \$25,000 from July 1 1932 to 1939, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J.) payable at the office of the County Treasurer or at the Hanover National Bank in New York City. The bonds will be sold at not less than par and accrued interest to the day of delivery and no discount or commission will be allowed or paid. A certified check for 5%, payable to the County Treas. must accompany the bid.

GREEN MOUNTAIN INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Green Mountain), Marshall County, Iowa.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by J. A. Morrison, Secretary of the Board of Education, until noon on Feb. 5 for the purchase of a \$70,000 issue of 4 1/2% semi-annual school refunding bonds.

GREENEVILLE, Greene County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—The \$36,500 5% coupon road improvement bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 4167—were awarded to Thomas D. Sheerin & Co. of Indianapolis, for a premium of \$560, equal to a price of 101.55, a basis of about 4.68%. Dated Dec. 15 1929. Due \$1,800 on June and Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1939, incl. These bonds were previously offered for sale on Dec. 23—V. 129, p. 3997. The following is a list of the other bids received for the issue:

Bidder table with 3 columns: Bidder Name, Premium, and Amount. Includes First National Bank, Linton at \$350.00, City Securities Corp., Indianapolis at 409.00, Fletcher American Co., Indianapolis at 467.50, Inland Investment Co., Indianapolis at 439.50, J. F. Wild Investment Co., Indianapolis at 400.00, and Campbell & Co., Indianapolis at 503.00.

GREENEVILLE, Greene County, Tenn.—BOND SALE.—A \$98,000 issue of 5 1/2% semi-annual funding bonds is reported to have recently been purchased by Joseph, Hutton & Estes, of Nashville. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on Nov. 1 1949.

GROSSE POINTE FARMS, Wayne County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The Detroit & Security Trust Co. and the First National Co. of Detroit, jointly, on Dec. 18 were awarded an issue of \$230,000 sewer bonds at par plus a premium of \$115, equal to a price of 100.05, an interest cost basis of about 4.67%, as follows: \$144,000 bonds were sold as 4 1/4s and \$86,000 bonds were sold as 4 3/4s. The bonds are dated June 15 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on June 15 as follows: \$6,000, 1931 to 1950 incl.; \$12,000, 1951 to 1955 incl.; \$13,000, 1956 to 1958 incl.; and \$11,000 in 1959. Principal and semi-annual interest (June and Dec. 15) payable at the Detroit & Security Trust Co., Detroit. Braum, Bosworth & Co. of Toledo, bidding for \$188,000 bonds as 4 1/4s and \$42,000 bonds as 4 3/4s, offered par plus a premium of \$6.90, equal to a price of 100.003. The bonds sold are part of an issue of \$612,000 authorized at an election held on March 11 1929.

GRUNDY COUNTY (P. O. Grundy Center), Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$12,000 issue of refunding bonds has been purchased by the Grundy County National Bank, of Grundy Center, at a recent sale, for a premium of \$50, equal to 100.66.

HACKENSACK, Bergen County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$189,000 4 1/4% coupon or registered, second series, public improvement bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 3997—were awarded to Harris, Forbes & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.219, a basis of about 4.72%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature on Dec. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1943, incl.; \$14,000, 1944, and \$15,000, 1945 to 1947, incl.

HAMMOND PARK DISTRICT, Lake County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—William H. Spellman, City Comptroller, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Feb. 1 for the purchase of \$84,000 4 1/2 % park bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Due \$4,000 on Jan. 1 from 1932 to 1952, incl. Prin. 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, must accompany each proposal. The approving opinion of Matson, Carter, Ross & McCord, of Indianapolis, will be furnished to the purchaser.

HARDEE COUNTY (P. O. Wauchula), Fla.—NOTE SALE.—A \$15,000 issue of 7 % Board of Public Instruction tax anticipation notes has been purchased by the Guarantee Title & Trust Co., of Wichita. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Oct. 1 1929. Due on Oct. 1 1930.

HARTFORD, Lyon County, Kan.—PRICE PAID.—The \$40,000 issue of water works bonds that was reported sold—V. 129, p. 3997—was awarded to the contractor, as fs. at par.

HIGHLAND PARK (P. O. Dallas), Dallas County, Tex.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$75,000 issue of library bonds that was awarded at par to the sinking fund and a local investor—V. 129, p. 4167—bears int. at 5 % and matures from 1930 to 1944, incl.

HIGH POINT, Guilford County, N. C.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The two issues of not to exceed 6 % coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$1,500,000, offered on Dec. 31—V. 129, p. 3997—were not sold as all the bids were rejected, according to City Manager E. M. Knox. The issues are as follows:

\$1,000,000 sewer bonds. Due from Dec. 1 1931 to 1969, incl. 500,000 water bonds. Due from Dec. 1 1932 to 1969, incl.

HOLGATE, Henry County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—Claude E. Archambeault, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 11 for the purchase of \$2,000 6 % special assessment street improvement bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$200. Due one bond for \$200 annually. Int. payable on (M. & S. 1). A certified check for \$200, payable to the order of the Village, must accompany each proposal.

HOMEWOOD (P. O. Birmingham), Jefferson County, Ala.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—The \$90,000 issue of 6 % semi-annual public improvement bonds that was purchased by the Well, Roth & Irving Co. of Cincinnati—V. 129, p. 4167—was awarded at a price of 100.51, a basis of about 5.90 %. Due \$9,000 from 1931 to 1940 inclusive.

HOT SPRINGS, Fall River County, S. Dak.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$110,000 issue of 5 % semi-annual judgment bonds offered on Dec. 20—V. 129, p. 3834—was not sold.

HOUSTON, Houston County, Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 8, by O. G. Langen, Town Clerk, for the purchase of an \$8,000 issue of 5 % bridge, town's share bonds. Denomination \$500. Dated Jan. 2 1930. Due \$500 from Jan. 1 1931 to 1946, incl. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable at the Houston State Bank in Houston. A \$500 certified check, payable to the Town Treasurer, must accompany the bid.

HUDSON FALLS, Washington County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$30,000 5 % registered paving bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 3997—were awarded to the National Bank of Glens Falls, for a premium of \$500, equal to a price of 101.66, a basis of about 4.63 %. The bonds are dated August 1 1929 and mature \$3,000 on August 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl. The following other bids were received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., Buffalo, 100.38; Dewey, Bacon & Co., 100.15; Batchelder & Co., 100.09.

HUNTERDON COUNTY (P. O. Flemington), N. J.—BONDS OFFERED FOR INVESTMENT.—H. L. Allen & Co. of New York are offering an issue of \$276,000 4 1/2 % coupon or registered road and building bonds for public investment at prices to yield 4.35 to 4.30 %, according to maturity. The bonds are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in the States of New York and New Jersey. Award was made on Dec. 24 at a price of 100.04, a basis of about 4.49 %—V. 129, p. 4167.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Assessed valuation (1929), \$29,132,755.00; Total debt (including this issue), 912,058.05; Less sinking fund, 178,272.77; Net debt, \$733,785.28; Population (1920 Census), 32,885; 1929 estimated, 35,000.

HUTCHINSON, Reno County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 4 1/2 % bonds aggregating \$129,991.19, offered for sale on Dec. 20—V. 129, p. 3997—were awarded to Stern Bros. & Co., of Kansas City, (Mo.) at a price of 100.606, a basis of about 4.62 %. The issues are divided as follows: \$101,432.04 paving and \$28,559.15 sewer bonds. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years. The other bids were as follows:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Price Bid. Guarantee Title & Trust Co., Wichita, par, accrued interest, \$5.26 prem. per thous. City Bank, Kansas City, Mo., par, accrued int., 260.00 prem.; Columbia Title & Trust Co., Topeka, par, accrued interest, 1,537.00 prem.; Brown Crummer Co., par, accrued int. premium, 741.00.

INDEPENDENCE, Montgomery County, Kan.—BOND SALE.—The two issues of 5 % bonds aggregating \$24,254.05, offered for sale on Dec. 26—V. 129, p. 3997—were awarded to the Commercial National Bank, of Independence. The issues are divided as follows: \$17,192.89 paving and \$7,061.16 sewer bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due serially in from 1 to 10 years.

JACKSON, Hinds County, Miss.—BOND OFFERING.—Six issues of bonds aggregating \$371,626, will be offered for sale at public auction on Jan. 7, by Mayor Walker A. Scott. The issues are divided as follows: \$158,000 refunding municipal, building, sewerage, paving and sidewalk bonds of 1930; \$95,000 refunding waterworks and improvement; \$52,262 street improvement; \$10,729 intersection; \$47,148 special improvement and \$8,487 sidewalk improvement bonds. The city reserves the right, if the bids on all issues are not satisfactory, to separate the various issues and sell them separately. Otherwise the six issues will be offered as a whole and sold to the one buyer.

JACKSONVILLE, Cherokee County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—It is reported that a \$75,000 issue of city hall bonds has recently been purchased at par by the First State Bank, of Jacksonville.

JEFFERSON DAVIS AND ALLEN PARISHES JOINT SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 22 (P. O. Elton), La.—BONDS VOTED.—It is reported that the voters of the district recently approved the issuance of \$90,000 in school bonds.

JENKINTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT, Montgomery County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 4 1/2 % coupon school bonds offered on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 3667—were awarded to Graham, Parsons & Co., of Pittsburgh, at a price of 100.057, a basis of about 4.24 %. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1940, 1945, 1950 and 1955, and \$20,000 in 1960. The following other bids were received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. W. H. Newbold's Son & Co., 100.0565; Jenkintown Bank & Trust Co., 100.01.

JEWETT, Harrison County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$34,732.65 coupon special assessment street improvement bonds offered on Dec. 28—V. 129, p. 4167—were awarded as 5 1/2 % to the First Citizens Corp. of Columbus, for a premium of \$125.80, equal to a price of 100.36 a basis of about 5.40 %. The bonds are dated Dec. 15 1929 and mature as follows: \$1,750 June and Dec. 15 1931 to 1937, incl., \$1,700 June and Dec. 15 1938 and 1939, \$1,000 June 15 and \$732.65 Dec. 15 1940. Ryan, Sutherland & Co. of Toledo, also submitted an offer for the bonds.

JOHNSTOWN, Brown County, Neb.—BOND SALE.—A \$3,000 issue of 6 % refunding bonds has recently been purchased by Wachob, Bender & Co., of Omaha. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 1 1949.

KINGS POINT (P. O. Great Neck), Nassau County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$275,000 coupon or registered park bonds offered on Dec. 2—V. 129, p. 3997—were awarded as 4 1/2 % to Halsey, Stuart & Co., of New York, at a price of 101.35, a basis of about 4.40 %. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due on Nov. 1, as follows: \$7,000, 1934 to 1950, incl.; \$8,000, 1951 to 1957, incl., and \$10,000 from 1958 to 1967, incl. The successful

bidders paid a premium of \$3,716. The following is an official list of the other bids received:

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Batchelder & Co., 4.75%, \$5,170; C. W. White & Co., 4.75%, 4,372; Lehman Bros., 4.75%, 4,495; Dewey, Bacon & Co., 5.00%, 4,950.

KITTSONG COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 75 (P. O. Bronson), Minn.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 2 p. m. on Jan. 17, by A. M. Anderberg, District Clerk, for the purchase of a \$60,000 issue of 5 1/2 % semi-annual refunding bonds. Dated Feb. 1 1930. A certified check for \$1,000 must accompany the bid.

LACONIA, Belknap County, N. H.—BOND SALE.—Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston, on Dec. 9 purchased an issue of \$50,000 4 1/2 % coupon pavement and sidewalk bonds, at a price of 100.29, a basis of about 4.71 %. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and mature \$2,500 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1949, incl. These are the bonds for which the only bid received on Nov. 22, that of 98.68, submitted by Harris, Forbes & Co. of Boston, was rejected.—V. 129, p. 3505.

LAFORCHE PARISH DRAINAGE DISTRICT NO. 2 (P. O. Thibodaux), La.—OFFERING DETAILS.—In connection with the offering scheduled for Jan. 18, of the \$15,000 issue of 5 % drainage bonds—V. 129, p. 3998—we are now informed that the bonds are in denoms. of \$1,000. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due \$3,000 from May 1 1930 to 1934, incl. Prin. and int. (M. & N.) payable at the office of the Treasurer or at the Chase National Bank in New York. A certified check for \$1,500 must accompany the bid.

LAKE COUNTY (P. O. Painesville), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$97,753.94 road improvement bonds offered on Dec. 31—V. 129, p. 3998—were awarded as fs to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., of Detroit, for a premium of \$889.52, equal to a price of 100.80, a basis of about 4.80 %. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930 and mature on Oct. 1, as follows: \$2,753.94, April 1 and \$5,000, Oct. 1 1930; \$5,000, April and Oct. 1 1931 to 1938, incl.; \$4,000, April 1 and \$5,000, Oct. 1 1939.

LAKE PROVIDENCE, East Carroll Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 4 p. m. on Feb. 4, by D. T. Biggs, Mayor, for the purchase of an issue of \$100,000 5 % sewer bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Due serially in not to exceed 40 years. Prin. and semi-annual int. is payable in lawful money at a bank of mutual choice. Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago, or some other reputable bond attorneys will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 5 % of the bonds bid for, made payable to the Mayor, must be enclosed.

LANSING, Ingham County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$400,000 4 1/2 % sewerage bonds and \$100,000 4 1/2 % bridge bonds, both issues aggregating \$500,000, offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 3666—were awarded to the First National Bank, of Detroit, for a premium of \$1,058, equal to a price of 100.21, a basis of about 4.46 %. The bonds are dated Jan. 2 1930 and mature \$50,000 on Jan. 2 from 1931 to 1940, incl.

LA SALLE PARISH (P. O. Jena), La.—CERTIFICATE OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until 11 a. m. on Jan. 7, by E. E. Richardson, Superintendent of the Parish School Board, for the purchase of an \$84,000 issue of 6 % semi-annual school certificates of indebtedness. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due as follows: \$2,000, 1930 and 1931; \$3,000, 1932 to 1937; \$4,000, 1938 to 1941; \$5,000, 1942 to 1945; \$6,000, 1946 and 1947 and \$7,000 in 1948 and 1949. Payable at the Chase National Bank in New York. Legality to be approved by B. A. Campbell, of New Orleans, and Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago. A \$2,000 certified check must accompany the bid.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Assessed valuation LaSalle Parish, 1928, \$7,689,735; Bonded debt: Parish Wide, None; Floating indebtedness, This issue.; Population, 15,000 (est.); Area of parish, 666,780 acres.

LEWISBURG, Preble County, Ohio.—BOND OFFERING.—V. O. Rookstool, Village Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 14, for the purchase of \$5,000 6 % refunding bonds. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Denoms. \$400 and \$350. Due as follows: \$400, March and Sept. 1 1931, and \$350 on March and Sept. 1 from 1932 to 1937, incl. Interest payable on March and Sept. 1. A certified check for 2 % of the amount of bonds bid for, payable to the order of the Village Treasurer, must accompany each proposal.

MANTUA VILLAGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Portage County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$90,000 school building construction and equipment bonds offered on Dec. 28—V. 129, p. 3998—were awarded as fs. at a price of par, to the Ohio State Teachers Retirement System, of Columbus. The bonds are dated April 1 1929 and mature as follows: \$1,000, April 1 and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1930; \$2,000, April and Oct. 1 1931 to 1934, incl.; \$2,000, April 1 and \$1,000, Oct. 1 1935; \$2,000, April and Oct. 1 1936 to 1939, incl.; \$2,000, April 1 and \$1,000, Oct. 1 1940; \$2,000, April and Oct. 1 1941 to 1944, incl.; \$2,000, April 1 and \$1,000, Oct. 1 1945; \$2,000, April and Oct. 1 1946 to 1952, incl., and \$2,000, April 1 1953.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Ryan, Sutherland & Co., 5.25%, \$1,152; W. L. Slayton & Co., 5.25%, 801; Braun, Bosworth & Co., 5.25%, 633; Well, Roth & Irving Co., 5.25%, 401; First Citizens Corp., 5.25%, 378; David Robison & Co., 5.25%, 100.

MARIANNA, Lee County, Ark.—PRICE PAID.—The \$197,000 issue of 5 % paving district No. 4 bonds that was awarded to M. W. Elkins & Co. of Little Rock, and the American Southern Trust Co.—V. 129, p. 3506—were awarded to them at par. Due from Jan. 1 1931 to 1950, incl.

MARICOPA COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 69 (P. O. Phoenix), Ariz.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$9,500 issue of not to exceed 6 % school bonds offered on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 3835—was not sold, as no bids were received. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due from Dec. 1 1930 to 1939 incl.

Table with 2 columns: Item, Amount. Actual value real and personal property (approximate), \$272,275; Assessed value real and personal property (for 1929), 163,365; No floating debt; no sinking fund. Population in 1929 (est.), 195.

MARION, Marion County, Ohio.—BIDS REJECTED.—BONDS REJECTED.—J. L. Landes, City Auditor, states that all of the bids received on Dec. 30 for the purchase of the five issues of 5 1/2 % bonds aggregating \$113,436.10 offered for sale—V. 129, p. 4168—were rejected.

BOND OFFERING.—J. L. Landes, City Auditor, will receive sealed bids until Jan. 25 for the purchase of the following issues of 5 1/2 % bonds, aggregating \$113,436.10:

- \$52,610.00 property owners' portion paving bonds. Due as follows: \$2,610, March 1 and \$2,000, Sept. 1 1931, and \$3,000, March and Sept. 1 1932 to 1939, incl. A certified check for \$2,000 is required.
32,500.00 city's portion paving bonds. Due as follows: \$2,500, March 1 and \$2,000, Sept. 1 1931, and \$2,000, March and Sept. 1 1932 to 1938, incl. A certified check for \$2,000 is required.
12,901.10 Landing Field equipment bonds. Due as follows: \$901.10, March 1 and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1931; \$1,000, March and Sept. 1 1932 to 1935, incl.; \$1,000, March 1 and \$2,000, Sept. 1 1936. A certified check for \$500 is required.
8,585.00 property owners' portion sewer and sidewalk impt. bonds. Due as follows: \$1,585, March 1 and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1931; \$1,000, March and Sept. 1 1932 to 1934, incl. A certified check for \$600 is required.
6,840.00 city's portion sewer construction bonds. Due as follows: \$840, March 1 and \$1,000, Sept. 1 1931; \$1,000, March and Sept. 1 1932 and 1933, and \$500 on March and Sept. 1 1934. A certified check for \$340 is required.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929. Interest payable on March and Sept. 1. Checks should be made payable to the order of the City Treasurer.

MARLOW, Stephen County, Okla.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of 6 % semi-annual water works extension bonds offered for sale on Dec. 23—V. 129, p. 4168—was awarded to the Taylor-White Co., of Oklahoma City. Due \$3,000 from 1933 to 1952, incl.

MECHANISBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT, Cumberland County, Pa.—BOND SALE.—The \$190,000 4 1/2 % coupon school bonds offered on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 3835—were awarded to E. H. Rollins & Sons, of

Philadelphia, at a price of 102.07, a basis of about 4.34%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1929 and mature 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 to 1949; \$8,000, 1950; \$7,000, 1951; \$9,000, 1952; \$8,000, 1953; \$9,000, 1954; \$10,000, 1955 to 1957, incl.; \$11,000, 1958; \$12,000, 1959; and \$6,000 in 1960.

The successful bidders are reoffering the bonds for public investment priced to yield 4.30%. Prin. and semi-ann. int. (J. & J.) payable at the Mechanicsburg Trust Co., Mechanicsburg. Coupon bonds, registerable as to principal. Legality to be approved by Townsend, Elliott & Munson of Philadelphia.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Assessed valuation (1929) \$3,947,030, Real valuation 5,262,705, Bonded debt (including this issue) 213,000, and Population 6,000.

MENTOR SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lake County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$100,000 5% school bonds offered on Dec. 26—V. 129, p. 3998—were awarded to Braun, Bosworth & Co., of Toledo, for a premium of \$169.00, equal to a price of 100.169, a basis of about 4.97%. The bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929 and mature as follows: \$3,000, April and Oct. 1 1930; \$3,000, April 1 and \$4,000, Oct. 1 1931; \$3,000, April and Oct. 1 1932; \$3,000, April 1 and \$4,000, Oct. 1 1933; \$3,000, April and Oct. 1 1934; \$3,000, April 1 and \$4,000, Oct. 1 1935; \$3,000, April and Oct. 1 1936; \$3,000, April 1 and \$4,000, Oct. 1 1937; \$3,000, April and Oct. 1 1938; \$3,000, April 1 and \$4,000, Oct. 1 from 1939 to 1944, incl.

MOBILE COUNTY (P. O. Mobile), Ala.—MATURITY.—The \$500,000 block of the total issue of \$3,325,000, awarded on Dec. 16—V. 129, p. 4168—to a group composed of R. W. Pressprich & Co., and Eldredge & Co., both of New York, and Marx & Co., of Birmingham, through the First National Bank of Mobile, as 4 1/2s, at a price of 98, a basis of about 5.20%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due from June 1 1931 to 1938, incl.

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 4.60 to 4.85%, according to maturity. The offering notice reports that these bonds, issued for permanent road and bridge construction, are valid and legally binding obligations of the entire county which reports an assessed valuation of \$89,950,000 and a net bonded debt of \$7,325,500.

MONROE, Monroe County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$64,700 special assessment paving and street opening bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 4168—were awarded as 5 1/2s to the Detroit & Security Trust Co., and the First National Co., of Detroit, jointly, for a premium of \$387, equal to a price of 100.59, a basis of about 5.09%. The bonds are dated Dec. 15 1929 and mature on Dec. 15, as follows: \$8,750, 1930; \$9,250, 1931; \$8,700, 1932; \$9,100, 1933; \$7,300, 1934 and 1935; \$7,100, 1936; \$5,100, 1937 and \$2,100 in 1938. Bids were also submitted by Carl Kiburtz, of Monroe, and Watling, Lerchen & Hayes, of Detroit.

MOORESTOWN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Moorestown), Burlington County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—The \$62,000 coupon or registered assessment funding bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 3998—were awarded as 5 1/2s to Rufus Waples & Co., of Philadelphia, for a premium of \$117.80, equal to a price of 100.19, a basis of about 5.21%. The bonds are dated Dec. 30 1929 and mature on Dec. 30, as follows: \$6,000, 1930 to 1937, incl., and \$7,000 in 1938 and 1939.

MORA, Kanabec County, Minn.—BOND DESCRIPTION.—The \$10,000 issue of water system bonds that was purchased by the State of Minnesota—V. 129, p. 4168—was awarded at par. The bonds bear interest at 4 1/2% and mature \$1,000 annually from July 1 1935 to 1944 incl.

MOUNT PLEASANT UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. North Tarrytown), Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$35,000 coupon school bonds offered on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 3998—were awarded as 4 1/2s to Batchelder & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.29, a basis of about 4.69%. Dated Dec. 1 1929. Due on Dec. 1, as follows: \$3,000, 1930 to 1934, incl., and \$4,000 from 1935 to 1939, incl.

MUSCATINE, Muscatine County, Iowa.—BOND SALE.—A \$75,000 issue of sewer bonds is reported to have recently been awarded to Geo. M. Bechtel & Co., of Davenport, as 4 1/2s, for a premium of \$760, equal to 101.01.

NAVARRO COUNTY CONSOLIDATED ROAD DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Corsicana), Tex.—BOND OFFERING.—We are informed that sealed bids will be received by Clay Nash, County Judge, until Jan. 27, for the purchase of an issue of \$1,336,000 road bonds.

NAZARETH, Northampton County, Pa.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—Clarence F. Fehnel, Borough Secretary, states that the \$50,000 4 1/2% coupon borough bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 3506—were not sold, as no bids were received. The issue will be reoffered when the market has improved.

NEWBURYPORT, Essex County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—The city recently privately sold a total of \$25,000 4 1/2% sewer bonds at a price of par as follows: \$13,000 to the Institution for Savings of Newburyport, and \$12,000 to the Newburyport Five Cents Savings Bank.

NEW ORLEANS, Orleans Parish, La.—ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.—We now learn that the two issues of 4 1/2% coupon certificates aggregating \$836,800, awarded on Dec. 21—V. 129, p. 4168—were purchased by a syndicate headed by R. W. Pressprich & Co., Eldredge & Co., and Caldwell & Co., all of New York, at 97.20, a basis of about 5.13%. Dated Jan. 1 1929. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$108,600, 1931 to 1933 and \$73,000, 1934 to 1940, incl. Prin. and int. (J. & J. 1) payable at the office of the Commissioner of Public Finances in New Orleans, or upon request, arrangements will be made for the payment of principal and interest in New York. Legality to be approved by Chapman & Cutler, of Chicago.

NEWTON FALLS, Trumbull County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—Ryan, Sutherland & Co., of Toledo, on Dec. 27 were awarded a total of \$50,232.78 5 1/2% improvement bonds at par plus a premium of \$397.00, equal to a price of 100.79. The following issues were included in the sale: \$17,806.51 property share sewer bonds. Due Oct. 1, as follows: \$3,806.51, 1931; \$3,000, 1932 and 1933; and \$4,000 in 1934 and 1935.

7,315.04 property share water mains bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,015.04, 1931, and \$700 from 1932 to 1940, incl. 3,762.20 property share paving bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$262.20, 1931, and \$500 from 1932 to 1938, incl. 2,849.02 property share water main bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$849.02, 1931, and \$500 from 1932 to 1935, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929. NEW YORK, N. Y.—DECEMBER FINANCING.—The city, in addition to the public award on Dec. 11, of \$65,000,000 4 1/2% long-term corporate stock and serial bonds (V. 129, p. 3836), and the sale of a \$52,000,000 issue of 3 1/2% rapid transit railroad construction bonds, due Dec. 15 1933, at par to the Sinking Fund (V. 129, p. 3999), also privately disposed of during December the following securities. The short-term notes sold aggregated \$21,850,000; the long-term corporate stock and serial bonds sold totaled \$13,100,000;

Table with 4 columns: Amount, Maturity, Int. Rate, Date Issued. Lists various municipal purposes and revenue bills with their respective amounts and terms.

NORMAN, Cleveland County, Okla.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids were received until 8 p. m. on Jan. 3, by Olive Ogborn, City Clerk, for the purchase of two issues of coupon bonds aggregating \$105,000, as follows: \$89,000 water works extension bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$8,000, 1934 to 1944 and \$1,000 in 1945.

16,000 fire improvement bonds. Due on Jan. 1 as follows: \$2,500, 1934 to 1939 and \$1,000 in 1940. Each issue is to be bid upon separately.

NORTH TARRYTOWN, Westchester County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The following coupon or registered bonds aggregating \$233,500 offered on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 3999—were awarded as 4 1/2s to Batchelder & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.19, a basis of about 4.48%: \$225,000 street improvement bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1932 to 1943, incl., and \$15,000 from 1944 to 1950, incl.

\$8,500 fire apparatus purchase bonds. Due on Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,500, 1931; and \$3,000 in 1932 and 1933. Both issues are dated Jan. 1 1930.

NUTLEY, Essex County, N. J.—BOND SALE.—S. N. Bond & Co., of New York, recently purchased an issue of \$150,000 tax revenue bonds as 4.95s, for a premium of \$10, equal to a price of 100.006, a basis of about 4.94%. The bonds mature on June 15 1930.

OAKLAND COUNTY (P. O. Pontiac), Mich.—BONDS NOT SOLD.—The \$650,000 Birmingham Gardens Drain District bonds offered on Dec. 16—V. 129, p. 3836—were not sold, according to A. W. Spencer, County Drain Commissioner. Bidders were asked to name rate of int. in proposal. The bonds are dated Jan. 2 1930 and mature serially in from 1 to 15 years.

OCEAN TOWNSHIP (P. O. Oakhurst), Monmouth County, N. J.—BOND OFFERING.—William B. Jeffrey, Township Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 10, for the purchase of \$30,000 coupon or registered temporary improvement bonds, to bear int. at a rate not exceeding 5%, stated in a multiple of 1/4 of 1%. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Nov. 1 1935. Prin. and semi-annual int. payable in gold at the Long Branch Banking Co., Long Branch. The bonds will be prepared under the supervision of the International Germanic Trust Co., New York, which will certify as to the genuineness of the signatures of the officials and the seal impressed thereon. A certified check for \$600, payable to the order of the Township Treasurer, must accompany each proposal. The validity of the bonds will be passed on by Caldwell & Raymond, of New York.

Financial Statement.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Includes Last assessed valuation of taxable real estate (1929) \$6,681,150.00, Last assessed valuation of taxable personal property (1929) 533,025.00, Outstanding bonded and floating indebtedness, incl. this issue 618,308.12, Amount of above indebtedness which is deductible in computing net debt 473,059.18, and Net debt 145,248.94.

ORANGETOWN UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 8 (P. O. Pearl River), Rockland County, N. Y.—OTHER BIDS.—The following is an official list of the other bids received on Dec. 23 for the \$45,000 5% school bonds awarded to Batchelder & Co., of New York, at a price of 102.63, a basis of about 4.73%—V. 129, p. 4169.

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Rate Bid. Lists bidders such as Dewey, Bacon & Co., Marine Trust Co., Barr Bros. & Co., Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., and George B. Gibbons & Co. with their respective bid rates.

PALMER INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Palmer), Ellis County, Tex.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$10,000 issue of school bonds that was purchased by the State Department of Education—V. 129, p. 2573—was awarded at par and bear int. at 5%. Due \$1,000 from 1930 to 1939.

PAMPA, Gray County, Tex.—BOND SALE.—Four issues of 5 1/2% bonds aggregating \$238,000 are reported to have recently been purchased at par by the Brown-Crummer Co., of Wichita. The issues are described as follows: \$100,000 city hall; \$85,000 paving; \$33,000 fire station and \$20,000 park bonds. Due in 30 years.

PEABODY, Essex County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Warren National Bank, of Peabody, recently purchased a \$100,000 temporary loan at a 3.97% discount. The loan is dated Dec. 28 1928 and is payable on Mar. 15 1930. The following other bids were received:

Table with 2 columns: Bidder and Discount. Lists bidders F. S. Moseley & Co. and Bank of Commerce & Trust Co. with discount rates of 4.15% and 4.225% respectively.

PHELPS COUNTY (P. O. Rolla), Mo.—BOND SALE.—The \$60,000 issue of semi-annual judgment funding bonds offered for sale on Dec. 20—V. 129, p. 3999—was awarded to the City Bank of Kansas City (Mo.) as 4 1/2s at par.

PIKETON, Pike County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$4,000 6% fire department equipment bonds offered on Dec. 14—V. 129, p. 3507—were awarded at a price of par to the Piketon National Bank. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1929 and mature \$500 on Oct. 1 from 1930 to 1937, incl.

PIQUA, Miami County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following bond issues, aggregating \$123,595.94, offered on Dec. 28—V. 129, p. 3999—were awarded to Spitzer, Rorick & Co., of Toledo for a premium of \$241, equal to a price of 100.19, a basis of about 5.74%: \$81,269.53 5 1/2% street impt. bonds. Due on Sept. 1 1940. \$41,216.14 6% storm sewer construction bonds. Due on Sept. 1 1935. \$1,100.27 6% street impt. bonds. Due on Sept. 1 1931.

All of the above bonds are dated Dec. 1 1929. The following is an official tabulation of the bids received:

Table with 4 columns: Bidder, Amount of Bonds, Int. Rate, Prem. Lists bidders such as First Citizens Corp., Spitzer, Rorick & Co., W. L. Slayton & Co., Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Otis & Co., Siler, Carpenter & Roose, and Blanchet, Bowman & Wood with their bid amounts, interest rates, and premiums.

PLYMOUTH FRACTIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Plymouth), Wayne County, Mich.—BONDS DEFEATED.—At a special election held on Dec. 16—V. 129, p. 3507—the voters rejected a proposal to issue \$190,000 school building construction bonds.

PORTSMOUTH, Scioto County, Ohio.—OTHER BIDS.—The following is an official tabulation of the other bids received on Dec. 23 for the \$221,793.27 special assessment street improvement bonds awarded as 4 1/2s to Halsey, Stuart & Co., of Chicago, for a premium of \$1,295, equal to a price of 100.58, a basis of about 4.64%—V. 129, p. 4169.

Table with 3 columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Premium. Lists bidders such as Seasongood & Mayer, Ryan, Sutherland & Co., Well, Roth & Irving Co., Otis & Co., Braun, Bosworth & Co., Detroit & Security Trust Co., and Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc. with their bid interest rates and premiums.

POWELL COUNTY (P. O. Deer Lodge), Mont.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Daniel B. Hertz, Jr., County Clerk, until 2.30 p. m. on Feb. 3, for the purchase of a \$50,000 issue of semi-annual highway bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Jan. 1 1930. The said Board of County Commissioners will offer bonds payable on the amortization plan in the first instance. If amortization bonds cannot be negotiated at a reasonable rate of interest, then in such case serial bonds may be issued in place of amortization bonds. If amortization bonds are sold and issued, the entire issue may be put into one single bond, or divided into several bonds as the said Board may determine at the time of sale. If serial bonds are issued and sold, they will be in the amount of \$1,000 each, and the sum of \$5,000 of the said serial bonds will become payable on Feb. 1 1930 and the like amount on the same day of each year thereafter until all are paid.

PROWERS COUNTY CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 6 (P. O. Holly), Colo.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on

Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 3669—the amount of the issue was raised from \$25,000 to \$30,000, approved by the voters and definitely awarded to the United States National Co. of Denver.

PULASKI COUNTY (P. O. Little Rock), Ark.—BOND SALE.—The \$25,000 issue of school bonds offered for sale on Dec. 23—V. 129, p. 4,000—was awarded to the Brown-Crummer Co., of Wichita, as 5s, at a price of 97.75.

RENSELAER, Rensselaer County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$149,000 4½% coupon or registered improvement bonds offered on Dec. 31—V. 129, p. 4169—were awarded to Rutter & Co., of New York, at a price of 101.00, a basis of about 4.38%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930 and mature on Jan. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1932; \$8,000, 1933 to 1948, incl.; and \$11,000 in 1949. The following other bids were received:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate, Bid. Includes entries for Rensselaer County Bank, Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, etc.

RICHLANDS, Tazewell County, Va.—INTEREST RATE.—The \$30,000 issue of school bonds that was purchased at par by the Richlands National Bank—V. 129, p. 3507—nears 6% int. Due \$1,000 from Dec. 1 1930 to 1959 inclusive.

ROME, Oneida County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$72,000 coupon or registered bridge bonds offered on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 4000—were awarded as 4½s to Rutter & Co., of New York, for a premium of \$331.20, equal to a price of 100.46, a basis of about 4.41%. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due \$6,000 on Jan. 1 from 1931 to 1942, incl. The following is an official tabulation of the bids received:

Table with columns: Bidders, Int. Rate, Amount Bid. Includes entries for Rutter & Co., E. H. Rollins & Sons, Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., etc.

RUSHVILLE, Rush County, Ind.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the City Clerk until 1 p. m. on Jan. 15, for the purchase of \$20,000 5% coupon library building bonds. Dated June 15 1929. Denom. \$500. Due annually on June 15 from 1930 to 1944, incl. Int. payable on June and Dec. 15.

ROOSEVELT, Duchesne County, Utah.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$30,000 issue of water bonds that was purchased by Snow, Goodart & Co., of Salt Lake City, at a price of 102.083—V. 129, p. 3670—bears interest at 6%, payable on Jan. & July 1, and is dated Nov. 15 1929.

ROSEBURG, Douglas County, Ore.—WARRANT SALE.—A \$60,000 issue of city improvement fund warrants is reported to have been purchased at par by local banks.

ST. BERNARD PARISH WATER DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Arabi), La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Lois H. Folse, Secretary of the Board of Water Work Commissioners, until 5 p. m. on Jan. 30 for the purchase of an issue of \$150,000 semi-ann. public imp. bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Due from 1931 to 1950 incl. The approving opinion of B. A. Campbell of New Orleans and some other recognized bond attorney will be furnished to the purchaser. A \$5,000 certified check, payable to A. Sidney Nunez, President of the above Board, must accompany the bid. (These are the bonds that were unsuccessfully offered on Sept. 16—V. 129, p. 1953.)

SALEM, Columbiana County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The \$186,000 sewage disposal plant construction bonds offered on Dec. 13—V. 129, p. 3508—were awarded as 4½s to the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, of Chicago, for a premium of \$2,150, equal to a price of 100.15, a basis of about 4.61%. The bonds are dated Nov. 15 1929 and mature on Oct. 1, as follows: \$10,000, 1931 to 1942, incl.; and \$11,000 from 1943 to 1948, incl.

SAULT STE. MARIE, Chippewa County, Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$18,888 paving and sewer bonds, due in 5 annual instalments, and the \$16,000 airport improvement bonds, due in 10 annual instalments, offered on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3203—are reported to have been awarded to local banks. Both issues aggregate \$34,888.

SHARON, CHERRY VALLEY AND ROSEBOOM (Towns of) CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$130,000 coupon or registered school bonds offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 4000—were awarded as 4.90s to the Manufacturers & Traders Trust Co., of Buffalo, at a price of 100.68, a basis of about 4.84%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930 and mature on Jan. 1, as follows: \$2,000, 1931 to 1935, incl.; \$3,000, 1936 to 1940, incl.; \$4,000, 1941 to 1945, incl.; \$5,000, 1946 to 1950, incl.; and \$6,000 from 1951 to 1960, incl.

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes entries for George B. Gibbons & Co., A. C. Allyn & Co., Marine Trust Co., etc.

SHARON SPECIAL SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Sharon), Weakley County, Tenn.—BOND OFFERING.—Bids will be received by J. W. Overton, Assistant Secretary of the School Board, subject to the election to be held on Jan. 10, for the purchase of a \$20,000 issue of school bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Due serially in 20 years. Denoms. \$1,000 and \$500. Prin. and int. (A. & O.) payable in Sharon.

SHELBY, Richland County, Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The Sinking Fund was recently awarded an issue of \$14,000 Fire Department apparatus purchase bonds, bearing 5% interest, at a price of par. Interest payable June and Dec. 1. The bonds mature serially.

SHREVEPORT, Caddo Parish, La.—BONDS VOTED.—At a special election held on Dec. 17, the voters gave their approval of a proposition calling for the issuance of \$500,000 in water bonds, to bear interest at not exceeding 5%. Dated Mar. 1 1930. Due in 1940.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—BOND SALE.—Estabrook & Co., of Boston, on Dec. 16 purchased an issue of \$1,000,000 4% coupon or registered water bonds at a price of par. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due annually on Jan. 1 from 1930 to 1960, incl. Interest payable in Jan. and July.

SPRINGFIELD, Hampden County, Mass.—TEMPORARY LOAN.—The Union Trust Co., of Springfield, recently purchased a \$300,000 temporary loan at a 3.85% discount. The loan is dated Nov. 7 1930. The following other bids were received:

Table with columns: Bidder, Discount. Includes entries for First National-Old Colony Corp., Third National Bank & Trust Co., etc.

SOUTH EUCLID, Cuyahoga County, Ohio.—NO BIDS.—Jessie M. Klumph, Village Clerk, states that no bids were received on Dec. 28, for the \$10,000 6% road construction bonds offered for sale—V. 129, p. 4170. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930 and mature \$1,000 on Oct. 1 from 1931 to 1940 incl.

SOUTH NORFOLK (P. O. Norfolk), Norfolk County, Va.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by the Chairman of the School Board, until 8 p. m. on Jan. 22, for the purchase of a \$15,000 issue of 5% school bonds. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Due on Feb. 1 1960. Prin. and int. (F. & A.) payable at the office of the City Treasurer. A \$500 certified check, payable to the School Board, must accompany the bid.

STARK COUNTY (P. O. Canton), Ohio.—BOND SALE CANCELLED.—Edith G. Coke, Clerk of the Board of County Commissioners, states that the sale of two issues of 5% bonds aggregating \$91,500 advertised to have been held on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 4170—was cancelled.

SYCAMORE, Turner County, Ga.—BOND SALE.—A \$9,000 issue of 6% semi-annual water works bonds has been purchased by J. B. McCrary Co. of Atlanta.

TENNESSEE, State of (P. O. Nashville).—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received until noon on Jan. 9, by C. M. McCabe, Secretary of the State Funding Board, for the purchase of the following issues of bonds and notes aggregating \$31,050,000:

- \$12,500,000 highway notes. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on Jan. 1 1939. 10,000,000 highway notes. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on Dec. 1 1939. 2,350,000 bridge bonds. Dated Jan. 1 1930. Due on Jan. 1 1945. 2,500,000 refunding notes. Dated Jan. 22 1930. Due on Dec. 1 1931. 500,000 highway refunding notes. Dated Jan. 21 1930. Due on April 29 1932. 1,200,000 highway refunding notes. Dated Jan. 21 1930. Due on April 11 1935. 2,000,000 highway refunding notes. Dated April 11 1930. Due on April 11 1935.

Bidders are invited to name the rate of interest which the above bonds and notes are to bear, not to exceed 4¼%. The rate must be in multiples of ¼% of 1%, and will be awarded to the bidder offering to take them at the lowest rate of interest at a price not less than par and accrued interest. Prin. and int. will be payable in lawful money at the office of the State Treasurer, or at the Chemical Bank & Trust Co., in New York. Thomson, Wood & Hoffman, of New York, will furnish the legal approval. A certified check for 2% par of the bonds and notes bid for, is required.

THIBODAUX, La Fourche Parish, La.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Chas. J. Coulon, Town Clerk, until 4 p. m. on Jan. 31 for the purchase of an issue of \$195,000 semi-annual public improvement bonds. Int. rate is not to exceed 6%. Denom. \$1,000. Dated Feb. 1 1930. Due from 1931 to 1960, incl. The legal opinion of B. A. Campbell of New Orleans and some other recognized bond attorney will be furnished to the successful bidder. A \$6,000 certified check, payable to the Mayor, must accompany the bid. (These bonds were voted on Dec. 26—V. 129, p. 3048.)

THIBODAUX, La Fourche Parish, La.—BONDS VOTED.—At the special election held on Dec. 26—V. 129, p. 3048—the voters gave their approval of the proposed issuance of \$190,000 in water works bonds by a count of 167 "for" to 34 "against."

TILLAMOOK, Tillamook County, Ore.—BOND OFFERING.—Sealed bids will be received by Ira W. White, City Recorder, until 8 p. m. on Jan. 6 for the purchase of a \$30,000 issue of street improvement bonds. A certified check for 10% must accompany the bid.

TOKIO INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT (P. O. Tokio) Terry County, Tex.—ADDITIONAL DETAILS.—The \$12,000 issue of school bonds that was purchased at par by the State school fund—V. 129, p. 4001—bears interest at 5½% and matures as follows: \$1,500 in 1934, 1939, 1944, 1949, 1954, 1959, 1964 and 1969.

TONAWANDA UNION FREE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Kenmore), Erie County, N. Y.—BIDS REJECTED.—All of the bids received on Dec. 30, for the purchase of an issue of \$475,000 coupon or registered school bonds, to bear interest at a rate not exceeding 5%, were rejected.

TRUMBULL COUNTY (P. O. Warren), Ohio.—BOND SALE.—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$286,500 offered on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 4001—were awarded to Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., of Toledo: \$134,600 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$7,600, April 1 and \$7,000, Oct. 1 1931; \$7,000, April and Oct. 1 1932 to 1937, incl.; and \$6,000, April and Oct. 1 1938 to 1940, incl.

57,300 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$3,300, April 1 and \$3,000, Oct. 1 1931; \$3,000, April and Oct. 1 1932 to 1938, incl.; \$3,000, April 1 and \$2,000, Oct. 1 1939; and \$2,000, April and Oct. 1 1940.

48,400 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$3,400, April 1 and \$3,000, Oct. 1 1930; \$3,000, April and Oct. 1 1931 to 1933, incl.; and \$2,000, April and Oct. 1 1934 to 1939, incl.

46,200 road improvement bonds. Due as follows: \$3,200, April 1 and \$3,000 on Oct. 1 1931; \$3,000, April and Oct. 1 1932 and 1933; and \$2,000, April and Oct. 1 from 1934 to 1940, incl.

All of the above bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930. **TUSCALOOSA, Tuscaloosa County, Ala.—BOND SALE.**—We are informed that a \$25,000 issue of sewer bonds has recently been purchased by Ward-Sterne & Co., of Birmingham, at a price of 101.50.

UNION CITY, Obion County, Tenn.—MATURITY.—The \$25,000 issue of 5½% semi-annual city hall bonds that was jointly sold to two local investors, at a price of 100.84—V. 129, p. 2574—is due \$2,500 from Oct. 1 1935 to 1944, incl., giving a basis of about 5.40%.

WATERBURY, New Haven County, Conn.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,000,000 4½% coupon or registered funding bonds offered on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 3838—were awarded to a group composed of Emanuel & Co., the Chatham-Phenix Corp., and R. W. Pressrich & Co., all of New York, at a price of 100.83, a basis of about 4.58%. Dated Nov. 1 1929. Due \$200,000 Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1939, incl.

The successful bidders are re-offering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 4.30%. The obligations are stated to be legal investment for savings banks and trust funds in New York, Massachusetts and Connecticut and are also said to be payable from unlimited ad valorem taxes levied against all the taxable property within the city, which has an assessed valuation of \$194,066,869, and a net bonded debt, including the current bonds, reported to be \$9,968,376. The following is a list of the other bids submitted for the issue:

Table with columns: Bidder, Rate Bid. Includes entries for National City Co., Harris, Forbes & Co., First National Bank of New York, etc.

WATERLOO, Seneca County, N. Y.—BOND SALE.—The \$160,000 water bonds offered on Dec. 26—V. 129, p. 4002—were awarded as 4.80s, to Barr Bros. & Co., of New York, at a price of 100.449, a basis of about 4.76%. The bonds are dated Jan. 1 1930 and mature on Jan. 1, as follows: \$4,000, 1931 to 1965, incl., and \$5,000 from 1966 to 1969, incl. The following other bids were received:

Table with columns: Bidder, Int. Rate, Rate Bid. Includes entries for First National Bank, Batchelder & Co., Dewey, Bacon & Co., etc.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Detroit), Mich.—BOND SALE.—The \$2,600,000 bonds offered on Dec. 27—V. 129, p. 4002—were awarded as follows:

\$1,900,000 airport bonds were awarded to a syndicate composed of the Continental Illinois Co., the First Union Trust & Savings Bank, the Foreman State Corp., all of Chicago; Emanuel & Co., of New York, the Northern Trust Co., of Chicago, and the First Wisconsin Co., of Milwaukee, for a premium of \$135, equal to a price of 100.007, for \$1,100,000 bonds, due \$100,000, April 1 1931 to 1941, incl.; as 4½s, and \$800,000 bonds, due \$100,000, April 1 1942 to 1949, incl.; as 4½s, a net interest cost basis of about 4.42%.

500,000 Eloise Hospital and Infirmary bonds were awarded as 4½s, at a price of par, to the American State Bank, of Detroit. Due \$100,000, April 1 from 1930 to 1934, inc.

100,000 airport bonds (the first maturity of the \$2,000,000 issue offered) were also sold as 4½s, at a price of par, to the American State Bank, of Detroit. Due on April 1 1930.

WAYNE COUNTY (P. O. Lyons), N. Y.—DECREASE IN TAX RATES FOR 1930.—A report from Lyons, dated Dec. 30, to the Rochester "Democrat" of the following day, had the following to say in regard to the county tax rates for 1930:

"Wayne County taxpayers are expected to be pleased to learn that there will be a substantial reduction in taxes this coming year, chiefly as a result of the new highway law which relieves the county of the entire cost of construction and maintenance of State highways and of the gasoline tax which will relieve real estate to some of the burden of highway costs. "For purposes of comparison the tax rates per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for the various towns of the county for this year and last year are as follows:"

Towns—	1929.	1930.	Towns—	1929.	1930.
Arcadia.....	\$20.24	\$13.40	Palmyra.....	\$14.42	\$9.20
Butler.....	23.93	19.12	Rose.....	17.75	12.30
Galen.....	16.41	11.73	Savannah.....	20.28	15.00
Huron.....	25.17	21.61	Sodus.....	24.20	16.95
Lyons.....	19.10	14.09	Walworth.....	21.95	16.33
Macedon.....	16.85	12.85	Williamson.....	18.28	11.56
Marion.....	19.28	13.97	Wolcott.....	26.15	22.74
Ontario.....	17.92	12.46			

WEST ORANGE SCHOOL DISTRICT, Essex County, N. J.—**BOND OFFERING.**—W. Russell Rinehart, District Clerk, will receive sealed bids until 8 p. m. on Jan. 13, for the purchase of \$295,000 4½%, 4¼ or 5% coupon school bonds. Dated Sept. 1 1929. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Sept. 1, as follows: \$10,000, Mar. 1 to 1958, incl., and \$15,000 in 1959. Prin. and semi-annual int. (Mar. and Sept. 1) payable in gold at the First National Bank of West Orange. 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 Town, must accompany each proposal. Legality is to be approved by Hawkins, DeLafield & Longfellow, of New York.

WHATCOM COUNTY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 308 (P. O. Bellingham), Wash.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$45,000 issue of 5% coupon school building bonds offered for sale on Dec. 26—V. 129, p. 4002—was awarded at par to the State of Washington. Denom. \$1,000. Due in 20 years and optional after 1 year. Int. payable on Jan. 1.

WILLOUGHBY, Lake County, Ohio.—**BOND SALE.**—The following issues of bonds aggregating \$133,358.85 offered on Dec. 30—V. 129, p. 4002—were awarded to Ryan, Sutherland & Co., of Toledo, as 5¼s, for a premium of \$1,057, equal to a price of 100.79, a basis of about 5.05%: \$119,458.85 special assessment sewer improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$11,458.85, 1931, and \$12,000 from 1932 to 1940, inclusive.

13,900.00 village portion improvement bonds. Due on Oct. 1, as follows: \$1,900, 1931; \$1,000, 1932; \$2,000, 1933; \$1,000, 1934; \$2,000, 1935; \$1,000, 1936; \$2,000, 1937, and \$1,000 from 1938 to 1940, incl.

Both issues are dated Dec. 1 1929. The following is a list of the other bids received:

Bidder—	Int. Rate.	Premium.
First Citizens Corp., Columbus.....	5.25%	\$292.60
Stranahan, Harris & Oatis, Inc., Toledo.....	5.50%	259.00
David Robison & Co., Toledo.....	5.75%	334.00
Otis & Co., Cleveland.....	6.00%	622.00
		73.00

WILLOUGHBY RURAL SCHOOL DISTRICT, Lake County, Ohio.—**BOND SALE.**—Otis & Co., of Cleveland, on Dec. 28, were awarded an issue of \$65,000 school bonds as 5s, for a premium of \$82, equal to a price of 100.12.

ZWOLLE SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 1 (P. O. Many), Sabine Parish, La.—**BONDS OFFERED.**—Sealed bids were received until 10 a. m. on Jan. 2, by G. C. Reeves, Secretary of the Parish School Board, for the purchase of a \$45,000 issue of school bonds. Due serially in 25 years. (This offering was noted in V. 129, p. 3837, under the heading of Sabine Parish.)

CANADA, its Provinces and Municipalities.

CANADA, Dominion of.—**TO REDEEM \$20,000,000 LOAN.**—A \$20,000,000 loan, payable on Feb. 1, will be redeemed in cash, according to the Toronto "Globe" of Dec. 27.

LITTLE RIVER, Que.—**BOND SALE.**—The \$25,000 5½% improvement bonds offered, on Nov. 18—V. 129, p. 3205—are reported to have been awarded to J. E. Laflamme, of Quebec, at a price of 96.60. The bonds are dated Nov. 1 1929. Alternative bids were asked for bonds to mature serially in 10 and 25 years.

LOUISEVILLE, Que.—**BIDS.**—The following is a list of the other bids received on Dec. 10, for the \$65,000 improvement bonds awarded as 5¼s, to the Credit Anglo-Francais, Ltd., of Montreal, at a price of 98.78, a basis of about 5.78%.—V. 129, p. 4002.

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
Banque Canadienne Nationale.....	98.52
Versailles, Vidricaire & Boulais, Ltd.....	98.31
Societe Generale de Finance.....	98.09
Dube, Leblond & Co.....	97.95
L. G. Beaubien & Co.....	97.67
Corporation des Prets, of Quebec.....	97.60
P. Fleury.....	97.25

MONCTON, N. B.—**BOND SALE.**—The Central Trust Co. of Canada, Ltd., recently purchased an issue of \$150,000 5% city hospital bonds at a price of 97.75, a basis of about 5.18%. The bonds mature in 20 years. A bid of 97.26 for the bonds was submitted by the Eastern Securities Co., of St. John.

NEW BRUNSWICK, PROVINCE OF (P. O. Fredericton).—**BOND OFFERING.**—Antoine J. Leger, Provincial Secretary-Treasurer, will re-

ceive sealed bids until 3 p. m. on Jan. 10, for the purchase of \$2,158,000 refunding bonds and \$1,200,000 permanent road bonds, both issues bearing 5% int. and aggregating \$3,358,000. Dated Jan. 15 1930. Denom. \$1,000. Due on Jan. 15 1960. Prin. and semi-annual int. (J. & J. 15) payable in Canadian gold coin at the office of the Provincial Secretary-Treasurer or at the Bank of Montreal in St. John, Montreal, Canada, or in gold coin of the United States at the agency of the Bank of Montreal, in New York City. Payment to be made in Fredericton funds. A certified check for \$10,000 must accompany each proposal.

ST. CLEMENT DE BEAUHARNOIS, Que.—**BOND OFFERING.**—Sealed bids addressed to J. N. Laberge, Sec.-Treas., will be received until 1 p. m. on Jan. 7, for the purchase of \$32,000 5% improvement bonds. Int. payable semi-annually. The bonds mature annually on Nov. 1 from 1930 to 1947, incl., and are payable at Beauharnois.

SANDWICH, Ont.—**BOND SALE.**—The following bond issues aggregating \$530,885.86 offered on Dec. 20—V. 129, p. 4003—were awarded to Wood, Gundy & Co., of Toronto, at a price of 98.31. Payment and delivery at Sandwich:

\$275,859.07 5½% local improvement bonds. Due in 15 years. Interest payable on June and Dec. 15.
176,000.00 5¼% school bonds. Due in 30 years. Interest payable on June and Dec. 15.
39,000.00 5¼% park purchase bonds. Due in 30 years. Interest payable annually.
25,000.00 5¼% Public School site bonds. Due in 30 years. Interest payable annually.
9,761.43 5½% local improvement bonds. Due in 5 years. Interest payable on June and Dec. 15.
5,265.36 5½% local improvement bonds. Due in 20 years. Interest payable on June and Dec. 15.

SCARBOROUGH TOWNSHIP, Ont.—**BOND OFFERING.**—J. T. Stewart, Township Treasurer, Birch Cliff, Ont., will receive sealed bids until 12 m. on Jan. 15, for the purchase of the following issues of 5% coupon bonds aggregating \$516,979.73:

\$304,952.89 sewer bonds. By-law No. 1654. Due \$20,140.78 (incl. int.) on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1958, incl.
144,561.49 pavement bonds. By-law No. 1655. Due \$14,604.19 (incl. int.) on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1943, incl.
19,749.91 sidewalks bonds. Due \$2,778.62 (incl. int.) on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1938, incl.
17,754.79 grading bonds. Due \$3,068.39 (incl. int.) on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1936, incl.
15,086.76 grading bonds. Due \$4,254.65 (incl. int.) on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1933, incl.
14,873.89 water mains bonds. Due \$1,230.75 (incl. int.) on Dec. 15 from 1930 to 1948, incl.

Interest on all of the above bonds is payable annually on Dec. 15. Both prin. and int. are payable in lawful money of Canada at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto.

WINDSOR, Ont.—**OTHER BIDS.**—The following is a list of the other bids received on Dec. 16 for the \$1,070,551.09 5% bonds awarded to Bell, Gouinlock & Co., and Dymont, Anderson & Co., both of Toronto, jointly, at a price of 96.48, a basis of about 5.46%.—V. 129, pp. 4003, 4171:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co., and Matthews & Co., jointly.....	96.193
Wood, Gundy & Co.....	95.677
Gairdner & Co., and C. H. Burgess & Co., jointly.....	94.59

YORK TOWNSHIP, Ont.—**BOND SALE.**—Wood, Gundy & Co., of Toronto, recently purchased a total of \$1,132,734.31 5% improvement bonds at a price of 97.127, payment and delivery at Toronto, a basis of about 5.24%. The sale consisted of \$577,411.40 10-year bonds; \$400,000 30-year bonds; \$71,744.19 9-year bonds; \$50,000 25-year bonds; \$19,439.70 29-year bonds; and \$14,139.02 19-year bonds. The bonds are dated Oct. 1 1928 and April 1 1929. Denoms. \$1,000, \$500 and odd amounts. Prin. and semi-annual int. (A. & O. 1) payable in Canadian gold coin at the Canadian Bank of Commerce, Toronto or Montreal. Coupon bonds, registerable as to prin. Legal opinion by E. G. Long, Toronto. The purchasers are reoffering the bonds for public investment at prices to yield 5.40 to 5.10%, according to maturity. The report of the sale of the bonds and the following list of the other bids submitted, appeared in the Finland "Post" of Dec. 26:

Bidder—	Rate Bid.
C. H. Burgess & Co.....	95.87
McLeod, Young, Weir & Co.....	95.86
Bank of Commerce.....	95.74
Matthews & Co.....	95.097

Financial Statement.	
Assessed value for taxation.....	\$23,483,070
Exemptions not included above.....	2,392,404
Gross debenture debt (incl. present issue).....	12,682,892
Less: Waterworks debentures.....	\$583,299
Electric light debentures.....	494,530
Local improve. debts. (ratepayers' share only).....	4,804,592
Street railway debentures.....	1,281,549
	7,163,970
Net debenture debt.....	\$5,518,922
Value of municipality's assets as at Dec. 31 1928.....	20,015,600
Area, 5,050 acres; population, 65,000 (est.)	

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